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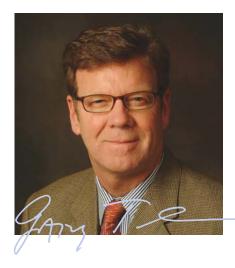


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About the Cover: The past meets the present

The Thurston School's 1901 basketball team plays host to members of contemporary WT lacrosse, cross country, and field hockey teams thanks to the wonders of digital compositing.



t is always my joy at the start of each school year to relay the history of Winchester Thurston School to our new faculty, to help them understand how their work in the classroom connects to the traditions and essence of the institution and the vision of its founders.

Of course, I highlight the innovative thinking and tenacity of Miss Thurston and Miss Mitchell. I talk about the merger of their two schools in 1935 and the reconstitution of the school as a non-profit under a Board in 1952. Finally, I describe how our current campuses came to be, and the transition to coeducation. I love to hear the responses of our new faculty as they most often identify with the durability of the school, its heroes, and its evolution. For, like all schools that have stood the test of time, Winchester Thurston has evolved and continues to do so.

Over the last two years our evolution has manifested itself in many ways. You'll read about some of these expressions in this issue of *Thistletalk*.

Academically, we have maintained our commitment to creating a challenging learning environment for each student, through the introduction of new programs and the expansion of existing offerings.

In the Lower and Middle Schools, we are serving the unique needs of high ability learners, and enriching the learning environment for all students,

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with the Academic Enrichment and Challenge (AEC) program.

A plethora of new academic electives has been added to our Middle School curriculum, including Robotics, Ethics, Asian Studies, and MathCounts.

Faculty members continue to develop off-campus educational opportunities that enhance the classroom and laboratory experience through City as Our Campus. Students have documented hate crimes in areas where racially motivated shootings occurred; cut their own CDs in the state-of-theart recording studios at Manchester Craftsmen's Guild; and interacted with scientists at PPG Industries, Chevron, Rangos Research Center, and UPMC's Eye and Ear Clinic. This year, our focus widens beyond our immediate community to the larger world, as six tenth-graders travel to Muscat, Oman to participate in the National Association of Independent Schools' 20/20 Global Challenge, focused on peace and conflict resolution.

Our Upper School program was recognized for its breadth, depth, and rigor in May, when we were one of only three schools nationwide to receive a Malone Family Foundation grant to fund financial aid for gifted and talented students.

Athletically, we've seen a rise in competitiveness. Last year, the Upper School Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys Lacrosse teams all competed for championships—and the latter two teams were victorious! Remarkably, 130 Upper School students and 63 Middle School students are participating in fall sports this year. We are proud that two alumnae, Sonya Narla '07 and Leslie J. Bonci '74, were recently honored by

the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania at "Women in Sports: Leveling the Playing Field," which recognizes women and teenage girls who are making an impact on athletics throughout our region.

Artistically, we remain vital and strong. Last June, Winchester Thurston was awarded "Best Musical" for the sixth year in a row at the region-wide Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musicals. This fall, Dan Roth '07 and Rachel Dougherty '10 were honored in the third annual C.A.U.S.E. Challenge High School Film Festival for their documentary films on the theme "Mutual Impact: The Environment and You."

The growth of our enrollment is a testament to our forward direction. We are seeing high levels of retention among current WT families, and increased numbers of new families entering the school. There is no doubt that our expanded and improved facilities have contributed to our evolution. However, at the core of our 120-year success are our people: the faculty and administrators who devote their intellect, their energy, and their time to our Mission. Our Board of Trustees, fueled by its belief in our Mission and our future, models commitment, engagement, and generosity that inspire me each day in my work.

Today WT boasts exceptional academic programs and standards, an athletics program with rising achievements, and a highly celebrated arts program. In independent school vernacular, this is referred to as a "triple threat" school! Our history, and our community's commitment to continuous evolution grounded in a tradition of high standards and achievement, inspires us to keep moving forward.

Proudly Serving: New Board President

Henry Posner III was elected to serve as Board President for a two-year term, beginning in July 2007. The father of Hannah '06 (now a sophomore at Kenyon College), Ida '08, and Gus, who spent his K-5 years at WT, Posner is married to Anne Molloy who currently serves as both Librarian and President of Rodef Shalom Congregation. They chose WT for their children, Posner says, "because of its urban location (we live in Oakland) and its culture of respect for each child's individuality. Our three kids are very different from one another. And yet, for each of them, WT was the best choice." Another reason was his long-standing admiration for the WT Class of 1974, a number of whom he maintains contact with. "WT graduated some of the most accomplished, interesting people I've known," says Posner

Posner was a leader in ensuring the success of WT's recent capital campaign, which was completed on time and on budget. In addition to business responsibilities which include serving as Chairman of Railroad Development Corporation, Iowa Interstate Railroad, and Ferrovias Guatemala, Posner put a great deal of time, energy and focus into his nine years



as a WT trustee. His involvement, which has ranged from Enrollment and Marketing to the Committee on Trustees, culminated in the fall of 2005 when he assumed leadership of the capital campaign's Development Committee. "Having spent my life in the rail industry, serving WT has been a completely different type of experience and a source of great personal pride. I am most proud of the capital campaign because it demonstrated

WT's ability to accomplish a major goal through teamwork, involving every one of our constituencies--students, alums, parents, faculty, administration and trustees. It also involved foundations: this is especially significant because it represents a validation of WT in the face of intense competition for funding."

Posner graduated from Shady Side Academy in 1973 and entered railway service with Conrail in 1977 upon graduation from Princeton with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He also holds an M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton School; is a member of the Advisory Council of Princeton University's Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS); is a member of the Association of American Railroads' Rail Security Working Group; and has lectured and published extensively on railway matters, with a particular emphasis on developing countries. In conjunction with his family, he is active in welfare projects for the Jewish community in the former Soviet Union. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Russian.

Posner sees this as a time of both opportunities and challenges for WT. "We have a strong, dedicated board that is focused on a number of initiatives. The completion of the Strategic Plan will provide WT with objectives for the next 3 to 5 years. Board committees are also working on Diversity, Enrollment, Development, Finance, and Facilities initiatives, while at the same time supporting Gary Niels and his team as they take a comprehensive look at the school's curriculum and programs. I am proud to serve this unique institution; we have a rich history, have made great strides, and stand as an important alternative in an increasingly competitive educational landscape."

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HONORING YESTERDAY, INSPIRING TOMORROW

The evolution of WT in academics, arts, and athletics

If Alice Maud Thurston walked through the WT campus today, what would surprise her most? Boys? Computers? The color purple? Maybe. But in all likelihood, Miss Thurston would be most amazed at how strongly the initial tenets that created The Thurston School in 1887, and then the combined Winchester Thurston School in 1935, are still not only alive and well, but flourishing in a completely different era.

Consider, too, when Mary A. Graham Mitchell, founder of the Winchester School in 1902, coined the motto, "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others." Could she have envisioned a day that these beloved words would be uttered throughout the halls of a stunning new Upper School facility? Or inspire thousands of hours of service to our community? Or even more importantly, how this fundamental belief has guided generations of eager learners?

In all facets of our community, we can hear the footsteps of the teachers, students and administrators who paved the way. And today's WT students proudly carry that tradition of excellence forward in academics, athletics, and the arts.

WT's has long had a reputation for rigorous academics. But in 2007, our renown reached new heights when the Malone Family Foundation awarded WT a prestigious \$2 million endowment grant to fund financial aid for gifted and talented students.

While students toured the Carnegie Institute in the early 1970s, a movement was afoot to merge and relocate independent schools in the area. WT, however, had compelling reasons to stay independent and within the city. The recommendation, based on input from trustees, parents, alumnae, and administration stated, "it seems imperative that we remain in our urban location where we have boundless opportunities for expanded educational possibilities in the universities and cultural centers of the city." This unique aspect of WT's culture still informs today's growing City as Our Campus initiative. (See story on page 12.)

Writing has long been at the heart of WT's

program. In

the school's

strong academic

fact, a 1904 news

of writing. That legacy continues, and

article highlighted

exceptional teaching

When the Soviets launched Sputnik in 1957, schools across the country, including WT, responded with expanded math and science programs. Today, our curriculum continues to grow, with more Advanced Placement courses than schools twice our size and an internship program that pairs students with worldclass institutions, including the Hillman Cancer Center and the NASA Mars Rover Landing project.

Today's educational landscape has been transformed by technology. WT faculty and students tap into a wireless world of learning, from digital music composition and robotics to blogging and Internet research libraries.

each year student work is published both inside and outside the school, from a fifth-grader's poetry to a junior's thesis in a history journal. (See story on page 25.)

A Tradition of Excellence

CADEMICS

More than 100 years ago, The Thurston School and The Winchester School were founded for very similar reasons: Preparation for college and preparation for a life of self-motivated learning and independent action. Sound familiar?

In the decades since, WT students have attended America's most prestigious colleges and universities and established themselves as leaders in the arts and sciences, business, education, and public service. It's a tradition that proudly continues.



When WT's Girls Varsity Basketball team won League Champion honors last season, it was a tribute to a long tradition of basketball at the school. Many alumnae/i recall the fierce rivalry between The Ellis School and WT—the enthusiastic crowds that jammed the gymnasium and the girls who made themselves sick yelling. Today's fans are just as excited. Go Bears!



The WT athletics program expanded in 1991 with the admission of boys, but times were

tough nonetheless. With a

spirit of perseverance and a

Competing Traditions

HLETICS

Ahead of her time, Alice Thurston was a firm believer in the physical aspects of education. Her goal was to have extensive outdoor facilities for recreation, physical education and team sports, where "competitive spirit and bodies would develop." Today's athletics program lives up to that dream, with opportunities for students that include fencing, crew, golf, and tennis, in addition to field hockey, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and cross country.



increasingly broader audiences, WT's musical theater keeps shining. Building on an impressive tradition, WT's Urinetown won "Best Musical" in its budget category at the 17th Annual Gene Kelly Awards this year, an award we've proudly accepted for six years in a row. (See story on page 27.)

Garnering applause from

Instrumental music has always echoed through WT's hallways, although students' favorite instrument choices have changed with the times. Today you'll find an Upper School Orchestra whose ranks have swelled

Continually Outperforming

Over the years, beloved teachers such as Zelda Wilmurt and Ann Peterson have inspired many students to pursue careers in the performing and visual arts. WT alums can often be found at the top of their fields as museum curators, Broadway producers, nationally known photographers, Shakespearean actors, professional dancers, and highly regarded arts educators at the early childhood through graduate levels. Today, teachers such as Sally Allan and Barbara Holmes, with more than 60 years of combined service to WT, continue to motivate exceptional work in the arts.



Ten Seniors Inducted into Cum Laude Society

Ten members of the Class of 2007 were inducted into the Cum Laude Society, an organization dedicated to recognizing academic achievement in secondary schools. Founded in 1906, Cum Laude was modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, and has grown to 350 chapters, most in independent schools.

The ten outstanding members of the class of 2007 selected for induction were:

Julia Biwojno Colleen McDonough

Michael D'Emilio Sonya Narla

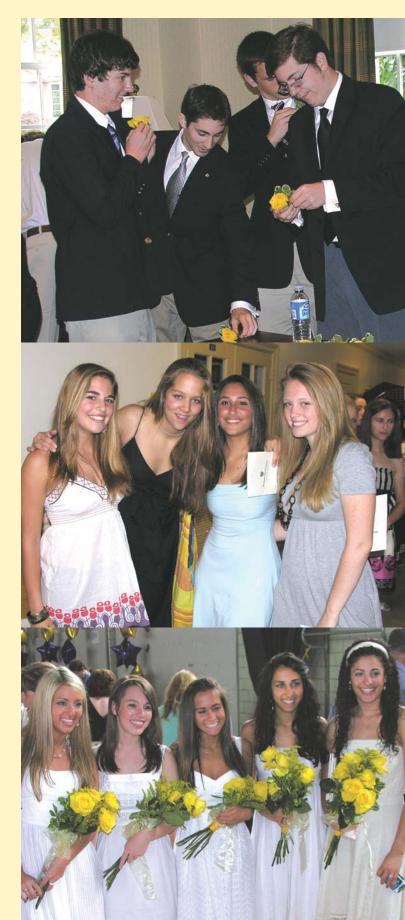
Margaret Kross Charlotte Stone

Lindsay Machen Logan Uretsky

Siobhàn Mahorter Ellen Valentine

Dr. David Seward, Director of College Counseling, said, "Induction into the Cum Laude Society is a very selective award limited to the top 20% of a given class. At the end of the year we recognize many other student achievements, such as athletic excellence, environmental stewardship, or community service. The Cum Laude award is a purely academic honor."

The students selected a faculty member to speak at their induction, Jill Kazmierczak, Chair of the English Department, who delivered an eloquent tribute to the Upper School students. "All of our students bring their own gifts and talents to the life of our school and our community of scholars. But when we look at these ten scholars we are recognizing their special dedication to academic excellence. Their achievements are something that we can all aspire to," said Kazmierczak.





COMMENCEMENT 2007

"... we are the luckiest."

On Sunday afternoon, June 3, 2007, the 47 members of the Class of 2007 stood before parents, faculty, trustees, friends, and Upper School underclassmen as graduates of Winchester Thurston School. Framed by a white tent under a hazy summer sky, the students processed forth to receive their diplomas amid hundreds of traditional yellow roses.

Senior Class President Katie Conway welcomed guests, and class speakers Louis Finley, Lindsay Machen, Michael D'Emilio, and Katy Gespass evoked smiles, tears, and occasional laughter as they reflected on their unique WT experiences.

"We are mathematicians and historians ... We are athletes and musicians, performers and artists, and above all, we are ... the luckiest. Today celebrates the success of individuals who have come together as one," said Lindsay. Noting that while Winchester Thurston ideals had unified the members of the class, "... I have

learned, from Winchester and from the ideals set forth, that true equality and excellence exists in the recognition of differences."

Katy summarized, "... Decades from now...maybe we will see our influences more clearly: our favorite writers, poets, philosophers, mathematicians, and scientists.

And I think we will see how Winchester has shaped our character, and it will be comforting to know that, no matter what, we were part of a great institution. The 47 of us will always be a unique group—a family of sorts."

Senior Class Vice President Siobhàn Mahorter introduced the graduation speaker, Nanci Maguire. Maguire, Upper School mathematics teacher and 2006 recipient of the Jane L. Scarborough Award, won the approval of both students and adults alike with an inspired and entertaining speech laced with her unique brand of self-deprecating humor.

Maintaining the upbeat tempo, Head of School Gary J. Niels expressed his profound pride in the graduating class before him, citing in particular the many glorious achievements of the past year: "Our school has achieved a new level of greatness in academics, arts, and athletics.... You have contributed to this success in many ways, and I am humbled by your exceptional efforts."

Students Honored on Class Day 2007

Mimi Burke Book Prize Alexandra Dixon-Ernst

Williams College Alumni Book Prize Peter Curtis

Award for Independent Thinking
Alec Silberblatt

Zelda Wilmurt Drama Prize Alec Silberblatt

Wadhwa Community Service Award Eliza Hens-Greco

Students Honored with Winchester Thurston Awards 2007

Student Diversity
Leadership Recognition
Louis Finley
Ellen Valentine
Nef Umeh
Connor Mrozowski

Connor Mrozowsl Hillary Ramsey Ashley Jones

Female Athlete of the Year Award Sonya Narla

Male Athlete of the Year Award Phillip McGuire

Cassie Richards Athlete of the Year Award A.J. Smith Tom Charley

Haley Surti Award
Phil McGuire
Sonya Narla
AJ Smith
Lauren Burroughs
Colleen McDonough

Patricia Schuerger Mathematics Award Colleen McDonough

Mathematics League Award Bennett Washburn Emily Pantalone Virginia Ann Sheppard History Prize Michael D'Emilio

Margaret Kross
The Pursuit of Science

Logan Úretsky

Westinghouse Science Honors

Institute Award
Ben Charley
Hillary Ramsey
Sophia Ward-Vetrano

Dance Award Lindsay Machen

Drama Award Robert Allan Connor Mrozowski

Technical Theater Award Julia Fields

Performing Arts Service Award John Kanter

Jane Scarborough Arts Award
Dylan Travers
Michael D'Emilio

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award Sam Boehner Sam Loevner

National Guitar Ensemble Award Hazel Boehner

National School Orchestra Award Yin Yin Ou Katie Conway National School Choral Award Connor Mrozowski

Senior English Award Michael D'Emilio

Thistledown Recognition Siobhàn Mahorter

Visual Arts Achievement Award Daniel Roth

Excellence in Spanish Award Barbara Johnson

Excellence in Latin Award Katherine Vidt

National Latin Exam
Michael D'Emilio
Connor Mrozowski
Ashwin Chandra
Andrew Persky
Taylor Culbertson
Katherine Vidt
Andrew Snyderman
Alaina Ferry
Simon Cladders
Rachel Dougherty
Miranda Santucci
Hazel Boehner

Excellence in French Award Scarlett Austin

Genevieve Yagodkin Foreign Language Award Emily Pantalone

College Choices for the Class of 2007

Alyse Alexander Spelman College Michael Babatunde Wake Forest University The George Washington University Michael Barnett Saint Louis University Katharine Bartlett Carnegie Mellon University Matthew Belenky Julia Biwojno Thomas Aquinas College Peter Buongiorno Wheaton College Northeastern University Lauren Burroughs Owen Campbell Oberlin College Olivia Carb Hobart and William Smith Colleges Thomas Charley Trinity College Katie Conway Allegheny College Oberlin College G. Michael D'Emilio University of Chicago Natasha Davis Loyola University Chicago Moira Egler Louis Finley Drexel University Katherine Gespass Smith College Keenan Hallas Hiram College Wake Forest University Mohammed Ibrahim Rollins College Tristan Jackson

Lynn University

University of Pittsburgh

University of Delaware

University of Pennsylvania

Kyung Moon Jin

Margaret Kross

Pete Lambrou

John Kanter

Lindsay Machen Siobhàn Mahorter Richard Markel Colleen McDonough

Philip McGuire
Emily Mycoff
Sonya Narla
David Peitzman
Tyler Raborn
Joseph Rosenbloom
Daniel Roth
Lydia Schroeder
Jonathan Seppi
Alfred Smith
Charlotte Stone

Alfred Smith Charlotte Stone Mychael Thompson Quinton Thorne Dylan Travers Logan Uretsky Ellen Valentine Jordan Valinsky Amanda Zytnick Bucknell University Oberlin College

Case Western Reserve University Pennsylvania State University,

University Park

Washington and Jefferson College

Ursinus College

Case Western Reserve University

Tulane University

Coastal Carolina University

Lynn University Allegheny College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges Carnegie Mellon University

Trinity College Brown University Lynn University

Washington and Jefferson College

The College of Wooster Brandeis University Johns Hopkins University

Ohio University
Boston University

A focus of the twelfth-grade academic year, Senior Seminar is an Upper School curriculum initiative developed by Director of Upper School and E. E. Ford/NAIS Fellow, Mr. Mick Gee. Senior Seminar requires students to immerse themselves in the college selection process during the first trimester and create a dynamic Senior Project in the final two trimesters, often in cooperation with a mentor from outside the school.

A culmination of the Senior Project is a formal presentation by each class member to student peers and faculty on a chosen topic. The slate of projects is as diverse and interesting as the individual passions of the class itself! What follows is a list of the fascinating Senior Project titles:

Class of 2007 **Explores Diverse** Topics in Senior Project Presentations

Dylan Travers

Julia Biwojno

John Kanter Lauren Burroughs

Moira Egler

Lindsay Machen

Alyse Alexander

Amanda Zytnick

Mychael Thompson

Siobhàn Mahorter

Katie Conway

David Peitzman

Keenan Hallas

Logan Uretsky

Phil McGuire

Charlotte Stone

Jordan Valinsky

Natasha Davis

Quinton Thorne

Joe Rosenbloom

Kyung Moon Jin

Matthew Belenky

Ellen Valentine

Michael D'Emilio

Owen Campbell

Peter Buongiorno

Michael Babatunde

Connor Mrozowski

Louis Finley

Arif Ibrahim

Kate Bartlett

Tyler Raborn

Colleen McDonough

Sonya Narla

Effects of Soundtrack on an Audience's Experience of a Film

The Acquisition of Language African American Spirituals Amusing Ourselves to Death

> The Psyche of the Rescuer The Demise of Enron

Origin of the AIDS Virus The History of the Hill District

Organ Transplants in Children

Boris Pasternak

Heart Transplants

Atrioventricular Valve Prosthesis, Artificial Heart Replacement and Heart Transplantation

Peter Lambrou Lydia Schroeder American School Systems

The Oldest Profession Olivia Carb

The Rape of Nanjing

Poetry of Seamus Heaney

Screenplays: The Beginning of a Movie

The Economics of Marketing: The Pet Industry

Housecalls for the Homeless

The Unamerican Roots of American Art Margaret Kross A.J. Smith

A Study of Rowing

Women of French New Wave Cinema

It's Easy Being Green

Pittsburgh's 250th Anniversary

The Collapse of the Hill District

An American Supernatural Heritage

Poverty Across Seas

Eye on Africa: Current Events and Issues

A Sense of Self: Middle School Diversity Programs

Investment Strategies

Life After Death: Human Cryogenics

Reggae Music and Rastafarian Religion

The Water Quality of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers

Risk-Taking in Poker and Business

Military Coups Affecting Society

Agrigulture and Hunger in the Third World

U.S. Government Intervention in Latin America during the Cold War

Record Collectibility Michael Barnett

Modern Public Housing Projects and Urban Life

Illegal Immigration

Chasing the Water Molecule: Waterways, Pollution, Wetlands, and Modern Sustainability

Dan Roth Emily Mycoff

Andrea Yates, Culpability, and Psychological Diagnosis

The Hetch Hetchy Dam

Boat!

Transportation and Industrial Growth in Western PA Media Piracy: The Theft of Digital Intellectual Property

Tom Charley

Tristan Jackson

Richard Markel

Jonathan Seppi



HATE CRIMES, MONUMENTAL UNDERSTANDING, **EMPTY BOWLS, AND ALL THAT JAZZ**

City as Our Campus Expands and Enriches in Extraordinary Ways

Beyond the classroom walls, WT students are learning in ways they never thought possible. Eleventh-grade students gain a new understanding of history by studying memorials. Middle Schoolers learn empathy following a recent trail of hate crimes. And music students jam with jazz greats. It's all part of the expanding, popular City as Our Campus educational initiative. Initially funded by a generous grant from the E.E. Ford Foundation in 2005, the initiative continues to grow, offering students unprecedented access to the cultural, educational, and historic resources of Pittsburgh.

RESPECTING TOLERANCE BEGINS WITH UNDERSTANDING HATE

On a brilliant Technicolor day last spring, a school bus pulled into the McDonald's parking lot on Penn Avenue in Wilkinsburg. As students climbed off the bus, they had no idea that this site, where patrons were gunned down seven years earlier, would be the beginning of a day-long journey into understanding the power of hatred. And ultimately, discovering how they can positively affect it in their community.

The non-traditional field trip was part of a City as Our Campus project created by WT art teacher Mary Martin '88 and renowned photojournalist Lynn Johnson '71 to help WT students gain an appreciation for differences and develop a respect for tolerance.

"I tried to hit home the need to be sensitive to others," Martin explained.

"These students come from different demographic backgrounds and have very different perspectives. Some felt this subject was something they didn't really need to deal with. I wanted to get them to be open and talk about it."

Throughout the course of the day, the 17 eighth-graders certainly did talk about it. Their excursion began with the

fast food restaurant's breakfast crowd and included a tour through Wilkinsburg, retracing the steps of Ronald Taylor, whose hate-filled shooting spree still evoked passion and, not surprisingly, more questions than answers.

"Why is race so important?" a WT student wondered aloud, "And why do people care so much?"



Trying to understand hate on the scene of a crime spree

as our Campus

The bus then wound its way to an upscale neighborhood in Mt. Lebanon, where a different sort of hate crime took place just months after the first. On these tree-lined streets, Richard Baumhammers executed a racially motivated rampage that targeted his next-door neighbor, two synagogues, an Indian grocery store, a Chinese restaurant, and a karate studio.

It became painfully clear to these students that day that hate is prevalent. "And it's not only the big instances of hate we see," one eighth-grader remarked, "it's the little ones that are around us every day."

This is why Johnson is so passionate about this project. Hate, she emphasized, "touches virtually every community." And this is why the award-winning photojournalist has made it her personal mission to educate young people about effecting change.

Throughout her career on assignment with *National Geographic*, Johnson encountered bias-driven crimes around the world. This inspired a book and eventually the large-scale exhibition, "From Intolerance to Understanding," which has appeared in museums and galleries throughout the city since 2006. It was after Martin took a group of eighth graders to experience the installation that she began collaborating with Johnson and this program was born.

REACHING OUT WITH WORDS AND ART

In January 2007 Martin began working with seventh-grade students on another aspect of the year-long Middle School collaboration with Johnson. This time, the seventh-graders were linked with students in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa, through an effort

dubbed "Postcards to the Congo." Martin explains, "From Intolerance to Understanding' provided a context in which Pittsburgh's residents, educators, and children could learn and respond to our society's continuing aspirations for tolerance. Our 'Postcards to the Congo' project originated because of Lynn's friendship with a researcher in the Congo who was looking for an American school to exchange letters with."

incorporated digital pictures of themselves in their work."

Johnson was to carry the postcards to the Congo later in the spring, a trip that was delayed and later cancelled altogether due to political unrest in the country. She would have visited the school and talked to the children. The unfortunate turn of events was nevertheless another real and poignant lesson on intolerance.

"The point of the project was to



Instead of just letters, Martin incorporated art into the project. The seventh-grade students were assigned to answer five, open-ended sentences: "My name is...; I am...; I want...; I need...; and I believe..." Upper School students translated these sentences into French, an official language of the Congo, and the seventh-graders then wrote their French sentences on extra-large postcards and decorated the face of the cards.

"I challenged them to come up with a visual narrative that went with their sentences," says Martin. "Many did collage work, while others worked with letters and layers of color to represent their statements or themselves. Some expose students to people from a different culture," says Martin. "The theme was one of Finding Common Ground—a theme of respecting people's differences."

This theme was tied to yet another Middle School project called "Empty Bowls" in which more than 30 students and their parents participated. The basic idea for "Empty Bowls," a local hunger-relief project begun in 1990, is simple. Participants create ceramic bowls, then, at a dinner open to all, serve a simple meal of soup and bread. Guests choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. In exchange for a meal and the bowl,



the guest gives a suggested minimum donation of ten dollars, which goes to a hunger-fighting organization, either locally, nationally, or internationally.

"We started off with pre-made pots and painted them with different techniques like solid colors with scratched-in designs or colored glazes," said Lisa Fierstein '12, who prepared the bowls with Martin and later attended the dinner event with her father and her sister, Sara '17.

"I liked how unique each bowl was," commented Lisa. "It reminds me how different people are from one another, and that's good."

STUDENTS JAZZED ABOUT CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Begun in fall 2006, the ongoing partnership between Winchester Thurston and Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) lazz continues to blossom.

According to Gary J. Niels, Head of School, the partnership "is an exemplary model of our *City as Our Campus* initiative. It has provided myriad exciting opportunities for our students to learn about jazz at the feet of the masters:

in studio recording sessions; live recording experiences with MCG Jazz visiting artists; and performances and pre-concert discussions with world-class musicians."

MCG's offerings have added a new depth and dimension to Winchester Thurston's Performing Arts Program—an experience that Niels described as invaluable.

In January 2007, students were treated to a Jazz Legacy Big Band concert at the school's Falk Auditorium. In February 2007, Upper School student ensembles cut their own CDs at MCG's state-of-the-art recording facility. Later that month, more than 40 Upper School students participated as studio audience members at a live recording of the Bob Mintzer Big Band.

Guitarist John Maione, Winchester Thurston's music teacher and ensemble director, said the opportunities for students to interact with jazz masters within their own classroom—such as the visit from renowned artist and conductor John Clayton in March 2007—have been particularly inspiring.

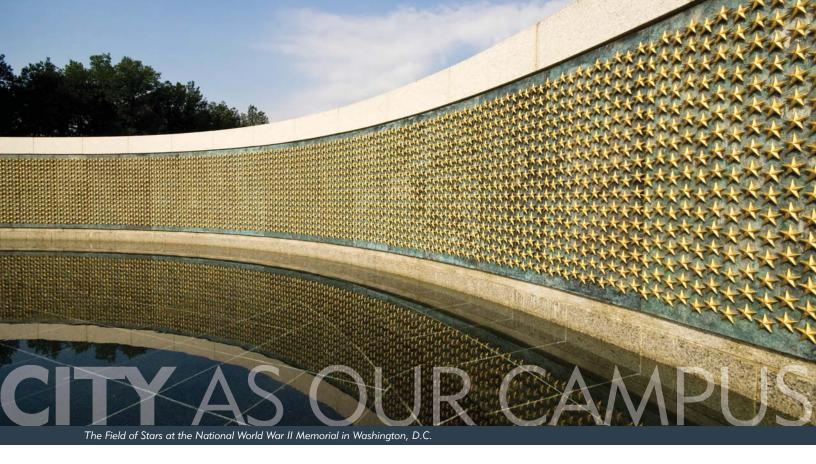
"The students really responded during John Clayton's workshop," said

Maione, adding that the feedback has been terrific. "A parent told me that his daughter went home afterward all fired up, and immediately started composing."

Reflecting on the relationship as a "really wonderful ride," Maione recalled an Upper School workshop on May 4, when internationally acclaimed, Grammy Award-winning guitarist and composer Earl Klugh, along with fellow musicians



Bob Mintzer and band.



Bill Frisell and Russell Malone, shared their experiences in the world of jazz, played a number of compositions, and answered students' questions in an upclose-and-personal manner.

Maione can't help thinking about the students' energy as a result of these encounters. "The students saw the making of music in a way they'd never thought about before," he said. "One experience like that for these young people can change their lives forever."

MONUMENTAL PROJECT: UNDERSTANDING HISTORY THROUGH THE COMMEMORATION OF LOSS

Like the sweeping curvilinear wall of the National World War II Memorial's Field of Stars, history surrounds us. The past stands before us, alive in the present.

Passionate about bringing this concept to life both in the classroom and beyond, Dr. Michael Naragon charged his eleventh-grade American history class to examine war monuments and memorials to gain not only a better understanding of historical events, but a new appreciation of how history is written.

"We're thinking about commemoration and memorial of public losses, in particular the memorials for World War II and the Vietnam War," Naragon explains. "The idea is to get the students to realize that history is happening all around them—that it is alive and negotiated, not stuck in dusty books. For example, we discuss the controversy



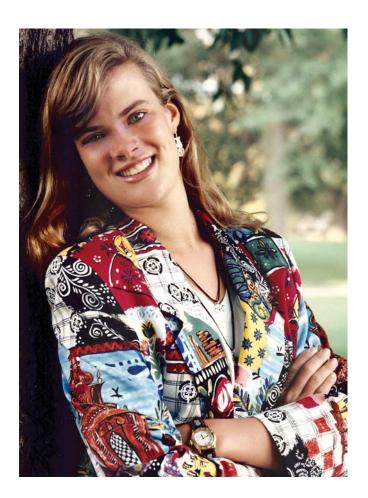
surrounding the Flight 93 memorial in Somerset, where the designer originally had suggested trees planted in a crescent-shape that some people thought represented Islam. After debate, the designer revised the plans to have the trees fully encircle the site."

To get firsthand insight, students visited and photographed public war monuments in Pittsburgh—for example, the Vietnam War Memorial on the North Side—and then traveled to Washington, D.C. to view the monuments there. "We're looking at what the physical monument is conveying," says Naragon. "For example, the World War II Memorial in Washington commemorates an entire generation of people, whereas the Vietnam Memorial says something quite different. By visiting the Holocaust Museum, we experience another way of expressing loss and commemoration."

Naragon challenged his students to think about what types of history we memorialize and commemorate. "The goal was for the students to go into the project with eyes wide open and figure things out on their own. I wanted to give them time to see, and try not to shape their answers too much."

Generous Spirit Inspires a Community

Friends Remember Emily E. Dorrance '93 with Commencement Award



hen she passed away at age 23 on October 5, 1998, Emily Elizabeth Dorrance '93 was poised to make her mark on the world as an educator who had a kind and generous spirit. She also had a deep faith, and was imbued with a strong sense of community and global awareness. Emily is remembered with admiration by WT faculty members, administrators, trustees, and alumnae/i, as a vibrant leader who was the force behind the establishment of the WT crew team, who had a passion for learning, and who possessed a rare rapport with children.

Emily fully embraced the Winchester Thurston credo, "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others." In her day to day life, she demonstrated compassion, inner strength, and focus. While in college, she lived with a group of fellow volunteers in Pittsburgh's Hill District, running a day camp—an experience that solidified her desire to teach in urban schools. After graduating from Bates College in 1996, and before enrolling in graduate studies at Harvard's School of Education, Emily visited a village in Malawi, Africa, where her family had established a health center for the impoverished citizens; the experience furthered her desire to serve. Emily was a Habitat for Humanity and Breachmenders volunteer, a Christian Children's Fund sponsor, and an active member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

In 2006, friends of the Dorrance family came forward at the request of Nancy Scott, retired WT history teacher and now a trustee, to make donations to Winchester Thurston's capital campaign in memory of Emily and in honor of her family—parents Roy and Susie Dorrance and sisters Abby (Class of 2000) and Molly (Class of 2001).



"WT helped form Emily's understanding that a successful life involves being an active part of the community and giving to others," recalls Mrs. Dorrance. So when the Dorrances learned of their friends' generosity, they were eager to ensure that these donations would continue to promote the "think also" ethos that Emily embraced.

Working with Head of School Gary Niels, the Dorrances decided to use the funds to endow the Emily E. Dorrance Award, which will be presented each year at Commencement to a graduating senior whose conduct, interaction, and leadership best demonstrate the school credo – community service, empathy, consideration of others, kindness, and awareness. The recipient will be selected by the Upper School faculty.

The award will include a monetary prize, half of which the recipient will be invited to donate to a charity of his or her choice. The first Emily E. Dorrance Award will be presented at the 2008 Commencement in June. A plaque will be installed at the school, bearing the name of each recipient. The establishment of this award will be announced officially at the dedication of Dorrance Library, which has been named by the Dorrance family in memory of Emily.

"Emily's life, so tragically shortened, was a busy and purposeful one of concern and care for others," says Niels. "Her life stands as a model to those WT students who will continue to come after her. The Emily Dorrance Award is a very special way to remember Emily and to ensure that her purpose lives on. We join the Dorrances in being most grateful to the friends of their family who have made this award possible."

Winchester Thurston School is grateful to the families and individuals below whose generosity made possible the establishment of the Emily E. Dorrance Award. The first award will be given at Commencement 2008.

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The art of teaching and the teaching of art

WT's beloved Ann Peterson leaves a lasting impression

by Alison Wolfson

In my eight years as Director of Alumnae/i Relations, no single teacher's name is mentioned more often, nor with greater appreciation and respect, than that of Ann Peterson. Ann taught art history and studio art at WT for 20 years, beginning in 1965. Last June, Gaylen Westfall, Sally Allan, and I traveled to Chapel Hill, NC, to visit with Ann, now living with her former student and great friend Mary Pardo '67, a professor of art history at the University of North Carolina. Before our trip, I asked alumnae/i for their memories and reflections on Ann. Many of those tributes are excerpted here. To read all of the submissions, visit www.winchesterthurston.org.

t 90 years old, Ann is largely confined to a wheelchair, with failing eyesight and some loss of short-term and occasional long-term memory. She is still a natural, dark brunette and wears large glasses that magnify her eyes, especially when she peers up from a slouched perch in her wheelchair to ask, "Did you really come all the way from Pittsburgh just to see me?" Her fiery personality,

mischievous sense of humor, and wide-ranging passion were very much in evidence throughout our visit as we talked about Ann's WT years.

What follows are Ann's and Mary's reflections on a variety of subjects.

ON TEACHING ART AND HER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

"Art is totally teachable. I don't believe in talent. Anyone can do art." Ann taught after school art classes that combined Kindergarteners with high school students. "I believed in putting babies with grownups because that's how they learn! After you're grown up you get ideas that you think are true and they are not. The children saw things as they were. Kindergarteners can teach twelfth-graders because they are not afraid of getting it wrong."

"I had students draw with toothpicks because a toothpick is not a flexible tool so it forces you to pay attention. Your mark must be more purposeful. Abstract assignments come later."

Ann's dedication was legendary. She never slept, but rather stayed up all night preparing for classes and just cat-napped. She was in such demand as a teacher that she did not take her free periods. She taught every period — and occasionally was caught napping by students who very respectfully waited until she woke up. She developed an extraordinary slide library that rivaled any college level art history collection.

ON TEDDY BEARS AND CATS

Many alums remembered Ann's enthusiastic fondness for teddy bears. "I always included teddy bears in the setups to be drawn because they behaved better than people, they stand up straight, and they have great shapes," she recalled. "When I retired, they made me a teddy bear picnic."

Ann loves animals, especially cats. Throughout our conversation her two cats drifted on and off her lap and the adjacent furniture. She described her oversized white cat, Emerson, as a 'Wal-Mart greeter' for his friendly personality. When Sally reminded Ann how she used to hiss at people, Ann gladly demonstrated several powerful hisses and snarls and laughed at the effect her hissing had on her students.

ON APPRECIATING ART

Mary Pardo and Sally Allan remembered that Ann never talked when taking students on

field trips to museums. "I did not want to influence people. My philosophy was, 'Just shut up and look at the art. There must be something there to see. Keep looking.' And if they still could not tell me what they saw, I'd tell them to look some more."

(foreground) Ann Peterson; (left to right) Gaylen

Westfall, Alison Wolfson, Mary Pardo '67, Sally Allan.

Mary remembered, "She coaxed great writing from us. If we'd say, 'the picture is blue,' she'd ask, 'What kind of blue? Is it all blue?' She did not give us the answers. She forced us to come up with answers."

ON HER LIFE TODAY

Confined to her wheelchair, Ann likes watching golf on television because she enjoys the soothing commentary of the announcers. "I'm disgustingly healthy. I've learned that you can't die. You can't make it happen. You have to just wait and let it happen. It's been a good life. I learned a lot from my students — much more than they ever learned from me."

Judging from the number of Ann's former students who became art historians, art educators, curators, and artists, and those who pursued studies in art history and are enthusiastic art appreciators, there can be no doubt that Ann's legacy spreads far and wide.

alum reflection Rebecca Wilkins '86

Sometimes I wonder if Ann Peterson saved my life. In her class, I found my place in high school. Through her teaching, I discovered a subject I was passionate about.

Without Mrs. Peterson's high expectations, without

her caring and encourage-

ment, I'm not sure where I would be today. I probably would have continued to flounder, making minimum effort, for the rest of high school. I probably wouldn't have majored in art history and minored in studio art in college. Who knows what

Mrs. Peterson is still my museum, every time I look at

career I would have chosen, or where I would be living today; my life would likely have taken a completely different trajectory.

teacher. While we don't see each other as often as we used to, I think about what she taught me every time I go to a

alum reflection

Kathy Curtis Jaehnig '67

a painting, every time I paint with my daughter (yes, I remind

Sofia to "paint what you see, not what you think you see.")

Ann Peterson! Absolutely the finest teacher I had at WT! I was in the history of art class my senior year along with Mary Pardo, who was Mrs. Peterson's best student and who became her dear friend in later years ... I would love to turn back the clock to my first paper on the Lascaux Cave Paintings that I wrote in the art library, where Mrs. Peterson often appeared during her free periods in order to help us. She really loved her subject and her students.

I still refer to my old textbook. I took my love of art history with me. I exposed nursery, Kindergarten, and firstgrade students to paintings and sculptures and architecture when I taught. I also continue to visit art museums wherever I find myself and now work in the field of photography as a restoration artist. Thank you, Ann Peterson, for all that you gave us in knowledge, friendship, and memories. We will never forget you!

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alum reflection Heather Gaines '88

When I think of Ms. Peterson, I always remember how she absolutely loved teddy bears. I don't think there is one single individual — student or staff — that could forget that. Teddy bears were always a part of the still life no matter what the other content was. I wasn't sure if it was for the basic shapes teddy bears avail themselves to (for those not so artistically inclined) or if she just couldn't get enough of them, but I have more memories of cutting construction paper, painting with oils, water colours, drawing with coal, conte crayon,

sculpting volcanic rock and sculpting clay images of teddy bears. In fact, I think I still have one made from sculpting clay from her class, and I graduated in 1988. I remember she told me it was wonderful and would last forever. She loved it because it had just the right amount of "chubbiness." I loved her in art class and adored her in art history class, because she was very no-nonsense (unless it was her nonsense she wanted to talk about) and she had such a way of describing art and how it

affected her. She was in fact one of the primary reasons I pursued and received a Master's degree in art history.

alum reflection Audrey Geer Masalehdan '67

I can't say that I have specific memories of Ann Peterson. I would call it more of an impression. It wasn't that SHE was the issue at all—it was that she was quietly showing us how to love what she loved. To spend quiet time in the art history library was such a joy. My deep love of art history was nurtured and is a passion to this day. I doubt that she would even remember me specifically but yet she made my life so much richer.

alum reflection Dana Sachs '86

I will never forget the influence that she's had over my life and even in my choice of career. Though I pursued medical training, I believe that I chose the specialty of dermatology because it reminded me so much of the training in art history I got from Ann Peterson. Just as in analyzing a work of art such as a painting where we describe color, brushstroke, composition, etc. we do the same thing in dermatology by using the palette of colors, the distribution, the shapes, and the configuration to describe skin lesions and arrive at the correct diagnosis.

alum reflection Elizabeth Samet '86

Mrs. Peterson used to call our backpacks "baby brothers"

as in "can everyone get their baby brother off the table." I still call them that.

At Rhode Island School of Design, no one could opt out of freshman art history so I had to take it again even though we had done the AP. I just want it known that I got one of only five perfect scores in that class and everyone fought to have me in their study group. Believe me it wasn't because I was a genius. It was totally because Mrs. Peterson's class was more thorough and thoughtful than any college survey.

I have such great memories of the bomb shelter, the teddy bear still lifes and the

Matisse line drawing assignments.

alum reflection Cynnie Pearson Turich '65

Ann Peterson would lug giant books onto an overhead projector and then speak in the most basic and accessible way about what there was to see, which was, in the end, absolutely everything — not only color, light, form, space, dimension, and perspective, but also history, philosophy, physics, and poetry. I was too young to get just how much she was offering us there in the dark, but the older I get, the more I appreciate it!

alum reflection Meg McKean Taylor '74

Ann Peterson was one of the wonderful teachers at WT for me. I discovered her as my studio art teacher when our classroom was the bomb shelter — no natural light and the far corners of the room faded into the gloom.

Somehow Mrs. Peterson kept a red geranium alive all year for us to draw from. There was the ornate chair with all the curly-cues to use as the model for discovering the power of negative space. And Mrs. Peterson herself was often our living model — twirling in her swoopy tent dress for our ten second gesture portraits.

In art history, Mrs. Peterson was patient even though I never could really understand what "plastic" meant in the context of sculpture. She helped us understand the vocabulary of analyzing art. She helped us write a "perfect" paper by demanding re-write after re-write until it was really great. I can still recall my paper about Matisse's cut-out of *The Snail* and how proud I was of it.

She accepted me and celebrated me. She pushed me to see the world in new ways. She invited us to her wonderful carriage house in Highland Park. Mrs. Peterson was just the best.

alum reflection Anne Parkin Pierpont '66

The arts program at WT was always important and I feel that the K-12 emphasis was, and is, really crucial to learning and developing as an educated person. I was able to take an elective in art history as a senior. Mrs. Peterson encouraged each of us to look, to see and to listen. In fact that's what she wrote in my yearbook in '66. When I was in college, I had the opportunity to travel in Europe with my sister Helen Mar Parkin, who actually was an art history major. We traveled hundreds of miles, over mountains and up narrow roads to see works of art that I had seen in Mrs. Peterson's class. The mosaics in Ravenna, the Giotto panels in Padua, and others. I still have my books: Jansen and Gombrich. Ann Peterson helped us to get a glimpse of history. Thank you so much.

alum reflection Jennifer Solow '82

When I think of Ann (Petey, to those of us who dared to call her something cute), I picture her room in the library filled from floor to ceiling with books. She sat at the back corner of the table, wearing something terribly chic, scrawling one of her entirely illegible notes and hissing at someone to get their "paws" off of something or another. You could say that Petey took me in. I never felt particularly smart or comfortable with myself at that time, but she taught me how to see with my own eyes, unencumbered by peer pressure and the expectations of others. In her dark little room, with slides flickering on the wall in front of me, I learned that I was extraordinary. Ann went to Laurie Anderson concerts. Her favorite movie was Pennies From Heaven. Her car was a beat-up stick shift not much bigger than she was (she drove the rumbling thing with grand aplomb!). Her glasses were the largest thing about

her. Her cats were the meanest, fattest things you'd ever seen. She claimed she'd die if someone told her she could never see art again. I always believed her and admired her passion. There is no person more influential in my life than Ann Peterson. She inspired me to be an artist, a risk taker and to see the world as a ready canvas. Petey set the bar very high for me and I always try to live up to it.



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Students Expand Their Horizons, Travel, and Engage in Unique Experiences

ach summer, many WT students use their vacations as a chance to expand their horizons, to travel, or to engage in unique new experiences.

GRAND TETON EXPLORERS

In June 2007, ten Middle School students embarked on a weeklong trip to the Teton Science School in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The group was led by Science Department Chair Peter Frischmann, Middle School science teacher Tracy Valenty, and Tracy's husband, Mark, a geologist.

within the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park and frequented by roaming buffalo. Becoming research scientists themselves, they joined local researchers in collecting data on local bird populations by setting up nets to catch birds in flight. They assisted in capturing, observing, and releasing the birds. A field excursion included a several-mile hike to observe how wildfires affect areas at the base of the Teton Range, part of the Rocky Mountains. The students also participated in a nature observation program at the Murie Ranch, a National Historic Landmark center dedicated to the study,

Students hiked the hills south of

the school's Kelly Campus, located

While canoeing on String Lake at the bottom of the Tetons, the students observed the waterfowl, wildlife, and the geology of the area. The Teton Science School's graduate assistants led the WT students in creating and executing a field research project which was then presented to the entire faculty of the Teton Science School.

conservation, and apprecia-

tion of wild nature.

A trip to Yellowstone National Park gave the students a great opportunity to witness the geothermal activity that is active in that area, including geysers, hot springs, and fumaroles. At night, stargazing through the school's telescope inspired discussion among students of solar systems, deep space, and space exploration.

EMERGING POET

Rosalie Daniels '13 won First Prize in the Youth Division of the Writers Center at Chautauqua Poetry Contest for the second year in a row this past summer. The annual contest is sponsored by Chautauqua Readers and Writers, and awards prizes, named in honor of the Writers' Center founder Mary Jean Irion, to one adult poet and one poet age 18 or younger.

The judge, noted writer Diane Hume-George, commented, "A real writer is blooming in Daniels' 'Black Monday.' This is someone to watch closely, because she is watching everyone within the reach of her gaze."

Marty Merkley, Vice President for Program at the Chautauqua Institution, read her poem at the awards presentation.

Black Monday

by Rosalie Daniels

School is cancelled for me but it's not a snow day I don my clothes—pen ink with a hint of roses joining my family in a mixture of Great Lash mascara and outer space our car defies us (Bright Gold) walking through parlor doors we're enveloped in Aunt Jemimas polluted smog hugs and tears spill charcoal on the carpet the only one not clothed in burnt wood has an excuse the box enclosing her is darker









Lucy Ainsman '08



Hermine Harrison '08



Lilian Edelsack '09

WWII HISTORIANS

In June 2007, three WT students and three WT faculty members traveled to Poland for a ten-day tour of Jewish history and culture thanks to the generosity of the Glimcher Fellows Foundation. Lucy Ainsman '08, Hermine Harrison '08, and Lillian Edelsack '09 were accompanied by Dr. David Seward, Director of College Counseling; Dr. Michael Naragon, Upper School history teacher; and Kathryn Gaertner, Middle School English teacher. They visited several Polish cities (including Warsaw, Lodz, Pabianice, Lublin, Galicia, and Krakow), visited Nazi concentration camps, and toured Jewish cemeteries and synagogues.

Dr. Seward described the trip as an "emotional roller coaster ride." One

moment they were walking through Auschwitz and reflecting on the horrors perpetrated at the Nazi death camps; the next, they were enjoying the lively entertainment at a Klezmer music festival, where the students started dancing an impromptu *hora* in the rain. Seward praised the trip's organizers at the Association for Jewish Learning for a wellplanned trip that provided both structure and flexibility. One of the most memorable components of the trip was the presence of Sarah (Luel) Brett, a Holocaust survivor living in the U.S., who was returning to Poland for the first time since the War. The group was able to travel with Sarah as she visited her childhood schools, strolled through her old neighborhood, and walked through the Pabianice and Lodz ghettos where her family was forcibly resettled.

Dr. Naragon deemed the trip a unique opportunity for experiential learning. He emphasized the importance of "standing



where history is made." It was a chance to "re-understand the old, and learn the new" Poland, he stated. Naragon, Seward, and Gaertner each remarked on the jarring juxtaposition of historical sites and new, post-war development.

Both Naragon and Gaertner plan to integrate their experiences on the tour into their classroom instruction. Naragon wants to use his photographs in particular to enrich the units he teaches on immigration and on World War II and the Holocaust; he also teaches a social psychology class and intends to use this experience to inspire and focus discussions on altruism and social giving. Although each traveler took away a different experience from his or her trip to Poland, all brought home a deeper understanding of the historical and social experience of Polish Jews during World War II.



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WT ALUMNAE HONORED BY WOMEN AND GIRLS FOUNDATION OF **SOUTHWESTERN PA**

Sonya Narla '07 and Leslie Bonci '74 were honored by the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania at an October 2007 event titled "Women in Sports: Leveling the Playing Field." The event recognized women and teenage girls who are making an impact on athletics throughout our region. Among the honorees were coaches, athletes, sports agents, attorneys, sports medicine practitioners, and team owners who are working to "level the playing field" for women every day.



Sonya Narla '07 on the basketball court.

Mary Lou Retton, gymnast, Olympic gold medalist, and "Fitness Ambassador," was the keynote speaker.

Narla was an athletics star at Winchester who excelled both on and off the field. She played basketball, lacrosse, and soccer, was a 12-time

varsity letter winner, and was captain of all three sports. Her athletic talent was recognized by the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL); she competed in All-WPIAL lacrosse and soccer, and was a WPIAL Scholar Athlete Nominee. Narla also played with the all-

GPIBL (Greater Pittsburgh Independent Basketball League) team.

In 2006, she participated in the Student Athlete Leadership Academy (SALA), a program endorsed by WPIAL, the Pittsburgh Schools, and the Pittsburgh Steelers and designed to motivate participating students to become strong leaders in sports and life. Narla received the WT Female Athlete of the Year Award, the Haley Surti Award, and is a member of the Cum Laude Society. She now attends Case Western Reserve University.

Bonci is the director of sports medicine nutrition for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and the Center for Sports Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). She is an adjunct assistant professor of nutrition at the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and an adjunct assistant instructor in pediatric dentistry at the university's School of Dental Medicine. She also serves on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh's sports medicine fellowship training program.

Bonci holds a B.S. in biopsychology from Vassar College and a Master's degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh. She serves as a nutrition consultant for the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Athletics, Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Riverhounds, Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays, and is the

> company nutritionist for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, among others.

> Bonci lectures regularly at coaches' clinics as well as at national meetings for the National Strength Professionals Association; National Strength and Conditioning Association; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education,

Recreation and Dance; and National Association of Sports and Physical Education. She is also a consultant to the NCAA Division III programs and nutrition expert for the NCAA Nutrition and Performance Web site. A popular former national media spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association, she has been a frequent guest on the NBC-TV "Today" program. Her expertise in the areas of sports nutrition, weight management, eating disorders, and digestive health resulted in two book publications: Total Fitness for Women, which she co-authored, and the American Dietetic Association Guide to Better Digestion, of which she was sole



STUDENT ESSAY PUBLISHED IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL, THE CONCORD REVIEW

author.

As a junior, Michael D'Emilio '07 authored an essay that has been published in the Fall 2007 issue of The Concord Review, a publication whose purpose is to recognize and publish exemplary history essays by high school students in the English-speaking world.

According to Will Fitzhugh, founder of The Concord Review, "Mr. D'Emilio's analysis of the failure of the Communist campaign to organize blacks will be of great interest to our readers in 42 states



Michael D'Emilio '07

in the U.S. and in 32 other countries."

D'Emilio wrote his piece in Dr. Michael Naragon's AP American History class. Explains Naragon, "Michael took this essay way beyond what most students would, independently

networking and pursuing leads to deepen his research. He contacted the country's foremost expert on the subject, Robin D. G. Kelley, a professor at New York University and author of Hammer and Hoe, who suggested potential scholarly resources. Michael was subsequently able to obtain Microfilm documents through interlibrary loan from the Alabama Historical Society." Although he completed the paper during the school year, Michael spent hours on his own during the summer fine-tuning the document for its publication.

Now in its 72nd issue, The Concord Review has published more than 781 research paper from student authors in 44 states and 34 other countries. It remains the only quarterly journal in the world to publish the academic work of secondary school students.

Schools in Bangkok, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Singapore, Vermont, and Virginia currently subscribe to the publication, and history teachers in these and other schools around the world use the published essays as examples of good historical writing.



Daniel Roth '07



Eric Schuman '08



Rachel Dougherty '10

WINCHESTER THURSTON STUDENTS TAKE TOP HONORS AT C.A.U.S.E. FILM FESTIVAL

Daniel Roth '07, Eric Schuman '08, and Rachel Dougherty '10 were honored in the third annual C.A.U.S.E. Challenge High School Film Festival, a project of the SciTech Initiative at the Carnegie Science Center.

All three students were selected as finalists and two were among the top five award recipients.

Daniel took home the grand prize for his film, More than a Cupful, which he created while a senior at Winchester Thurston. He used a Styrofoam cup that survives the seasons and becomes a pollutant, to deliver his message. Another WT student, Dylan Travers '07, created the original music soundtrack for the film. Daniel won \$1,000, a digital video camera and case, and a Pittsburgh Filmmakers' class. He currently attends Allegheny College.

Rachel won the festival's Documentary Prize for her film, Landfills vs. Recycling. She received a \$300 cash prize and a trophy. Eric was selected as a finalist for his film, The Everything is Everyone.

Both Roth and Dougherty also won director's chairs, passes to the Carnegie Science Center, and tickets to the Three Rivers Film Festival. In addition, the C.A.U.S.E. Festival awarded Winchester Thurston \$1,500 for each of the top five honors. A total of \$3,000 will go to support the school's science and media programs.

The C.A.U.S.E. Festival (which stands for Creating Awareness and Understanding of our Surrounding Environment) is sponsored by Bayer Corp., SciTech, and Pittsburgh Filmmakers, and invites high school students, individually or in groups of up to four, to write, produce, and edit a short film or video on the theme "Mutual Impact: The Environment and You." Out of 28 entries, 13 were selected as finalists to be considered for one of five awards and had their films screened at the festival in September 2007.

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Peter Curtis '08

Hillary Ramsey '08

Yin Yin Ou '08

THREE STUDENTS ATTEND PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S **SCHOOLS IN SUMMER 2007**

Three members of the Class of 2008 earned places in the highly competitive, full-scholarship Pennsylvania Governor's Schools for Excellence this past summer. Peter Curtis attended the Information, Society, and Technology program; Hillary Ramsey attended the Health Care program; and Yin Yin Ou was accepted to both the Arts program and the Global Entrepreneurship program and attended the former.

Governor's Schools are five-week residential programs held on college campuses. Peter traveled to Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he explored ways in which computer technology, networking, and telecommunications can further human endeavors. Hilary participated at the University of Pittsburgh, where The Governor's School for Health Care introduced her to the health care field, emphasizing delivery systems, primary care, prevention, and public health. Yin Yin attended Mercyhurst College in Erie, where The Governor's School for the Arts provided sustained, intensive, sophisticated, experiential learning opportunities.

Dr. David Seward, Director of College Counseling, notes The Governor's School program is an intense educational experience, as well as an enlightening social experience. He

adds that the process of applying to the school is as rigorous as that of applying to college: transcripts, essays, and recommendations are required. Students must also demonstrate commitment to their field of interest in terms of volunteer work or research papers, as well as qualities of leadership.

UPPER SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM WINS WPSLA DII CHAMPIONSHIP

In an exciting, come-from-behind victory the Winchester Thurston Boys

Lacrosse team defeated The Kiski School by a score of 8 - 7, earning its first trophy as the WPSLA Division Champions in June 2007.

After playing a flat first two quarters, WT entered halftime trailing, 6-4, but coach Darrell Schmitt didn't lecture his players. "I just told the kids to sit there, relax, and be quiet," Schmitt said. "They were mentally and physically drained from the semifinals and finals. They just needed to regroup and get in the right frame of mind."

WT came out in the second half and played at a more upbeat tempo to outscore The Kiski School, 4-1, the rest of the way. Attacker Peter Buongiorno '07 came from behind the net and scored the eventual game-winner on a leaping, one-handed goal with 2:57 remaining.

"Winning the championship means so much to me and these kids," Schmitt said. "But more importantly, it means a lot to this school because it further validates the strength of our athletics program."



Peter Buongiorno '07 scores the winning goal

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MUSICAL THEATER SHINES AGAIN: WT WINS BIG AT KELLY AWARDS

Winchester Thurston took home four awards at the 17th annual Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musicals in May 2007, capturing Best Musical in its budget category for the sixth year in a row! Other awards included Best Supporting Actor, Michael D'Emilio '07 (Officer Lockstock); Best Ensemble; and Best Direction for its production of *Urinetown*.

In addition, D'Emilio was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship as one of four students chosen from the 30 participating schools to receive college scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 to study performance or stagecraft. D'Emilio now attends Oberlin College and studies political science and vocal performance.

WT had received seven nominations: Best Musical in Budget Level Two; Best Ensemble; Best Direction; Best Choreography; Best Actor Connor Mrozowski '07 (Bobby Strong); Best Supporting Actor Michael D'Emilio '07 (Officer Lockstock); and Best Supporting Actress Jennifer Machen '09 (Little Sally).

As a nominee for Best Musical, WT delivered a rollicking performance of the Act 1 finale of *Urinetown*. WT won Best Musical in Budget Level One in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.



The Winchester Thurston Varsity Girls Basketball team captured the Greater Pittsburgh Independent Basketball League (GPIBL) championship 2007, defeating section rival Neighborhood Academy. Jimyse Brown '10 was named to the All League GPIBL Team in a ceremony preceding the championship game. Led by coaches Monica Williams and Brandi Harris, the team finished the season with an overall record of 16 wins and 3 losses.

STUDENT ORATOR WINS TOP PRIZE IN SHAKESPEARE MONOLOGUE AND SCENE CONTEST

Alec Silberblatt '08 took the top prize in the Pittsburgh Public Theater's 13th annual Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest, delivering Brutus' funeral oration from *Julius Caesar*. He competed against 45

other students in the final round of the competition. More than 1,025 students from the Pittsburgh area had entered the weeklong competition.

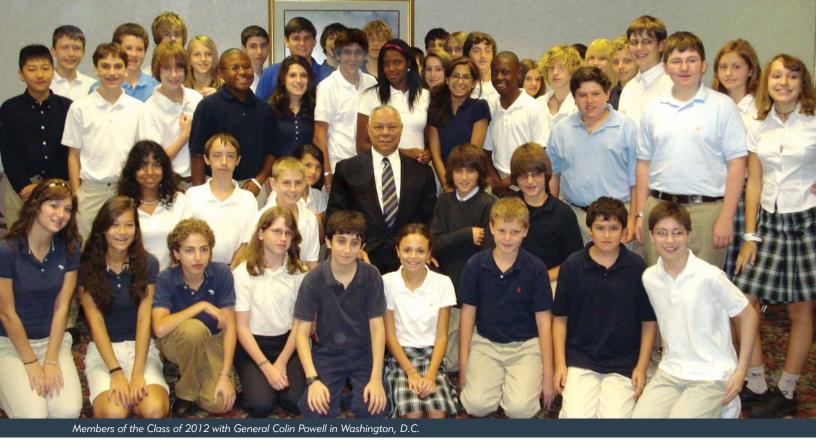
A veteran participant in the contest, Alec also served as coach to four WT Middle Schoolers who entered the competition: Ramsey Daniels '11, Hallie



Alec Silberblatt '08

Goldstein '11, Grace Hamilton-Vargo '12, and Zoe Silberblatt '11. Alec met with the students weekly after school beginning in early December 2006 and even arranged to have them tutored by drama students from Carnegie Mellon University.

"They've worked very hard and have learned a lot about Shakespeare, acting, and literature. They've come a long way since our first meeting," said Alec.



SENIOR'S REFLECTION ON RACISM EARNS HER LITERARY HONOR

In her senior year at WT, Lauren Burroughs '07 won the Frank E. Bolden Literary Contest for an essay she wrote about her experience placing



Lauren Burroughs '07

a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

This city-wide contest, sponsored by the Commission on Racism of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, was open to all high school students.

Writers were asked to "describe an example of where the 'Walls of racism have come a-tumblin' down." As Lauren placed a wreath at the tomb honoring our fallen soldiers, she reflected that the reverence paid to those who died in service of our country was not contingent on race; she anticipates a day when we are as respectful of the living.

Lauren was awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond at the annual Absalom Jones Day Celebration.

EIGHTH-GRADERS VISIT WITH GENERAL COLIN POWELL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

This fall, WT's 49 eighth-graders traveled to the nation's capital and garnered a personal meeting with former Secretary of State, General Colin Powell, who is a cousin of WT trustee and parent, Victor Roque.

General Powell spent about 30 minutes with the group, speaking with them about life skills and his own personal journey, which has included public service under four presidents. Students eagerly asked questions that ranged from what his biggest achievement was (driving in the Indy 500 race) to who was his favorite president (he tactfully declined to choose).

"I thought it was really interesting that when he was asked what he was most proud of, General Powell was quick to reply," Lauren Nakamura commented, "his children."

Peter Frischmann, WT science teacher and eighth-grade trip coordinator, remarked that the trip was a "truly great experience" that not only provided wonderful opportunities for experiential learning, but that also helped students develop relationships with each other and with the faculty that "make the classroom experience more meaningful throughout the year."

The students were accompanied by eight faculty members who used Washington, D.C. as a "road classroom" — guiding the students through the city and continuously making ties between what they were witnessing and what they learn in the classroom. The group visited a number of different museums and national attractions, including the National Aquarium, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Museums, the Old Post Office, and the National Zoo. They also toured the national monuments on bikes and on foot.

Each day, faculty members provided journal "prompts" to help shape the students' thought processes as they visited the exhibits, monuments, and museums; and students were given extensive journaling time in the evenings to reflect on their experiences throughout the day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICIAN PLACES THIRD IN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CALCULUS CONTEST AND QUALIFIES FOR MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

Junu Bae '12 placed third out of 199 students on the national Academic Leagues' Online Math League Calculus contest last spring. A Middle Schooler when he took the test, Junu excelled in a competition designed for high school students.

"The vast majority of participants in the Calculus subject area contest were ninth-, tenth-, eleventh-, and twelfth-graders," says Daniel Rosenberg, WT's Academic Enrichment and

Challenge Program teacher. "The fact that Junu placed third as a seventh-grader is quite remarkable."

To compete, students must complete three challenging multiple-choice exams in a particular grade level or subject area. Students in grades two through twelve from anywhere in the world are eligible.

The Online Math League was created to develop students' problemsolving abilities through the use of high-level and multi-step questions. Its three-part format encourages students to stay motivated and competitive throughout the school year.

An equally impressive accomplishment is Junu's qualifying to participate in the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO), one of the nation's most prestigious math contests. This "Math Olympiad" contest "provides a means of identifying and encouraging the most creative secondary mathematics students in the country. It serves to indicate the talent of those who may become leaders in the mathematical sciences of the next generation," states the contest's Web site.

Only about 500 students nationwide advance to the USAMO, a two-day, nine-

hour exam. Junu qualified based on an "index" score, calculated by adding the American Mathematics Contest (AMC) score to ten times the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) score. On the AMC exam, Junu tied for ninth place out of more than 24,000 students in the country who took the exam.

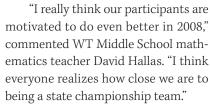
WT TEAM FINISHES FIFTH IN ITS FIRST SHOWING AT STATE MATHCOUNTS® COMPETITION

The team comprised of Junu Bae '12, Hallie Goldstein '11, Andrew Linzer '13, and Sam Schreiber '13 finished fifth overall in the MATHCOUNTS® state

competition in March 2007, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE). This was the first year that a WT team has qualified for competition at the state level. A total of 25 schools were represented.

Junu, who won first place in the Allegheny County MATHCOUNTS[®] competition in February

2007, finished sixth overall in the state competition and received an award for being the top scoring seventh-grader on the written round.



MATHCOUNTS° is a national math enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state and territory.

STUDENTS MAKE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH REFUGEES

Flower pots, Bingo word games, and lively chatter were the order of the day as refugees from Iraq living in the Prospect Park Apartments in Whitehall and WT eighth-graders met as part of the Middle School's Community Service Days.

Eight women interacted with small groups of students while their preschool-age children played and decorated flower pots along with other students.

Refugee families who come from Burma, Turkey, Iraq and Vietnam are



Junu Bae '12



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placed at Prospect Park by Catholic Charities but are supported by a number of agencies, including the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, which provides English as a Second Language classes, and South Hills Interfaith Ministries, which operates a preschool at the Prospect Park complex.

Winchester Thurston worked with Pittsburgh Cares, which operates a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities in the area, to introduce the students to the refugees.

The students learned first-hand about the refugee experience, including the lives the families left behind and the ones they are trying to build in the U.S. They practiced language skills with the refugees, giving the women and children an opportunity to learn English in way that differs from formal lessons. At lunchtime, the students were treated to traditional dishes the refugee mothers prepared from their homelands.

Josh Kivuva, a Literacy Council English as a Second Language teacher on hand to facilitate discussions among the students and refugees, challenged the Middle Schoolers to "...imagine how your life would be if at home, there is not enough food and no money and there is fighting outside and you are not allowed to work."

The students were silent.

Kivuva then encouraged the students to act as groups or individuals to make a difference to those in need. The presentation inspired Madalyn Levy '11 to organize a paper products drive as soon as she got back to school. Upon receiving diapers and other essentials collected as a result of Levy's efforts, the refugee women responded by writing heartfelt messages of thanks, carefully penning postcards to each participating student.

WT PLACES FIRST IN STATE. THIRD IN NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE **MASTER OPEN**

The team of ten fifth-graders placed first in the state in the Knowledge Master Open (KMO) and third in the national KMO contest for their division. A total of 330 schools nationwide participated at the fifth- and sixth-grade level contests in March 2007.

Proud team members were Sonu Bae '14, Danny Balter '14, Nat Brodsky '14, Arif Caner '14, Quinn Charney '14, Rachel Dubner '14, Tristan Hull '14, Ben March '14, Bruce Morrison '14, and Zoe Schoen '14.

The KMO contest is held twice each for both secondary and fifth- and sixthgrade teams. The curriculum-based tests consist of 100 to 200 multiple-choice questions in a variety of academic subject areas: math, science, language arts, social studies, and the arts.

A challenging academic competition in which teams of students compete—nationally and internationally—without leaving their own schools, the KMO program annually attracts more than 3,000 schools and 45,000 participants from the U.S. and several foreign countries.

CHESS TEAM PLAYERS EARN TWO STATE TITLES

Andre Curtis '16 and Danny Balter '14 won first place in the 2007 PA State Scholastic Chess Championships K-9 U100 and K-6 Open Divisions respectively in March 2007. Ruben Ramanathan '14 took fourth place in the K-6 U800.

No stranger to winning state chess championships, Balter earned the PA State Scholastic Primary Champion title in 2006, playing in the K-3 Open Division. This year, by winning the K-6 Open division he earned the PA State Scholastic Elementary Champion title.

The Winchester Thurston team of Danny Balter '14, Tristan Hull '14, and Noah Goldstein '16 placed second in the K-6 Open. The team of Andre Curtis '16 and Nathaniel Hull '17 placed fourth in the K-9 U1000 Division, and the team of Ruben Ramanathan '14, Nathaniel Hull '17, and Kabir Khan '16 placed fourth in the K-6 U800 Division. Also competing were Samuel Boehner '08 in the K-12 Open, Hazel Boehner '10 in the 7-12 U1300 Divisions, and Andre Curtis '16 in the K-3 Open.

Under the direction of Coach John Young, the chess team has consistently



Upper School students collaborate on Knowledge Master Open questions in the secondary school competition.

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Chess team members (left to right) Kabir Khan, Noah Goldstein, Tristan Hall, Danny Balter, Andre Curtis, and Ruben Ramanathan.

fared very well against the best players in both state and national competitions. During the last three years, WT has garnered six first- place finishes in the PA State Scholastic Championships.

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"Chess at Winchester Thurston began as a way of teaching the game, and because of the school's rigorous academic program, even the youngest students are able to grasp the abstract concepts of the game very quickly. Many of them started playing the game when they were five or six years old and have continued to refine their skills and strategies," Young said.

"Chess is not only a game of skill, but it also helps children develop higher order thinking skills, increase memorization and pattern recognition, develop concentration and increased attention span, and develop logical thinking," he added.

NORTH HILLS CAMPUS CENTER RECEIVES ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

The architects of Winchester Thurston's North Hills Campus Center have received a nationally competitive Citation from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), honoring innovation and excellence in architectural design.

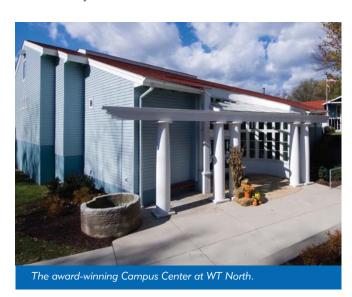
Designed by architects Roxanne Sherbeck and Sara Snyder of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (BCJ), the building is one of only 14 educational facilities, among nearly 100 competitors nationwide, to receive a 2007 AIA Educational Facility Design Award.

"I am not surprised that BCJ was honored in this way," says Nancy Rogers, Director of the North Hills Campus. "The architects took into consideration that this is a building for young children, creating small spaces within a larger space, and making children feel very comfortable right away, giving them a sense of ownership."

The campus design took place in phases over 17 years, culminating in 2005 with the construction of the 5,650 square foot Campus Center. Campus buildings, designed with rustic simplicity and economy of space, are adorned with red gabled roofs and blue clapboard siding. White-trimmed windows, often placed directly at child eye level, offer a view of the campus pond and flood the rooms with natural light.

"It's really about the kids," says Sherbeck, who is also a parent of Annie Jackson '05 and Tristan Jackson '07. "We created an environment that fits the school's child-centered approach."

Sherbeck says that this is BCJ's first award for an educational project.



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Was it Miss Scarlet with the candlestick in library? Or Colonel Mustard with the knife in the conservatory?

crowd of more than 250 parents, alumnae/i, employees, and friends of WT gathered for Don't Miss the CLUE at WT, the school's annual spring benefit hosted by the Parents Association, on April 14, 2007. Guests gathered clues to solve a "mysterious murder," bid on more than 200 auction items, and feasted on delectable treats in this life-sized game of "CLUE." Faculty members and administrators disguised as "suspects" from the classic board game mingled among "detective" guests in the setting of a beautiful Victorian mansion (a.k.a. the new Upper School.)

A resounding success, the benefit grossed \$108,000, more than double that of previous events. The WT Fund was the recipient of an \$80,000 benefit donation, thanks to the hard work of more than 100 volunteers, including benefit chair Carole King and key Parents Association volunteers Betsy Thompson, Anne Scheuermann, Tracey Reading, Lynn Schraf, Adam and Audrey Leong, Leslie Borsett-Kanter, and Kate Stainton.



Adding drama to this life-sized game of CLUE were WT's costumed suspects: Mick Gee (Mr. Green), Nancy Rogers (Mrs. Peacock), Kevin Miller (Colonel Mustard), Jill Machen (Miss Scarlet), Gary Niels (Professor Plum), and Tina Plaks (Mrs. White).



Carole King and Gaylen Westfall Bill and Sheila Colombo





Lynn Beckstrom and Brian Schreiber



Amy Kerber-Brancati and Joe Brancati



Mary Jean Rusak and A.D. Lupareillo



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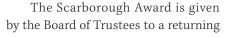


Simon Yazdgerdi Curtis and Greg Curtis

JOHN MAIONE: 2006 JANE L. SCARBOROUGH AWARD RECIPIENT

At the 2007 commencement, Middle and Upper School performing

arts teacher and Private Music Lesson Coordinator John Maione received the 2006-2007 Jane L. Scarborough Teaching Award, the highest award given to a faculty member. The award was established in honor of the former Head of School, who served at WT from 1978 to 1982.



member of the faculty who "is making an exemplary contribution to teaching by demonstrating a strong professional commitment to the WT community, respecting the uniqueness of the individual, valuing intellectual inquiry and mastery as well as intellectual honesty and humility, modeling for others the frustration

and excitement of learning and the exhilaration of discovery, and viewing the experience of teaching as the opportunity to remain a life-long learner."

"I never expected to receive this award in a million years," says Maione. "It is a very strange, though wonderful, feeling that I was recognized for doing something I absolutely love ... I consider it a privilege to go to work every day with exceptional teachers [who are] incredibly intelligent, talented, and caring beyond measure....and [dedicated students] who have pushed me to be a better teacher, certainly a better conductor, and an overall better musician."



KELLY VIGNALE: 2007 JUDY APT NATHENSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION RECIPIENT

City Campus Lower School science and computer teacher Kelly Vignale received the 2007 Judy Apt Nathenson '69 Memorial Chair for Excellence in Children's Education. The award is given to a Lower School teacher who demonstrates excellence and innovation in teaching.

"Being acknowledged for my efforts at WT gives me confidence and motivation to want to do even more to make the science and technology curriculum a valuable and meaningful experience for students," says Vignale.

During her tenure as a faculty member at WT, Nathenson championed the importance of developmentally appropriate teaching practices in early childhood education. As a creative, talented, and caring teacher she devoted her professional career to exploring new teaching methodologies and enhancing the curriculum in the lower elementary grades.



MARC FOGEL: 2007 MARY HOUSTON GRIFFIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING RECIPIENT



Upper School social studies teacher Marc Fogel was the recipient of the 2007 Mary Houston Griffin Teaching Excellence Award. This award, given annually, provides funds to support the development of programs to enhance the students' experience at WT.

"Having previously worked for the American British Academy in Muscat, Oman, I am lucky to be able to build upon that experience and lead a group of WT students in an exciting global learning opportunity," says Fogel. This December six Upper School students will travel to Oman to participate with Fogel and Mick Gee, Director of Upper School, in the National Association of Independent Schools' 20/20 Global Challenge. This symposium on Peacekeeping, Conflict Resolution, and Combating Terrorism is co-hosted by Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania and the American British Academy.

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MEMBERS OF THE MISS MITCHELL SOCIETY

Barbara Abney Bolger '52 Marion Weis Cohen '44 Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer '37 Virginia A. Elliott 'T26* Harriet Adler Feldman '57 Eugene S. Kerber Loretta Lobes '88 Louise Baldridge Lytle '51 Carole Oswald Markus '57
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Anne Forncrook McCloskey '45
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Jane Dunn Prejean '36*
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Dorothy Dodworth Scullin '47
Bonnie Solomon '48*

Molly Cannon Stevenson '72
Allyson Baird Sveda '84
F. Irene Thomas, Honorary Alumna
Ruth Weimer Tillar '41
Gaylen Westfall
Carol Spear Williams '57
Norma Weis Wilner '40*

*Deceased

fyou have included WT in your plans, please let us know so that you can be properly thanked and welcomed into the Miss Mitchell Society. For more information, contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, at (412) 578-7529

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Reunion 2007 photo gallery

ore than 120 alums returned to WT to visit classes, tour WT's new and old buildings, attend parties and programs, and re-connect with former teachers and classmates at Reunion Weekend. So many commented on how surprised they were that their connections felt so strong – even after many, many years. Thank you to those who organized class parties and who motivated classmates to participate.

Check out the WT Web site for more photos from Reunion 2007!



Class of '57: l-r back row: Carole Oswald Markus, Betsy Smelzer Winslow, Judy Rohrer Davis, Janie Arensberg Thompson, Nancy Seip Krot, Anne Succop Dickson, Nann Hegmann Cooke, Sally Guy Stone-Worsing. Front: Harriet Adler Feldman, Ginny Willey Birmingham, Phyllis Chinlund, Elaine Dupertuis Seibert



Class of '87: l-r: Lauren Raphael, Jill DeBroff, Kimberly Farinet Sailer, Janet Harrison Kuzmishin



Members of '97: l-r top: Lisa Davis, Stacey Stanczak Smith, Jill Davis: Middle: Melanie King, Jaye Greenfield, Dan Michelmore: Bottom: Natalie Wallace, Josh Hefferen, Payal Gandhi, Anne Caliguiri



Members of '72: clockwise from top left: Connie Wolff, Jean Silvestri, Gina Hofer Loesch, Molly Cannon Stevenson, Janet Ornitz, Patti Peters Austin, Louise Gillespie Cannon



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Members of '77, clockwise from back left: Adrienne Statti, Marsia Gibel Seydoux, Stacey Thalimer Hrabar, Lindsay McKean Scott, Lorraine Pickering Bansavage



Members of '52: from back left: Janie Lou McCaslin Bergmark, Nita Dressler Argyres, Jean MacIntyre, Marion Montgomery Colbourne, Suzanne LeClere Barley, Barbara Abney Bolger

2006

Don Mike Mendoza interned for Duquesne University's NPR affiliated station 90.5 WDUQ by directing a show called Rhythm: Sweet & Hot. He is now working for American University's NPR affiliated radio station 88.5 WAMU FM. He is a cast member of *Urinetown*, which runs the last two weekends of October in Washington, DC. pinoyboy06@aol.com



Hannah Posner '06 and Andrew Wickerham '06

2004

lan Sullivan spent the summer studying at the Arabic Language Institute at Hunter College in NYC. He is a senior at Sarah Lawrence and will continue his study of energy and economics as a research assistant to the economics department chair, who is working on carbon economies and environmental discount rates. He also plans to take an applied fieldwork course and internship. Ian is continuing the campus newspaper that he started last year and preparing for, well, the real world. isullivan@gm.slc.edu

2003

Gordon Lubimir graduated from Tulane University in May 2007 with a B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He entered his first year of medical school at Lincoln Memorial University - DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Harrogate, TN. john.lubimir@lmunet.edu

Katie McGraw graduated from Penn State in May 2007 with B.A. degrees in both Public Relations and Psychology. She works as a public relations specialist for Tri Rivers Surgical Associates and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America. katlyn.mcgraw@gmail.com

2002

Brea Heidelberg celebrated her graduation from Drexel University's LeBow College of Business with Dr. David Seward, WT's Director of College Counseling. Brea's award-winning essay in the "Behind Every Graduate" competition credited Seward with teaching her to love other cultures and languages, as well as instilling in her the importance of diversity. Dr. Seward received an expense-



paid trip to Philadelphia, attended pre-commencement activities, and was honored at the commencement ceremony. He received a \$2,000 prize, and a \$2,000 donation was made to Winchester Thurston School.

2001

Angela Ambroz is moving to Suva, Fiji in October 2007 where she'll be working for the next two years with the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission as a natural resource economist. She worked at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, DC as a summer intern (again). angela.ambroz@gmail.com

Emily Flechtner is teaching in a bilingual kindergarten in Munich, Germany following a year as a Congress-Bundestag Scholar. She and her mother, Joan Flechtner, WT North Hills Campus teacher, have established an exchange between their Pre-K classes. As international buddies they have sent each other photos of their schools and holiday celebrations and created classroom books with drawings, photos, and mini bios of all their students. This year they hope to expand the



relationship with monthly letters filled with songs, recipes, and stories to read in both English and German.

Ryan Schulz is the director of a gymnastics program in Morgantown, WV. Her husband started a new job with Westinghouse. Ryan is considering pursuing a doctorate in psychology. rwschulz1@gmail.com

2000

Claire Blaustein is living in Washington, DC and loving everything except the humidity. She is the managing editor for a new cooking Web site, Cookthink, launched this past summer. The Web site offers recipes and reference, as well as an e-mail newsletter called Root Source, which talks about a different in-season food every week. It has been a challenge being part of a startup and the only employee, but really wonderful as well. She is doing music freelance writing on the side, including work for NPR.org, and since she was runner-up for the Michael Oliver Young Writer of the Year competition at BBC Music Magazine this year, she should have a piece published with them in the November issue. To keep her violin chops up, Claire joined a band, Society of Strangers, and is happily exploring the new worlds of bluegrass, folk, and punk. claire.blaustein@gmail.com

1999

Ben Sota took his *Zany Umbrella Circus* around the world from Amsterdam to Kabul to New Orleans, bringing joy and laughter to children in all sorts of environments. He was featured in the March issue of *Pittsburgh Magazine*.



Seth Borland was married on July 21 to Laura Noel. They had been dating since October 2003 and tied the knot in Houston. They're both Williams College graduates, and are living in Austin, TX. The service was in the church where Laura grew up and the reception was at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. sbborland@gmail.com

1998

Alex Feigel and her boyfriend are living in the East Hills. Alex works for McKesson as a pharmaceutical rep, and she



had a baby, Christian John on February 28, 2007. Mom, dad and baby are all doing great! Alexandra.Feigel@McKesson.

Azadeh Geer Masalehdan

wed Ethan Robert Block of Shadyside on September 29, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA. Azadeh is currently in the dissertation phase of her Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work. azirocks@gmail.com

Toby McChesney moved from Washington, DC to Atlanta in April 2007 with his partner Jonathan. Toby is an assistant director of Executive M.B.A. Admissions for Emory University's Goizueta Business School. He is currently in his second year of his Ed.D. program in Higher Education Leadership.

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1997

Sarah Zeitler married David Gallo on July 28, 2007, in NYC. They had a small party including Zach Miller. David and Sarah honeymooned in East Africa. They live in NYC, where they both work in theater; David as a designer, and Sarah in management. sarahzeitler@gmail.com

1995

Rebecca Rothfus's work was in an art exhibit called "New American Talent," curated by Anne Ellegood, of the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, DC. In fall 2007 her artwork will appear in the Western edition of New American Paintings, an exhibition in print. The issue (No. 72) will be available in bookstores across the country in October/November. Rebecca continues to teach art at an elementary school in Austin, TX.

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Mattie McLaughlin **Schloetzer** has been working at the Heinz Architectural Center at the Carnegie Museum of Art for three years. She organized the exhibition, On a Grand Scale: The Hall of Architecture at 100, which opened in September 2007 and runs through January 27, 2008. mcmattie@hotmail.com

Kristin Trabucco is in her second year as production coordinator for the Celebrate Brooklyn! performing arts festival in New York. She also does some freelance directing for podcast videos and will be making a short Alice In Wonderland-themed film this fall.

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Jodie Vanderman is going into the second year of her M.B.A. at Penn State University and just finished an internship with the Marketing Leadership Development Program at DuPont. She spent the summer evaluating the U.S. Federal Government market and the company's sales opportunities within the space. She would look forward to hearing from classmates. jvanderman@hotmail.com

1994

lan Gould appeared in WT's first production of Amadeus in 1992, and fifteen years and two drama degrees later he did it again in May 2007 for a regional theatre in Evansville. Ian teaches Shakespeare performance in NYC and shared his talents with Barb Holmes's students in a drama class at WT last spring. iamb5@mac.com

Rachael Lange is in her seventh year teaching fourth grade at a fabulous school in Las Vegas.

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Kate Masley graduated from Case Western Reserve University with her Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology in August 2007. She works as an assistant professor in the Department of Health Sciences at Cleveland State University. She is teaching courses focusing women's health, culture and health care, and health disparities. katemasley@msn.com

Stacey Stanczak Smith '97 and Justin Smith's family has expanded even more as they welcomed a little boy, Bailey Donald, on November 29, 2006. His big sisters adore him, and the couple is having so much fun watching their children grow. They had a blast visiting



with Mark Boleky '96 and his family while vacationing in South Carolina. A fun



Michelle Washington '84, Elsie Heard McAdoo '69, and Tina Englert '59 joined Alison Wolfson and Gaylen Westfall for dinner in Philadelphia in February 2007.



visit with Meredith Deluzio Pettigrew '97 and her family and Lauren Phillipi Jones '97 took place at Station Square this summer.

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Erin Herward Thurston

continues to enjoy mother-hood, especially during summers which she spends at home with Patrick. Erin was very excited to see the new Upper School



and catch up with some of her former teachers and colleagues on a visit to WT. Patrick would



have been impressed, but he slept through much of it. In

addition to being a mom, Erin continues to teach second grade in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Northern Virginia. erinthurston@hotmail.com

1992

Diana Hellman is an engineer at IBM in Tucson and hikes, skis, bikes, and travels during her free time. Diana visits K-12 schools encouraging students,



especially girls, to get involved with science by demonstrating a repertoire of simple experiments to spark student interest. Diana is committed to reaching out to students, delivering the message that math and science are very much a part of their lives, and that they can indeed do math and science. She is also passionate about explaining what engineers do, which she believes is a mystery to many people. She has her own blog, www.thinkinglogically. com, that strives to improve the world through logical thinking. Diana credits her ability to communicate well as a scientist and engineer to her WT education. The skills and confidence that she developed at WT give her an unusual edge in the scientific community.

diana@evolvingdreams.com



Mara McFalls moved to NYC in 2006 and scored a modeling gig as the face of vanilla NUGO bars while working as a producer for the MTV show, MADE. She had some articles published in magazines (thanks to WT writing courses) and got her big break when cast to be on a show called *Stormchasers* on the Discovery Channel, airing in October 2007. She basically plays herself, a writer embedded with a group of nutball stormchasers and scientists. They spent eight weeks chasing tornadoes in tornado alley throughout the Midwest. Mara married a writer, John Falk, this fall. "He has written magazine pieces, books, movies; he's a stud, and I dig him mucho," writes Mara. maramcfalls@hotmail.com

1991

Esther Long is an assistant professor of Geography at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. She travels a lot internationally and just returned from a month in Ukraine.
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Kathleen Metinko and Jan Rogers Kniffen were married on February 24, 2007, at the One and Only Ocean Club on Paradise Island, Bahamas. She was attended by matron of honor, Alunda Grzybek Edmonds, and flower girl, Veronica Noel Edmonds. Dorothy McLaughlin Sachs also ioined in the weekend's festivities. Kathleen and Jan enjoyed a May honeymoon in Paris and on the Amalfi Coast. The couple resides in NYC. Kathleen was admitted to the partnership of Deloitte Tax LLP as of August 26, 2007. kmetinko@DELOITTE.com

1989

Katherine Brentzel has been in the Washington, DC area for almost seven years. She works for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the investigatory arm of the U.S. Congress. Kate works in the international affairs and trade group at the GAO, mostly assessing the Department of State and other agencies with an international mission. kate.brentzel@gmail.com



Annette Ruzicka '88 and Family

1988

Rachel Egler completed her first marathon as part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's *Team in Training*



in Anchorage, Alaska. She writes, "Race day was fabulous—cool and cloudy, perfect for running. The scenery was amazing—I saw a moose and a bald eagle, and there were reports of a bear sighting. The crowd was so high energy. I think at least 75% of the participants were *Team in Training* folks. They raised \$5.2 million with this event!!! My final tally was over \$11,700!" Diana Thompson traveled to Alaska to cheer



Rachel on, and they spent a week on the Kenai Peninsula. rachel@egler.com

Jacqueline Marks Ledo and her husband, George, welcomed their second child,



Jenna, on September 24, 2007. She joins big sister Julia Brooke who turned one in August. Jacqueline's sister,

Wendy Marks Pine '90, and her husband, Bobby, welcomed their first child, Brian Alex, on January 18, 2007. jacki6@aol.com

1985

Jodi Greenwald Golomb

lives in White Oak, PA with her husband Zeb and their two children, Jonah, 11, and Sophie, 8. Jonah and Sophie attend Community Day in Squirrel Hill. Jodi is the associate director of development at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh where she has spent the last four years. She and Amy Goldstein Jaffe remain great friends. JGolomb@PittsburghKids.org

1982

Jennifer Solow writes, "Life as a fulltime novelist has been a wild ride. Now a national bestseller, The Booster is finally out in paperback. The French and Italian translations have hit the stands. My second book, I'll Have What She's *Having*, will be out next year and Finding Max Ernst (my nod to Mrs. Peterson!) is almost done. My kids, Tallulah and Griffin, originally thought it might be really cool to have a mom who's an author but now they're just pretty much sick of me. I don't blame them. I'd love to hear from anyone. I give great advice for later-inlife writer-wannabes. It can be done!"

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Anna Avery lives in Chicago now after 15 years in New York. She and her partner have two



girls, Grace, 6, and Lily, 1. Anna works part-time as a therapist and takes care of the girls the rest of the time. She'd love to hear from people. grossavery@aol.com

grossavery@aor.co

1981

Lillian Goldstein Schapiro, is in Atlanta, practicing OB/GYN and enjoying her three children, Ruth, 11, Rebecca, 11, and Sarah, 5. In her spare time, she is promoting her novel, *Tick Tock*. She was most recently quoted in *STAR* magazine as the doctor not taking care of Nicole Richie. lillianschapiro@gmail.com

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Visit the Alum page of the Web site and update your profile: www.winchesterthurston.org. Get your new password by contacting Alison Wolfson at wolfsona@winchesterthurston.



Virginia Sheppard '41 and Alice May Succop Burger '69 met Gary J. Niels while touring the new Upper School and visiting favorite spaces in the main building.

Julie Felman Wagner reports that all is well in the Rocky Mountains. She has been in touch with a few friends from WT. She writes, "last class reunion was really interesting and fun. It was great to see past teachers and friends. Hope all is well with you all. My children are now 13 and 10. It is hard to believe how time really does fly by!" Juliewags@earthlink.net

1978

Jennifer Hetzel Gear enjoyed a wonderful reunion recently with Caprice Pierucci and Karen Haabestad in Boston. Her company, Cogent Public Relations, is about to celebrate its ten-year anniversary with offices just outside of Boston and in Manhattan. Jennifer lives in Stoneham, MA, with her husband and three kids, Audrey, 15; Jeff, 14; and Colin, 12. jennifer@cogentPR.com

is our 30th reunion. Let's try and plan a big turnout to all catch up! Scott and I are now living outside of Hilton Head. SC. Scott Jr. graduated from University of Florida in 2006 and works with us here, building custom homes in the low country. He is engaged to be married in May 2008. Ashley, 21, is a senior at Clemson, studying marketing and real estate. Courtney, 19, is a sophomore at U.S.C. in Columbia SC, studying hospitality management. Matt, 12, is an aspiring golfer. We live in an extremely kid friendly community on a golf course. Scott and I celebrated our 26th anniversary in July. It's so hard to believe where time has gone! This leads me to my first statement: We need to have a great turnout for our 30th. How

Wendy Werner Leiti writes,

"To the Class of '78, next year

wendywl@hargray.com

and reminisce."

much fun would it be to see all

Class Notes

Please send us your news and photos! Send information to
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or wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org.

Class notes do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Winchester Thurston School or the editors of **Thistletalk**.

1977

Lorraine Bansavage **Pickering** has lived in the country in Eighty-Four, PA for the past 15 years with her husband, Dave, and two kids, Tess, 15, and Kyle, 12. She is a gardening fanatic loving all trees, shrubs, and flowers! She landscapes yards all summer and sews quilts all winter. She recently reconnected with WT. Her husband gave her the high school senior yearbook as a gift because she never bought one back in 1977. Paging through it brought back many fond memories.

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Adrienne Statti lives in Burbank, CA and is vicepresident at Graphic Orb, Inc., located in North Hollywood. statti3@earthlink.net

1976

Lynn Snyderman is living happily ever after in the house where she grew up in Squirrel Hill with three teenagers,

two standard poodles, and a wonderful husband, Lew Hyman, who is an investment advisor in Shadyside. She has worked as an attorney for Debra Todd of the Pennsylvania Superior Court for the past seven years. Judge Todd is running for the Supreme Court in the coming election, and Lynn is keeping her fingers crossed for a victory, which would provide a great new career challenge.

Lirwin18@aol.com

1975

Kathleen Hannan Ebli was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2006 and represents the 56th District in Southeastern Michigan - Monroe County. Her Web site is http://056. housedems.com. Kate is a three-year breast cancer survivor and lives in Frenchtown, Michigan with her husband, Nick, and daughter, Tori, who is in college. kategeryl@aol.com



WT Class of '70 Rocks the Outer Banks! Back row: Hilary Tyson-Porter, Andrea Hurtt, Kim Zillweger Beck, Patti Pyle, and Linda Thiessen Bankson. Front row: Megan Hall, Anne Peters, Sharon Simon Dunlap, and Liz Brinker Noble.



Eleanor Schatz Magyar, Alice Merrill, and Audrey Greer Masalehdan, Class of '67 reconnect at reunion.

1974

Wendy Hoechstetter finally moved back into her house following a fire, mold damage, a year living in hotels and temporary housing, and a fortune in renovation expenses. It has been a difficult couple of years between the fire, a broken hand that took her out of commission for quite a while, and some other issues including other health problems, aging family, and dying pets, but somehow she still manages to keep on going. She is working hard on getting her interior design practice up and running, with a goal of having offices in both California and Pittsburgh within a couple of years. If anyone is looking for a great designer anywhere, please keep her in mind. She sees Carolyn Lebeau Hughes regularly when in Pittsburgh and stays in touch with several other classmates. She would love to see anyone who finds their way out to the west coast! wendyannh@earthlink.net

1970

Linda Thiessen Bankson is

so happy that she attended the reunion at the Outer Banks in June with her Class of '70 sisters! She had fun driving down with Kim Zillweger **Beck** and did nothing but chat and laugh the whole way! She writes, "What a neat bunch of unique and special women! It is a very eclectic group, with everyone having had such different life experiences, interests, careers, etc. but we all got along so well! There is definitely a bond between us because of our WT days. Maybe the bond is there also because we are all 55 year old women who are looking again for those 'girlfriends' to share with. Whatever it was, it sure was great to watch the sunrises, share good food and drink, bask in the sun and salt air while talking away with these wonderful women! Thanks, Kim, for being our planner again. Thanks to Megan for the beautiful pictures. And thanks to Kim, Megan, Patti, Sharon, Annie, Hilary, Liz, and Andie for great memories and a great time! Look forward to next summer and Ashville! Hope more

fabulous women from the Class of '70 will join us there! You won't regret it for a moment!" ltbankson@yahoo.com

Kim Zillweger Beck writes that after their amazing 35th reunion in 2005, they reconnected for a fabulous trip to Corolla, SC and have decided to do the beach every other year, and during the alternate years visit each others' cities. Next summer's plans are made! They welcome every one from the Class of '70 to join together at Patti Pyle's mountain home in Ashville, NC the first week in August.

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Deborah Wilde Nelson won tickets to the Toyota Tundra Prove It Tour at Infineon Raceway. Besides driving both the Tundras and the



competitors on the Acceleration and Braking Station, driving on an Off-Road Test Track, she and Butch drove both a Tundra and a Dodge on a quarter mile drag strip. Then, as if they were not flying high enough, Butch and Deb drove two hot laps around the NASCAR track in Busch type cars from the Richard Petty Driving Experience.

1968

Margie Balter proudly announces the release of her solo piano CD entitled *Music* from my Heart. She appeared



in Pittsburgh for a release party and has received rave reviews for her work. The CD is available for purchase on cdbaby.com and iTunes. mbalter@dslextreme.com

Jan Coco Groft and Marilyn Griffin Solomon have

re-connected and enjoyed spending time together last winter at Hidden Valley. Do any other old classmates frequent the Laurel Highlands? If so, please contact Marilyn at MDCMM@aol.com or Jan at jangroft@ptd.net.

1967

Suzie Gurzenda Black wrote from French Polynesia on board their sailboat, Priscilla. She and Tom had a great time crossing the Pacific, but still have a long way to go before reaching New Zealand. Check out their Web site, www.tomandsuzie.com. Unfortunately, Suzie will be at sea and cannot make it back in time for her reunion. airyfairy@juno.com

Yoko Okayama was an exchange student at WT. She is now a teacher at a university in Japan. She is sorry she cannot make the reunion but sends best regards to her classmates from 1967. onmyok@hotmail.com

1966

Chris Haberstick Biedenbach

and her husband have become Florida residents although they still split their time between there and Pittsburgh. Chris retired ten years ago for health reasons and enjoys her three grandchildren, boating, fishing, and good friends.

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Dale Spear Garson is a new grandma! Rachel and Scott had a baby boy, Max Benjamin Feldman, on December 21, 2006. In July the family moved a mile from Dale's home which is a dream come true. They have glorious times hanging out and walking in the park. Dale's therapy practice keeps her very busy. It is growing so much, and she can hardly believe how enthralled she is with what she is doing. Connie Staisey Woodhead and her daughter staved with them on their college tour.

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Mimi Keck still lives in Bethesda, MD with her husband, Larry Wright, and daughters Melissa and Laura, both now in high school. She teaches at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Her new book, Greening Brazil: Environmental Activism in State and Society, co-authored with Kathryn Hochstetler, was published this summer from Duke University. "I loved attending our 40th class reunion last year—we were all such awesome women! I hope we can do it again on our 45th. margaretkeck@mac.com

1964

Jane Michaels was chosen as one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.



This recognition is awarded to less than one-half of one percent of America's 1.1 million attorneys. Jane is a partner in Holland and Hart's Denver office and has had more than 20 years of experience as a trial lawyer in intellectual property and complex commercial cases. She has represented clients throughout the country in business cases involving trade secrets, trademarks, patents, copyrights and computer software disputes. She is also a certified arbitrator and mediator. Recognizing her powerful gifts, Jane was named WT Alumna of the Year in 1992 for her legal prowess. Imichaels@Hollandhart.com

1961

Nan Sachs Solow and Don are still happily living in Pittsburgh and working at jobs they both love. Don continues to enjoy being an architect, and Nan's job teaching fifth grade at Fox Chapel Country Day School brings her a great deal of pleasure, satisfaction, and homework! Their two daughters, Jennifer Solow '82 and Jordan Solow Sweeting '86, and their families meet every summer in Chatham, MA for a two-week vacation. Nan and Don treasure their four wonderful grandchildren.

Nan has fond memories of her years at WT and would love to hear from former classmates. nansol@mac.com

1959

Lynn Clark Pegg writes, "Social Security and Medicare have paved the way to full-time volunteer work! My days are full with local (Duluth, MN) anti-racism initiatives, fundraising events, and organizing Witness for Peace delegations to Colombia and Nicaragua in 2008. Interested in such travel? Contact me at carolynpegg@yahoo.com."

Donna Gow Taylor writes, "During the past year my husband, Hugh, has found his niche in retirement with occasional preaching, singing, and ministering to shut ins, while I continue to teach Head Start during the school year. We both enjoyed our three week trip to Scotland, Ireland and the Lake District of England this summer, and we always enjoy visiting with our 12 grandchildren in New York state and Virginia."

donnahu@comcast.net

1958

Linda Lear writes, "2007 is the centennial of Rachel Carson's birth. Since I wrote her biography in 1997, and have been steadily writing and speaking about her ever since, I have been especially busy on the lecture circuit. The nicest honor, however, came from Chatham College, Carson's alma mater, which conferred on me an honorary doctorate of humane letters at their commencement in May. President Esther Barrazone and I have worked together on several Carson issues in the past, including the designation of the old 9th Street Bridge as

the Rachel Carson Bridge last year. What an achievement that was, and what a thrill to be there for the dedication. In February 2007, I published my new biography, Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature. It is in its 8th printing and the trade paper will be out this coming April. I've been very pleased with it, and though it too took a long time, eight years, I'm not sure there isn't one more book in me. Clara Miller, our history teacher, would be very surprised and pleased, I am sure. Our son, Ian, married a year ago and is still pursuing success in the rock music world with his band, Vaeda. We are beginning a warm weather residency in Charleston, SC in a restored historic house, circa 1753, but I'm not planning to leave Bethesda any time soon. Best wishes to all."

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Judith Tynberg Solomon

writes, "This year will be the 50 year marker for my graduating class. Can't be! I have been in the Boston area for the past 44 years with my husband, Stuart. We have three married children, Michael, Benjamin, and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren. We await our fifth due at the end of this month. Since finishing a four-year program at the Museum School in 1996, I have been



painting in Boston's South End and invite you to visit my work at www.judithsolomon.com. stujsolomon@comcast.net

1957

Becca Ashe Koransky had a nice e-mail from Nann
Hegman Cooke and has almost decided to fly to
Pittsburgh and rent a car in
October to attend her 50th.
She still works a 40-hour week and gets really tired by the end of the week. She spends most of her vacation time with her children and nine grandchildren.

Rebecca.Koransky@moffitt.org

1956

Jane Gault Greer was a successful bidder on WT's online auction and won a fourday stay at The Fairmont Lake Louise Hotel in the Canadian Rockies, including roundtrip



airfare from Pittsburgh to Vancouver and return from Calgary. To complement the prize they booked a train trip on the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver with a stopover in Kamloops and ending in Banff with an overnight in the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. She and George then rented a car with a "gypsy guide" that led them through the spectacular sights of Banff and Jasper National Parks. Jane writes, "Lake Louise was unbelievably beautiful and were superbly cared for. Our trip was particularly meaningful because I vacationed in this very spot with my family the summer before I started WT. Emotionally filled with all of

those wonderful memories of that summer and facing the extraordinary beauty of that part of the world, I succumbed to moments of happy tears. So, thank you WT for the memories and making this trip come to fruition...a dream George and I have often had but never executed. It was just the nudge we needed!"

gcgreer57@hotmail.com

1955

Beverlee Simboli McFadden and her husband, Dan, visited Mary Minor Evans and her



husband, Bob, in Duluth, MN. While visiting, they toured the Marine Museum on Lake Superior.

titosimboli@yahoo.com mevans@d.umn.edu

1953

Betsy Riddle Ruderfer

completed her years as First VP for the D.C. Society of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America and as Chairman of the Patriotic Service Committee, so she now has more time to devote to her music. She released a new CD this fall featuring all Cole Porter songs. Betsy continues to perform every Friday night at a little restaurant in Alexandria, VA, singing with piano accompaniment, and every other Saturday night at North Beach, MD, on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, singing with the Not So Modern Jazz Quartet. Betsy is having the time of her life!

br.ruderfer@att.net

1952

Patsy Singer Talotta moved to an apartment to be able to go away every three weeks and visit her family, living in DC, NY, and NJ. Life is good! patsytalotta@yahoo.com

1951

Carol Crookston Close and Wade visited with Patty McClay Boggs and Lois Graham Tingler. Carol and Wade welcomed their seventh grandchild, Ellie Close Whitaker, in May 2007, in Ann Arbor, MI. She is named for Carol's mother, a Thurston graduate. carolclose@aol.com

1947

Gerda Rice Whitman is disappointed to miss her 60th Reunion but is scheduled for hip surgery in October. She can't believe it's been 60 years and sends greetings and best wishes to her classmates. She hopes to make the 65th!! gerwit@aol.com

1946

Jean Ayars Pohli enjoyed a busy summer with a barge trip to France in June, her granddaughter's wedding in Kentucky, and a celebration of her birthday in July. She is excited about the possibility of a Falk School reunion next year in Pittsburgh. "My life continues to be stimulating, fun, and challenging—not too shabby for 79!"

jeanavandana@comcast.net

1943

Marguerite Tabor Yates still enjoys the Central Park view from her penthouse of 50 years. NYC is clean, exciting, and friendly if not a bit too crowded in the popular streets. She is a member of the United Nations Women's Guild which seeks the poorest children to help in

40 orphanages throughout the world. One of her five children lives in Paris and the others seem to be connected globally by electronics and planes. She still summers in the Pocono Mountains on a preserve of wildlife that Quakers founded for simplicity, sincerity and service. "Let's get together with Jane Askin Parson-Fein whenever WT buddies come to New York!" margueriteyates@earthlink.net

1941

Ruth Weimer Tillar attended a conference for the DAR in DC in June and many meetings and events in Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Blacksburg during the spring months. She looks forward to football games at William and Mary and Virginia Tech during the fall and also a W&M trip to Spain in October. rtillar@verizon.net

1937

Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer is sorry to miss her 70th reunion, but is busy with plans to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary in October with a huge party. She is recovering dramatically from a stroke she suffered in June 2007. But nothing keeps her down. Nancy still serves as chair of the library committee where she lives and is involved in ordering books on CD and DVD, helping to introduce newer technology to her peers. She still orders books, though, because nothing compares to reading a good book under the shade of a great tree!

Honorary Alumna

Ruth Donnelly Egler received the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her exceptional leadership that has contributed to the success of many campaigns and non-profit organizations and has energized philanthropy throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

Condolences

To **Teresina Cardamone-Rayner '99**, on the death of her mother, Gina Cardamone-Rayner, April 13, 2007.

To **Eric Brown '94**, on the death of his father, William E. Brown, July 15, 2007.

To Catherine Specter '91, Bee Jee Epstine Morrison '56, Lesa Morrison '80, and Abby Morrison '82, on the death of their mother, sister, and aunt, Marianna "Mimi" Epstine Specter '58, June 28, 2007

To **Andrea Kann Gassner '86**, on the death of her mother, Anna Watzman Kann, May 28, 2007

To **Dona Sorce '79** and **Lisa Sorce Aiba '76**, on the death of their mother, Lorena Nolden Sorce, March 20, 2007.

To Susan Labriola Livingston '78, Lisa Labriola '75, Cynthia Labriola Tumolo '75, and Mary Labriola '71, on the death of their father, William H. Labriola, March 10, 2007.

To Amy Nixon Mindlin '73, Lisa Nixon Bishop '70, and Sam Mindlin '03 on the death of their father and grandfather, Clarence B. Nixon, Jr., December 11, 2006.

To **Peggy Thomas McKnight '69**, on the death of her father, Robert J. Thomas, April 18, 2007.

To **Karen Wolk Feinstein '63**, on the death of her father, Leonard Wolk, June 18, 2007.

To Eileen Mauclair D'Appolonia '61, Caroline D'Appolonia Barmen '88, Christine D'Appolonia Sprague '84, and Anne D'Appolonia Dickson '99, on the death of their husband and father, David D'Appolonia, November 19, 2006.

To **Frances Blasdell Hubbell '55**, on the death of her husband, Richard Barsley Hubbell, June 10, 2006

To **Janine Louise McCaslin Bergmark '52**, on the death of her husband, Robert Bergmark, January 14, 2007.

Mary "Polly" McNaugher Marsh '51, on the death of her husband, William Timblin Marsh, April 1, 2007.

To Elizabeth Wright Anderson '45 and Patricia Wright Caldwell '58 on the death of their sister, Ann Wright Curran '45, on December 29, 2007.

In Memoriam

The following members of the WT community will be missed by their classmates, friends, students, and colleagues. We offer sincere condolences to their families.

Vida Hurst Kerr '31, November 11, 2006 Sarah Elizabeth Urling Clark '32,

July 22, 2007

Frances Frampton Wigglesworth '32, November 6, 2006

Eleanor Clarkson Sharp '35, January 7, 2007

Dorothy Oliver Mahaffey '37,

February 22, 2007

Barbara Yohe Williams '37, March 18, 2007

Carol Bostwick McConnon '38

Barbara Cartwright Fleming '42, September 11, 2006

Rosann Shuck Mercer '43, June 16, 2007

Anne Christler von Sothen '49, April 17, 2007

Ann Wright Curran '55, December 29, 2006

Marianna "Mimi" Epstine Specter '58, June 28, 2007

Ann Watson '58, January 17, 2007

Bonnie Cook Ross '61, February 12, 2007





WINCHESTER THURSTON SCHOOL ANNUAL GIVING REPORT 06-07



Thanks to extraordinary generosity, WT Fund meets goal

On June 30, 2007, Winchester Thurston achieved another milestone in an already incredible year. The WT Fund, which supports the day-to-day operations at the school, reached its goal of \$670,000!

Over 1,100 donors from within the greater WT community responded with extraordinary generosity to this year's appeals of "615 Important Reasons to Give" and "WT Pride."

Highlights of the 2006-07 WT Fund include:

- We exceeded the goal by over \$20,000!
- We raised more money than ever to support the people and programs that make WT so special!
- A record number of WT Grandparents made gifts to The WT Fund!
- The average gift size per donor increased by 15 percent!
- *Don't Miss The Clue at WT*, our benefit and auction, was a spectacular event, breaking school records for money raised.

We owe our success to the passion and dedication of our volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to make personal visits and phone calls to donors on behalf of the WT Fund. Our thanks go out to the 2006-2007 Development Committee members and WT Fund Ambassadors responsible for our success:

LEADERSHIP:

Henry Posner III, Development Committee Chair Marty Powell, Trustee Committee Co-Chair Rob Glimcher, Trustee Committee Co-Chair Dan Cohen, Parent Ambassador Committee Co-Chair

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Kathleen McCauley
Todd & Tamar Rosenfeld
Brian Schreiber
Allyson Baird Sveda '84 & John Sveda
Joy Troetschel

The Parents Association, led by the capable and charismatic President, Betsy Thompson, provided exceptional financial support to the WT Fund. Contributions of \$100,000 to the WT Fund were made possible through the work of the Parents Association's many volunteers. True to their mission of building community, camaraderie, and commitment, the Parents Association hosted numerous events that resulted in great exposure for WT and community engagement. In addition to the traditional and well-attended yearly events of *Applefest* and Spring Fling, the all-school benefit and auction, Don't Miss The Clue at WT, attracted more than 300 people to our new Upper School.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP:

Betsy Thompson Mary Jean Rusak Leslie Kanter Cynthia Volpe Mary Kay Narla Susan Uretsky Diane Minard Anne Scheuermann Alice Thompson Deesha Philyaw

The newly introduced "Powered by the WT Fund" logo is more than just a catchy graphic; it is a symbol of the importance of unrestricted gifts to the school and a reminder of the force behind what makes WT so special!



The WT Community can take great pride in the many accomplishments achieved this year. The stage has been set for continued success in academics, the arts, and athletics — a stage that would not be possible without the generous and consistent support of WT Fund Donors!

WT FUND GIFTS: 06 – 07 SCHOOL YEAR

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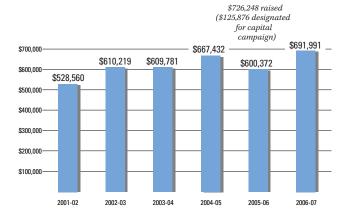
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1931

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1932

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1933

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1934

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1935

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1936

Helen McNair Sinnett

1937

Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer Jane Brooke Farnsworth Mary George Gast Mary Jayne Whipkey Redenbaugh Ruth A. Succop

1938

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1939

Lois Kaplan Finkel Mary Louise Kountz Groover Nancy Crook Tishler

1940

Ida Ann Stevens Sullivan Mary M. Voigt

1941

Britta Ericson Chambers Betty Girts Dell Barbara Foster Mars Dorothy Willison Reed Virginia Ann Sheppard Ruth Weimer Tillar

1942

Ruth Speidel Dalzell-McMillan Marion Thompson Kerwin Gertrude M. Kneil Eleanor Jackson Migdal Jane Bortman Porter

1943

Anonymous (2)
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Shirley Seubert Chewning
Joan Borden Drury
Janet Donaldson Gilmore
Jessie Butler Herdic
Janet Eisenbeis Johnson
Sally Doerschuk Ketchum
Jocelyn Hulme MacConnell
Barbara Weinberg Rackoff
Suzanne Fink Scott
Rachel V. Heppenstall Shingler
Adrienne Pigossi Shryock
Joyce Runk Wenston
Marguerite Tabor Yates

1944

Joan Frank Apt
Jean Forncrook Armstrong
Mary Cunningham Bailey
Marion Weis Cohen
Marcia Phillips Cornell
Virginia Wicks Douglas
Anna-Stina Ericson
Jean Ballard George
Dolores Kaufman Gluck
Ann Meckel Hendry
Murray Armstrong James
Elizabeth Ricketts Knott
Valerie Roemer Lynn
Nancy Succop Schroeder

Patricia Conner Schulte Margaret Edgar Sellers Nancy Cohen Werner Sally Smith Williams

1945

Anonymous
Elizabeth Wright Anderson
Suzanne Robbins Barnes
Elizabeth Ann Leggett Black
Frances Lyne Heiner
Esther Speidel Jack
Betty Jean (B.J.) King Kane
Shirley Kerr Kennard
Electra Anthon Manfred
Anne (Rooney) Forncrook
McCloskey

1946

Enola Sargent Almany Iane Callomon Arkus Katherine MacDonald Blenko Caroline Abraham Delavan Jean Curran Donley Rita J. Gould Lenore Corey Hanson Mary Meyer Johns Patricia Marlin Laird Thelma Levin Levine Rita Gottlieb Levis Amy Comins Lowenstein Elizabeth Schultz Moore Jean Ayars Pohli Jane Marcy Pritchard Marcia Miller Weiss

1947

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1948

Anonymous
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Virginia Jack Claxon
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Elizabeth T. Jackman
Nancy Queer McSorley
Jane Dressler Page
Joan Heppenstall Sieber

1949

Myrna Kline Hackney Margaret Smith Wenzel, M.D.

1950

Nancy Ray Copp Graves
Rev. Carol Straub Guilbert
Caryl Amshel Halpern
Adlyn Hollearn Hickey
Sally Duff Kennedy
Marilyn Sugerman Latterman
Patricia Booth Linehan
Margaret Anne Ewart Riter
Mary Jane Langham Walling

1951

Anonymous
Patricia McClay Boggs
Carol Crookston Close
Sally Bloom Cohen
Ruth O'Brien Collura
Audrey Whitcomb Fetter
Constance Smith Franklin
Sallie Gottlieb Korman
Louise Baldridge Lytle
Marjorie Reed Olson
Nancy Bair Peacock
Lois Graham Tingler

1952

Suzanne LeClere Barley
Janine Louise McCaslin Bergmark
Barbara Abney Bolger
Joan Dibert Caryl
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Alice Stotz Diehl
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1953

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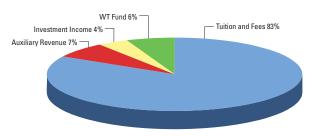
1954

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1955

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1957

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Marilyn King Jones
Nancy Seip Krot
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1958

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1959

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Alexandra Brittain Knox
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1960

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Elizabeth Booth Ezerman
Christiana Hoffman Hirshberg
Donne Erving Holden, M.D.
Elizabeth Hackett Huffine
Bebe Dorrance Marchal
Barbara Gott Martha
Susan Hopkins Martin
Judi Mosenson McCord
Susan Criep Santa-Cruz
Alison Pedicord Schleifer
Elisa Lynch Simmons

1961

Barbara Nickel Beisel
Martha Goorin Bolte-Peterson
Eileen Mauclair D'Appolonia
Sally Colbaugh Marks
Barbara Taylor McKelvey
Sandra Hawkins Miller
Dorothy Hart Murray
Holiday Hulme Shoup
Nan Sachs Solow

1962

Francie Johnston Brentzel Aline J. Massey Elizabeth Bell Middleton

1963

Susan Sharp Dorrance (A) Ann Zehner Edwards Susan Wainwright Friesell Annette Moser Hodess Carolyn Riviere Worrall

1964

Judy Ruben Alpert Gayle Shaw Camden Lynda Stern Coslov L. Virginia Crawford Carol Martin Crook Jennifer Davies Carole Haskell Epstein Francine Gitnick Franke Julie Willey Haase Georgia McKee Holmberg Marga Matheny Becky-Lee Sweet O'Connor Jeanne Horner Pote Christine Raisig Nancy Herron Ruben Susan Finkel Wechsler Nancy Hickox Wright Carolyn Sharp Yates (A)

1965

Anonymous Mary Sturm Albright Emily Amerman R. Victoria Berg Darryl Massey Bladen Elizabeth Brittain Mary Helen Hamilton Burroughs Julie Hibbard Crittenden Joan Clark Davis Cheri Rose Feinman Nancy Clever Middleton Lynn Gerrick Miller Helen Mar H. Parkin Marny Riehl Peabody Myrna Klee Robinson Joyce Kloss Teese Cynthia Pearson Turich Beth Wright

1966

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1967

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Kristi A. Kerins A
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Karen McKinley
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Maggi Musico Reiss
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Leslie Thomas
Virginia (Jiji) Reed Weidner

1968

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1969

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1970

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Susan Crump Hammond
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Lynn Wechsler Kramer
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Anne Peters
Jane Appleyard Roel
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Hilary Tyson

1971

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1972

Dana Levy Baldwin Louise Gillespie Cannon Joan Clarkson Crowell Jane Goldstein Haas Virginia Hofer Loesch Leslie M. McKinley Mary Pivirotto Murley Susan A. Reel-Panish

1973

Anonymous
Barbara Lichtenstul Lippman
Peggy E. Lowenstein
Amy Nixon Mindlin
Pamela Price Pryor
Joanne Ross Simon
Maureen L. Sullivan, M.D.

1974

Anonymous
Carolyn Fine Friedman
Eleanor Agnew Giriyappa
Annekathryn Goodman
Judith Hoover
Leisel Locke Lengyel
Leslie Ann Meredith
Christina Kalaris Sfanos
Meg McKean Taylor
Amy Gurtin Winokur

1975

Laura Wechsler Broff Cynthia Cramer Lackey Allison Levy Randy Lyon Mayes Ann Beldecos Natale Michelle Kane O'Donnell Sally Barley Pietsch A Anne M. Scheuermann

1976

Anonymous (2) Lisa Sorce Aiba Susan Davis Claus Dr. Susan M. Dunmire Karen L. Hughes Carol Hydovitz Mary Vann Odom Stacy Jannis Tamerlani

1977

Andrea C. Beldecos Cindy Deskins Brickley Jean A. Hetzel Eleanore Meredith Janet Marstine Polishook Geri Anderson Potter Lindsay McKean Scott Gretchen Bohna Weissner

1978

Randi Coffey Jennifer Hetzel Gear Laura Jean Ketchum Melissa Oliphant Heidi Pearlman Tacie H. Yoon

1979

Gail Kuller Enda
Ellen Silverman Garvin
Kate Taylor Golightly
Mason McKean Hoeller
Ellen Krause Johnson
Jodi Cohen Klein
Dr. Leslie Bondy Latterman
Mary McKenna
Helene Stone Prince
Helenbeth Reiss Reynolds
Carol Levy Wilson

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1981

Lori Adelson Derman

Constance King Faasse Carolyn Ferguson Marti Kavaler Fischer Iris Angerman Friedman Cindy Rom Glickert Marcie Slotsky Katzen Barbara Kraemer-Cook Debra Durr Ladley Anita Prizio Lillian Goldstein Schapiro Heidi Hageman Smith Julie Felman Wagner

1982

Anonymous Beth Beebe Blackwood Mary Beth McLaughlin Leech Lynn Friedman Warren

1983

Anonymous Edith Raphael Brotman Melissa Reynolds Rizer Lori Sobol Jeannette Locke Wellman Lisa Altman Young

1984

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1985

Tracey Cohen Julie Tarasevich Dever Deborah Tenenouser Hochman Amy Rose Goldstein Jaffe Laura Kruper, M.D.

1986

Jennifer Alexander Honig Jennifer Kaplan Elizabeth Samet Jordan Solow Sweeting

1987

Janet Harrison Kuzmishin Dr. Melinda Scully Noah Heather Palonder Lauren B. Raphael Kimberly Farinet Sailer

1988

Loretta Lobes Benec Gail Unger Fryncko Eva Kolodner Jacqueline Marks Mary Martin

1989

Elizabeth Miller Buchanan Annie Hanna Engel Amy Smith Gunn Dina Kaplan (A) Sheen Sehgal Constance Paras Wong

1990

Rachel Graves

1991

Kathleen L. Metinko

1993

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1994

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1995

Lauren Randolph Ames Jennifer C. Brady Caytie Hunt

1996

Anonymous

1997

Stacey Stanczak Smith

1998

Laura Cantor Thomas B. McChesney, Jr. Lee Moses (A)

2000

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2001

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2006

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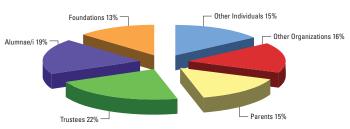
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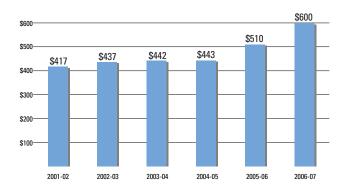
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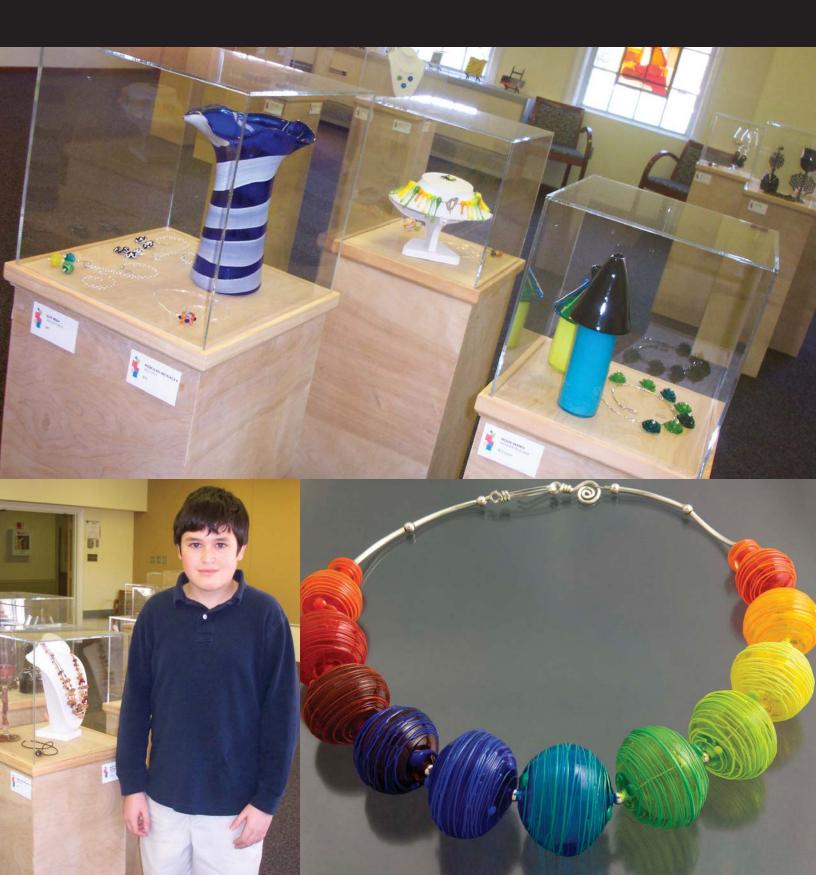


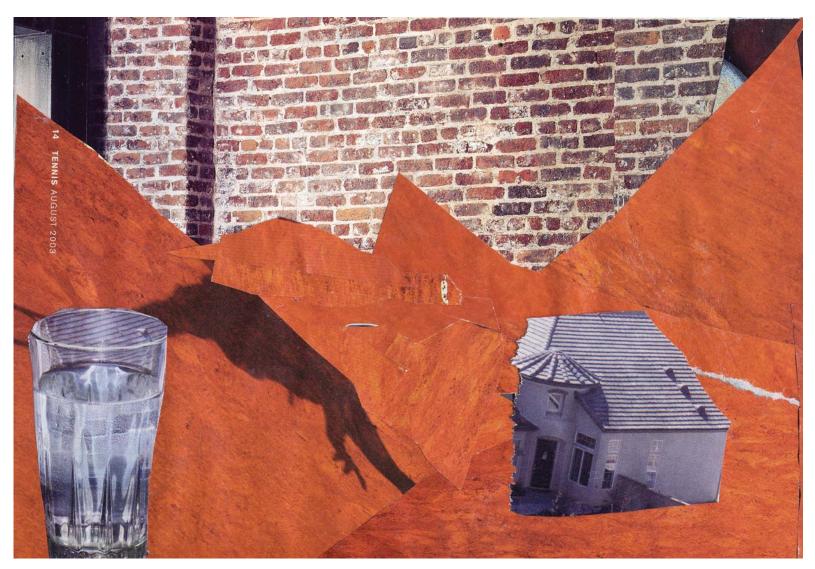




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