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Teacher, administrator, spreader of peace and love

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Winchester Thurston School proudly acknowledges our 2008 – 2009 Malone Scholars.

Congratulations to this year’s Malone Scholars (from top, clockwise) Hannah Strong ’09, Alexander Zukoff ’12, Noah Vito ’12, Kyle Czurko ’14, and Alexa Yu ’11. These outstanding students received this distinction as the result of a $2 million grant from the Malone Family Foundation in recognition of WT’s rigorous academic program that serves the needs of gifted and talented students. This national foundation selected Winchester Thurston as one of three top independent schools in the country to be awarded a grant in 2007.
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This fall I have been reflecting on the theme of change that is resonating in our culture now, as we continue to challenge ourselves to prepare our students to thrive in an uncertain world.

Change is a product of innovation, and innovation is a product of imagination. As we look to a more hopeful future it will be the imagination that yields solutions and discoveries in the realms of renewable energy, global health, and education. In discussing the future of our school, our region, and our world, members of WT’s Advisory Board have impressed upon us that our students face an unscripted future. Little will be more important to them, and to the world’s fate, than their imaginations, fully developed and unleashed.

Over the centuries wise thinkers have paid homage to imagination. Blaise Pascal, one of the world’s great mathematical and scientific geniuses, said, “Imagination disposes of everything; it creates beauty, justice, and happiness, which are everything in the world.”

More recently, groundbreaking work on brain functioning by Harvard researcher Howard Gardner has shed further light on the vitality and centrality of imagination and its close intellectual relatives.

In his book Creating Minds, Gardner says, “In science, mathematics, and the arts, there is widespread recognition of the significant place occupied by intuition, unconscious promptings, inexplicably.”

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— Blaise Pascal

Heidi Hayes Jacobs, an education professor at Columbia University, has reminded us of what Daniel Goleman’s landmark book, Emotional Intelligence, demonstrated conclusively: “It’s not just the ability to remember things and feed them back on tests that determines how well you’re going to do in life. It’s the ability to solve problems and reflect and to, in fact, think critically.”

Certainly great schools teach foundational knowledge, but great schools also call upon students to use that foundational knowledge in service to their imaginations. At Winchester Thurston, we’ve worked to foster our students’ imaginations in myriad ways, because we know through direct experience that it will lead them to develop critical thinking skills, creativity, perseverance, and integrity. As you read this edition of ThistleTalk you will see some vivid examples of how Winchester Thurston fosters the development of the imagination. The stories are beautiful and inspirational, and represent the ways in which our faculty members ignite our students’ passion for learning and guide them in using their imaginations as important tools for discernment, delight, and intellectual engagement.

New Faces on the Board

Dusty Elias Kirk is a partner in the Pittsburgh office of Pepper Hamilton, LLP. She is co-chair of the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group and chair of the Sustainability and Climate Change Team. She concentrates her practice on all aspects of real estate development with an emphasis on real estate litigation, including real estate tax assessment appeals, land use and zoning appeals, and eminent domain proceedings. She also counsels her clients on an array of sustainability issues. Prior to joining Pepper in 1998, Kirk was a shareholder in the firm of Frank, Bails, Kirk, Murcko and Toal, PC, in Pittsburgh, where she was a founding member and president.

Kirk is chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board, a member of the Board of Governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA), and serves on the gender equality task force sub-committee. She is secretary of the Council for the Real Property Section of the ACBA, and a member of the Women in the Profession Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She is also on the steering committee of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Development Network, a part of Sustainable Pittsburgh. She was recently appointed to the Transportation Action Partnership, and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

Kirk is chair of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania, and nominating chair of the Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Western Pennsylvania.

Kirk has two children, a son, David, who attends Central Catholic High School, and a daughter, Jeannie, who is a member of the WT Class of 2013. She also has a step-daughter, Alyssa Caroselli, who graduated from WT as a member of the Class of 1994.

Marty Powell is president of The Design Alliance Architects, having joined the firm in 1978. His architectural design experience includes numerous projects for companies, universities, and schools in our region. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Powell received his Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1973 from Cornell University, where he graduated first in his class, and went on to obtain a M.B.A. from Duquesne University in 1980.

Powell serves as board member of the Independent School Chairpersons Association and as a trustee of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the Winchester Thurston Board of Trustees for four years, from 2001 to 2005.

Powell and his wife, Deborah, have a daughter, Elspeth, a 2008 graduate of Winchester Thurston. She is now a freshman in the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University.
city as our campus

VISION 2020: WT Advisory Board Considers Enhanced Strategic Programs

Second Meeting of Regional Leaders Focuses on City as Our Campus

Helping Winchester Thurston to envision the potential of its unique City as Our Campus program, the WT Advisory Board engaged in a lively brainstorming session on October 16, 2008, that yielded exciting results.

For the past four years, with support from the E.E. Ford Foundation, entrepreneurial faculty members have formed connections with regional resources, including the Pittsburgh Zoo, Manchester Craftsman’s Guild, Carnegie Mellon University, the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Carnegie Science Center, the Archives of the Industrialist Society, and others. By incorporating these resources into their courses and units, teachers have found unique and transformative ways for students to apply knowledge, deepen understanding, discover passions, and broaden their perspectives. The Advisory Board’s meeting focused on how the school can take City as Our Campus to a more comprehensive level.

Central to the discussion was to find ways to build more experiential learning into the college preparatory curriculum, an idea encouraged by the Advisory Board at its March 2008 meeting.

“The concepts and thoughts from the [Advisory Board’s] inaugural meeting in March have coalesced into a framework that places students at the center, surrounded by the value of experiential learning,” explains WT Trustee Kathleen Buechel. “Focusing on City as Our Campus, we continue our advisory process by considering proposals for new strategic initiatives assessed against that framework.”

Advisory Board members, together with WT Trustees and faculty members representing the full spectrum of academic disciplines, met in small groups to consider four key questions: How can a school contribute to the re-invigoration and revitalization of a city? How might WT use its City as Our Campus initiative to continue to add vitality to our students’ educational experience? What could WT bring to City as Our Campus partners that would help them to add vitality to their organizations, programs, missions? And, how could other schools replicate these ideas or concepts?

A mosaic of concepts and ideas emerged, ranging from a course on urban policy that could be offered in partnership with other schools, to science- and economics-based micro-enterprises, to a virtual conservatory of the arts, to an Urban Laboratory program that looks at the city as a system. Some will be further developed in a multi-year strategy to grow the City as Our Campus program.

“With Advisory Board’s help we’re working now to shape ideas for enhanced City as Our Campus programs that not only enrich our students’ educational and cultural knowledge and experiences, but also contribute significantly to the broader community and city in which we live, work, and learn,” concludes Head of School Gary J. Niels.

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CITY AS OUR CAMPUS RECEIVES GRANT FROM NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Winchester Thurston’s City as Our Campus initiative has grown to become a defining element of the curriculum. The initiative supports directly the school’s intention to graduate students with intellectual curiosity, independence, and initiative, by providing experiential learning opportunities that broaden their educational horizons beyond the confines of the classroom walls. This summer, Benedict Foundation for Independent Schools, a national foundation, awarded Winchester Thurston a matching $25,000 grant to continue the evolution and growth of this important program.

“We are honored to have the Benedict Foundation’s support and thrilled to have the resources necessary to enhance and grow this program. This is another important endorsement of Winchester Thurston School’s unique program,” says Gary J. Niels, Head of School.

In 2004, City as Our Campus was recognized through a prestigious matching grant from The Edward E. Ford Foundation. These funds were used to compensate faculty for the development of new courses, units of study, and programs that have been added to our school’s offerings.

The Benedict Foundation for Independent Schools funds projects to improve education programs at independent secondary schools, including academic improvement projects, scholarship aid, construction, faculty salaries and faculty summer workshops.

“City as Our Campus is a differentiator that bolsters WT’s image and identity in the community,” says Niels. “We believe that, as this program expands, it has the potential to serve as a model for other independent schools.”

WT AND MCG-JAZZ: BROADENING THE REACH

The jazz plays on, and John Maione can’t contain his excitement. “It’s going to be a music-filled year... yeah, yeah, yeah!”

Still going strong in its third year is WT’s partnership with Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild (MCG) Jazz, an exemplary model of the City as Our Campus initiative. Maione, Middle and Upper School performing arts teacher, coordinates a full slate of events that bring jazz masters into the school for workshops and performances—such as the visit from the Gerald Clayton Trio in October 2008 and the Pancho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band planned for April 2009. In addition, MCG Jazz provides opportunities for students to learn with world-class musicians at MCG’s state-of-the-art facilities—such as the “side-by-side” rehearsal scheduled for April 2009, in which WT Upper School musicians will play along with the Trinity Jazz Orchestra, a professional repertory jazz orchestra, prior to performances at MCG.

But what really has Maione humming this year is the broadening of offerings to include all three school divisions. In February 2009, composer, jazz guitarist, native Pittsburgher, and “Handyman Negri” of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” Joe Negri, will present an in-school concert for Middle and Upper School students. Following the concert, Negri will visit grades 1 and 2 to introduce them to jazz, accompanied on guitar by Maione. For the third year in a row, the third-grade class will travel to MCG for a jazz program designed especially for their grade level in April 2009.

“We’re finding exciting new ways to bring these experiences to all grade levels.”

“The younger you expose kids to jazz—and all forms of music, for that matter—the better,” enthuses Maione. “Although the partnership began with an Upper School focus on providing culturally enriching and transformative experiences, we’re finding exciting new ways to bring these experiences to all grade levels.”

Jazz pianist Gerald Clayton with John Maione.
CRASH COURSE ON BIG BANG

WT physics students were transported 14 billion years back to the beginning of time during an extraordinary assembly on September 26, courtesy of Dr. Vladimir Savinov, particle physics expert, whose work for the Large Hadron Collider, or LHC, in Switzerland has propelled him into the stratosphere of scientists.

Savinov—whose energy on energy was palpable—sent imaginations soaring with insights on the Big Bang, dark matter, dark energy, and more. “It was monumental,” said Thomas Holmes ’12. “A scientist such as Dr. Savinov is not someone that you have the chance to meet every day of your life.”

Savinov, Associate Professor of Physics at the University of Pittsburgh, is involved with groundbreaking research at CERN, the world’s largest particle physics laboratory, located in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Savinov is one of 1,700 scientists from 37 countries united in their work on the ATLAS experiment for the LHC, a particle accelerator used to study the smallest known particles. It is the largest scientific experiment in the history of mankind.

“This experiment could turn particle physics on its head,” said Sharon Goughnour, Upper School science and mathematics teacher who, with the help of WT parent Paula Holmes, brought Savinov to WT. “To have somebody here in Pittsburgh actually involved in that is extraordinary.”

ART ATTACK!

When “Life on Mars,” the 2008 Carnegie International, was launched last May, Morgan Gilbreath ’09, Destiny McKnight ’09, and Laura Short ’09 were among a constellation of lucky students beamed into its orbit via Zero Gravity, the Carnegie Museum of Art’s groundbreaking internship program. “I love being in the galleries and meeting so many incredible people,” says Morgan. “It makes you think very differently. It’s so beautiful and influential and mesmerizing.”

Laura explains, “Getting lost in a work by yourself or with others is by far the best part. When you look at a work extensively, silently, mini-epiphanies sprout again and again, ultimately leading up to a major revelation. Once I reach revelation-level, an eternal relationship with the work is formed. Even if I do not see the work for a few weeks, when I return, it is like catching up and reminiscing. When discussing with a group, a relationship forms with those with whom you have discussed it. That type of dynamic truly makes the internship what it is.”
Great teaching is the lifeblood of Winchester Thurston School, and the most critical element in preparing our students for college and for life in the 21st century. Great teaching is synonymous with innovation—a blend of creativity and passion, a willingness and ability to build fresh connections, create new spaces, to engage students as scientists, artists, historians, and writers.

In the pages ahead, you will read about teachers who have created inspired programs, lessons, and experiences that ignite students’ imaginations; strengthen their sense of responsibility to the natural world; connect them to learning opportunities regionally, nationally, and globally; and open their eyes to new careers, new technologies, and new ways of learning.

As a college preparatory school, Winchester Thurston prepares students to thrive in an unscripted, rapidly changing, diverse, and collaborative world. Their knowledge and discernment, and their ability to apply multidisciplinary critical thinking and problem-solving skills, will be crucial not only to their success, but to the well-being of society.
Whether engaging young children in studying bugs in a tree stump, crafting elaborate meals of twigs and fallen leaves, or slaying dragons on an open air stage, WT North’s new natural playground has ignited students’ imagination. “It’s changing the nature of play,” says Nancy Rogers, North Hills Campus Director.

Developed largely by North Hills Campus teachers Brock Perkins (grade 5) and Lynne Raphael (Kindergarten), the natural playground expands play options for all students while realizing the importance of connecting children with nature.

FRESH AIR AND FANTASY
Nurturing wonder is inherent to the new playground, which immerses students in nature while they explore its diverse areas: the climbing circuit, composed of boulders encircled by smooth tree trunks; digging areas filled with sand, mulch, and pea gravel; a building area featuring real tools and natural construction materials; a natural art center, with its ready abundance of supplies; a stage, replete with costumes and musical instruments; adjacent butterfly and children’s gardens; even a composter, complete with worms.

“I like jumping off the rocks because it’s kind of challenging. It’s fun to jump off the high log near the rocks,” says third grader Natalie Rhoades. “Lauren, Mattie, and I sit on the log and we slide backwards and it’s really fun!”

SELF-DIRECTED PLAY, COMMUNITY CONNECTION
“The children seem drawn to things they can act on and change,” says Raphael. “They love having options on the playground and are engaged in a variety of ways on different days. The circuit with rocks may be a general gathering and conversing area some days, while at other times it is the center of very focused
balancing as children go round and round testing themselves on different parts. The first day, a Kindergartner crawled around on his hands and knees—not very comfortable—but by the next day, he was on his feet declining any help. He is now very confident in his balancing ability, and this mastery seems to carry over into the classroom. In the first week, several of the first and second graders helped the Kindergartners to balance by holding their hands. There was almost an unspoken badge of honor for helping the ‘little ones,’ and it was a wonderful moment demonstrating the care resulting from our Responsive Classroom approach.”

**TURNING POINT**

Ideas for the natural playground began taking shape more than two years ago, but the project gained serious momentum last April. “Based on the great turnout for our Earth Day Work Day, we knew we had the interest,” says Perkins. Soon after, plans began in earnest, fueled by research on playground designs that “involve children with natural materials, not just the plastic and metal structures produced by different manufacturers.”

Last summer, Perkins and Raphael won the 2008 Mary Houston Griffin Award for Excellence in Teaching for their proposal to enrich North’s existing playground with a variety of natural playground areas. The award, which provides funds to WT faculty to enhance teaching and service to students, enabled construction to begin at last. “There wasn’t funding otherwise,” explains Rogers.

“We set up goggles and sawhorses, and we had a work day,” she continues. “Everyone came: parents, faculty, children. We built, hammered out corners, took all the rough bark off. Even the materials for our building area—the tree cookies, logs and blocks—were sawed that day either by parents or students. We worked all weekend, actually.”

WT parents John and Lee Bares, both engineers, supervised the effort, and the playground debuted this fall. “The Bares’ leadership and expertise were invaluable,” states Rogers. “They gave an enormous amount of time, before and after the weekend. Everything was analyzed, designed, and built with the safety of the children, and how they would use the playground, in mind.”

**SAFETY FIRST, FUN FOLLOWS**

“Safety was at the core of everything we considered and implemented,” affirms Lee Bares. “We utilized current playground safety standards and recommendations principally from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and also the National Program for Playground Safety and the Arbor Day Foundation.” She adds, “The hours we personally spent are uncounted and will forever remain a joy to us. One of the greatest parts of this project was the two days when [everyone] came together for the massive installation effort...where people showed up and did whatever was needed or asked and kept coming back for more. We are left wishing there could be more to do; it has been that much fun!”

“In some ways, I think [the playground] will always be a work in progress,” muses Rogers, revealing that a playhouse made from tree trunks and parts, designed by Lee Bares, will be constructed this spring.

Research suggests myriad benefits to children exposed to natural environments, including better concentration and self-discipline; more advanced motor fitness and improved cognitive development; greater imaginative and creative play; and the fostering of language and collaborative skills. But as far as students are concerned, the biggest benefit is quite simple: “No matter what we do out there, we’re having fun,” says third grader Lexi Thompson.
Each fall, millions of monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles to Mexico for the winter—some bearing tags applied right here at WT. "We are doing real science that can make a difference to the long-term survival of a species," says Kelly Vignale, City Campus Lower School science and technology teacher.

"Thanks to tagging, in 1975 it was first discovered that monarchs migrate from as far north as Canada to Michoacan, Mexico," explains Vignale, adding that she and Heather Capezzuti, North Hills Campus science teacher, have worked with WT third graders to tag hundreds of butterflies over the past three years. "The tagging helps us to keep track of butterfly populations in the wild. Although monarchs are doing well right now, they are very vulnerable due to their picky eating habits as caterpillars and the small space they occupy in Mexico during the winter."

**SCIENCE TAKES WING**

Students are involved from start to finish, continues Vignale, "raising monarchs from eggs that arrive by mail, then feeding the larvae, or caterpillars, fresh milkweed from our butterfly garden. They clean their homes for about two weeks, then watch the chrysalis until the adult butterflies hatch, or eclose."

Next, they’re put into a large net for observation, carefully tagged ("by putting the tag on a toothpick and rolling it onto the butterfly’s wing on the dorsal scale"), and released into the butterfly garden, where they begin their historic migration southward.

**TAGGING AND TRACKING**

Not only do the students care for the butterflies and assist in their release, they also record real, solid data that’s logged on to the database of Monarch Watch, an organization dedicated to the study of monarch butterflies. "We record the number on the tag, the date released, whether it’s male or female, and if it’s wild caught or reared in captivity," explains Vignale. "If one of our butterflies is found and reported, they will send us a certificate. We haven’t had one reported yet, but (one day) I hope one is. I would shout it from the rooftops!"

**MEANING AND MAGIC**

Though it’s mainly third graders who are involved, students in other grades delight in the butterflies, too.

"This is the first year I have found monarch eggs with my students in the garden at WT," says Vignale. "We found nine one day and gave them to the Kindergarteners to care for. And when the first graders practiced microscopes, we used some of the caterpillars for observation."

For teachers and students alike, it’s a project filled with meaning and magic.

Says Vignale, "To see the students’ excitement is exhilarating for me. Sometimes they don’t want to let their butterflies go!"

For more information on monarch butterflies and their migration, including tagging and tracking, visit www.monarchwatch.org and www.learner.org/jnorth.
ed by Middle School science teacher Tracy Valenty and Lower School science and technology teacher Kelly Vignale, students got up-close and personal with sundry hairy-legged insects and arachnids thanks to Bugscope, an educational outreach program of the Beckman Institute’s Imaging Technology Group.

WT third, fifth, and sixth graders, immersed in one science unit on insects and another on microscopes, collected a wide variety of bugs and shipped them to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; during a series of “virtual field trips” to the university, WT students were able to examine their specimens through an environmental electron scanning microscope at the university.

Students gathered in computer labs and used remote access to link directly to the powerful microscope. In real time, students were able to “drive” the microscope, choosing from an array of their own specimens, and magnify objects as much as 200,000 times their normal size. They were also able to ask questions of a number of scientific experts at the university, who were also logged on to dialog with the students.

“The students were very excited about this project,” commented Valenty. “Engaging them in the Bugscope program will help build their appreciation for the world of insects and for scientific research in general. We have been talking about careers in science, and this exposure just broadens their sense of the scope of opportunities out there.”

Winchester Thurston students’ experience with Bugscope was featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in an article entitled, “Sixth-Graders Get to Look into Eye of What Bugs Them.”

Teacher Kelly Vignale coaches Connor Colomba ’16, Max Zissu ’15, and others on “driving” the microscope.
Students (left to right) Ari Schuman ’11, Stern Herd ’09, and Hadley Armstrong ’09 have taken part in the PPT collaboration, which is spearheaded by teachers Barbara and John Holmes.
Winchester Thurston’s Technical Theater program takes top billing this year, thanks to an innovative partnership with Pittsburgh Public Theater (PPT). The collaboration—the first of its kind for both WT and PPT, made possible by a generous grant from an anonymous benefactor—significantly expands the reach of *City as Our Campus* by taking students behind the scenes of professional theater production.

**FROM CONCEPT TO CLOSING NIGHT**

“Pittsburgh Public Theater is one of the best and oldest theaters in Pittsburgh,” says Barbara Holmes, Upper School performing arts and English language arts teacher. “It’s extraordinary for us to be able to have a partnership with an institution like PPT. Most partnerships involving schools and theaters are limited to observing shows, but we wanted to go a step further and enable our students to tap into what really goes on there.”

Through visits to PPT’s costume and scene shops; monitoring dress and technical rehearsals; studying stage combat, stage management, and set design; and partaking in a range of seminars, workshops, and consultations at PPT and WT, students are gaining an in-depth look at the creation of professional theater from concept to closing night, with technical theater always the star.

“The students get to see who’s making the artistic decisions, who’s collaborating on those decisions, who has a voice in every aspect of the production,” says Rob Zellers, PPT’s Director of Education and Outreach.

Says senior Hadley Armstrong, stage manager of WT’s major productions, “I love that I get to see the work I do with Winchester Thurston on a professional level and on a much larger scale. Their stage manager’s work really inspired me—especially as I am thinking about colleges and majors—to consider doing professional theater for a living.”

**SEASON DEBUT**

The partnership debuted in September with a workshop at WT. “Rob Zellers brought various staff here—the stage manager, resident props person, a producer, electrician, sound designer, and sound engineer,” says Barbara Holmes. “They talked about what we wanted to do, and described their roles in the theater.”

“The woman who does props brought in props,” continues John Holmes, WT’s Technical Theater Director, “and the lighting guy came in with a lighting plot. The kids were amazed.”

“That’s another key aspect,” adds Barbara Holmes. “We’re limited in our facility and our equipment and what we have here, but when they go to the Pittsburgh Public Theater, they can see the state-of-the-art equipment and how it’s used. When they’re hanging lights, they’re hanging 300-plus lights, and it’s all computerized.”

In contrast, says John Holmes, “Here we have 40 lights, and students think that’s a challenge!”

**DISPARATE DISCIPLINES**

Encompassing all aspects of production, technical theater carefully synthesizes a large and seemingly disparate variety of disciplines, skills, and interests, from art and history to sound design and vintage clothing.

“Anyone working in technical theater needs to know how to research, because to find or make props, to design the set in the time period, you have to read the history of that time period,” explains John Holmes. “What were the economics? How were people dressing? PPT will help us understand how to better research these things.”

“Projects like this—taking a real theatrical production, going behind the scenes, being at the actress’ ready—are greatly valuable to students at WT,” says Ari Schuman ’11. “I got to go behind the scenes of a real one-woman show, and I was quite literally the only high school student there. This helped to show me how WT performing arts can integrate new techniques into our rehearsals.”

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE FUTURE**

Not only do students glean practical information from the experience, they, and the faculty, now have ongoing access to PPT’s professional expertise.

“If we have a concept and need help researching or figuring out how to realize it, how to achieve realistic costumes or a set, we can go to them,” says John Holmes. “We can say, this is what we’re trying to do, but we’re stuck, and they’ll say, well, why don’t you try this, we’ve done this in the past and it’s worked.”

In the future, the focus may expand to include writing, directing and acting. Encore partnerships depend on additional funding. But for now, technical theater proudly occupies center stage.

“For six years we’ve been putting more focus on the tech program, and we’ve built up a little core group of students, but we want to expand the group further,” says Barbara Holmes.

“We’re also striving to show how critical technical theater is to production,” adds John Holmes. “People don’t realize that tech is just as important as the actors.”

Concludes Hadley, “We already have such a great drama program here, and it would be fantastic for more and more students to join our theater’s already dedicated team of passionate students and faculty.”
Beloved King’s Reign Remembered
Rebecca King recently reflected on her 22-year career at Winchester Thurston School. An integral and influential member of the WT community, King spent 11 years as Kindergarten teacher and another 11 as Director of Admission. This year she retired, but her influence continues to be felt at WT.

**A NEW ADVENTURE**

On a summer evening in 1986, Rebecca King sat on the stoop of her new apartment in Bloomfield and contemplated her next big adventure: teaching Kindergarten at WT. “I feel like it was only yesterday,” she remembers. “The sun was going down, and I was...looking at the list of my students’ names, thinking, ‘who are these little people? What am I going to do for them?’

After 15 years at the Amherst Day School, first as teacher, then as director, King had decided to pull up stakes. A friend—whom she would eventually marry—talked her into sending resumes to schools in Pittsburgh, and several months later, here she was. “I was impressed that WT put its trust in me and in my educational expertise and instincts. That engaged me in such a way that I knew I could serve a new population, a new school, a new community.”

“At Winchester I was permitted to create what I thought was best,” she says. “I was able to try out what I thought was most appropriate practice in education. That seed is sown through WT’s culture, and teachers are really given the chance to put themselves into this culture. There’s a piece of your soul in each classroom.”

**THE PETRI DISH OF KINDERGARTEN**

King quickly became known in the WT community as a gifted educator, and her students today still point to her as an important influence. “She taught us about peace and justice and conflict resolution,” says Rasika Teredesai ’00. “I know that this was part of the root of my own passionate interest in peace and justice, which is why I’ve chosen to go into law. When I was in the eighth grade she spoke to us about the civil rights movement and similar work that she had been involved with. Later, she gave me a book with quotes about the importance of freedom, which I still use as inspiration.”

Elsbeth Powell ’08 comments. “The encouraging and loving spirit in a teacher like Miss King makes kids want to come to school. Even when she was not my teacher she was still interested in my well-being.”

King reflects, “I took the role of being a teacher as a responsibility for the development of the whole child: emotional, social, physical, academic, intellectual and, to some extent, spiritual. It isn’t just teaching a child to read; it’s teaching him or her how to be a human being.

“We had a peace table in our room with a huge poster of Gandhi looming over it, and children would go there to write, draw, or talk about a tussle they were having, and it was amazing how they would use that often and with independence. You give them the tools and the space to take action. They can figure it out, and they want to figure it out. Little children have big thoughts, and they like to talk about them!”

Through it all, King—the 1994 recipient of the Jane L. Scarborough Award for Excellence in Teaching, Winchester Thurston’s highest teaching honor—tried to make every day extraordinary.

“We had a lot of fun. We were goofy. We sang ‘Mellow Yellow’ and Beatles songs, and I’d play guitar and piano.” King smiles at the memories, then chuckles, “Kindergarten is like a petri dish of the entire human experience. That’s what we step into every day!”

**“ALL KIDS DESERVE THIS”**

In 1997 King decided to leave the classroom and step into the role of Director of Admission at WT.

“I believed in the school so much because of my experience as a teacher,” King says. She points to specific initiatives, such as the Responsive Classroom, the Academic Enrichment and Challenge program, and the Transitional Classroom as important ways of individualizing each student’s learning, building on strengths, and addressing challenges. “[This] is, I believe, the way a school should operate. I wish it could be the public model,” she says earnestly. “I think all kids deserve this.”

**ANOTHER CHAPTER**

Two years ago, King announced that she would phase out of her position at WT and eventually retire. King had come to realize that “life was hurtling by,” and she wanted to slow down. “I’d like to see where else I might be needed...perhaps working with a vulnerable population—inner city kids, the frail elderly. There’s an equivalent way of being with young folks and old folks; I’m enthralled with sitting in a Kindergarten class, and I love playing bingo with the old folks, too.”

“It’s been a great 22 years,” she says, thoughtfully. “I’m most proud that through WT’s faith and trust in me, I grew in confidence personally and professionally. I tried to bring to children what I know to be important and true in life, and hopefully it made a difference to them.”
Duty, perseverance, character, compassion: These aren’t just words, they are ways of life for General Joseph P. Franklin and his wife Constance Smith Franklin ’51. Their credo was forged at West Point and fine-tuned on assignments around the world.

Recently, WT students were enthralled by their inspiring example.

From battlefield to boardroom, retired General Franklin is widely hailed as a leader’s leader, and Mrs. Franklin, keeps pace as a respected leader in her own right. In assemblies of Upper and Middle School students on September 10, General Franklin, a former Commandant of Cadets at West Point, and author of Building Leaders the West Point Way, discussed key leadership principles, saying, “Discipline is a form of control. Before you can discipline anyone—that is, lead them—you’re going to have to take care of the most unruly subordinate that you’ll ever have: yourself.”

That message struck home with Jimyse Brown ’10. “He talked about the concept of looking at yourself in the mirror, of self-reflection—and I was looking at myself as being a leader of the school, and thinking, have I done my duty? Have I served my people the way that they want to be served? How can I improve not only as a leader, but as a person?”

“I thought it would be great to start off the year thinking about the topic of leadership with the students,” says Gary J. Niels, Head of School. “The Franklins asserted that all WT Middle and Upper School students are among the next great generation of leaders, and challenged them to embrace the role—and the privilege—of serving others.

Even as students, both Franklins displayed leadership that continues to this day. One of Mrs. Franklin’s first challenges was gaining admission to WT for her junior year. “After poor preparation from my local high school, I was challenged by the headmistress, Mary F. Philput, and required to attend summer school and tutoring. I accepted this challenge and ultimately gained entrance to WT and, later, to Vassar College. I was very pleased that I had proven the headmistress right in taking that risk.”

Mrs. Franklin graduated from Vassar, while General Franklin graduated from West Point, then from MIT with master’s degrees in civil and nuclear engineering, enabling him to oversee the Army’s design of the world’s first floating nuclear power plant. Following that, he directed the dismantling of a portable nuclear power plant on the Greenland icecap. In Cambodia and Vietnam, General Franklin led a battalion of combat engineers. He later served as Army Staff Group Executive for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1979, General Franklin became Commandant of Cadets at West Point, and in 1983, he was appointed Chief of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group in Spain to assist that country’s transition from dictatorship to democracy.

“The only sure way to fail is to give up. I’d bet my life on it, and I have—a number of times.”

—General Franklin

As General Franklin rose in rank, Mrs. Franklin’s responsibilities grew.

“I took on the responsibility of helping young officers and their families adjust to military life, sometimes in a foreign country. At West Point, I coached the first women’s tennis team, which gave me a special relationship that I used to advise the first women to attend West Point. Then in Spain, our life as leaders in both the military and diplomatic service required an active commitment that put me right in the center of the relationship we were building with Spain as that country became a new member of NATO,” says Mrs. Franklin.

During their visit to WT, the Franklins openly discussed a wide range of topics, including the Iraq War, democracy and their nearly 12 years in Spain, world history, weapons of mass destruction, and General Franklin’s post-military career.

“General Franklin made me want to do more in the leadership aspect of everything,” says sixth grader Mia Rosenfeld. “It seems like if he can do something this big…then maybe I can, too.”
Sunday, June 8, 2008, marked the 121st Commencement exercises at Winchester Thurston School as the 44 members of the Class of 2008 processed forth to receive their diplomas before proud parents, faculty, trustees, friends, and Upper School underclassmen.

Senior Class President Alec Silberblatt welcomed guests with a witty and exuberant cheer, "When I say Dub, you say T—Dub-T, Dub-T!" Student speaker Hillary Ramsey likened her class’s educational journey at WT to a marriage and concluded, "We are WT graduates, 'til death do us part." Student speaker Eric Schuman offered this advice: "Grab the future by the collar, and force it to obey you."

Senior Class Vice President Kassandra Humberson introduced the graduation speaker, John Maione. Maione, performing arts teacher and private music coordinator, was the 2007 recipient of the Jane L. Scarborough Award. Letting his instrument do the talking, he began with a moving guitar solo, then went on to speak about life’s journey, evoking the lyrics of myriad songwriters, including Bob Dylan, John Lennon, and Paul McCartney. Accompanied by the orchestra, Maione concluded with another fitting song he composed, having been inspired by words written to him long ago on a 21st birthday card: "Godspeed and peace when day is done."
Nine Seniors Inducted into Cum Laude Society

In January 2008 Winchester Thurston School inducted nine members of the Class of 2008 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 of which are located in independent schools.

The nine outstanding members of the class of 2008 selected for induction were:

Jon-Paul Berexa
Samuel Wyatt
Peter Curtis
Alexandra Dixon-Ernst
Yin Yin Ou

Emily Pantalone
Ida Posner
Amelia Possanza
Sophia Ward-Vetrano

Dr. David Seward, Director of College Counseling, comments that, “Induction is a very selective award limited to the top 20% of a given class, and is a purely academic honor.”

The students selected Dr. Michael Naragon, Chair of WT’s History Department, to speak at their induction. Dr. Naragon delivered a moving, eloquent tribute to the Upper School students. He noted that each of the nine inductees embody character, honor, and integrity in his or her own unique way, and that “these commonalities transform [the] moment, elevating it from a celebration of what these young men and women have done to one in which we can begin to imagine the types of leaders these same young men and women will be.” Naragon urged students to look to history as one guide on the path toward a “world in which we expect those who lead communities, corporations, and countries to be revered for their honesty and sagacity as well as their intellect,” and to learn from history as they go out into the world to make their own.
Students Honored on Class Day 2008

Louis Caplan
Human Relations Award
Hermine Harrison

Mimi Burke Book Prize
Scarlett Austin

Williams College
Alumni Book Prize
Katharine Vidt

Winchester Thurston Award for
Independent Thinking
Katharine Vidt

Zelda Wilmurt Drama Prize
Julia Fields

Wadhwa Community
Service Award
Mireille Ngokion

Students Honored with Winchester Thurston Awards 2008

Student Diversity
Build A Bridge

Leadership Recognition
Competition Recognition

Christopher Bangs
Juliaanna Schroeger

Ashley Jones

Rosaleen Mahorier

Khalipa Misawa

Mireille Ngokion

Katharine Vidt

Female Athlete
of the Year Award
Scarlett Austin

Male Athlete
of the Year Award
Nikolay Karagyozyov

Cassie Richards Athlete of the Year Award
Benjamin Charley

Haley Surti Award
Benjamin Charley

Patricia Schuerger

Mathematics Award
Samuel Wyatt

Virginia Ann Sheppard
History Prize
Emily Pantalone

The Pursuit of Science
Ryan Kahanish

Westinghouse Science Honors
Institute Recognition
Scarlett Austin

Ashwin Chandra

Ryan Kahanish

Kevin Nguyen

Andrew Persky

Julianna Schroeger

Build A Bridge

Competition Recognition

Juliaanna Schroeger

Dance Award
Kassandra Humberson

Drama Award
Alec Silverblatt

Technical Theater Award
Amelia Possanza

Performing Arts Service Award
Samuel Wyatt

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award
Bennett Washburn

Michael McCarthy

Joe Negri Guitar Ensemble Award
Sophia Ward-Vetrano

National School Orchestra Award
Yin Yin Ou

Michael McCarthy

National School Choral Award
Jeremy Ernstoff

Senior English Award
Amelia Possanza

Plaid Recognition
Hermine Harrison

Sophia Ward-Vetrano

Thistledown Recognition
Gabrielle DeMarchi

Visual Arts Achievement Award
Morgan Gilbreath

Excellence in Spanish Award
Hadley Armstrong

Morgan Gilbreath

Excellence in Latin Award
Laura Short

Excellence in French Award
Emily Pantalone

Yin Yin Ou

Geneviève Yagodkin

Foreign Language Award
Barbara Johnson

Students Honored at Commencement 2008

Mary A. Campbell Award
Amelia Possanza

Mary A. Graham Mitchell Award
Yin Yin Ou

Alice M. Thurston Award
Michael McCarthy

Ruth S. Gamsby Award
Emily Pantalone

Nina Wadhwa Student Council Award
Michael McCarthy

Emily E. Dorrance Award
Eliza Hens-Greco

College Choices for the Class of 2008

Lucy Ainsman
Miami University (Ohio)

Anna Albrecht
Oberlin College

Robert Allan
North Carolina School of the Arts

Matthew Arffa
Oberlin College

Jon-Paul Berexa
Carnegie Mellon University

Samuel Wyatt
Carnegie Mellon University

Ryan Bopp
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Helen Ceatra
John Carroll University

Benjamin Charley
Marietta College

Elisabeth Clauss
Allegeny College

Taylor Croft
Stetson University

Peter Curtis
Harvard University

Ian Davidson
Rochester Institute of Technology

Phallon DePante
Hiram College

Alexandra Dixon-Erin
Carnegie Mellon University

Daniel Eller
Case Western Reserve University

Jeremy Ernstoff
University of Hartford

Julia Fields
Vassar College

Matthew Froehlke
St. Vincent College

Sarah Galos
Boston University

Hermine Harrison
University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Eliza Hens-Greco
Earlham College

Kassandra Humberson
Ohio University

Nikolay Karagyozyov
Roanoke College

Alexis Lambrou
Rochester Institute of Technology

Sam Loewner
The College of Wooster

Michael McCarthy
Case Western Reserve University

Yin Yin Ou
Stanford University

Emily Pantalone
Tufts University

Kristopher Pepper
Philadelphia University

Ida Posner
Princeton University

Amelia Possanza
Swarthmore College

Elspeth Powell
New York University, Tisch School

Hillary Ramsey
University of Pittsburgh

Alexander Rogers
Hiram College

Adam Saad
The College of Wooster

Eric Schuman
Vassar College

Alec Silverblatt
University of Cincinnati

Reid Snyder
Rollins College

Andrew Thurman
Sarah Lawrence College

Ogouchkwu Umeh
Kent State University

Alexa Vitalize
University of Colorado at Boulder

Sophia Ward-Vetrano
University of Rochester

Bennett Washburn
University of Rochester
Poland: A Powerful Journey into the Past

Last summer, Upper School English teacher Jill Kazmierczak, Library clerical assistant Susan Ernstoff, sophomores Jacob Rayzberg, Zachary Ernstoff, and Isaac Rudich, and junior Rachel Dougherty traveled to Poland under the auspices of the Agency for Jewish Learning (AJL). Along with other students and educators from various Pittsburgh area schools, and led by Dr Zipora Gur of the AJL, they took a powerful journey into the past with Holocaust survivors Michael Kaftori and Manny Kolski. They shared some of their impressions and reflections.

Isaac: Sobibor was hard, because it was so nice I wasn’t expecting anything, and then you walk out into a clearing and there was a huge pile of ashes.

Zachary: I never saw so much barbed wire. They came in cattle cars like cattle, they were herded like cattle, they were treated like cattle. The cattle cars are still there, and...you don’t know they’re there until you walk around the corner and it hurts you. You turn the corner and they’re there.

Rachel: And to be able to go and touch something, or walk the path that everyone took, or to stand in a boxcar...even when we put all 40 of us in one boxcar at one time, it didn’t even feel that full, and you think, how many more people could you have stuffed in here?

Jacob: Who should go on a trip like this? The answer is, everyone, because the Holocaust wasn’t just concerning Jews, it concerned gypsies, it concerned homosexuals, it concerned cripples, tons of other races, ways of life and religions.

Kazmierczak: During each main phase of the trip, the Warsaw ghetto, Sobibor, Majdanek, Wodz, and Auschwitz-Berkinau, the group paused for a memorial service. We sang songs, recited poems and prayers, and said the Kaddish. At the end of the last memorial service, Manny raised his hands, offering a blessing to the group, telling us to be strong and have courage. Having this blessing extended by someone who has been so courageous himself, I feel doubly blessed.

Being Good Sports

Through a collaboration with ProjectEDUCATE’s athletics equipment drive entitled, “Being Good Sports,” WT Middle School students collected sporting goods and donations throughout the fall for children of Zambia, where athletics programs are virtually non-existent due to limited access to equipment and supplies. “This drive is a great opportunity for WT to get involved in the global community,” says eighth grader Miller Schulman. “We are really fortunate to have all the facilities we do, and it’s our responsibility to help schools that are less fortunate than ours.”

The drive concluded in December, and students look forward to turning over dozens of helmets, gloves, sticks, bats, balls, and other sporting goods to ProjectEDUCATE.
Tents Raise Hope for Darfur

"Our students really do think also of the comfort and the rights of others," says WT senior Mireille Ngokion, "even if [the 'others'] are across the globe."

Her classmate, Katharine Vidt, agrees. "Human rights not only matter, they are our responsibility to protect," she adds, explaining the impetus for the Tent Event hosted by WT's Amnesty International group.

The Tent Event, which took place at WT on October 18 and 19 and helped launch Pittsburgh's participation in the national Tents of Hope campaign, supported relief efforts toward ending the five-year genocide in Darfur.

Spearheaded by group leaders Mireille and Katharine, the Tent Event sleepover drew nearly 90 students. Raising awareness, as well as funds, the evening featured a walk-a-thon, basketball tournament, games, and a letter-writing campaign.

"The highlight of the event was the movie we showed, The Devil Came on Horseback, which follows the story of a former American military officer who went to Darfur as an unarmed military observer and came back with evidence of the genocide," says Katharine. "We really wanted to show this film because it involves such graphic, vivid, horrifying imagery—you see real people, up close and in your face, suffering and asking for help."

Andrew Glick '09, a member of WT Amnesty International, says, "Everyone was just shocked by what they saw; it helped a lot of us learn what is happening there."

Following the film, members of Amnesty International led a group discussion so that students could better understand and process the movie’s message. "We wanted to give students a chance to express themselves, to share their feelings and reactions," explains Katharine, "not just hit them with terrifying information, then ask them to keep it inside."

At the heart of the national campaign are actual tents, decorated by Amnesty groups nationwide to represent the tragedy of Darfur and its refugees.

"Our group's tent design was carefully planned, mixing symbols from home with symbols from Africa," says Katharine. "One side features three rivers and the Pittsburgh skyline, while another panel features a scene of African savanna. The design allowed us to express ourselves as a community, as well as reach out to those who will eventually use the tent for shelter."

On October 28, members of WT Amnesty International pitched their tent at Pittsburgh's City-County building at the invitation of City Council, which recognized their efforts and those of other local Tents of Hope activists. The students, along with Dr. Michael Naragon, Upper School social studies teacher, Department Chair, and Advisor to the WT Amnesty International group, and Upper School Dean of Students Dan Sadowski, also answered questions about the project and collected signatures for the national Million Voices for Darfur campaign. "We hit the pavement, asking people to please sign postcards," says Mireille. "The eight of us managed to get 330 signatures."

The WT effort didn’t end there, however. On November 9, Mireille and others erected the tent on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at the national Tents of Hope gathering. Afterward, WT’s tent joined others being sent to Darfur to help shelter refugees.

Sadowski says, "As Dean of Students, I am able to witness the drive and commitment of students who truly want to give what they can to help a world very much in need."

Katharine concludes, "We have a duty to give back. It would be easy to just live our lives in perpetual luxury without ever contemplating the world outside our little bubble of WT. But it’s important that we take the time to recognize that others in the world are suffering. Awareness, aid, and acknowledgement are the least we can do."

For more information on Darfur and how to help, please visit www.pittsburghdarfur.org.
Student Art Shines in Gallery Show

The first-ever WT art show of student work spanning Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 featured the creations of nearly 50 artists this fall in the WT Art Gallery.

Art Gallery curator Lisa Allswede explains, “We wanted a show that really reflects the diverse and dynamic artistic talents of our students across all campuses and divisions.”

Each visual arts teacher at WT’s City and North Hills Campuses chose pieces for the all-inclusive show that represent the broad spectrum of work they do with each grade level. Together, they form a colorful, tactile mosaic of watercolor and acrylic paintings, pen and ink sketches, collages, fabric arts, prints, photographs, bas reliefs, ceramics, metal works, jewelry, and wood carvings.

With a dedicated gallery space and curator, WT now has the resources to present such a show. Allswede adds, “We’re lucky to have an art gallery; this space makes us unique among many schools in this area that don’t have a gallery, let alone a curator.”

Student artists and their families were on hand to celebrate the show at its closing on November 21, 2008.

Watercolor collage by Katherine Ann Rishel ’21.

Collage by Rachel Woods ’10.

Basswood carving by Earl Hord ’11.

Drawing by Phoebe Thompson ’16.
Classrooms can exist anywhere, even underwater, as 11 Middle School students discovered last summer in Belize.

From July 25 through August 2, 2008, the students—along with Middle School science teacher Peter Frischmann and Middle School math teacher Heather Crowley—immersed themselves in marine life amidst the world’s second longest barrier reef.

Most of the trip was spent on Ambergris Caye, an island off the coast of Belize. Before each snorkel trip, expedition leader Dr. Ken Mattes, a marine biologist, briefed the group, and didn’t stop teaching once they were at sea. Eighth grader Connor Uretsky observes, “When you go snorkeling, you learn with each new creature you encounter, each new site you explore.”

While snorkeling in mangroves, reef channels, back reef, and deep as well as shallow water, the group saw myriad sea creatures. “I really enjoyed seeing the squids,” says eighth grader Julia Netzer, explaining how the group learned to make a circle to observe them, gradually moving in closer and closer. “They were in the middle and they got scared and started changing color. It was really cool!”

The trip complements oceanography and marine biology units the students study in eighth grade science, but the benefits go far beyond school walls. For many students, the trip was not just a chance to learn about marine life and another culture, it was a chance to stretch their boundaries, and learn about themselves. “It was terrifying,” said eighth grader Olivia Price, of night diving. “(Julia and I) held hands the whole time!” But she emerged from the water feeling, she says, “really accomplished.”

Ultimately, says Crowley, “this type of experience teaches students that the world is a classroom and that learning is a lifelong experience.”

Cooking over an open fire, loom weaving, building an outdoor shelter, riding the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon, playing pioneer games. On October 30, Winchester Thurston City and North Hills Campus third graders kicked off their study of the cultures, history, and geography of America during the 18th- and 19th-century westward exploration and migration with a day-long event that has been a Winchester Thurston tradition since 1996.
WT Runner Makes State Championship

For only the second time in Winchester Thurston history a runner qualified for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) State Championship.

Sophomore Adam Eller, who qualified for states by finishing 31st in the Class AA boys' bracket, competed in the championship in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on October 1, 2008, finishing in 188th place out of a field of nearly 300.

"It was a very exciting experience to be part of the state meet," says Adam. "I had never seen so many people running at one time. It was a great learning experience for the future, because it is obviously very difficult to run for the first time as a sophomore in a state race."

Adam started running in sixth grade for Winchester Thurston, with the team generally training in and around nearby Schenley Park. When asked what he likes best about the sport, Adam points to several factors.

"It’s hard to enjoy the actual running, but I do nevertheless find some enjoyment in doing cross country. It is fun to be with friends and my coach, because we really have a blast. I also enjoy the feeling personal achievement every time I reach my goals. Running is also a good way to clear my head of stress and take my mind off of school."

An avid athlete, Adam is also a member of the WT Boys' Basketball team.

Golfer Makes State Championship

"I started playing golf with my dad when I was six. Back then it was just fun to ride in the cart and spend time with him," says WT junior Miranda Santucci. What started as a fun way to spend time with her father has turned into a highly successful athletic journey.

While Miranda has represented WT at the WPIALs (Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League) for three years in a row, she is the first golfer in school history to earn a spot in the state championship.

In early October, Miranda took seventh place in the WPIAL Girls Individual Championship. The top 12 players, including Miranda, advanced to the PIAA Western Regional match, held on October 15, 2008. Having come in sixth place with a score of 80, she qualified for states and advanced to the PIAA Championship, held on October 21 and 22 in York, Pennsylvania, where she finished 18th in the state, shooting a two-round total of 165.

Miranda began playing competitive golf at the age of 13 and has improved with every passing year. She currently plays in the tri-state PGA tournaments; in the Western Pennsylvania Women's Golf Association Junior events and in interclub matches on her country club's team.

When asked what she thinks about while playing, she says, “There are dozens of things to consider and analyze before each and every shot, like course conditions, ball lie, wind direction and speed, etc., but once I visualize my options, and then commit to the type of shot I want to hit, I select a club and execute with a clear mind.”
Middle School Soccer Team Achieves Unprecedented Success

The Middle School Soccer team proved that they are a force to be reckoned with, finishing the season with a record of 14-2-2, and an undefeated B team coming in with a 6-0-2 record.

The teams have experienced an unprecedented, successful season and have a bright outlook for the future. Head Coach Jeff Cronauer comments, "[The athletes] have developed a sense of trust in each other’s ability that allows them to play with a sense that they control the tempo of every game they’re in."

With a large turnout for this year’s squad, 35 in total, the team expects big things for the future, while the Upper School should ready itself to welcome some great freshman soccer players next year.

Tennis Player Ranked Nationally

Sophomore Daniel “D.J.” Goldblum has been playing tennis since the age of seven, having been inspired by his uncle, Aaron Krickstein, who was once ranked as a Top Ten Player in the world.

Having come in second place in the WPIAL tournament last year, D.J. currently plays in both sectional and national tournaments, competing in the middle states section, which covers a four-state region. Over the summer he qualified for the middle states “zone” team, which takes the top players from middle states to compete against other sectional teams from across the country. D.J. is ranked highly in the section and ranked in the top 250 nationally.

D.J. would love to play at the college level, and recruiting services have already ranked him as a four-star recruit.

Varsity Tennis Team Makes Playoffs

WT celebrates the Girls Varsity Tennis team, which, for the first time since joining the WPIAL in 2001, made it to the second round of playoffs with a record of 8-3 for the season. Under coach Jane Famili’s leadership, the team has grown from eight players four years ago to 16 this year.

Director of Athletics Kevin Miller says, "This is the most excitement and success we have seen in our tennis program since I became the Director of Athletics in 2003. The team has been working very hard over the past few years to get where they are today.”

Coach Famili works for Pittsburgh Citiparks and was a strong contributor to the first annual Bob O’Connor Tennis Tournament in 2007. As an active member of the larger tennis circuit of Pittsburgh, Famili is able to offer her WT team opportunities to play and compete in the off season, which has proved to be extremely beneficial in building a stronger team.
Howard University

Inspired Teaching at WT...Real World Classrooms

How does a school prepare students for the unscripted realities of the 21st century? The most powerful way is for teachers to engage students in the world’s problems now, which requires agility, flexibility, responsiveness, and a dose of inspiration.

This fall, Maurice Bajcz saw in the unfolding global economic crisis an opportunity for his Advanced Placement (AP) economics students. He decided to flip the course sequence, focusing first on macroeconomics, so the class could use the subprime mortgage crisis, stock market volatility, and the recession in their study of key aspects of the economy, such as GDP, unemployment, the Consumer Price Index, and the Prime Interest Rate. They are currently exploring fiscal policy decisions, the effects of taxing and spending, the president’s Council of Economic Advisors, and historical trends and current concerns about budget surpluses and deficits. They will also look at monetary policy and the Federal Reserve and the banking system.

Finally, recognizing that the economy does not operate in a vacuum, they will discuss globalization. Bajcz adds, “With any luck, we can get these students some jobs in the new administration soon!”

Against the backdrop of the 2008 presidential campaign and election, Middle School social studies teachers Amanda Greenwald and Kira Senedak worked with eighth graders on a leadership election project, in which the students simulated the electoral process. The students planned and organized a town-meeting style debate in the school auditorium on November 3, with students in grades 4 through 8 assembled to hear both Democratic and Republican candidates’ positions on such major issues as energy policy, health care, and immigration. The eighth graders also devised a voting system and simulated the presidential election on November 4. Students in grades 4 through 8 participated in this year’s historic election by casting their own votes on November 4.

Greenwald says, “The project was a great way for the eighth graders to demonstrate their leadership skills. They were responsible for running every aspect of the project. This included the panelists who researched their topics as they prepared to portray McCain, Obama, Palin, or Biden, to the students who created and ran the voting system. We had students taking exit polls and students who documented the entire process through photographs and video. The eighth graders got to experience our electoral process in action while studying the relevant current events issues.”
Applefest a Sunny Success

Winchester Thurston’s beautiful North Hills Campus was the perfect setting on a brilliant autumn day for Applefest, hosted each year by the WT Parents Association.

The beloved North Hills Campus tradition was held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, and attracted a crowd of more than 750 parents and children, who enjoyed myriad activities in an “old time” country atmosphere.

The event featured hay rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, a puppet show, live entertainment, an obstacle course, crafts, and indoor and outdoor games and attractions. Demonstrations included a spinner, cooper, blacksmith, and beekeeper. Pumpkins, apples, baked goods, and great raffle prizes rounded out the cornucopia of offerings.

“We’re truly blessed with a wonderful community that turned out in record numbers for Applefest,” says Deesha Philyaw, Parents Association president. “The event raised more than $7,000 for the school. The many hardworking volunteers who make this happen every year are to thank for our success.”

Save the Date!
WT’s Annual Spring Benefit
MARCH 7 2009
More than 130 alums attended reunion weekend, October 17-18, 2008, which began with a luncheon for the 50th reunion class, hosted by Gary J. Niels. Alums then sat in on classes and were treated to a jazz concert as part of WT’s City as Our Campus collaboration with MCG Jazz.

Later, a cocktail party in the Upper School provided the greatest draw of alums and was also attended by a number of beloved former and current faculty members. All enjoyed the festivities amidst displays of old photos and memorabilia as they reveled in the excitement of reconnecting.

On Saturday, twelfth graders shared their stories about WT today and engaged alums in a dialog comparing experiences. The sun shone brightly at our beautiful North Hills Campus, where alums travelled for lunch and tours.


View the media gallery on winchesterthurston.org
Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Reunion with Tour of Pillared Portals

Twenty-six women from the Class of 1958, more than half travelling from out of town and many on their first trip back to Pittsburgh since leaving for college, enjoyed a boisterous reconnection during reunion weekend 2008. WT’s talented a cappella ensemble entertained with the WT “Marching Song” and more before the class burst into a few songs of its own!

The highlight was their visit to the old school building on Fifth Avenue, affectionately known as “the Pillared Portals.” Joanne Johnston Bowser arranged for the tour, led by Father Spizak. Although the building has been largely remodeled to serve its current purpose as a retirement home for priests, everyone agreed that feeling the energy of that building, and seeing the prominent staircase again, brought them right back to their youth with all its joys and fears!

Class of ’58 at the pillared portals.

Class of ’58 cheer the old school.

SAVE THE DATE
REUNION
2009
October 16-17, 2009
Dorothy “Dee” Dodworth Scullin ’47

“M y mother, Dorothy Schellins W ’16, and I both were inspired by Mary A. Graham Mitchell. I will never cease to be grateful for what I received at Winchester Thurston: a sound foundation and, most importantly, a strong desire to learn. I hope to never stop learning.”

“At WT I acquired the keys that opened the door to knowledge. I learned to be discerning, caring, and to live the motto.” Dee, an extremely talented artist, received degrees from Chatham College and the Rhode Island School of Design. Her many accomplishments as an artist and teacher led to her being named the first recipient of Winchester Thurston’s Distinguished Alumna Award in 1982.

While her classmates from WT remember Dee as a puppeteer and the illustrator of the yearbook, her most satisfying work was as a children’s librarian. She spent many years introducing youngsters to the world through books. In fact, Dee wrote and illustrated the Mrs. Doodlepunk series of books that sold hundreds of thousands of copies. In her work as puppeteer and art teacher she fostered the uses of art as a valuable tool for self-expression.

“As a children’s librarian and artist, despite having two degrees, I have never earned a lot of money. However, I have always been able to give back by doing for others. I became a charter member of the Miss Mitchell Society by making provisions for WT in my will because it feels important to me to give back what I can, when I can, to the school that I valued so much.”

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If you 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 Gaylen Westfall, Director of Development, or (412) 578-7530 or westfallg@winchesterthurston.org.

Director of Alumnae/i Relations, at (412) 578-7529 or wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org.
### 2008

**Hermine Harrison** was accepted to the oldest medical school in Germany, University of Heidelberg Medical School, and began studying in October. It is a seven-to-eight year program that’s very hands-on. Hermine shared fun facts about Germany, such as: the door knobs don’t turn, so if you close the door you’re automatically locked out; everything is closed on Sundays; and you can’t buy milk by the gallon.

hermineh1@comcast.net

### 2007

**John Kanter** attended the Allegheny County Fire Academy in summer 2008 and passed the certification exam for firefighting.

jhk25+@pitt.edu

**Sonya Narla** is pursuing an English/chemistry double major on the pre-med track at Case Western. She has always leaned toward becoming a physician, yet she is really interested in journalism and law so she is “keeping her options open.” In summer 2008, Sonya took organic chemistry and had an eight-week shadowing internship at UPMC, Pittsburgh, PA.

Sknarla8@gmail.com

### 2006

**Don Mike Mendoza** continues to work at 88.5 WAMU at American University and has been transferred from business administration to writing scripts and producing content for the nationally syndicated talk show, “The Diane Rehm Show.” Diane is a journalism legend in Washington, DC. Don Mike is also keeping up with theater and was cast in his first supporting lead role in college as Ching Ho in the fall production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. He learned Chinese for the role.

dm7560a@student.american.edu

### 2005

**Emily Cordes** was awarded the Elizabeth Drew Prize for Writing from Smith College for her essay, “A Fresh Green Breast of a Flawed Girl: Deconstructing Gatsby’s Pastoral Dream.” The Elizabeth Drew Prize is awarded in honor of Ms. Drew, a famous female journalist.

EmilyWT05@aol.com

**Ian Sullivan** graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a B.A. concentrating in energy economics and has returned to the Pittsburgh area. He is currently employed at Westinghouse Electric Company as a Planning Specialist and is living in Friendship.

Sullivan.ian@gmail.com

### 2003

**Malcolm Smith** completed two degrees from Colby–Sawyer College: Business Administration, and Exercise and Sport Sciences: Sport Management. He is currently living in Binghamton, NY, and working for the Binghamton Senators hockey team.

smith_malcolm44@hotmail.com

### 2001

**Angela Ambroz** continues to work at the Pacific Island Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) in Suva, Fiji. She recently returned from a week-long research trip to Niue, a neighboring island country. Angela survived a three-day cross-island hiking trip through the interior of Viti Levu (Fiji’s main island). The current was much stronger than it looks in the picture, where she had actually just struggled her way back up from floating downstream.

angela.ambroz@gmail.com

### 2000

**Erinn Evans Andrews** married Christopher Andrews in May 2008. She had a small group of 70 people in the backyard of her parents home in Palo Alto, CA. She left her job as Assistant Director in the Office of Undergraduate Admission at Stanford University to return to graduate school. In fall 2008 Erinn started her Master’s in Education with a specialization in Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies. It is a nine-month program, and she

eleniemflechner@gmail.com

**Lauren Morelli** moved west to Los Angeles more than a year ago and absolutely loves waking up to a blue sky everyday after six years of New York winters! She is working as the Personal Assistant to Tom Staggs, the CFO of the Walt Disney Company, and it’s honestly a dream come true.

lauren@stagghome.com
hopes to work for a non-profit, foundation, or policy research center in the Bay Area once she graduates.

erinn.andrews@gmail.com

Jason Shavers’s career in theater has been going well. He recently debuted with the Pittsburgh Opera in their production of Aida. He also played Matthew Kumalo in Lost in the Stars with Opera Theater of Pittsburgh and also in Norfolk, VA, for the Virginia Arts Festival. He has been working for Pittsburgh CLO in many capacities: as a substitute teacher for the Academy of Musical Theater, a performer in the Gallery of Heroes educational touring show, a judge for the Gene Kelly Awards, and just recently as the props master for the Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret production of I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change... Jason has done extra/stand-in work on projects filming in Pittsburgh, including The Kill Point (along with Kate Rogal ’02), Smart People, and My Bloody Valentine 3D. Finally, Jason is also a server at Jerome Bettis’ Grille 36. JayeAnt@yahoo.com

1998

Toby McChesney recently started a huge job as Director of the Professional MBA Program at Georgia State University’s Robinson Business School. He is in charge of Admissions, Marketing, and Student Services for the PMBA Program. He is very excited about gaining management and strategy experience.
tobymcc@gmail.com

1997

Erika March Cutler is thrilled to announce the arrival of her son, Ashton Ellington Cutler, on June 18, 2008.
erikacutler@yahoo.com

Leila Ghaznavi is in her second year of graduate school at California Institute of the Arts, working toward her Master’s degree in acting. She has traveled all over the world studying various forms of theater, from Balinese dance and mask work in Bali to the theatrical clown in Kristiansand, Norway.
leilag@gmail.com

Stacey Stanczak Smith and Justin Smith ’94 continue to expand their family as they were expecting their last little girl in November 2008. Cassie, Grace, and Bailey are very excited to be big sisters and a big brother. They were able to visit with Meredith Deluzio Pettigrew and her family in July and it was great to catch up. Justin and Stacey visited Mark Boley and his wife in Orlando, FL, this summer to celebrate Mark’s 30th birthday.

stancza@hotmail.com

Latika Ravi Signorelli met her future husband, Gianluca Signorelli, three years ago, while working in Washington, DC. They were married in September amidst the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Gianluca’s very good high school friend officiated, and close friends and family surrounded them with much love. They currently live in San Francisco and celebrated a second wedding in India in November. Latika would love to hear from old classmates and teachers. A slideshow of their California celebration is posted at www.erinbeach.com/Latika&Gianluca.
latika.ravi@gmail.com

Stacey holding Bailey, Cassie, and Grace; Meredith holding Kayla, and Ben
Sarah Zeitler and her husband, Dave, are pleased to announce that they became a family on October 8, 2008, when their daughter, August Valentine Gallo, was born. sarahzeitler@gmail.com

1995

Benjamin Brody and his wife, Lauren, are delighted to announce the birth of their first son, William Davis, on June 16, 2008. They enjoy living in New York City, where Lauren works as an editor at Glamour magazine and Ben is a psychiatry resident at Cornell/Payne Whitney (but they miss Aiello’s pizza and Steelers games tremendously) brody.ben@gmail.com

Sarah McLaughlin Lee has been doing much traveling this year. In spring 2008, she traveled to Chicago to present a post titled “Survey of the Role of the Burn Center Social Worker” at the 40th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association. In summer 2008, Sarah and husband traveled to Norway for vacation. The trip was a great adventure, and Sarah even improved her knitting skills with help from some kind Norwegians. smclaughlin1@hotmail.com

Currently, Sarah and Adam are living in Sydney, NSW. They have a lovely apartment in Darling Harbour and are enjoying the surf and sand. smclaughlin1@hotmail.com

Matti McLaughlin Schloetzter left her position as Departmental Assistant in the Heinz Architectural Center last summer to relocate in Washington, D.C., where her husband accepted a teaching position at Georgetown University. mcmattie@hotmail.com

Kristin Trabucco finished up the movie she was working on in Pittsburgh and moved to Los Angeles in June 2008. She has worked as a production assistant on two westerns and did a few days on the TV show, Kath & Kim. Kristin says, “It is too sunny here, though, and I miss Pittsburgh!” kristintrabucco@gmail.com

1992

Moira Regan spent two and a half amazing weeks in India in summer 2008. She received a grant from her school, which allowed her to immerse herself in the culture and learn as much as possible to be able to enhance her teaching of a unit on India to her sixth graders. She traveled to Delhi, Agra, Varanasi, Goa, and Mumbai, where she was consistently amazed and awed by the people, the sights, and sounds (mostly cars honking). The Taj Mahal was incredible. She attended a ceremony on the bank of the Ganges, went to Bollywood, and dipped in the Arabian Sea, among countless other adventures. While traveling alone was at first a bit intimidating, it allowed more opportunities to engage with others, and Moira encountered some remarkable people. She cannot wait to go back. moiraregan@hotmail.com

Rebecca Smith has been working at UPMC in Pittsburgh since 2006 and was recently promoted. She is currently a project director overseeing a government healthcare information technology project with a staff of approximately 67 programmers, doctors, and subject matter experts. She resides in Irwin, PA, with her boyfriend, James, their dog, and not on FB, please join and help WT! katemasley@msn.com

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1994

Kate Masley lives in Menomonee Falls, WI, just outside of Milwaukee. She is the coordinator for the Hispanic Nursing Project at Carroll University. In her spare time, she hopes to write articles based on her dissertation research and is also hoping to continue practicing as a certified birth doula. “I am so happy to have reconnected with so many WT alums on Facebook! If you are an alum and not on FB, please join and help WT!” katemasley@msn.com

Moira Regan in India.
Oreo, and their cat, Kittie. She is a proud aunt to four nieces and nephews, including a fourth child for Justin Smith ’94 and Stacey Stanczak Smith ’97. tupperwarestuff@hotmail.com

1991

Robin Saks Frankel and Adam are enjoying life in Manhattan with their son, Max, who was born on February 8, 2008. robinsaks@yahoo.com

April Lee and Ralph are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, Lastella Lee Mazzola, on June 16, 2008. aprillee@optonline.net

Christine Gregory was selected as one of the teachers who worked with scientists on surface operations for the Phoenix Lander on Mars. Following months of preparation and special training, Chris and her students spent one week at the Science Operations Center (SOC) in Tucson, AZ, working with project scientists documenting the mission, doing data analysis, and helping to create mission plans for coordinated atmospheric observations with the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. mmechriss@aol.com

Reshma Paranjpe was selected as one of the “40 Under 40” this year by PUMP/Pittsburgh magazine. reshma_paranjpe@hotmail.com

1989

Jennifer Gonzalez McComb and Paul welcomed Samuel Alexander on August 25, 2008. Big brother, Henry, two, thinks little brothers are too small to ride bikes. Jennifer recently finished a fellowship at Pitt in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and accepted a position as a physician in the intensive care units at West Penn and Forbes Hospitals. She is opening a pulmonary clinic at West Penn Hospital when she returns from maternity leave in early 2009. jengonzalez02@hotmail.com

Esther Long Ratajeski married Kent Ratajeski on July 11, 2008, in Lexington, KY. Kent is a geology lecturer at the University of Kentucky. estherlong@gmail.com

Alexis Godlewski Jackman works in the Bronx at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center where she is an otolaryngologist. She lives in Manhattan and Greenwich, CT, because her husband refuses to commute downtown everyday, and she is too much of a country bumpkin (and golf addict) to live full-time in the city. If anyone else is in the area and wants to get together (or play golf), let her know. alexisjackman@hotmail.com

Lissa Guttman writes that Rachel Graves and her husband, Steve, are the proud parents of twins, Charlie and Paige. They live in NYC, and Lissa is thrilled to see them often. lbguttman@yahoo.com

1990

1988

Jacqueline Marks Ledo, husband George, and daughters Julia and Jenna, are expecting a new bundle of joy (a baby boy) December 30, 2008. Jackie’s sister, Wendy Marks Pine ’90, husband Bobby, and son, Brian, are also expecting a baby boy in November 2008. jacki6@aol.com

Carol Pena recently moved with her husband, Gary, and their three-year-old daughter, Zia, from Guilford, CT, to Basking Ridge, NJ. Carol continues to work at Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals. Carol enjoys both work and parenthood immensely. carol.pena@bayer.com

Dana Sachs and husband, Warren, welcomed Dylan Samuel to the world on May 8, 2008. They are absolutely thrilled to be parents and are basking in their love for him every day. Dana is at the University of Michigan doing clinical work, teaching, and research in dermatology. She sends her best to everyone and looks forward to hearing news from classmates. danasachs@mac.com

1986
1983

Eileen L. Heller-Stading is a Pediatric Perfusionist in Portland, OR. She and her partner have three incredible children, as Eileen gave birth to twins in March 2008. Life is absolutely amazing, fun, challenging, and hectic all at the same time! Eileenhccp@aol.com

1979

Ellen Krause Johnson was diagnosed with Stage III/IV Ovarian Cancer in January 2008. She completed chemotherapy and received a clean bill of health in August. “I want to thank all my WT comrades who have been my cheerleaders and who supported me through my journey! I am now volunteering for the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona, a subgroup of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. Our goal is to reach one million Arizona women to inform them of the symptoms of ovarian cancer, leading to early diagnosis and more effective treatment. For information and ovarian cancer symptoms, please go to the OCNA Web site at www.ovariancancer.org. On a lighter note, we’re looking forward to our trip to Egypt and a cruise on the Nile in March 2009. I am also getting ready to assist in coordinating our 30th reunion next fall and look forward to catching up with fellow classmates!”
eellenjohnson@cox.net

Carolyn (Laurie) Kapner enjoys her life as a single mom to Daniel, six. On the side (and full time), she is a psychotherapist in private practice and an instructor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. Almost daily, while driving to work, Carolyn gets a kick out of seeing Ellen Silverman Garvin and Jodi Cohen Klein out walking. Carolyn would love to hear from any classmates and looks forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion. c.kapner@att.net

1978

Cindy Bulik reports from Chapel Hill, NC, where she is a Distinguished Professor of Eating Disorders in the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Nutrition, and Director of the UNC Eating Disorders Program. Her eldest, Brendan, just started his freshman year at the University of California at Berkeley, where he is studying chemistry and Spanish. Younger daughters Emily (14) and Natalie (12) are still in Chapel Hill with Cindy and Pat. Cindy has a new book coming out in February 2009, Crave: Why You Binge Eat and How to Stop (Walker), as well as a new textbook, Abnormal Psychology (Beidel, Bulik & Stanley; Prentiss Hall). “Life’s an adventure with the Bulik-Sullivan clan. I love hearing from my old WT classmates and friends!”
cbulik@med.unc.edu

1977

Jean Hetzel and her family have been in Atlanta, GA, for the last 23 years. She and her husband, Jeff, bought a small Chicago hot dog restaurant called Mike’s Chicago Hot Dogs and are trying to convince most of Atlanta to increase their hot dog intake. They have two daughters, Abby, 21, and Nancy, 17. Jean teaches second grade at their neighborhood elementary school. “If you’re ever in the area, come by for a hot dog. According to Atlanta Magazine, our hot dogs are the best in Atlanta!”
jean2259@earthlink.net

1976

Stacy Jannis Tamerlani is busy working on media exhibits for the Grammy Museum, scheduled to open in Los Angeles later this year. Her son, Eric Tamerlani, graduated from the Barrie School in Silver Spring, MD, and attends DePaul University. jannisprods@earthlink.net

1974

Wendy Hoechstetter recently restarted her private interior design practice. Her Web site, http://www.hoechstetterinteriors.com, is under construction, but keep an eye out for it! She is in a fabulous relationship with an amazing man, and thankfully, the family all seem to be well. Her nephew, Ricky, 15, is a freshman at WT, and her beloved old standard poodle, Fennel, is 14 and definitely slowing down, but also blessedly still with her. Wendy has been actively involved in the leadership of the grassroots opposition to proposed and existing anticompetitive interior design legislation. In May 2008, California Designers Against Legislation (CADAL) (http://www.cadal-info.org) which she started, helped defeat a proposed practice act in California that would have put thousands of people out of work. She even testified before the state senate’s Business and Professions Committee in
April—an amazing experience, and an incredible eye-opener about how the legislative process works.
wendyannh@comcast.net

1972

Molly Cannon Stevenson and her husband, Bill, are looking forward to new chapters in their work lives, as well as an adventure! Bill has had two hip surgeries with very good results. He is now walking without pain and major disability. His department was eliminated after 25 years with the same employer. Molly is still consulting and providing interim management to nonprofits. Her company has a new affiliation with Skystone Ryan, a national fundraising consulting firm. Her daughter, Sophie, is in Kindergarten; her daughter, Mamie, is a freshman at Reed College in Portland, OR; and her son, Will, is in the music industry in Sacramento, CA. "Classmates: Please let me know if you are going to be in Colorado. I thought that our class reunion was delightful!"
MStevensPIP@aol.com

1969

Alice May Succop Burger writes, "Our 40th reunion is fast approaching!! I have been back in Pittsburgh for 25 years and am in touch with classmates Joanne Musgrave Wickham, Sheila Rollit Tetler, Mimi McCloskey, Linnea McQuiston Pearson, Peggy Thomas McPeck, and Susie Simon Weiner. Several times a year I have lunch with our history teacher. Miss Ginny Sheppard '41, who lives near me. In June 2008 my oldest daughter, Alissa, graduated from Knox College, and Meredith, my youngest, graduated from Mount Lebanon high school. Our home continues to be full with our dogs, Morrie and Lucy. My husband, Elmer, and I just celebrated 34 years of marriage. And yes...I am still working as a CRNP/CNS. Hope to see many of you in 2009."
ambs723@aol.com

1968

Margie Balter is thrilled that her debut CD, Music from My Heart: Solo Piano Pieces by Margie Balter, was named the winner of “Piano Album of the Year” by the LA Music Awards 2008. Her CD was recently added to the playlist of XM Radio, on Fine Tuning (channel 76) hosted by Ben Smith, and was also featured in “the A-list” of the October issue of the Verdugo Monthly. Margie’s track “First Baywatch” can now also be heard on Women of Substance radio. Please show your support by listening to the station at: http://www.live365.com/stations/breenoble mbalter@dsxtreame.com

Wendy Franklin is delighted to have been recently re-found by WT and looks forward to being in touch. She has lived in NYC since 1981 and has recently resigned from a 20-plus year career in investment banking. Apparently not a day too soon! She specialized in financing public sector transportation projects such as airports, toll roads, highways, and mass transit. Over the summer, Wendy decided that the “writing on the wall” was getting pretty large and that, if she was serious about trying for a second career, she had better get started. She jumped at an opportunity to help out at an organization called Surgeons of Hope (a direct offshoot of Doctors without Borders established to do pediatric cardiac surgery in poor countries). She is a full-time volunteer four days a week and finds the work completely fascinating. She has become a flyfisher and continues to love living in New York. wendyfranklin10@gmail.com.

1967

Suzanne Gurzenda highly recommends Vanuatu as a cruising destination. It would make an interesting vacation spot, but some of the places have pretty primitive accommodations. The volcano (Mt. Yasur) on Tanna is amazing. They stood on the rim and watched as it erupted. "I guess there are no lawyers in Vanuatu!" The snorkeling and diving were incredible! airyfairy@juno.com

Margaret “Mouse” McDowell Lofberg reports that all the McDowell girls, Lucy McDowell Karys ’68, Barbara McDowell ‘69, and Martha McDowell ’73, attended the June 21, 2008, wedding of her oldest son, John Putnam Lofberg, to Lisa Kristianna Mack. Sadly. Coco
**1966**

Barb Fink lives in Columbus, OH, where she is an R.N. and practices in home health. She has been in health care for around 20 years and worked in many different areas. Although she obtained a Bachelor’s degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she lived for 10 years, her R.N. is an Associate’s degree, which she received in Ohio. She is currently enrolled in an online B.S.N. program with the University of Phoenix. She continues to be very involved with her church, Xenos Christian Fellowship, and an international ministry that focuses upon outreach to O.S.U. students and their families. She has a little house with a big yard, gardens, two cats, and a dog. bfin97@insight.rr.com

Jane Soxman is still in private practice as a pediatric dentist, writing for dental journals, and speaking nationally. She recently accepted a position as Chief Clinical Officer for the National Children's Oral Health Foundation, whose sole involvement, energy, and resources are directed to providing dental care for economically disadvantaged children. Her daughter, Bailey, is a junior at the University of Maryland. Her son, Zack, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy last May and is attending Nuclear Power School. Jane spent a weekend with Alice Wallace Belhumeur in Richmond, VA. jasoxman@verizon.net

**1965**

Carolyn Slease Frahm and Mary Sturm Albright visited at Mary’s home in York, ME, in August. Carolyn and Mary had gone to Hillsdale College together in Hillsdale, MI, and they were roommates for three out of four years in college. Carolyn then headed to Ligonier, PA, to her mother’s graveside service. Eleanor Cunningham Slease died June 9 in Midlothian, VA. Her husband, Clyde Harold Slease, died in January of 2005. Both were supporters of Winchester Thurston. csfrahm@earthlink.net

**1959**

Mary Lowenthal Felstiner is writing a murder mystery with ecological overtones. It’s about love, lust, and plywood. Aside from that, she’s teaching a course on the Holocaust every year as visiting professor of history at Stanford. This was supposed to be her retirement. Mf@sfsu.edu

Lyn (Carolyn) Clark Pegg is eagerly looking forward to her 50th reunion! “Let’s make a great showing!” carolynpegg@yahoo.com

**1958**

Linda Lear’s biography of Rachel Carson, Witness for Nature, will be republished in the spring of 2009 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, in time for Women’s History Month and the 2012 celebration of the 50th anniversary of Silent Spring. Linda’s latest biography, Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature, won the Lakeland Book of the Year prize in the UK, the first time the award was ever given to an American. ljlear@verizon.net

Sandra Lee Shepard Lord survived Hurricane Ike with minimal discomfort and damage and is still going strong 50 years after graduating from WT. She owns and operates a tour company in Houston, TX—Discover Houston Tours—and enjoys showing her adopted hometown to folks from all over the world. She has a daughter, Alexandra, who is an accountant in San Antonio, and a granddaughter, Aryelle, who is a sophomore at East Early College High School in Houston. SandraSLord@aol.com

**1957**

Judy Rohrer Davis can’t believe that her big 50th reunion was one year ago! They added a new baby to the family in May: Tim and Ruth had another daughter, Reika Judith Jacqueline Davis. Judy enjoys babysitting her and her big sister, Alexa. Rick and Leisa have two little ones, too—Nathaniel, 3, and Emmie, 1. Brooks, who is in first grade, and Matthew live in Mt. Pleasant, SC (Charleston). Judy had a fun time this summer on a Mississippi River cruise, starting in Minneapolis/St. Paul and padding down to St. Louis on the American Queen, with stops along the way. jrdavis29@gmail.com
1955
Mary Minor Evans was chosen from a dozen nominees for Port Cities Woman of the Year. The Duluth Woman’s Club and the Duluth League of Women Voters nominated her for the volunteer work with them and the many other organizations and causes she has supported over the years. All year long, Mary and Bob celebrated their 50 years of marriage. A highlight was a party given by their four sons who also gave them a sail boat, since they originally met while sailing.

Mary Ann Rowe Wucher reports that Fred has had some health “bumps in the road” lately, but they are doing fine. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a week’s Caribbean cruise with the whole family, consisting of son Brad and his wife, Peggy, with their sons, Jeff, 16, and Ben, 13; daughter Kathy and her husband, David, and their girls, Skyler, 11, and Allyson, 8; and our youngest son Scott, and his wife, Mary Jo, and their son, Chase, 5. There were enough activities for all ages on the brand new ship “Liberty of the Seas.” Mary Ann feels blessed that all the children live within 20 minutes of them, so they get to attend lots of their concerts and sporting events. Her volunteer work continues with PEO, deacons (currently moderator), Make-A-Wish, book club, and a women’s handbell team at church. Mary Ann would love to hear from everyone from the class.

1954
Jeanne Arthur Roth wrote, “Although we had been through a hurricane before and several tropical storms, we were really not prepared for ‘Ike’. It was larger than anyone expected, covering the Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to Alabama with an ‘eye’ larger than we have ever experienced. There must have been small tornados as part of the incredible wind, uprooting trees and causing our tallest downtown building, Chase Bank, to have many windows pop out like popcorn. We had some water damage but nothing like our neighbor, who lost all the bricks and windows on one side of her house. I think many of us are still in recovery and trying to help those who lost everything in Galveston. We ask everyone to keep Houston and Galveston folks in their prayers.” 

1953
Mary Ann Rowe Wucher

1947
Gwen Chenoweth Swaney worked tirelessly over two years to find a home for the eight magnificent Percheron horses that were used to pull the H.J. Heinz Co.’s promotional wagon at special events such as the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC. Now, instead of trotting down the cobbled stones of Main Street America, the horses work at Arlington National Cemetery, where they pull the burial caissons honoring fallen heroes from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. An avid equestrian and animal lover, Gwen worked with the horses’ trainer to ensure that the horses have a long and successful future. The horses are also used as therapy for returning troops who often ride them to regain strength in their arms and legs.
1941
Ruth Weimer Tillar had a wonderful two-week trip to Italy in June with her son, Tom. She enjoyed going to football game weekends at William and Mary and Virginia Tech, and attending meetings for the DAR and the Hospital Auxiliary in Richmond. Ruth attends WWII seminars each month at W&M. One of her favorite projects in Emporia is working with a group on saving an old school auditorium for a civic center.
rtillar@verizon.net

1940
Jane Blattner Kreimer visited Pittsburgh in September and enjoyed lunch with her cousins, Joan Frank Apt '44 and Lois Kaplan Finkel ’39. Jane says, “Time hasn’t changed us one little bit. We are the same as we have always been—just a little creakier.” Her son, A.J., came to Pittsburgh to visit for a couple of days from Moorestown, NJ. They had dinner parties every night, which does not happen to Jane in Fort Lauderdale. She keeps in touch with Ann Gare Keck ’42. “Those close associations with Winchester girls never die. I just love it! We moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1980. They say you can’t go back home, but I have not found that to be true. I am thinking of moving back to Pittsburgh in a few years.”

Mary Cunninghan Bailey ‘44 toured WT’s Upper School with Jean Fornrook Armstrong ‘44.

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.

Jean Hansen Stirling ’37, September 30, 2008
Mary Cooper Dunn ‘38, September 13, 2008
Margaret Moore Mills ’49, summer, 2007
Constance Blum Marstine ’55, June 5, 2008
Anne Sauers Brassert ’57, August 28, 2008
Ann Schofield Mullin-Renshaw ’58, May 1, 2008
Coco (Susanna) Corbett ’66, October 10, 2008

Condolences
To Gretchen Biesecker ’86 on the death of her mother, R. Carol Biesecker, May 2008
To Lisa Whitcomb Capra ’76 on the death of her mother, Don Whitcomb, June 8, 2008
To Julie Tarasevich Dever ’85, on the death of her mother, Millie Tarasevich, June 14, 2008
To Carolyn Slease Frahm ’65 on the death of her mother, Eleanor Cunningham Slease, June 2008
To Jean Harchelroad ’71 on the death of her father, Fred P. Harchelroad, March 13, 2008
To Bryan Holland-Minkley ’96 on the death of his mother, Florence Holland, April 25, 2008
To Jane Blattner Kreimer ’40, on the death of her husband, Milton Kreimer, March 9, 2007
To Randy Lyon Mayes ’75 on the death of her mother, Mary Lou Lyon, May 15, 2008
To Nancy Packer ’79 and Patty Packer Suhody ’75, on the death of their mother, Betty Jane Packer, October 20, 2008
To Janet Marstine Polishook ’77, on the death of her mother, Constance Blum Marstine ’55, June 5, 2008
To Corey Powell ’85 on the death of her mother, Karline Powell, October 3, 2008
To Stacey White ’99 and former Trustee Karen Farmer White, on the death of their father and husband respectively, Dwight White, June 6, 2008.

Honoraty Alums
Head of School Pam Shaw with William Healy, Mayor of Canton, Ohio. The mayor was the guest speaker at Pinwheels for Peace, Canton Country Day School’s celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 22nd.

Class Notes
Please send us your news and photos! Send information to Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/Relations, Winchester Thurston School, 555 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or wolfsona@winchesthurston.org.
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Thanks for your generosity

Breaking all previous records for annual support, the alumnae/i, current and past parents, grandparents, employees, and friends of Winchester Thurston gave over $1,000,000 in 2007-2008. Motivated by the success of WT in educating students who are intelligent, confident, and engaged, our donors broke the million dollar threshold, endorsing WT’s mission and direction in graduating world-ready students. Each gift helped in some way to ensure that each student is known as an individual and challenged to excel intellectually, creatively, athleticism, and to contribute vigorously to the learning community.

The WT Fund, the annual giving campaign, raised $850,817; a special trustee appeal that resulted in a one-time 100% increase in trustee giving raised an additional $152,540. In total, the community contributed $1,003,357. Average size of gifts for each constituent group—trustees, alumnae/i, parents, past parents, and employees—increased. Notable was a 67% increase in the average parent gift.

In addition to individual giving, business friends of WT donated Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) gifts of $179,575; and the Parents Association donated over $100,000 to the WT Fund through the annual benefit, WT Airlines, the Only Way to Fly, Applefest, and Spring Fling.

Congratulations to the many volunteers who worked to achieve this year’s spectacular results. Thank you to each donor who made Winchester Thurston one of their philanthropic priorities.
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Natalie Glance & David Hull

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Gifts of $1,000+
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(A) denotes Associate Alum
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Gifts of $500+
Anonymous (2)
Ms. Loretta M. Thompson '68
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Andrew & Andrea Eller
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Dr. & Mrs. John Frechione
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Annekathryn Goodman '74
Rita J. Gould '46
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Wendy & Timothy Husni
Jane Hooton Ince '56
Lindsey & Jonathan Isaacson
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Linda Johnson &
David McLaughlin
Lynn Johnson '71
Ann Kalla '73
Debra Durr Ladley '81
Allison Levy '75
Karen & David Littman
Louise Baldridge Lytle '51
Janet Rothman Markel '54
Thomas B. McChesney, Jr. '98
Mildred Stewart McGough '58
Leslie Ann Meredith '74
Jane Michaels '64
Abby & Mark Miller
Brenda Wise Moffitt '54
Rose & David Molder
Mary Kay & Sudhir Narla
Nikki N. Navta
Susan & Thomas Netzer
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Noftz
Dr. Ulka Sachdev &
Dr. Michael Ost
Jane Dressler Page '48
Seema Pollack-Gross
Frances Hoffman Puntereri '68
Lynne Raphael
Tom & Tracey Reading
Mary Jayne Whitkey
Redenbaugh '37
Sara Viviano Rolley '68
Janice Greenberg Rosenberg '53
Daniel A. Sadowski, Jr.
Mark Scheatzle &
Kimberly Harrigal

THE WT FUND: SIX-YEAR GIVING HISTORY

- $70,048 raised
- $726,248 raised
- $850,816 raised

$600,000 $650,000 $700,000 $750,000 $800,000 $850,000
$610,219 $667,432 $690,372* $691,991 $950,816

*W$70,048 raised
($726,248 raised for for capital campaign)
Kathryn W. Kruse ’58
Dr. Janet Harrison Kuzmishin ’87
& Mr. John Kuzmishin
Sharon Lauer & Jerome Joseph
April Lee ’91
Jill & Philip Lehman
Thelma Levin Levine ’46
Mr. Walter Limbach
Virginia Hofer Loesch ’72
Janine Frazier Macklin &
Warner Macklin III
Randy Lyon Mayes ’75
Beverlee Simboli McFadden ’55
Susan McGowan ’66
Eleanor Donehoo McIntire ’56
Mary McSorley ’66
Eleanor Meredith ’77
Nancy Clever Middleton ’65
Cheryl Moore & Stan Levenson
Dr. & Mrs. Leroy Moore
June & Ferozan Navid
Michelle Kane O’Donnell ’75
Heather Palonder ’87
Nancy Patton
Geri Anderson Potter ’77
Betty M. Price
Bill & Nancy Rackoff
Mary Lee Friday Rafferty ’58
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Ms. Judy Robinson
Nancy & Craig Rogers
Dr. & Ms. Bryan Routledge
Betsey Riddle Ruderfer ’53
Derwin & Darlene Rushing
Eleanor Hewitt Rushworth ’47
Kimberly Farinet Sailer ’87
Kathryn Cable Sandell ’56
JoAnn Goble Schauba ’76
Leland Schermer &
Janice Faller Schermer
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Virginia Ann Sheppard ’41
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Nate & Rebecca Simon
Jeannie Murdoch Smith ’55
Ms. Patricia Mooney &
Mr. Alan Steinberg
Dr. Guy M. Stofman
Sally Guy Stone-Worsing ’57
Lois Graham Tinger ’51
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Dr. Howard D. & Dr. Mary Waclaw
Gina & Scott Watson
Gretchen Bohna Weissner ’77
Shelby & Michael Wherry
Jean Clark Yount ’45

BEAR CLUB
Gifts of $100 - $249, for alumnae/i who
have graduated in the last ten years
Nathaniel Doyno ’01
Michael McCarthy ’08
Andrew Santelli ’00
Andrew Wickerham ’06

By Constituency
ALUMNAE/I
by class year
Honorary Alumnae/i

1931
Betty Thompson Reif

1932
Jean Davis
Nancy Davis
Margaret Niedringshaus Palmer
Antoinette Vilsack Seifert

1933
Elizabeth Bradley

1934
Alice McKnight Mackroth

1935
Betty Cohen Sikov

1936
Helen McNair Sinnett

1937
Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer
Jane Brooke Farnsworth
Mary George Gast
Mary Jayne Whipkey Redenhaugh

1938
Charlotte Rush Brown
Mary Jane Harter Forker
Mary Lou Armstrong Mele
Phyllis Keister Semple

1939
Lois Kaplan Finkel
Mary Lou Kountz Groover
Nancy Crook Tishler

1940
Barbara Keebler Linn
June Hahn Whitehill-Dukehart

1941
Mary Lou Richardson Brock
Britta Ericson Chambers
Virginia Ann Sheppard
Ruth Weimer Tilar

1942
Ruth Speidel Dalzell-McMillan
Enid Mitchell Dunnire
Marion Thompson Kerwin
Gertrude Kneil

1943
Winifred Schultz Carr
Shirley Seubert Chewning
Joan Borden Drury
Janet Donaldson Gilmore
Jessie Butler Herdic
Janet Eisenbeis Johnson
Sally Doerschuk Ketchum
Jocelyn Halme MacConnell
Letitia Emilie Rieck
Rachel Heppenstall Shingler
Joyce Runk Wenston
Marguerite Tabor Yates

1944
Joan Frank Apt
Jean Fornrook Armstrong
Mary Cunningham Bailey
Marion Weis Cohen
Marcia Phillips Cornell
Alice Pitcher Dibble
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 Sopp Schroefer
Patricia Conner Shulte
Margaret Edgar Sellers
Sally Smith Williams

1945
Elizabeth Wright Anderson
Elizabeth Ann Leggett Black
Claire Bloom Hahn
Frances Lyne Heiner *
Esther Speidel Jack
Shirley Kerr Kennard
Margery Sopp McCarthy
Anne (Rooney) Fornrook
McClokey
Jean Clark Yount

1946
Enola Sargent Almany
Jane Callomon Arkus
Katherine MacDonald Blenko
Caroline Abraham Delavan
Jean Curran Donley
Rita Gould
Lenore Corey Hanson
Mary Meyer Johns
Patricia Martin Laird
Thelma Levin Levine
Rita Gottlieb Levis
Amy Comins Lowenstein
Jean Ayars Polli
Marcia Miller Weiss

1947
Katharine Bancroft
Barbara Bennett Blum
Betty Bradshaw Caesar
Ann Franklin Hazlett
Norma Sue Glinn Madden
Eleanor Hewitt Rushworth
Dorothy Dodworth Scullin
Gwen Chenoweth Swaney
Gerda Rice Whitman

1948
Suzanne Birmingham
Virginia Jack Claxon
Mary Cosgrove
Gloria Palmer Fuller
Elizabeth Jackman
Nancy Queer McSorley
Betty Jean Rayburn Ogren
Jane Dressler Page
Joan Heppenstall Sieber

1949
Dr. Margaret Smith Wenzel
1950
Nancy Ray Copp Graves
Carol Straub Guibert
Caryl Amshel Halpern
Adelyn Holleman Hickey
Marilyn Sugerman Latterman
Margaret Ewart Riter
Susan Frankenstein Shapera
Mary Jane Langham Walling

1951
Patricia McClay Boggs
Carol Crookston Close
Sally Bloom Cohen
Ruth O’Brien Collura
Constance Smith Franklin
Sallie Gottlieb Korman
Louise Balridge Lytle
Marjorie Reed Olson
Nancy Bair Peacock
Lois Graham Tingler
Gail Wainwright Tseckares

1952
Suzanne LeClere Barley
Janine McCaslin Bergmark
Barbara Abney Bolger
Marion Montgomery Colbourne
Elaine Kaufman Haid
Jacquelyn Wilson Hill
Nancy Martin
Barbara Givan Missimer
Caroline O’Nan

1953
Anne Ballard Dunlap
Jane Blough French
Ann Ross Heymann
Susanna Biddle Kecskemethy
Virginia Simboli Leary
Dorothy Jones Menges
Margaret Jackman Metzger
Ann Livingston Reed
Janice Greenberg Rosenberg
Barbara Silver Rosenthal
Betsy Riddle Ruderfer
Judith Blough Wentz
Victoria Crane Williams

1954
Louise Waterman Bailey
Sarah Buchanan Braun
Elizabeth Gott Byerly
Diane Willey Green
Sally Lewis Horner
Judith Marshall Lauer
Janet Rothman Markel
Zenaida White Marshall
Anne (Kiki) Bahr McConnel
Dana Spicer McCown
Brenda Wise Moffitt
Roberta Blackburn Muenzmay
Mary Christner Mullins
Sally Helsel Price
Sandra Metz Qureshi
Elisabeth Mirsky Ruchkin
Barbara Messer Steinfeld

1955
Nancy Ruester Allen
Melinda Brown Beard
Lucile Thompson Cruickshank
Faith Wertz Eastwood Shore
Mary Minor Evans
Marlene Berman Haus
Nancy Stimmel Herpin
Frances Blasdell Hubbell
Elizabeth Forstall Keen
Suzanne Dressler Kellar
Linda Goorin Marcus
Beverlee Simboli McPadden
Barbara Feldman Rogal
Jeannie Murdock Smith
Marcia Smith Wilder

1956
Holly Carlson Campbell
Jane Gault Greer
Sara Barker Hanan
Rosanne Isay Harrison
Jane Hooton Ince
Jane Marshall Lohman
Eleanor Donehoo McIntire
Myrna Katz Morris
Beatrice Epstein Morrison
Barbara Probst Roth
Kathryn Cable Sandell
Barbara Safier Shoag
Lynne Crookston Stull

1957
Virginia Willey Birmingham
Phyllis Chinlund
Judith Bond Clarke
Judith Rohrer Davis
Harriet Adler Feldman
Marilyn King Jessen
Caroled Oswald Markus
Victoria Brittain Seckel
Elaine Dupertuis Seibert
Sally Guy Stone-Worsing
Cordelia Westervelt Swinton
Jane Arensberg Thompson
Elizabeth Smelzer Winslow

1958
Barbara Berkman Ackerman
Linda Ruttenberg Ackerman
Katherine Horner Anderson
Jean Bottcher
Joanne Johnston Bowser
Linda Isaly Coughlin
Susan Pekruhn Glotfety
Kathryn Kruse
Claire Evans Martin
 Mildred Stewart McGough
Mary Lee Friday Rafferty
Josette Neubauer Rolley
Linda Crandall Smith
Marsha Swiss
Elizabeth Warne

1959
Linda Kramer Berk
Carolyn Marzke Braun
Katherine Staley Clarkson
Helen Crozier-Breed
Mary Lowenthal Felstiner
Alexandra Brittain Knox
Carolyn Clark Pegg
Donna Gow Taylor
Judith Getty Treadwell

1960
Joy Duquette Engroff
Elizabeth Booth Ezerman
Christiana Hoffman Hirshberg
Donne Erving Holden
Elizabeth Hackett Huffine
Bebe Dorrance Marchal
Susan Hopkins Martin
Judith Mosenson McCord

1961
Barbara Nickel Beisel
Eileen Mauclair D’Appolonia
Sally Colbaugh Marks
Katherine Hawkins Miller
Dorothy Hart Murray
Holiday Huime Shoup
Cathleen McSorley Stanton

1962
Francie Johnston Brentzel
Aline Massey
Elizabeth Middleton

1963
Susan Sharp Dorrance A
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
Georgia McKee Epstein
Jeanne Horner Pote
Christine Raisig
Nancy Herron Ruben
Susan Finkel Wechsler
Nancy Hickox Wright
Carolyn Yates A

THE WT FUND: ONE OF FOUR SOURCES OF YEARLY REVENUE

- Tuition and Fees 79%
- Investment Income 4%
- Auxiliary Revenue 7%
- WT Fund and other gifts and grants 10%

- Total 100%
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<td>Martha Lynn Berg, Chris Haberstick Biedenbach, Sally Mars Carey, Susan Whitmer Craft, Martha Hunter-Elmer, Margaret Keck, Lenore Mardis-McClintock, Susan McGowan, Mary McSorley, Margaret Gezon Meltz, Susan Cohen Myrick, Anne Parkin Pierpont, Ann Haber Schelbe, Jane Soxman, Judith Uptegraff Spaeth, Martha Jane Nims Valent, Lindsay Yates</td>
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<td>Sara Ann Kalla, Lynn Kronzek, Barbara Lichtenstul Lippman, Peggy Lowenstein, Amy B. Nixon, Pamela Price Pryor, Joanne Ross Simon</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Andrea Beldecos, Cindy Deskins Brickley, Sharon Ross Hardie, Jean Hetzel, Eleanor Meredith</td>
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<td>Janet Maristine Polishook, Geri Anderson Potter, Lindsay McKean Scott, Gretchen Bohna Weissner, Randi Coffey, Tacie Yoon, Catherine Allegra, Gail Kuller Enda, Ellen Silverman Garvin, Kate Taylor Golightly, Mason McKean Hoeller, Ellen Krause Johnson, Mary McKenna, Helene Stone Prince, Helenbeth Reiss Reynolds, Carol Levy Wilson</td>
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<td>1984</td>
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1984
Lisa Baldwin-Youngblood
Mary Elko Comfort
Catherine Farinet
Lori Feinman
Scythia Scolly
Allyson Baird Sveda
Anne King Unger

1985
Tracey Cohen
Julie Tarasevich Dever
Jodi Greenwald Golomb
Deborah Tenenouser Hochman
Amy Goldstein Jaffe
Gena Volas-Redd

1986
Amy Dameshek Brumbaugh
Andrea Kann Gassner
Elizabeth Samet
Jordan Solow Sweeting
Amy Danovitz Tanen

1987
Janet Harrison Kuzmishin
Heather Palonder
Lauren Raphael
Kimberly Farinet Sailer

1988
Loretta Lobes Benec
Gail Unger Fryncko
Eva Kolodner
Mary Martin
Bonnie Barrett Wymard

1989
Elizabeth Miller Buchanan
Laura Bostick Collins
Annie Hanna Engel
Amy Smith Gunn
Dina Rebecca Kaplan A

1990
Rachel Graves

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David & Sandi Andrews
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Paulette Apostolides
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Renee & Ron Bartlett
Dr. & Mrs. P. Michael Bauer
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Drs. Margaret & John Charley
Dr. Annie S. Menzel &
Mr. John Charney
Ms. Robin Ziegler &
Dr. Clifford Chen
Dr. Laura Childress-Hazen
Monika Kasayk & Emile Chrek
Mr. & Mrs. John Christie-Searles
Cochran Family

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Dr. Daniele Coen-Pirani
Randi Coffey '78
Stacy & Dan Cohen
Sheila & Bill Colombo
Mimi & Steve Cooper
Elizabeth & Richard Costa
Drs. Mary Sheehan-Counihan &
Peter Counihan
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Dr. Justin Crowley &
Dr. Brooke McCartney
Gregory & Simin Curtis
Stephen & Sharon D’Angelo
Jim Daniels & Kristin Kovacic
Ms. Hannah Krause &
Mr. Jose de San Martin
Jane & Jon Delano
Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Denko
Kathryn Roeder & Bernie Devlin
Mr. & Mrs. J. Philip DiPietro
Kathy & Chip Dougherty
Jennifer Lee & Howard Dubner
Helia & Leon Edelsack
Kathy Buechel & Fred Egler
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Susan & Brian Ernstorff
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Susan & Tom Ferguson
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Jacqueline Swansinger &
Del Findley
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