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that **nobody need wait** a single moment  
before starting to **improve the world.**”

~ ANNE FRANK



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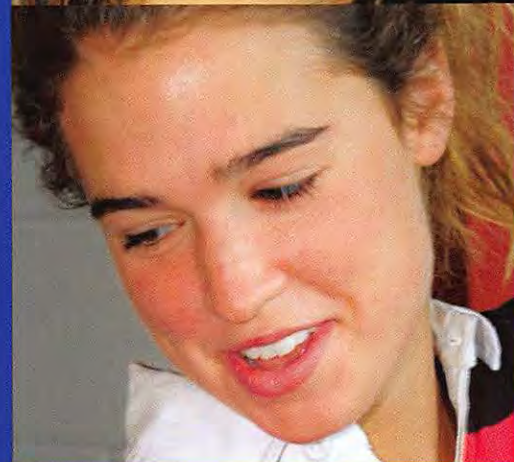
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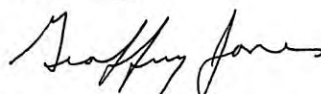
At Potomac we champion a model of service leadership. That model is fully integrated in our academic and extra-curricular programs, where students and teachers understand the power of community and the collaborative process. We learn better by learning together and we serve better in partnership with those we serve.

Many of our graduates choose professions of service—government, teaching, medicine, and non-profit organizations. We believe that all of our graduates continue as service leaders who step up to our society’s challenges and opportunities. They have been steeped in the power of engaging and empowering fellow citizens to work together to find innovative solutions. Service leadership requires rigorous intellectual preparation, and builds on the holistic model of character, community and creativity.

An exemplary school must be engaged in the larger world, challenging itself to remain aware of and contribute to the issues and concerns of our local and global communities. The nature of Potomac’s educational program, in tandem with a host of service opportunities for our students and professional development opportunities for our faculty, works toward that end. We develop the kind of individuals who know how to collaborate with their peers to build on each individual’s strengths, in order to contribute in a larger way than they could by working alone.

This is what our founders had in mind. Potomac’s early pioneers recognized the potential of students and teachers coming together both to learn and to make the world a better place. Students at Potomac don’t just participate in service projects – they create and lead them. From third graders running their own Great American Bake Sale, to sixth graders charged with developing and carrying out their own projects, to the vast majority of Upper School students participating voluntarily in a host of weekly service programs, Potomac lives its model of service to others.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Jones, Head of School



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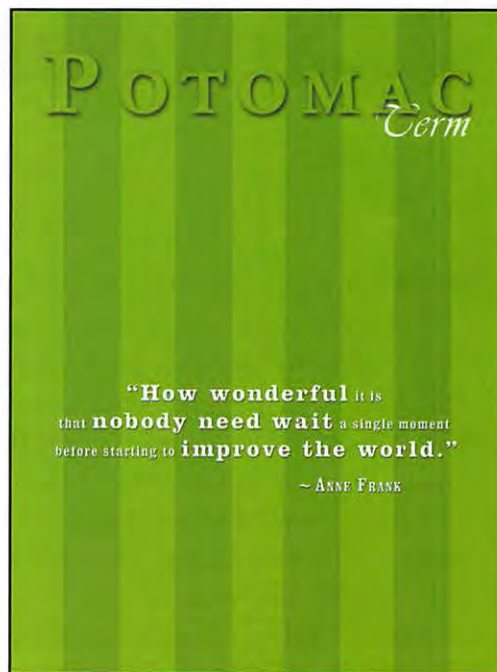
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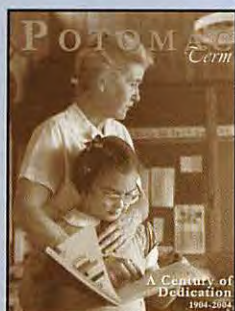


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**~ ON THE COVER ~**  
 Inspired by an elegant present, it shows the "gift" each Potomac student gives. Cover concept and creation by Term Art Director Michael J. Soloway



# Recognitions

## Potomac Term Wins Two Prestigious CASE Awards

This past February, during the 2006 CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, The Potomac School Alumni & Development Office was honored with two special recognition awards for design and photography excellence. With over 1,400 entries this year across nine states, each category was more competitive than ever before. The following is a list of The Potomac School's specific category accolades:

Grand Award (First Prize) for Visual Design: Improvement in Design, *The Potomac Term*

Special Merit Award for Photography, "Has it been that long?" (photo at left)



The redesigned *Potomac Term* won the Grand Award, Visual Design: Improvement in Design and a Special Merit Award, Photography.



# ALUMNI IN SERVICE

**T**hat Kip Lewis '98 has chosen to enrich the community rather than his purse will come as no surprise to anyone who knows him. If one expands the idea of harmony, evident literally in Kip's skill as a vocalist, to the more abstract notion of harmony as the social ideal, then his commitment to the general good seems almost inevitable. Kip traces much of his passion for service and education to his experiences at Potomac. Sarah Corson – one of Potomac's master teachers – ignited in Kip an understanding that education is not unlike the eco-system: neglect or compromise one segment and the whole system suffers.

Diversity, equity, and responsibility ensure complete learning and a harmonious society. Income should not determine a student's right to that complete learning. Kip notes that "tutoring at Martha's Table every Monday night definitely began to cultivate the desire to work within urban education . . ." The piercing contrast between Potomac as a vibrant, empowering environment for learning and the schools these students whom he tutored attended, intensified his determination to redress wide spread inequities in educational opportunities.

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"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Albert Einstein  
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He spoke of his experience learning math at Potomac, particularly in Sharyn Stein's eighth grade units, "Math had always been presented to me by my teachers at Potomac as something we could make sense of, where answers could be deduced using understanding of concepts and the relationship between numbers, rather than just by memorizing answers or procedures." Reading Jonathan Kozol's *Savage Inequalities* in Bob Riley's tenth grade English and examining the *Transcendentalists* the next year crystallized Kip's belief in the importance of "going above or beyond, particularly moving outside of ourselves as a way of finding meaning and having a lasting impact on the world." In 2002, after graduating from Haverford, Kip sought a job in which he would have the chance to make a positive impact on the lives of others. He felt he had been challenged in life, but in very safe, comfortable ways – academically, athletically, and musically. Teach For America (TFA) offered the perfect balance of service and challenge "outside his comfort zone." And challenge he did indeed encounter in profound ways. He started the school year at Ron Brown Middle School in Deanwood, an area across the Anacostia in Northeast, DC, with no class list (arrived later in the week), no textbooks (arrived during the third week), and no keys to the classroom (arrived during the second month). Disorganization came at a high academic cost: in each of his math classes, for example, students ready for Algebra sat next to students who were struggling with basic math. He spoke of one boy – mother dead, father disappeared, brother in jail – forced to spend Christmas in a group home. Though often grimly difficult and disheartening, teaching in the TFA program brought that transcendental exhilaration that he had read about in the abstract so many years earlier. In a letter to Sarah Corson, Kip wrote, "I'll never forget eighth grade graduation that first year [at Ron Brown], when three members of my homeroom, were the first three to get their diplomas as the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Most Improved student, respectively. Seeing those three girls walk proudly across that stage was one of the happiest moments of my life."

Still, starkness remained for too many children, a starkness that Teach For America could only blunt. Convinced that personal commitment is crucial if education, potential, and justice are to be truly realized and after teaching for two years in TFA, Kip moved to College Summit, "an education non-profit that works with low-income students on navigating the college application process, and more systemically trying to change the college going culture in low-income schools and communities." We come full circle back to Potomac via Lauren Goodyear, a former English teacher in the Upper School (1995-2001): College Summit was founded by and continues under the leadership of Jacob Schram, Lauren Goodyear's husband.

Bill Brown, Chair of US History, spoke at Baccalaureate '05 of the iconic significance of Potomac's trees, of their power to stir memory, to fire the



imagination, and to connect one generation to the next. But our roots are both literal and metaphorical. Regarding Kip Lewis's service, one can reflect on Alexander Pope's observation:

*Thus education forms the common mind;  
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.*

It is through the efforts and ideals of those who commit to service that we are all enriched.



**W**hen Kirsten Lodal '97 speaks of her work as CEO and Co-Founder of National Student Partnerships (NSP), her voice radiates with enthusiasm and energy. Clearly, she loves what she is doing and she believes passionately in the power each of us can generate to effect positive social change. While an undergraduate at Yale University, Kirsten and classmate Brian Kreiter sought ways to support their neighbors in need in the city of New Haven. They recognized that the challenges their neighbors faced were indeed tremendous, but they also knew that they and their classmates possessed the energy and enthusiasm to commit themselves to the effort. Kirsten and Brian built a program aimed at helping members of the community to pursue employment, self-sufficiency, and personal success with their fellow students as the engine through which services, opportunities, and attention could be attained. The model worked, and interest in this student-initiated and student-led venture grew. Kirsten took time away from her studies to build National Student Partnerships into a model that could be replicated in communities around the country. Now the organization boasts fifteen centers and involves thousands of undergraduate and graduate students from 43 colleges and universities in the process. To date, NSP volunteers have served over 10,000 clients, helping them to reach their goals through direct support and assistance.

Kirsten comes from a family that believes in giving to others through service. Through her early experiences with a variety of organizations such as the Children's Defense Fund, the Black Community Crusade for Children, and Head Start, she developed an understanding of and appreciation for the ways in which each person can make a difference through action. When she arrived at The Potomac School as a ninth grade student, she recognized that she had joined a school where community service was valued and where opportunities for involvement were many. Kirsten never hesitated. She speaks of her years at Potomac as a time when her commitment and passion grew stronger, thanks to the support and encouragement of fellow students and teachers alike. She also learned how to be a leader. "Potomac helped me to develop the confi-



**Kirsten Lodal '97** by Dan Paradis



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dence to act, to develop my own ideas and to make things happen . . . Through my teachers and my fellow students I learned how to work as a member of a team, even as I realized that I could forge my own path and develop my own ideas.”

For now, Kirsten is reveling in the opportunity to grow a national non-profit organization, to partner with private and public organizations in order to move her vision forward, and to bring others into NSP so that a collective vision can grow and thrive. In 2004 Kirsten and co-founder Kreiter were awarded the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service, and in accepting this honor, Kirsten shared the following words: “In the end, this is really just about sharing our strengths with the world, and receiving in return the lessons and support that others have to share with us.” Kirsten knows that strong partnerships are the foundation for each of us in the work that we do. With conviction and enthusiasm, she is sharing this truth with an ever-growing circle of neighbors and friends.

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“Service is what life is all about.”  
Marian Wright Edelman

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Rory Kennedy '84 wants to open people's hearts. She wants to raise awareness with respect to an array of social issues. She wants to educate and motivate people to give of themselves in order to help others. She yearns to evoke compassion for those in difficult situations.

How does Rory seek to achieve this? The answer, says Rory is by producing documentaries or, what she calls, human films. Through Moxie Firecracker Films, her New York-based production company, she tells real stories about real people who have faced and overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. She is an award winning writer, director and producer and has chosen to dedicate her career to raising consciousness on important and sometimes controversial subjects such as drug addiction, AIDS, poverty, human rights, and domestic abuse.

When asked about her years at Potomac, she recalls "I love Potomac. I have great memories of Potomac." Rory was a "lifer" at a time when that meant attending Potomac from pre-Kindergarten through ninth grade. She went on to graduate from The Madeira School in 1987.

While earning her degree in Women's Studies at Brown University she examined drug addiction during and after pregnancy and the social and legal ramifications women face. This study was the catalyst for her first film entitled *Women of Substance* which profiles three women who avoid prenatal care in fear that their children will be taken from them. The film outlines a program that emphasizes rehabilitating rather than punishing mothers and mothers-to-be who have fallen prey to drug abuse.

*Pandemic: Facing AIDS* examines the worldwide spread of HIV/AIDS and shares the personal stories of a former prostitute from Thailand, two Russian intravenous drug users, a homosexual man from Brazil, a truck driver from India and his pregnant wife, and orphans in Uganda. Their unique circumstances reveal the anguish and shame with which they live as well as the triumphs. The film is part of a global AIDS campaign which also includes educational materials, a video designed for students, a policy makers' version, five public service announcements, photo exhibition, Web site, and promotional CD. The film, which sheds global perspective on the AIDS epidemic, premiered at the Barcelona World AIDS conference in July 2002 and aired on HBO in June 2003.

In *American Hollow*, Rory tells the story of a close-knit clan living in Kentucky's Appalachian Mountains. Rory spent time over the course of a year living with the Bowling family who are steadfast in their desire to remain true to age-old family traditions. They live off their land and



increasingly small government welfare checks amidst, yet isolated from, our modernized world. The film premiered at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival and garnered several awards from major film institutes.

Rory's other films include *Different Moms*, a documentary about mentally disabled parents raising normally-developed children and how these women can achieve success if given the right support and training. Many communities lack the necessary programs and the film raises awareness of an issue that affects tens of thousands of families annually.

"Producing documentaries challenges me to think about things in a different light," says Rory. Through her films she hopes to enlighten and call us to action. When we give of ourselves, we not only make our world a better place, but we enrich our own lives through the process.

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"If I have been of service . . .  
it has been a successful day."  
Alex Noble

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**P**otomac has always nurtured a sense of strong community and service, within its walls, in the greater Washington area and beyond. This has been evident not only by dedicated community service programs but also in the core of the curriculum. Certainly no alumna or alumnus has been a better emissary of the School in a chosen service career than Tilly Rothwell Koehler '66 whose highly successful work with the mentally challenged has spanned 31 years and whose teaching approach has been influenced by her years at Potomac.

Tilly attended The Potomac School from 1960-1966, graduating in the ninth grade with the second co-educational class. What interested her most were the programs in music ("it bound us all together, it gave us a common purpose, and it was so beautiful"); in writing (she went on to major in writing in college, saying that this was so because of "the inspiration and encouragement I received"); and the outdoor activities and athletics that prepared Tilly for varsity-level sports in later years. She says that she always felt that she belonged at Potomac, that she had many friends, and that "the teachers were nurturing and kind and were there for you."

Tilly went on to Madeira and continued to pursue those interests that had been fostered at Potomac. It was during this time that Tilly visited her







Potomac classmate Suzy Armstrong Hamberger '66 at her home, and by chance she met the neighbor's four-year-old grandchild who had Down syndrome. It was a life-altering moment. After spending the afternoon with this little girl, Tilly went home and announced to her mother that she now knew what she wanted to do with her life: to work with handicapped children. One should bear in mind that Tilly was 15 years old. Her mother called the Red Cross and arranged to have her trained as a volunteer. She worked there and at Sligo Creek Park. Tilly's career was launched.

After graduating from Madeira, Tilly attended Pine Manor College for one year and majored in creative writing. She transferred to Santa Monica College in California and then to UCLA where she graduated with a degree in creative writing and poetry, all the while continuing her work with profoundly mentally challenged children. A year after graduation from college, Tilly moved to Maine where she obtained her graduate degree in Exceptional Education at the University of Southern Maine. She has always maintained her interest in literature and writing and poetry through courses and through avid reading. And she has always taught.

Tilly lives in Maine with her husband, John, and their two children, Rose, 13, and Jake, 18. Currently she is the behavior specialist at an elementary school in Brunswick. She taught at a Maine hospital, Pineland Center, for two years, and has taught both the profoundly mentally challenged and those who were exceptionally bright, but autistic, and who suffered from emotional difficulties. She has also taught adult classes in writing and crafts. One of Tilly's favorite memories is teaching a 77-year-old man to spell correctly so that he could proudly write to his grandsons who were both graduate students. As she says, "The age range of my students is three to 93." She has even taught ESL students and finds that it can be an equal challenge, especially if the person did not learn to read or write in his or her native language.

In regard to her career, Tilly had this to say, "It's always interesting, and it's really my mental therapy. If I don't teach, I don't feel as fulfilled. I feel better about myself if I'm involved in helping someone improve his or her life and in relating to someone who has needs with which I can help."

In further recollections about how Potomac influenced her life, Tilly said that the strong and tolerant community embraced not only students of every caliber but everyone who worked there. She especially remembered Robert Jackson, a member of the Buildings and Grounds staff, who was such a positive influence. The music performances enhanced this sense of community because it involved everyone on campus. And the emphasis on being outdoors, both by curriculum design and by building design, benefited students enormously. Tilly had her high school students compete in the Special Olympics at Colby College, and she always incorporates the



outdoors with her students. Tilly mentioned the names of some of those who had made a special impression on her: Jack Langstaff; John Hebler; Mr. Magriviti; Carol Preston; Elsie Archer; and Robert Jackson. Tilly's important work, her commitment to her challenging students, and her obvious love of a career chosen at a young age make her the ideal emissary for those in service or who contemplate it as a profession. Her teachers are, or would be, most proud of her, as is her family and the Potomac community for whom she has fond memories.

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“If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain.  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.”  
Emily Dickinson

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## Community Service at Potomac Today

By Bill Cook

Service at Potomac is exhilarating, deeply rooted, and cross-divisional, and confirms for all our students that they can make a difference locally and globally. This enthusiastic embrace of service affirms a belief in *possibility*. Unlike most independent schools, community service at Potomac continues to be voluntary. Electing service intensifies that sense of empowerment that Potomac seeks to infuse in its students from the moment they become part of the community. Educators know that engaged learning taps spirit as well as mind. According to Mr. David Grant, the coordinator of Potomac's community service program, "generosity of spirit," rather than the satisfaction of a required number of hours, has been the key ingredient in shaping the great success of Potomac's outreach to those in need. Service – on campus or off, on a large scale or a small scale, working with people or working with the land – contributes to the growth of the whole child.

Potomac's Community Service Program creates a tremendous amount of contagious excitement. Dozens of student-led initiatives have flourished over the years and new ones are constantly evolving in response to local, national, and global needs. Many students look forward to playing a role in once-a-year traditions, such as the annual holiday Community of Hope party for homeless children, and the "Senior Prom" in April for elderly citizens in a local retirement home. Dozens of other students tutor inner city children in weekly sessions. Many projects are created by students in response to what they have learned at school. Still others



**Behold! I do not give lectures on a little charity.  
When I give, I give myself."**

**~Walt Whitman**

create their own service opportunities in response to what they have learned at school. After hearing from a Kenyan teacher

about how important cattle were to the culture, Lower School students sold enough lemonade to buy 13 cows for students in Kenya. Potomac students do not just participate in service, they initiate their own projects.

Students from all four divisions have actively engaged in other service campaigns, such as the recent backpack drive for students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Potomac students donated more book bags than any other school in the country. (See story on page 16.)

At Potomac service is not a one shot deal. We inculcate the value of a deeper sense of service from the earliest years onward. Our students understand and believe that every person can make a difference in the world and that, working together, we can achieve more than any one of us acting alone. For a comprehensive listing of Potomac's service initiatives, check out the new Community Service link on Potomac's Web site – [www.potomacschool.org](http://www.potomacschool.org).









Photos by Michael J. Soloway

## Heart of America

### *Potomac is First in Katrina Backpack Contributions*

*by David Grant, Community Service Coordinator*

The Potomac School led the nation in the number of backpacks collected for Operation Buddypack's Katrina-relief initiative. With over 350 backpacks collected, Potomac donated substantially more than any other school. Voluntary community service is an integral part of school life at Potomac, with 85 percent of Upper School students choosing to participate.

Operation Buddypack was conceived by the Heart of America Foundation, which has now given away more than 50,000 pounds of backpacks, school supplies, children's books and personal items valued at more than \$1 million to Katrina kids in Houston, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and six county school districts in Mississippi. The Potomac contributions went to schools in Dallas, Texas, and Mississippi.

"Lower School raised the most number of backpacks," said Riker Vermilye, one of four leaders of the Upper School Community Service Club. Fellow leader Trevor Lewis added that Middle School donated a lot as well. Riker, Trevor and Virginia O'Connell loaded the backpacks into the Heart of America truck.

The Heart of America Foundation was created to teach the values at the heart of America and to help children learn they help themselves when they help others. Founders Bill and Angie Halamandaris have made three trips to deliver supplies to Katrina kids in Houston, Baton Rouge and Lafayette.





The house was built in 1850 and was a hospital during the Civil War and headquarters for a New York regiment. It was also the Langley Post Office during the early 1900s and is on the state and national Historic registry. The Holdsworth family purchased the house in 1957.

The Potomac School would like to express its gratitude for a most generous gift of real estate from the Holdsworth family of McLean. Ray Holdsworth, a past parent and past grandparent (Belen Aquino '99), along with her children, Lindesay Holdsworth Aquino '65, Kim Holdsworth '68, and David Holdsworth '70 designated the School as the beneficiary of their family's historic house and grounds. It is their hope that the property will be an asset for the School. The family thanks Ginny Howard, former Director of Development, for assisting them in planning this gift for the School.

As a longtime volunteer in the Development Office, Mrs. Holdsworth spent years setting up and sorting the School's archives. Organizing Potomac's archives was not an easy task, given the many objects, documents, and photographs that had accumulated throughout the School's history. The Centennial Committee was especially appreciative of Mrs. Holdsworth's efforts as it turned to the archives to share the School's history with our current community.

Ray Holdsworth was the second generation to be involved with Potomac. Her mother, Mrs. Edward A. Bacon, donated the Graham Field, our football field, in honor of her father Dr. Edwin Graham, a pediatrician in Philadelphia. These generous gifts from Ray Holdsworth and her family are a wonderful tribute to The Potomac School. The Holdsworths' generosity of spirit and deep commitment to Potomac will allow the family to play a role in the future of the School by benefiting students, faculty, and staff for generations to come.

*Gifts of real estate, bequests, and other planned giving arrangements afford significant tax benefits while allowing you to establish a lasting relationship with The Potomac School. For more information, please contact **Jinene Christian, Director of Annual Giving** at 703-749-6326.*





Kindergarten: Front Row: Mary Ausbrook (Keith Ausbrook '73, uncle Michael Ausbrook '71), Lily Longwell (Natalie Washburn Longwell '68), Margaret Rietano (grandmother Sorrel Mackall McElroy '52), Miles Wilson (Speke Wilson '79, uncle Reid Wilson '82) Back Row: Sean Lenihan (grandmother Janet Spencer Dougherty '56), Courtlyne Caskin (Christopher Caskin '77, uncles Francis Caskin '76, Michael Caskin '81, grandmother Susan McKnew Caskin '41, grandaunt Patricia McKnew Nielsen '35), Rebecca Crawley (Anne Sprunt Crawley '69, uncle Charles Sprunt '72), Alex Crawley (Anne Sprunt Crawley '69, uncle Charles Sprunt '72) Not in photo: Hayden Cherouny (Merrell Redway Cherouny '82, aunt Annabelle Redway Dunn '85, grandmother Annabelle Loud Redway '57), Sebastian Cox (Alison Vest '81, aunts Emily Vest '78 and Victoria Vest '80), TJ Sharkey (Christine Rosenhauer Sharkey '83)



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## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Eighth Grade: Front Row: Alexander Nassikas (John Nassikas III '74, Georgia Chafee Nassikas '74, uncles John Chafee '71, Quentin Chafee '77), Jessica Catto (William Catto '78, aunt Isa Catto '80), Lucy Green (grandmother Julie Arnold '49), Ann Bellinger (Dawn Renzy Bellinger '77, aunts Rachel Renzy Meima '82, Ann Renzy '86) Back Row: John Henry Strong (Henry Strong '72, aunts Sigrid Strong Reynolds '67, Barbara Strong Doty '68, Dana Strong van Loon '70), Jenna Meza (Anny Lowery Meza '71, Scott Meza '71, uncles Christopher Lowery '66, Mark Lowery '66, Nick Lowery '71), John Bennett (father Frank Bennett III, '73)





Second Grade: Front Row: Tyler Crowley (Ayse Uzer Crowley '85), Justin Frazier (David Frazier '77, uncle Christopher Frazier '80), Charlie Ausbrook (Keith Ausbrook '73, uncle Michael Ausbrook '71), Toby Robinson (Scott Robinson '80, Farida Robinson '80), Sheila Rietano (grandmother Sorrel Mackall McElroy '52), Grace Moses (David Moses '76, aunts Barbara Moses '71, Jennifer Moses '74, Amalie Moses Reichblum '78) Back Row: Ellie Frank (Randy Frank '72, uncle Lanier Frank '76, aunt Eleanor Frank Hazard '73), Sydney Frazier (David Frazier '77, uncle Christopher Frazier '80), Holly Frank (Randy Frank '72, uncle Lanier Frank '76, aunt Eleanor Frank Hazard '73), Gabrielle Cecchi (Enrico Cecchi '85, uncles Antonio Cecchi '84, Carlos Cecchi '90, John Cecchi '92), Catie Mathias (Rob Mathias '77, uncle Charles Mathias '74), Val Karpoff (father Michael Karpoff '74, grandmother Carol Olive Karpoff '48) Not in photo: Bram Wilson (Speke Wilson '79, uncle Reid Wilson '82)



Third Grade: Front row: Brooks Arundel (Peter Arundel '75, aunt Wendy Arundel Willauer '77, uncles John Arundel '81, Tom Arundel '90), Emma Resor (James Resor '75, uncle Tom Resor '73), Grace Cherouny (Merrell Redway Cherouny '82, aunt Annabelle Redway Dunn '85, grandmother Annabelle Loud Redway '57) Back Row: Max Speil (Jane McAllister '70, uncle David McAllister '65, aunt Susan McAllister '76), Mark Betts (grandmother Alice Patterson Slade '45), Greta Schaaf (Lise Metzger '72, uncle Jon Metzger '74), Christopher Caskin (Christopher Caskin '77, uncles Francis Caskin '76, Michael Caskin '81, grandmother Susan McKnew Caskin '41, grandaunt Patricia McKnew Nielsen '35) Not in photo: Kyle Paul (Isabelle Chester '77, uncles John Chester '73, Charlie Chester '81, grandmother Clara Mills Chester '45)



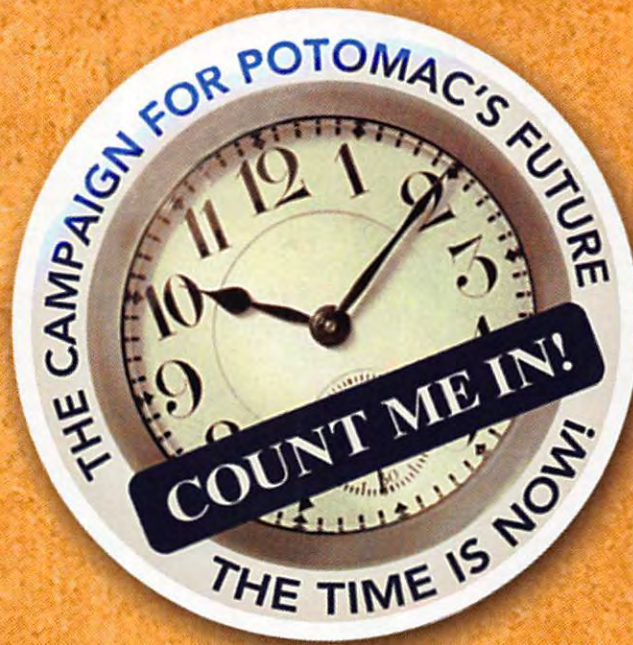
Sixth Grade: Front row: Emma Regan (Nina Howard Regan '78), Rebekah Ausbrook (J. Keith Ausbrook '73, uncle Michael Ausbrook '71), Kip Strong (Henry Strong '72, aunts Sigrid Strong Reynolds '67, Barbara Strong Doty '68, Dana Strong van Loon '70) Back row: Zachary Meza (Anny Lowery Meza '71, Scott Meza '71, uncles Christopher Lowery '66, Mark Lowery '66, Nick Lowery '71), Cameron Kahl (Caroline Baldwin Kahl '72, uncle Thomas Baldwin '73), Lacy Rosse (Gray D. Rosse '74)



Seventh Grade: Front row: Christopher Jaffe (Kim Shorb '71, uncles Robert Shorb '72, Christopher Shorb '74), B.J. Jackson (Broadway Jackson '76), Hana Betts (grandmother Alice Patterson Slade '45), Ali Moses (David Moses '76, aunts Barbara Moses '71, Jennifer Moses '74, Amalie Moses Reichblum '78) Back row: Carrita Thomas (Paul Thomas '76, uncle Alan Thomas '74, aunts Margaret Thomas Trinity '77 and Anne Thomas Weinberg '79), Alex Day (Roxana Oppenheimer Day '71), Kyra Paul (Isabelle Chester '77, uncles John Chester '73, Charlie Chester '81, grandmother Clara Mills Chester '45), John Diamond (uncles John O'Neill '69, Stephen O'Neill '74, aunt Barbara O'Neill Douglas '71), Helen Labadie (Liza Kuhl Labadie '72)

Upper School: Twelfth Grade: Martha Diamond (uncles John O'Neill '69, Stephen O'Neill '74, aunt Barbara O'Neill Douglas '71), Kate Jones (Liz Blair Jones '69, aunt Jenny Blair Gelston '66) Eleventh Grade: Aja Ewing (JC Ewing '78, aunts Cynthia Ewing Miller '79, Sally Ewing Sagarese '85), Patricia Green (grandmother Julie Arnold '49), Chanel Jackson (Broadway Jackson '76), Tribbie Nassikas (John Nassikas III '74, Georgia Chafee Nassikas '74, uncles John Chafee '71, Quentin Chafee '77), Allie Rowan (Emily Train Rowan '65, grandfather Russell E. Train '33) Tenth Grade: Jonathan Eakin (Richard Eakin '65, aunt Carol Eakin-Burdette '62), Christopher Ewing (JC Ewing '78, aunts Cynthia Ewing Miller '79, Sally Ewing Sagarese '85), Laura Gutierrez (Polly Pittman '74, aunts Rosamond Pittman Casey '66, Nancy Pittman Pinchot '64, Romey Pittman '80, Tamara Pittman Warnke '68, grandmother, Barbara White Pittman '47), Molly Jaffe (Kim Shorb '71, uncles Robert Shorb '72, Christopher Shorb '74), Sarah Moses (David Moses '76, aunts Barbara Moses '71, Jennifer Moses '74, Amalie Moses Reichblum '78), Caitlin Rooney (Mittie Brooks Rooney '78, uncle John Brooks '76), India Rosse (Gray D. Rosse '74, uncle Colin Rosse '70), Kiely Webster (Armistead Webster '71) Ninth Grade: Robbie Thomas (Paul Thomas '76, uncle Alan Thomas '74, aunts Margaret Thomas Trinity '77, Anne Thomas Weinberg '79), Catherine Kahl (Caroline Baldwin Kahl '72, uncle Thomas Baldwin '73), Jessie Diamond (uncles John O'Neill '69, Stephen O'Neill '74, aunt Barbara O'Neill Douglas '71), James McElwain (Bill McElwain '70)





## THE TIME IS NOW!

*Over 250 guests help launch the next phase of The Campaign for Potomac's Future!*

The Potomac School officially launched the next phase of The Campaign for Potomac's Future on January 26, 2006 in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center.

The evening began with food and conversation in the lobby. Guests had the opportunity to take a "virtual tour" of the Upper School, to discuss the master plan and campaign goals, and to see the planned future enhancements of the Middle School and the "drawing board" for the Lower School.

The community then gathered in the Langstaff Auditorium for informative presentations from many, including Dan Paradis, Head of Upper School and Donna Lewis, Head of Lower School. Also featured were performances from Quintessence and the 3rd grade chorus.



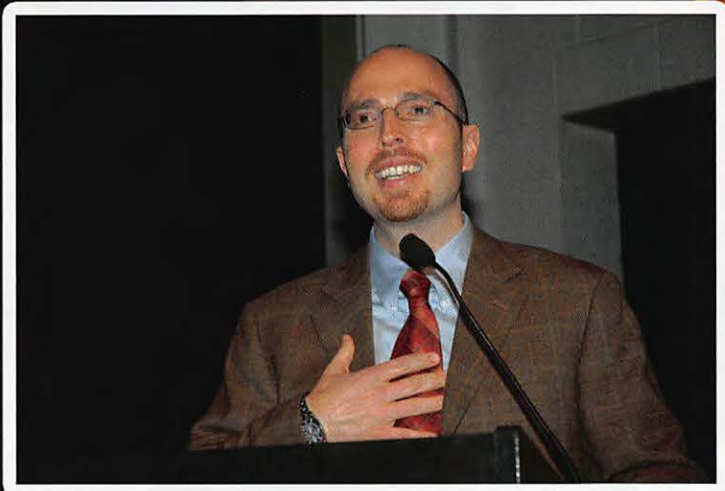
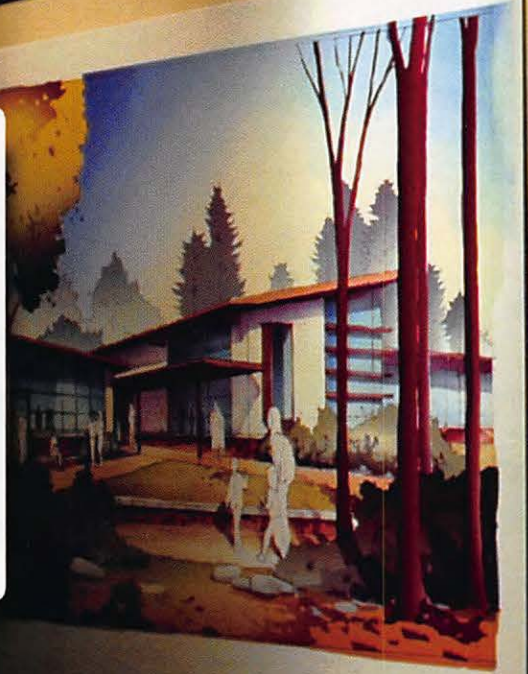
The evening concluded with an opportunity for questions and answers, dessert and coffee and further conversation in the lobby.

**Trustee and Campaign Cabinet Member Jean Case discusses the campaign goals with current parent, Alexander Tekie.**





A NEW  
LOWER SCHOOL

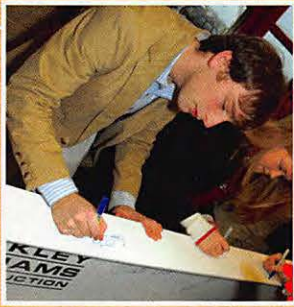


Clare Kehoe '15 (top) sings "Old House" with the 3rd grade chorus.

Dan Paradis (above), Head of Upper School shares how the new facilities will enhance the academic program.

Donna Lewis (right) Head of Lower School speaks to the vision for the new Lower School.





## PLEASE SIGN HERE!

Following the Upper School Winter Lights Assembly on Thursday, December 15, 2005, seniors adorned a steel beam with their John Hancocks signifying that the steel framework for the new Tundra Building was almost complete! The signed beam was placed on the second floor of the building at the entrance of the new media center. (See photo below.)

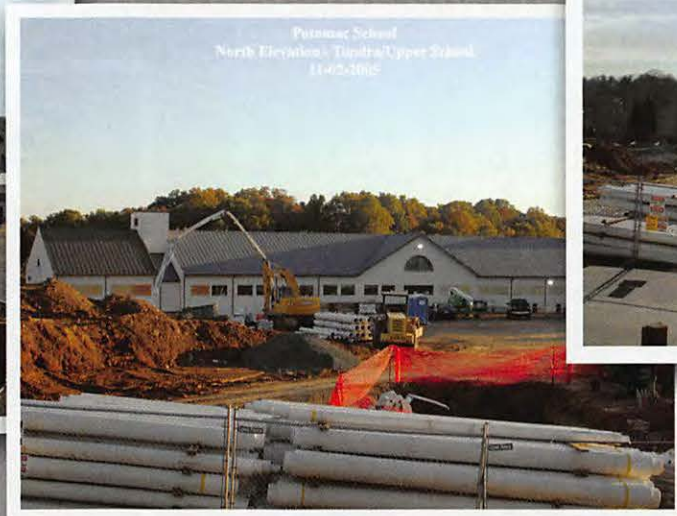
## “TOPPING OUT” TUNDRA BUILDING

The construction team, including contractors, architects and engineers, and members of the Founders Fund, came together on January 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the “topping out” of the Tundra Building. This important tradition signals that the uppermost steel beam has been put into place and that the structure has reached its highest point. By tradition, the beam is decorated with an American flag and a small evergreen tree. You can see the flag flying, although a Ficus tree inside the Engelhard Lobby is standing in for the evergreen! The beam pictured here was signed by our graduating seniors. Pat Caulfield, president of the general contractors Coakley Williams, regaled guests by describing the origins of the tradition, which dates back to 14<sup>th</sup> century Europe when carpenters celebrated the completion of wood-framed structures.

Tours of the emerging Upper School followed lunch. It was exciting to see the panoramic views of the Tundra and Swing Tree from the nascent library and dining hall, as well as the signature Crossroads – the gathering place.



## CONSTRUCTION AT-A-GLANCE





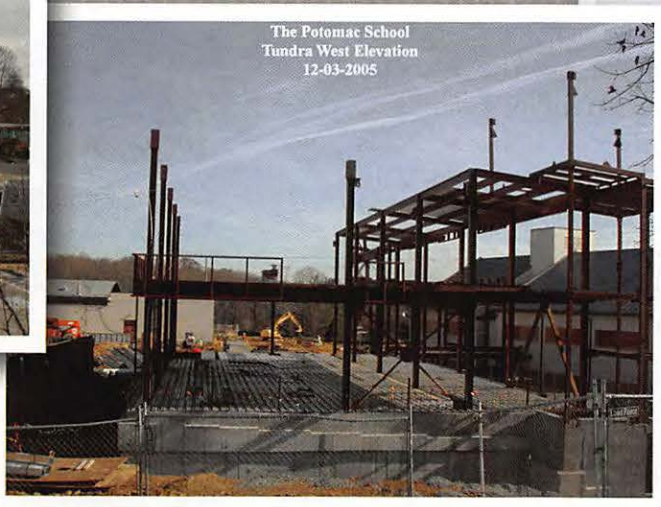
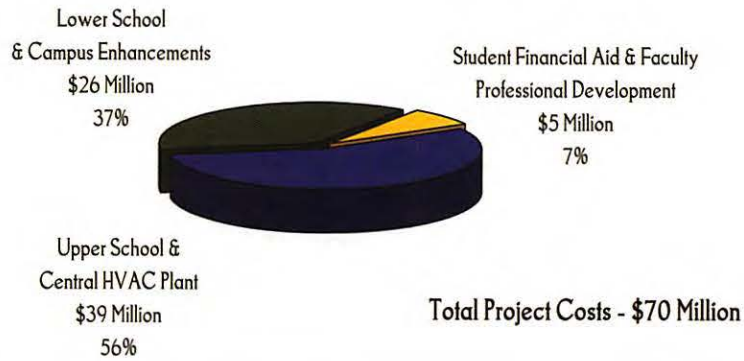
# CAMPAIGN GOALS

To date, we have raised over \$22 million of our \$50 million goal. The strength of our educational program, the commitment and talent of our educators, and the beauty and resources of our campus are here for our children today. With the help of the entire Potomac School community, we can ensure that they are here for generations of students to come. With more than \$20 million in tax-exempt bond financing we began construction immediately on the Upper School.



**Bob Kettler, Campaign Co-Chair**

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR POTOMAC'S FUTURE





# ALUMNI EVENTS



Dear Potomac Alumni,

The energy from our Centennial Celebration is still going strong! The Alumni Association hosted several annual events this year including a reception in New York City as well as an alumni basketball game and squash tournament which took place over the Thanksgiving holiday. We gathered for an artful evening at a Washington, DC gallery recently and will soon be hosting a similar event in New York City.

If you graduated in a year ending in 0, 1, 5, or 6, you and your classmates will be celebrating your reunion April 28-29, 2006. Plan on attending exciting events on campus where you'll connect with fellow alumni and former teachers. Take in the glorious May Day celebration, go back to the classroom and take a class with one of your former teachers, join in a sing-along of our favorite Potomac songs, and take a tour of campus as construction of the new Upper School is in progress. Finally, catch up with friends at an alumni luncheon and reminisce with schoolmates at your class dinner. Please visit the Web site and click on "Alumni" to view the weekend's calendar and to update your contact information.

When we reflect upon our years at Potomac, they were not just about

studying in the classroom or excelling on the athletic fields or on stage; a Potomac education also embodied character building through service. It is through giving our time and resources to help others that we enrich our larger community. Giving back also reminds us to pause and give thanks for our abundances.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Term in which we salute Potomac alumni who have given back to their communities and made our world a better place. These individuals exemplify Potomac's commitment to fostering strength of character and we are proud to count them among our alumni association.

Warm Regards,

*Victoria Esposito*

Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83  
Alumni Association President



REUNION Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006

10:30am – 7:00pm – Registration

11:00am – 12:30pm – Celebration Lunch for 50<sup>th</sup> reunion classes –  
Head of School Residence

1:00pm – May Day Celebration – Gum Tree Field (*if rain, in the Chester Gym*)

6:00pm – 7:30pm – Welcome Reception

7:30pm – 9:00pm – Upper School Spring Concert

6:00pm – 9:15pm – Kids Club Childcare (*ages 4 and up*)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006

9:00am – 1:00pm – Registration

9:00am – Nature Trail Walk

10:00am and 11:30am – Tours of campus

10:00am – 11:30am – Hard Hat Tours of the New Upper School

10:00am – 4:00pm – Memorabilia Display

11:00am – 4:00pm – Kids Club Childcare (*ages 4 and up*)

12:00pm – 1:00pm – Alumni Luncheon (*Class Photos taken at Lunch*)

1:15pm – 2:15pm – Alumni Classes

2:30pm – 4:30pm – Tribute and Celebration of the Life of Jack Langstaff

*(All alumni, past parents, and past faculty are invited to this tribute to Jack.)*

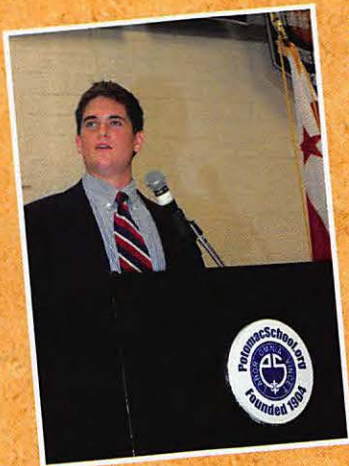
6:00pm – Class Dinners – at classmates' homes

Back Row left to right: Rylan Harris '80,  
Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83, Antonia Blackwood '95,  
Brett Nelson '96, Michael Kleeblatt '97, Speke Wilson '79,  
Ayse Uzer Crowley '85, Charlotte Greenewalt '84.  
Front Row: Alison Vest '81, Boucie Addison '67,  
Anne Sprunt Crawley '69, Lola Singletary '78,  
Dawn Renzy Bellinger '77, Danielle Kleman '90, Maria Graceffa,  
Director of Alumni Relations. Also on the Council, not  
pictured: Tom Macy '67, Wendell Miles, '78,  
Thorn Pozen '81, Bettina Hartley Tierney '52.

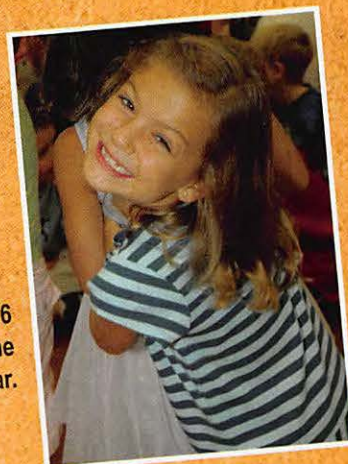




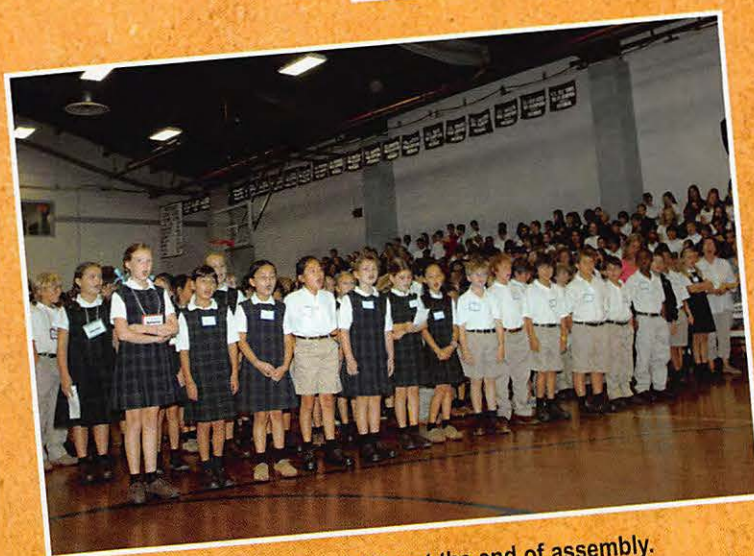
# Potomac School: Opening Day Assembly



Student Body President, Sam Gulland '06, addresses the School and welcomes everyone back to the 2005-06 year.



Gabrielle Cecchi '16 delights in starting the new school year.

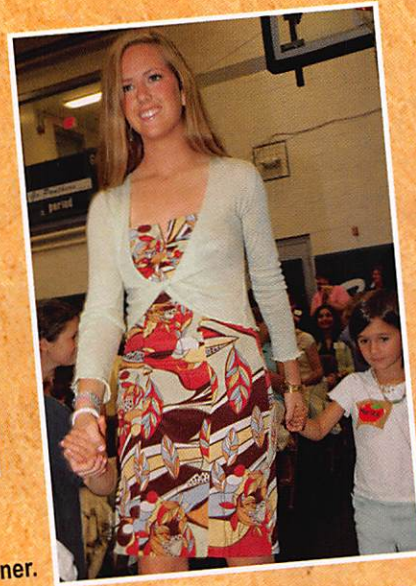


The School sings the Alma Mater at the end of assembly.

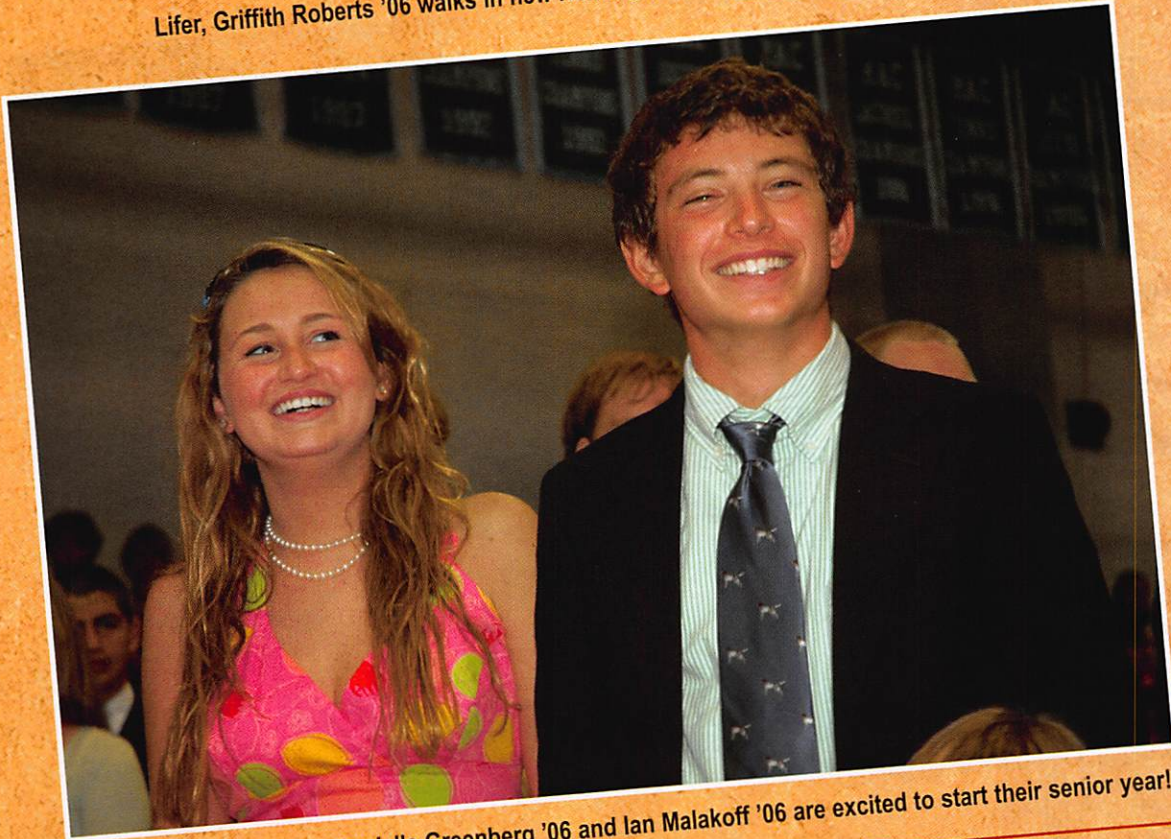


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Abby Smalley '15 and Kate O'Brien '15 reunite after a long summer vacation.



Lifer, Griffith Roberts '06 walks in new Kindergartener.



Danielle Greenberg '06 and Ian Malakoff '06 are excited to start their senior year!



Potomac Alumni:  
Young Alumni  
Happy Hour

The next Young Alumni  
Happy Hour will be  
April 13<sup>th</sup> at  
Clarendon Ballroom.  
Don't miss it!



Jonathan Rosenbaum '00,  
Katherine Pritchett '00, Milly  
Hejtmanek '00, and Lucinda  
Brown '00 at Happy Hour.



Charlotte Hutton '99,  
Patrick Malone '97, Victoria  
Frankhauser Esposito '83,  
and Michael Kleeblatt '97  
enjoy catching up  
at the Happy Hour.

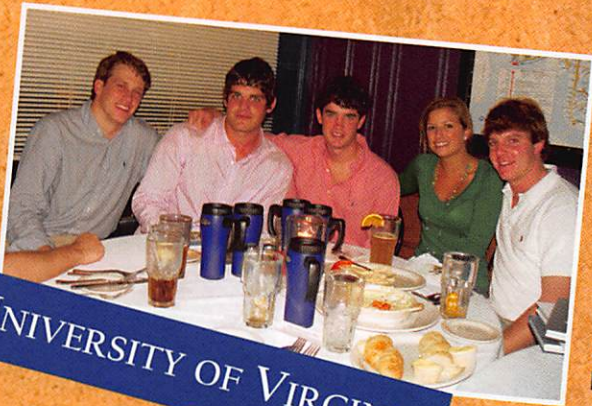


Lizzie Copson '01,  
Christine  
Varoutsos '01,  
Meagan Guerzon  
'01, Christina  
Trabandt '01,  
Pam Sabella '01.



# Potomac Alumni: College Alumni Dinners

Pamela Barris '03, Nick Flanagan '05,  
Pete Dalla '04, Chris McNerney '04.



UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



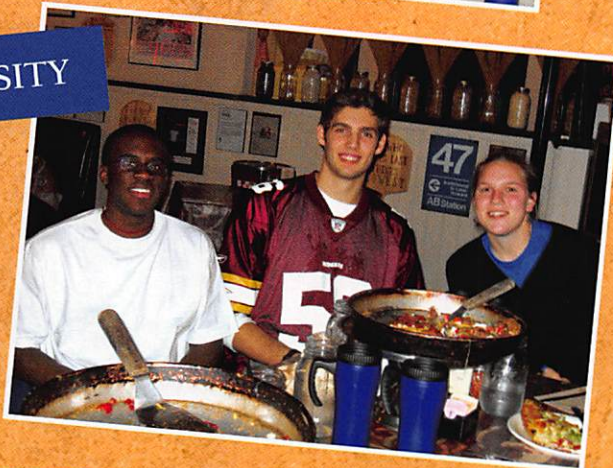
Mike Kirkman '03, Eric Rosenthal '03,  
Brendan O'Connell '02, Emily Morse '02,  
Patrick Scanlon '02

David Brady '04, Brian  
Fairbank '03, Billy DuVal '04,  
Axel Cooper '05



STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford students, Dare Kolawole '05,  
Peter Prowitt '04, Rachel Dyke '03, were  
reunited over pizza to share their  
Potomac stories.

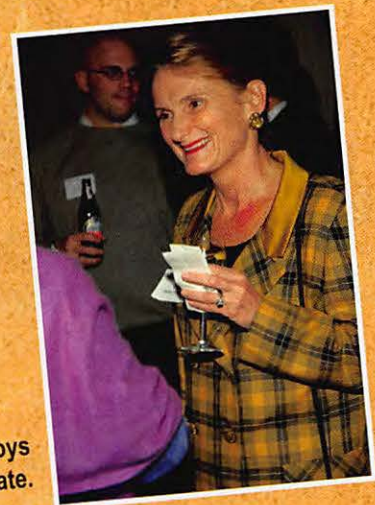




# Potomac Alumni: New York Reception



Stephanie Amann '01 delights in sharing stories of Potomac with her classmates.



Wendy Millar Phillips '63 enjoys talking to a classmate.



Chip Chapin '75, Garrett Jewett '70, Alice MacKenzie '78, Alessandra Humpstone '75 are all reunited at The Yale Club.



Stirling Kelso '01,  
Whitney Petersmeyer '01,  
Elena Knappen '01, and  
Daphne Chester '01.



Katie Carberry '94,  
Gen Grandison  
Marvin '96, and  
Ann Johnson '96.



Potomac Alumni:  
New York Reception (cont.)

Clare Fahnestock Moorhead '42  
and Luke O'Connell '91 share  
stories of their years at Potomac.



Trip Lily '92 and  
Matt Stinchcomb  
'93 reminisce about  
Potomac.



Hilary Burt '99, Carl Erikson, Julia Bissell '97, and her fiancé, Sean O'Neill  
enjoy catching up at the reception.



## Potomac Alumni: Alumni Board of Visitors

Left to right: Maria Graceffa, Director of Alumni Relations, Gary Hill '79, Courtney Young '97, Arthur Marshall '80, Antonia Blackwood '95, Jean MacDonald '64, Kate Romatowski '00, Prentiss Vallender Lay '85, Anne Sprunt Crawley '69, Wanda Hill (past parent, past faculty, advisory trustee), Tiffany Bridgewater, Diversity Director, Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83, Lauren Banks Amos '94, Rob Lee '78. Also in attendance, not pictured, Terri Brantley '86.



Alumni gathered in October for the inaugural Alumni Board of Visitors. The topic of the day was Diversity at Potomac. Alumni from five decades, past parent and past faculty joined Diversity Director, Tiffany Bridgewater, and Director of Alumni Relations, Maria Graceffa for an afternoon of discussion. Tiffany gave an update on the many new programs and activities that have been instituted at Potomac. Participants shared their experiences with diversity at Potomac and beyond. The group also gave ideas for new initiatives for Potomac to consider.

The Alumni Diversity Group met for a second time on February 10th and the next meeting will be in early April. All Potomac alumni are welcome! If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Maria Graceffa at 800-725-8664.

### Chicago Alumni Reception:

Chicago area alumni gathered for a reception in late January. From left to right: Craig Davis '69, Allegra Rossotti Rich '85, Dorothy (Mixter) Crabb, Penny Flather Parke '64, Belen Aquino '99.





## Potomac Alumni: Fall Frolics 2005

2005 Fall Frolics was a great success!

Despite the inclement weather, the annual Fall Frolics carnival was better than ever this year. The Fall Benefit, held Friday night before the carnival, was overflowing with almost 300 guests having a wonderful, relaxing evening and enjoying food, drinks and music with friends. The fabulous band had teachers dancing with parents and people singing up on stage. Margaritas, fajitas and a crackling fire kept the party going until late into the evening.

The carnival started out with major changes due to the rain. All the best laid plans were quickly set aside while volunteers, crew and staff jumped in to set up everything in new locations. The Potomac spirit was everywhere as crowds came, parked off site, and enthusiastically took part in all the activities. Old favorites such as the Crazy Tie Booth, Used Games, and Painted T-Shirts were a hit again. The Bazaar, Marketplace and Nearly New Clothes sales were exceptional.

Thanks to all the many parent and student volunteers who worked countless hours since last spring to make the weekend such a tremendous success. We raised more funds for student financial aid and faculty professional development than in any years past!

The frolics are not over yet! On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual Live and Silent Auction will take place with a wide array of items including class projects by students, getaway vacations, tickets to music, theater, sporting events, behind the scenes tours, fitness training, photo sessions, celebrity autographs, antiques, dinner at your favorite restaurant and more. The auction kicks off with a fabulous dinner and a chance to view the items before the bidding frenzy begins!



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(L-R) Yvette Rivera, Anjanette Murphy, and Rebecca Sanders singing with the band.



Children shopping at Nearly New.

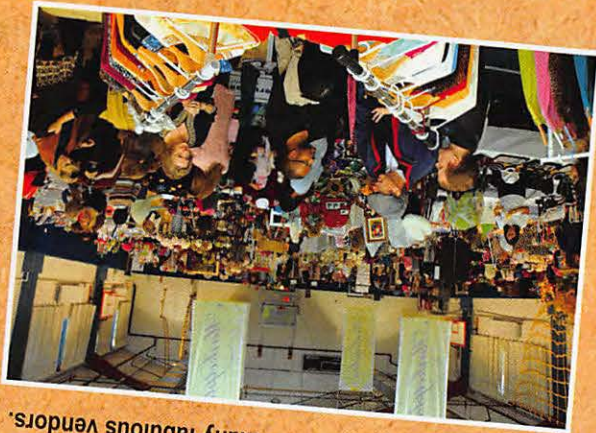


Deborah Lowham, Glenn Powell, Patrick Kehoe, Nancy Powell, Patty Kehoe, Jennifer Walkwitz



# ALUMNI EVENTS

Families enjoyed the Carnival Games despite inclement weather.



Marketplace enjoyed great success again showcasing many fabulous vendors.



Fall Frolics brings back an old favorite, "Crazy Tie Booth."



# Potomac Alumni: Fall Frolics Parent of Alumni Luncheon

Parents of alumni enjoy reminiscing and sharing stories at  
the Past Parent Luncheon during Fall Frolics.





Potomac Alumni:  
An Artful Evening



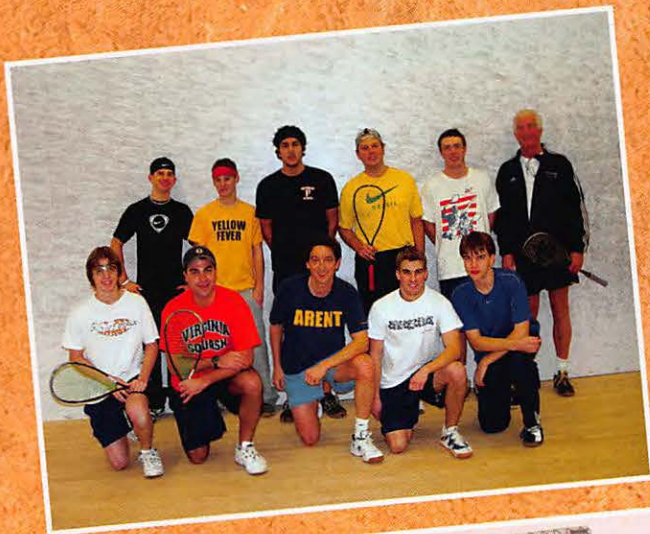
Exhibiting artist, Edith Kuhnle, with gallery owner Chris Addison, and Boucie Addison '67.



Lola Singletary '78 and Charlotte Greenewalt '84 enjoy conversation during the exhibit.



## Potomac Alumni: Basketball/Squash Game



Front Row left to right: Edward Scott '05, Jay Subhash '00, John Nassikas '74, Matt Nims '01, Justin Stilwell '05. Back Row left to right: Jake Gross '04, Patrick Harris '04, Kris Subhash '05, John Twomey '95, Rob Barnett '05, Jerry Welch. Not pictured: Shane Donovan '05

Front Row left to right: Brandon Gopaul '05, Peter Dalla '04, Dominic Dickerson '04, Matt Carlin. Robbie de Picciotto '04. Back Row left to right: Michael Murphy '04, Robert O'Connell '05, Dan Direnfeld '05, Chris Moore '04, Marty McNerney '03, Brandon Jackson '02, Brain Fairbank '03, Michael Fischer '04, Chris McNerney '04, Philip O'Bannon '02. Not pictured: Kevin Gamble '97.





# ALUMNI EVENTS



Peter and Lucy (Jewett) Lowenthal '68 and Geoff and Carol Jones enjoy catching up at the Revels reception.



Nat Preston, John Nields, Pam Kloman, Chris Kloman, and Ravida Preston are reunited at the Revels Reception.



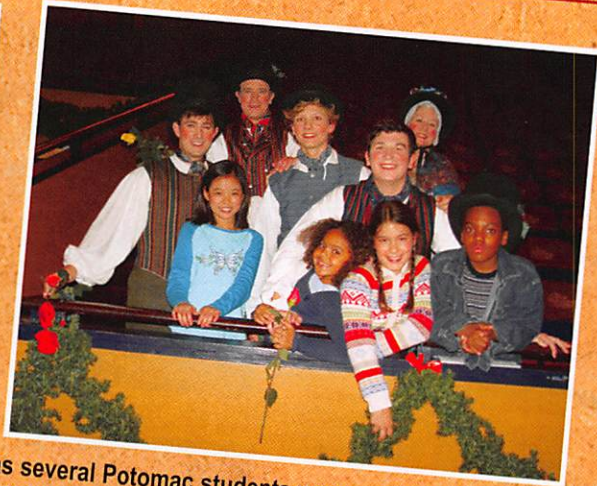
Carol Fischer, Courtney Fischer '00 pose for a picture with Leslie Hyde '71 and her daughter.



# Potomac Alumni: Christmas Revels 2005



John Dugger '38 and Tom Macy '67  
enjoy conversation at the reception.



The Revels-Potomac connection continues as several Potomac students were a part of the Revels performance this year. Front left to right Shing-Wai Koo '13, Bryton Fett '14, Catherine Andre '13, and Jeffrey Billingslea '13. Back row: Kip Lewis '98, Greg Lewis, Charlie Sullivan '08, Trevor Lewis '06.



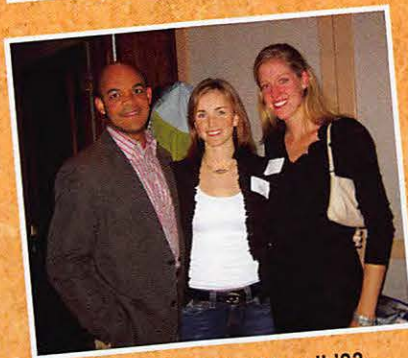
Current parent, Greg Lewis, leads the audience in song on opening night, Friday, December 9, 2006.



Potomac Alumni:  
California Receptions



Left to right: Kristin Buehl '95, Liz Race '97, Sarah Gregg '98, Lauren Grass '01, Mollie Ricker '97, Callie Leith '01, Chelsea Simms '01, Susan Barber (past faculty), Kent Barber, Peter Walker '65, Peter Makepeace '79. Also in attendance, not pictured: Coley Andrews '98.



Nikki's fiancé, Nikki Powell '93, and Liz Race '97



Lauren Grass '01, Callie Leith '01 and Chelsea Simms '01



Kirsten Buehl '95, Liz Race '97, and Sarah Gregg '98 enjoy catching up at the San Francisco Reception.

San Francisco



Carrie Gibson '73, Claudia Krieger-Myers '72, and Bobby Rock '70 enjoy reminiscing at the reception.



Cora's guest, Jen Dubin, Cora Olson '96, and Chris Chaplin '91.



Lizzie Peet '85, Maceo Willis '85, Chrissy Coughlin '85, Alix Jaffe '85, and Wendy Hoopes '84 were reunited in LA!



William Myers (husband of Claudia Krieger-Myers '72) with Bobby Rock '70 and Christine Owens, Director of Development.

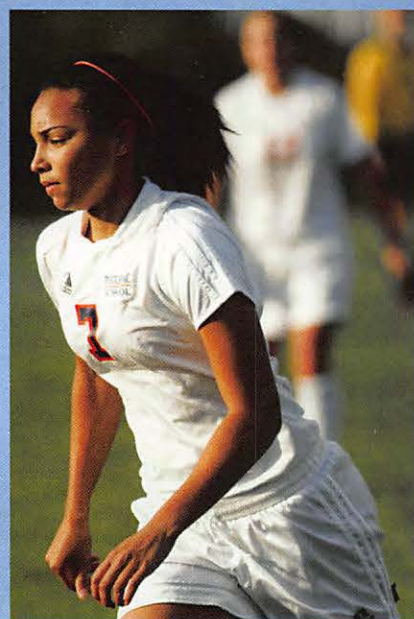


Back row l to r: Chris Chaplin '91, Bobby Rock '70, Claudia Krieger-Myers '72, Jeremy Gordon '68, Janet Feldstein '90. Front row l to r: Jen, Carrie Gibson '73, Maceo Willis '85. Front row l to r: Jen, Abby Brown '93, Danny Adrien '96, Lizzie Peet '85, Chrissy Coughlin '85, Wendy Hoopes '84, Alix Jaffe '85, Ian McIlvaine '78. Also in attendance, not pictured, Lee Rose Emery '81.





A Special  
In Memoriam





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## Vanessa Péan '07

1989 – 2005

*By Blake Howard*

On Thursday, November 3, the Potomac community and the Péan family gathered on campus to celebrate the life of Vanessa Péan, a beloved student, daughter, sister, and friend. In his welcoming remarks at the service, Dan Paradis, Upper School Head, recalled Vanessa's remarkable ability to enjoy every moment: "Living in the moment, appreciating each day and each happening – not everyone can do this, but Vanessa did it all the time." And so, it seemed especially fitting that we came together here at Potomac on that day, here at this place and with these people that she loved so deeply, for a very special moment of farewell. Vanessa would have liked it.

Vanessa, a 16 year-old junior in her fifth year at Potomac, was an actively involved scholar-athlete. In addition to navigating a challenging academic schedule that included AP Calculus, Physics, and Anatomy & Physiology, Vanessa helped lead the varsity soccer team to an impressive winning record this fall. In past seasons, she had also been a noteworthy force on the basketball court and on the lacrosse field. Vanessa personified generosity of spirit by supporting classmates, teammates, and friends, and by embracing the notion of community service. In fact, she was hoping to establish a scholarship fund for students in her father's home country, Haiti, a promise that her family and friends now intend to keep for her.

Vanessa recognized potential in even the smallest instance, and she eagerly sought the opportunity to engage a moment's promise. She radiated an energy, an electricity maybe, that was entirely outward, constantly creating significant connections with those she touched. As Mr. Paradis noted, "Vanessa understood the power of friendship. As a freshman and then a sophomore, she made good friends among the upperclassmen. As a junior, she had extended her circle so that many 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders almost thought of her as a big sister."

During Vanessa's last day of school, she shared with us a number of memorable "Vanessa moments." On that particular Friday, the Upper Schoolers were celebrating Halloween, and many of them were in costume, playing different characters. Not Vanessa. That day, the Upper School community had the good fortune of enjoying Vanessa as we know her best: dressed head to toe in UCLA blue and yellow, flashing her signature smile, and being totally herself. During her advisor group meeting, she sat cross-legged on the coffee table, capturing her classmates' attention with silly stories, like some teenaged Sheherazade in sweats. Typical Vanessa. Then she switched gears, bouncing through the lounge on her way to the rest of her classes, only to switch gears again, stepping onto the soccer field to deliver a few more trademark throw-ins and to score one last victory. Quintessential Vanessa. Thanks to her spark, what could have been just another day, became a string of superb moments – a very special farewell. She shared so much with us, she brought us joy, and we loved her for it. Vanessa remains with us in our hearts for many moments yet to come.



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In Memoriam





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## David Civali

### 1957 – 2005

*By Curt Bland*

David Civali, 48, a beloved former French and Literature teacher, Foreign Language Department Chair and Academic Dean at The Potomac School died November 9<sup>th</sup> at home surrounded by family and friends after a 22 year battle with HIV/AIDS.

David was born in Meriden, Connecticut, and graduated from Georgetown University. He received a master's degree in French literature from Yale University, including a one-year scholarship to L'Ecole Normale Superieure in Paris. He taught languages at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, and the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, before joining Potomac's Upper School faculty in 1989. David retired in 1996 due to his failing health, but continued as an integral part of the School community, tutoring students and serving on the Board of Trustees.

With his deep intellect, loving heart and sharp wit, he gave his students and colleagues many moments of enlightenment, empathy and joy. His grace with spoken and written language inspired the School's mission statement and provided the community transcendent moments of understanding during his baccalaureate and graduation addresses.

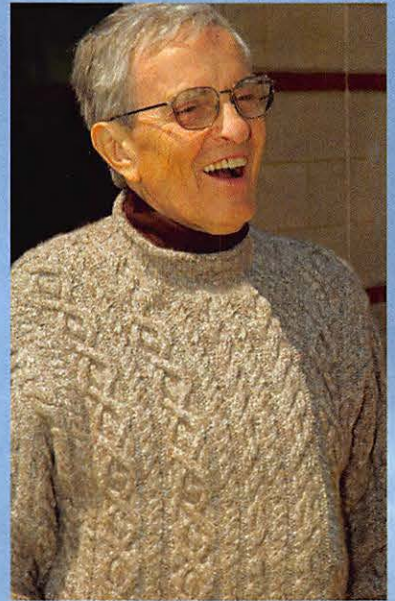
Willie Morrison, a current senior and one of David's students said in his eulogy, "[David's] love of teaching and of learning, his ability to see into our hearts and souls and help us believe in ourselves, his fierce protectiveness and faith in us, all made him the best teacher and mentor anyone could ever be blessed to have."

Those who knew David know what a profound writer he was. It is only appropriate, therefore, to end with a quote from his farewell letter to the community:

"I have loved Potomac, and will continue to celebrate her from afar, feeling, I'm afraid, like a priest without a parish or a troubadour without a court. Seize the day, some say, and in it, we should add, look for the meaning and let that search be one of love. Whatever one's faith, we are all blessed when we are open to those daily manifestations of the divine. What is grace, if not openness to the labyrinth of life? The reason to live? It may be as simple as the unqualified devotion of a happy dog, the unrequited love of a pretty girl, or the unrequested gift of an honest letter: happy, sad and human. Thank you for helping me to feel fortunate in this life. Pax Potomaca, David Civali"



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## Jack Langstaff 1920 – 2005

By John Hebler and Nancy Lindsten Taylor '67

*John writes:* Jack Langstaff, much loved Potomac music teacher, concert baritone, traditional song and dance collector and Master of Revels, died on December 13<sup>th</sup>, just days before his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Eve. He was in Switzerland with his wife Nancy, visiting their daughter, Debbie '69 and her family.

Jack first came to teach in Potomac at September, 1954, as I did. He was invited by then headmistress, Carol Preston, who had known him since he was a boy, and who had followed his career as a concert singer with interest and admiration. She knew that he would have a wonderful rapport with the students, and she understood and approved of his interest in and emphasis on folk song and dance as a basis for children's learning music.

At the beginning, Jack and I taught all the grades – Pre-K through ninth– and he was soon involved in choosing as well as directing the music for the Christmas play. He also directed such memorable productions as Benjamin Britten's *Noyes Fludde* in the fifties, and *The Play of Daniel* in 1964. When he proposed doing these ambitious productions, his enthusiasm soon had us all caught up in the excitement of being a part of them. He was able to bring out not only the talents and excitement of the students, but also of his fellow faculty, and in so doing, made Potomac a hub of creativity.

Although Jack left Potomac in 1967, he never lost touch with the School. He visited often, giving assemblies and workshops, right up to last May when he joined our celebrations for the Centennial and led the enthusiastic singing at the end of that memorable evening. Potomac alumni were among the first people he would contact as he started Revels in cities around the country, knowing they would love to be involved in singing the songs they had first known at Potomac. And thus alumni ties with the school were renewed and strengthened.

Inspiring teacher and colleague and dear friend, Jack is fondly remembered and much missed.

*Nancy writes:* Jack Langstaff has meant a great deal to Potomac School. So many of us will miss the true, strong, loyal friend we had in this beloved music teacher. How he got us to sing! And the dancing, the processions in which he led us – Jack had the spirit of the dance of life, and he loved to engage us all, and we always happily responded. And, that voice! Wasn't it magnificent to hear? Lovely, rich, exquisitely expressive . . . we are aware of it resounding and reverberating in our hearts. Yes, all it took was a nod of his head, a compelling gesture of his arm, or a vehement, rhythmic stamp of his foot, and we were IN-confidently making beautiful, soaring music together! How about that glorious smile of his, calling us to join him in joyous music-making?

The strength of the material Jack continued to give all of us, including young children, over the years is remarkable – themes of rebirth, agricultural cycles, all aspects of human love and emotions, a sense of the divine, the Fool's magic, and ritual, to name but a few. With it all he never gave us a mediocre tune. The variety of types of songs and cultures he presented was always enriching, including the occasional foray into avant-garde and aleatoric music-making.

Just as Jack meant so much to Potomac, the School and its students and staff meant a great deal to him as well. After all, many basic Revels elements were developed at Potomac by Jack with his students. The atmosphere at Potomac was conducive to the development of Revels, and Revels materials. That the school auditorium bears his name speaks to the lasting relationship between The Potomac School and Jack Langstaff.



# Class Notes

## 1931-Reunion

*From the Alumni Office:*

Peggy Mary Whiteley Denault writes, "I am sorry to say I have no news or information about my classmates, and just hope they are alive and well. I see Ruth Hale (Wheeler) Buchanan occasionally, but that's it.

## 1943

*From the Alumni Office:*

Day Ravenscroft thanks everyone for their newsy letters, e-mails, birthday and get well cards. She also writes that her new hip is wonderful. Totally pain-free from the first moment. After some PT exercises, the hip was ready to climb a mountain. Unfortunately, the back was not. So June 24, 2005 she had successful surgery. She and her husband both come from long-lived families and their general health is excellent so they figure another 10-20 years usefulness makes it worthwhile to mend stuff now. They plan soon again to be stable and settled with their Tucson support system of friends and professionals. Additionally, she writes, her daughter, Virginia has been a tower of strength, flying down endlessly since she got her teaching certificate and was job-hunting. They rarely miss a symphony, theatre performance or a Sunday church service and enjoy many interesting meals around town with friends, old and new. The wildflowers of 2005 spring in Tucson were glorious for the first time in 5-6 years as they finally got good rain. This is actually a desert so they don't expect flowers every year. In May at the fifteenth anniversary of Pima County Interfaith Council she and her husband were both honored for their share of its beginnings. July 27-31 they will attend the Fortieth reunion of Up With People near them in Tucson. "Old as we are, the future is as interesting as the past and we hope to be helpful in its constructive creation." Janet Trowbridge Bohlen writes, "Having battled West Nile Virus for a year (watch out for those mosqui-

tos) am now on the mend with just residual poor balance and weak arm and leg. Back on the slopes in '06. Three kids (all Potomac) from Maine to California; five grandkids."

## 1945-Reunion

*From Tricia Mulligan Briska:*

Lydia Moffat Emil writes, October 10<sup>th</sup>, that she and Arthur had just returned from Cornwall where weather has always been a factor in every day life. They walked along the coastal path for seven days, going from inn to inn, like in a dream. Beatrice Berle Meyerson is enjoying her five grandsons, ages 9 to 12. Lots of dinosaurs, bugs, marine life, balls and wheels and not a girl anywhere, unfortunately. LeMoyné and Bea had a wonderful trip to Japan in April. They met three sons wife's family in Kyoto and cruised the inland sea. At home in DC they watch events in Iraq, Iran and Louisiana, etc. unfold with fascinated dismay and alarm. Elizabeth Beach Rea had delightful family news. Her granddaughter was born to son, Jamie, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Her name is Summer Elisabeth Sterling. She joins her brothers, Jack and David. Grandson, Sam Sterling, is a big lacrosse player and looking at colleges. Libet Sterling's three wonderful English children (Cameron, Hamsa and India Pershe) visited Betsy for three weeks in July. They had lots of swimming, golf and playing with cousins, in spite of the heat! Betsy's mother, Elizabeth Kemp Beach will celebrate her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in December. Georgiana Glenn Rodiger writes of a very fulfilling year beginning in

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January with her travels to Antarctica where she saw penguins, icebergs and seals – lots of them! In March, Georgiana went on a pilgrimage to Israel. “I learn new things every time I visit that holy place – both internal and external experiences. We saw a mighty storm on the Sea of Galilee and heard gunfire in the Old City of Jerusalem but never felt afraid. In August, I spent three weeks on Cranberry Island (off Northeast Harbor) with Cristy and her four children, all of whom are doing well. Georgie’s fifth, graduated in May from Foxcroft. I was honored to preach the Baccalaureate. I’ve just returned (September) from a pilgrimage to visit the Russian Orthodox Church. The government gave back church property in 1990.

Many buildings were used for tank repairs and other desecrations. Of course, all the icons were destroyed and beautiful vestments burned. Now major efforts are being made to restore the buildings and icons. We saw monasteries, convents, cathedrals and attended services where everyone stands for hours even though they can’t see the altar. Music is lovely but without harmony or instruments. Russia is very changed from twenty years ago when I last visited. The people on the streets of St. Petersburg look like people on the streets of New York – walking fast, except we didn’t see any fat people. I am well, still doing retreats on healing and spiritual growth all over the country as well as marrying, burying and baptizing. The Center continues to attract excellent therapists who help many clients – I have a full practice myself as well as supervising staff. I keep very busy and enjoy every minute.” Frances Rowan writes that “this Spring I enjoyed my annual luncheon reunion with Betsy Beach Rea and Anne Mackall Sasscer. They both looked so beautiful! The waiter commented! I talk to Louise Hoover Neuhoff frequently regarding our plans to meet at my place, Captiva, in Florida this winter, providing it is still standing. Louise comes by her own plane which makes life easy.” Anne Mackall Sasscer writes that her oldest grandson, Fraser Henderson, begins his first year as a scholar at the University of Virginia. Anne continues to volunteer at Trinity Episcopal Church where the church’s outreach, aside from Katrina aid, focuses on the rural poverty which hurts so many children even as mega houses spring up around them. Wright Rumbough writes, “Hope all goes well with you all – terrible hurricane (Katrina.) I

hope you all were alright. We are droughting it here in Long Island. Only good news is my granddaughter, Courtney, is an aspiring artist at Drew University and is on the lacrosse team. My other granddaughter, Ashley, is a senior at Boston University and is studying communications. Other grandchildren, Peter and Anna, are at school in Wilton, CT. For us, we are going to the Adirondacks, fishing, golfing, etc. for a short time and working in investment business. Send up some rain! No hurricanes please!” Your secretary, Patricia Mulligan Briska, is an eternal

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optimist but also a realist. My take on the Gulf Coast would not be popular with municipalities trying to encourage a new wave of retirees and economic growth. Picturesque communities of historic note are washed away. The basic infrastructure (banks, stores, homes, schools) is strewn about for miles. Roads that connect Texas with Florida are interrupted by detours around broken bridges. People are at the mercy of insurance delays and philosophical discussions (in court) about what constitutes a wave and what wind. We are in a proverbial pickle. If we remain untouched by another storm the Gulf Coast could recover by 2012. Not the way we were but the way we will be. But we are told that other storms are to be expected for years to come. My 90 year old, WWII veteran and friend from St. Frances of Assist Episcopal Church is still staying with me – 14 months and counting. She hopes to return to her condo on the beach in March, 2006. I spent a super great 10 days in Crete in June with a high powered group from Bryn Mawr College. I was the square peg in the round hole and loved every minute. Went on to visit a cousin in Ireland whom I had not seen for 50 years. We had a great reunion and many marvelous walks into the hills. Not one drop of rain fell during my visit. I returned home in time to evacuate for Dennis which went right through our town. It completed damage left undone by Ivan the year before. After this storm many friends decided to leave the area. The strain of rebuilding a third time was too much. I spent the month of September with family and friends in Maine. For the first time I am becoming acquainted with Portland, Bath, Poppin Beach area and find is as beautiful as the Bar

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# Class Notes cont.

Harbor, Brooksville countryside. I am looking forward to visiting with Franny in Captiva in February and thanks to all who wrote. We would like to express our deepest sympathies to Dore Martin's family. Friends in her class remember her as a joyful person with an infectious laugh and a love of life.

## 1947-Reunion

*From the Alumni Office:*

Audrey Gordon Woodgate writes, "Arthur and I are both involved with the Civil Air Patrol which is part of Homeland Security. We live 20 minutes from downtown Austin and love the Hill country. Kids are scattered all over from Boston to San Francisco and Atlanta. It was nice seeing old friends in NYC last summer. Texas is a big change but life is very pleasant and we feel settled after being here for four years."

## 1949

*From the Alumni Office:*

Mary Gale Buchanan is living in Annapolis and giving tours of the Naval Academy periodically. She also supports USNA and midshipmen's athletics and Maryland Federation of Art projects.

## 1951-Reunion

*From the Alumni Office:*

Sallie Harper Vance writes, "Old Head, just outside the charming village of Kinsale, Ireland is THE most dramatic golf course we have ever played! Would highly recommend it but watch out for those Irish roads!"

## 1953

*From Mary Murray Coleman:*

Virginia Darneille Estes, living in Escondido, CA writes that 15 members of her family (which included seven grandchildren) enjoyed a wonderful Lindblad trip to the Galapagos Islands last summer. Ginny and husband Jim are currently in Beijing to visit their youngest son, his wife and youngest grandchild, Brooke Virginia, born February 7, 2005. Matt has lived in China since 1991 and has his own company, BabyCare. Clearly, Ginny is enjoying retirement and grandkids. Frances Walton Buehler writes from Woods Hole, MA that she continues running her restaurant, Fishmongers Cafe. Son Joe got married a year ago and lives in Maine. Daughter Victoria lives in Woods Hole with husband and

two children, Emily and Toby. Son Matt is a lawyer in Boston. Frances ran in Falmouth Road Race this year - hot but she finished! Evelyn Scofield Rowland, lives on Swan's Island, ME, and writes of the arrival of grandchild #6. Husband, Ron, fell in August and is just beginning to get back to normal. Your secretary (Mary Murray Coleman) continues to enjoy retirement which affords time to travel (twice to California last summer), play tennis and golf, serve on a couple of boards. Son, Worth, who lives in Wilson, WY was married in September. The wedding took place in a big field with the Tetons in the background. That is beautiful country. I talked briefly to Bosey Fulbright Foote who lives in Coral Gables, FL but spends lots of time in Boston where her three children and grandchildren live. Hope everyone is well and engaged in interesting endeavors which you could write about for next year's column!!!

## 1955-Reunion

*From the Alumni Office:*

Susan Bragdon Field writes, "News: I saw Eliza Kellogg Klose for a nice visit this summer. I have a growing art business with galleries in Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. I also do a lot of house and people portraits. Music (thanks to J. Langstaff) is still big in my life as is gardening (organically, of course). I think fondly of my days at Potomac when life was simpler."

## 1957

*From the Alumni Office:*

Alice Fales Stewart writes, "Had a fabulous reunion at Susie Cooley's farm in Northern Vermont with Celina Kellogg Moore and Lisa Henn Locke. Susie grew everything but the tuna fish in a salad that had nearly 20 ingredients!! Also, I've just completed a book on the history of the Palisades neighborhood in Washington, DC, published by Arcadia."

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## 1959

*From the Alumni Office:*

Alice Brown Spencer writes, "We have now lived 35+ years in Maine and continue to love our life in Portland. Our children are launched. Sam in commercial real estate, Ben an architect currently in the Peace Corps, Jane a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. I continue to paint, teach printmaking and work with Portland's art program. Dick lawyers, fishes and works for various environmental causes. All in all we are well."

## 1961-Reunion

*From the Alumni Office:*

Cynthia Barry Shea writes that her daughter, Cristina Bidwell '94 was married to Michael Andrew Monroe on October 8, 2005 and they reside in Bethesda, MD.

## 1962

*From the Alumni Office:*

Deborah Johansen Harris writes, "Ted and I have just moved to the Worcester, MA area into a Bauhaus style house designed by my dad's former colleague Dan Kiley."

## 1963

*From Anne Williams:*

I (Anne Williams) have been working overseas, most recently in Afghanistan, doing business skills training for women entrepreneurs. My daughter Amanda thrives as a psychology major at Boston University. Marisa Knowlton Domeyko, still at the National Geographic, had a fabulous 3 weeks in Italy. Carroll Rogers Rooth has temporarily relocated from New Orleans to Dallas, after Hurricane Katrina. (Joan) Campbell Harvey reports from Maine that she is in the middle of preparing for a big trial. Harriet Sweeney Fraunfelter and her husband Eric are planning to move to London for two to three years, the end of April IF they can find a house to swap!! Any takers? Edie Warner is still enjoying being a hospice social worker four days a week in Seattle. Her husband Denny is trying his hand at being semi-retired, and greets her with gourmet meals each night. Edie, does he have a clone? One son is teaching English as a Second Language in Barcelona, and the other is in college studying Geology. If Seattle fits into anyone's itinerary please let us know! Liz Jessup is selling real estate and doing construction management in Washington, DC. Wendy Millar Phillips's son David was married in Boston over Memorial

Day weekend. David commutes to Providence Equity Partners, and Margot is an intern at MGH. She is feeling quite fortunate to have her other 3 sons in NYC. Scott moved back from San Francisco at the end of the summer and is working at Lone Pine Capital (hedge fund) in Greenwich. Peter graduated from Middlebury in May and is an analyst at Deutsche Bank. Thomas is a senior in high school and in the throes of college applications. John continues at Alliance Capital and enjoys playing squash and going out to their house in East Hampton whenever possible. (Not so often with an 18 year old at home). She is having a great time in her classes at the Alliance Francaise and the Instituto Cervantes. She is starting to think about next year when her youngest goes off to college, and looks forward to exploring a few possibilities. She says "At the moment, I guess I'm in training, although I'm not sure for what." Wendy Neel Ellsworth traveled in Kenya for 5 weeks in January, teaching Maasai and Samburu women new beading techniques and new product designs. She is also the Chairlady of the Executive Board of the non-profit organization BEADS for Education which supports Maasai girl's education and women's business development in Kenya. She returns to Kenya in Jan. 06 for a 100 mile Walkathon fundraiser for BEADS for Education, and will lead a two-week safari to Kenya in Oct. 2006. So if anyone is interested in going with me, contact me at davidellsworth@nni.com. As you know, Wendy's dad died last year. Congratulations to Wendy's mom who at 87 is marrying a former beau. You go, girl! Leni Chapman Preston continues to enjoy her work trying to help history museums survive in the 21st century. On the family side, daughter Caroline is pursuing her journalism career as a reporter for the Chronicle of Philanthropy here in Washington. Edmund '56 is active in the preservation of the C&O Canal. Her brother was married in Hawaii in the spring. She had a wonderful vacation on the Cape this summer with lots of family, but highlight was visit by Maria Franco and Charles Granquist. The Potomac Centennial Celebration was great fun, too, and included the "crashing" of the St. Albans reunion with Marisa Knowlton Domeyko and Diane Kefauver. She is also active in various political grassroots efforts: have put together a "Grassroots Toolkit" designed for those who want to become active but don't know how. Contact Leni if interested. Dede Fryer Hacking and her husband Jeremy are alive and well in Canada. She still enjoys badminton, bridge, mah jong and tennis, continues her volunteer work and is enrolled in the interior decorating program at the local college. She finds it strange to be a student again. Son Jack is an attorney working in structured finance in New York, and J.B. is finishing up an MSc in Sports Business at NYU. Both love the city and all it has to offer.

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# Class Notes cont.

Jeremy has now gone out on his own, offering a number of services and courses including interim and change management, Sarbanes-Oxley, etc. etc. Dede's mother is alive and well and in her nineties! **Amanda Kreglow** produced, directed, choreographed and danced (via film) in a concert. Her partner of 12 years Rev. Mary Murray Shelton, has just opened a new church in Santa Rosa, CA. **Sandra Cuneo** writes, "What an exciting time you have had in the last year! After almost three years of helping 9/11 victims find free attorneys to assist them with their claims before the Federal Victim Compensation Fund, I moved to Los Angeles last October to run a small non-profit that serves as a resource center on police oversight and accountability matters. I've just left there and am practicing law again and active on several non-profit boards dealing with social and economic justice issues. I see **Amy Vance '64** regularly, and would love to see any Potomac classmates who come this way."

## 1964

*From the Alumni Office:*

**Priscilla Hammond Hall** writes, "Have had a wonderful time seeing **Lalla Dodge Brutoco** recently, and we will be seeing each other again soon. Such fun to catch up and the years disappeared. We took pictures and I'll send copies as soon as film is developed. Lalla loves living in California!"

## 1965-Reunion

*From the Alumni office:*

**Lindesay Holdsworth Aquino** writes, "I continue doing private secretarial work. My mother, **Ray Holdsworth** (founded Potomac archives) is doing well in the Alzheimer's unit at Sunrise of McLean." **Emily Train Rowan** writes, "My daughter **Emily**, a Potomac graduate, is entering her sophomore year at Wesleyan University and is over-the-moon happy there. My younger daughter, **Allie**, is a junior at Potomac and is gearing up for when school really starts to matter to your future; i.e., getting ready to tackle college searching. My husband is still an Investment Banker at Legg Mason and continues to be quite happy and productive there. I am well in to my third career as a botanical artist. I have had several pieces selected for up-scale juried shows, as well as several smaller, one person shows on my own. I sell high quality, iris giclee, prints of my work. You can visit me at [www.EmilyRowan.com](http://www.EmilyRowan.com)"

## 1967

*From Boucie Addison:*

**Cecilia Lanahan Ross** wrote to say she is building a house that is "green architecture." She has a son who just graduated from Bates and a daughter who is at UPenn. Her husband is a Penn State Representative and a moderate Republican! She hopes that others will write and would love to know how they are. **Bill Resor** is still in Jackson Hole, WY involved in the family ranching business. He and his wife **Story** have a daughter who is a junior at Duke, and another daughter who is a Freshman at Yale. **Sigi Strong Reynolds** writes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa that the "no child left behind" initiative has left her wonderful public high school with a designation as a "school in need of assistance" despite average scores in the 86th percentile on national tests. And by May two of her children should have a PhD and Masters degrees, and her youngest finishing her 3rd year at Williams. All of them graduated from the "school in need!" **Katie Alexander Field**, Landscape Architect, writes from Rhode Island that her son, **Alexander**, is a freshman at RISD, and her daughter, **Julia**, is at Pomfret. I (**Boucie Addison**) went to my 35<sup>th</sup> reunion from Madeira, (where does the time go to?), where I was able to catch up with several member of our class including **Debby Tucker**, **Steph Ridder**, **Adaline Frelinghuysen Ogilvie-Laing**, **Paula Skallerup Osborn**, I can report we all looked great! I also was able to catch up with **Aggie Burke Rives** in New Hampshire at a biker bar (inadvertently discovered after looking around). She has one daughter who is a freshman at Wake Forest. Our daughter, **Lilly**, graduated in June from Potomac in their Centennial year with doves released at the ceremony. Quite a moving moment. Hope all of you are well.

## 1969

*From Sandy Dominick:*

**Liz Blair Jones** writes, "I've been job sharing the Volunteer Coordinator position at the Audubon

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Naturalist Society for the past couple of years and will take the whole job on myself in December. ANS is a local, independent environmental organization with over 500 volunteers. Our offices are situated in an historic building in the middle of a 40-acre nature sanctuary just outside DC – great place to work! I've maintained connections to Potomac over the past 14 years as a Potomac parent, and it's been great to see the school evolve while maintaining the best of its traditions and values. My older daughter, Eliza, graduated in '04 and my youngest daughter, Kate, will graduate in 2006. Both daughters are singing in school a capella groups – the Potomac music program still thrives! My husband, Stephen, and I look forward to continuing our Potomac connection as we follow the progress of our two god-children, twins Alex and Becca who are children of classmate **Anne Sprunt Crawley** and husband Dru and have just started in Potomac's kindergarten. I'd be happy to hear from any of our classmates if they are in the area." **Addison Edwards** writes that his son Nicolas won the honor and privilege to give a speech to a large public gathering in front of several dignitaries. The speech concerned the concentration camps of World War II. Nicolas had the honor bestowed on him to write and then give a speech on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August in memory of the massacre of members of the Resistance that had taken place exactly 61 years ago. I (**Sandy Dominick**) took a new job this past August as Development Director for the Desert Southwest Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The territory covers all of Arizona and southern Nevada, and currently has an Alzheimer's population of over 100,000, not counting the caregivers. My oldest daughter has one more month before graduating from Thunderbird, and the twins are freshmen in high school. Life is full, and I am grateful for that! I visited Potomac over the summer, and was amazed at the "new" campus. I stopped in at the Alumni Office and got a quick trip down Memory Lane with the yearbooks from 1968 and 1969. I hope to hear from more of you next time around.

## 1973

*From Liza Gookin Hodskins:*

Thanks to our contributors – you make being class correspondent so interesting! **John Chester** (john.chester@wildapple.com), one of my most reliable writers (and the one with the best job title – "Owner & Janitor"), says, "I've been to recent reunions for college and high school, but why is it that Potomac reunions are the most fun? We're going on year 16 here in Woodstock, VT, with two boys (Tommy, 16, at Proctor, and David, 12), two llamas, one dog, and our art publishing & licensing company, Wild Apple

Graphics. I've been coaching youth lacrosse and hockey, and playing lots of soccer and hockey. This summer we added kayaking to the repertoire – don't know why it took so long to adopt that fantastic activity. Still wearing khakis and blue oxford cloth shirts – Potomac lives on . . ." Wild Apple Graphics, 526 Woodstock Road, Woodstock, VT 05091, 802-457-3003 x231, www.wildapple.com **Alex (Sandy) Harvey Hand** (abh@achwg.com) has also been a regular respondent, "I was in DC last fall for my grandmother, Frida Burling's, 90th birthday party. Can you believe it? She is in great shape – one of the liveliest, energetic 90-year-olds you'll ever meet. It's inspirational. Not much news because not much has changed since I saw you all last year. My daughter Riley, 9 is in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. She looks a bit like I did at that age. My son Sam, 7, is in 2nd grade. Riley takes soccer, and I'm one of the coaches, which I really enjoy. She's on a team of 9-12 year olds, which is a lot different than the 7-8 year olds I coached last year. The 11 and 12-years-old are starting to develop "attitude." Since I remember being that age, I find it amusing. I'm still practicing law with my own firm, Adler, Cohen, Harvey, Wakeman & Guekguezian, despite my reports of imminent 'retirement' every year. I love my firm, although I'm somewhat burned out on practicing law, so I keep at it. However, I'm trying to figure out what my next career will be. Any ideas? **Nini Redway** (redway@doj.ca.gov) claims, "I don't have any exciting news. I am still working at the California Attorney General's office", but then says, "I just kayaked the Colorado River. That was FUN! I am sorry I missed the reunion and send my best to everyone. If any of you are ever out in Sacramento, CA, look me up." (LGH: I wanna kayak the Colorado River!) **Cathie Davis Kaplan** (ckaplan@potomacschool.org) writes "how special it was taking a class from Bill Doswell at the Centennial Celebration and how fun it was to see and talk with all of our other teachers as well." **Charles Spalding** (cls@trisan.com), another great correspondent, is still in Costa Rica, and "very sorry not to have been there for the Centennial but alas . . . maybe the Bicentennial! Our son Chris is the #1 16-and-under tennis player in Costa Rica and is now being sponsored by Head (to the great 'financial' relief of his parents!) Stephanie is more bubbly than ever and beginning to show an interest in and talent for the stage. She also just came in 2nd in a Gymnastics competition and Patricia and I could not be more proud of both of them. They are just growing up too fast! Patricia and I are fine and business is good although my new company, Trelex, is quickly reminding me that starting a new business requires a lot of energy! For some reason I seemed to have more about 20 years ago than I do now . . . we'll have to see how it goes! It's fun! Please send my warmest regards to all! P.S. a good friend of mine is trying to get hold of Blake Gardner. She was not in

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our class but somewhere around us. Anyone have her contact information?" Many of you can empathize with deLancey Joyce Webster (deLanceyw@worldnet.att.net), who has "two middle-schoolers and three elementary-schoolers so it is lots of driving, laundry, and food prep. I also do various volunteer jobs at the schools just to help out and it is fun as well." Tony Hass (hasst@KKR.com) and his family "are adjusting to life in New York City. Our two boys are happy in school and don't mind sharing their 'backyard' Central Park with a few other New Yorkers. The pace is certainly a bit different than Los Angeles, and we miss living in a house (and pizza dinners with the Hal Reynolds family on Sunday nights), but otherwise the transition has been relatively smooth. I see Adam Platt on occasion, who as restaurant critic for New York magazine, gives us the scoop on where we should be dining out on those rare baby-sitter evenings." I was so glad to hear from Louise Putnam-Stoner (putnam@virginia.edu), who has been in the Visual Resources Collection at UVA for some years. "Things are very busy in Charlottesville, but it's the normal stuff of our stage of life: parenting teenage children; trying to support a college-bound high school senior; mother moving to a two-room retirement space after a lifetime in lovely and spacious homes; being a single mother with too much grass to mow and a job to keep! Nothing unfamiliar to my fellow alums, I suspect. The redeeming factors include good health, good friends, strong support from my sister, a good relationship with my ex-husband, a great group of co-workers, and truly delightful children (when I don't want to bury them under the dirty laundry!) All in all, life is grand as long as I look up from the grindstone every now and again. My best to everyone." Chrissie Albert Carnes (Chrissie, JBCGYPSY@aol.com) "had a lovely year. Grandchildren (!) Jenna, 3 and Taylor, 1 are growing and thriving and everything everyone says about grandchildren is true - they are wonderful and they go home and that is way cool, too. We have a third grandchild - this time a boy - due in November! So far everyone is healthy. I work about 25 hours a week and am on the board of (and actively working at) two non-profit organizations - Paws with Purpose which supplies service dogs for people in wheelchairs and Alley Cat Advocates which spays/neuters about 200 cats a month in a one-day 'big fix'. The volunteer work takes up a lot of time but is good. Jess gets her driver's license in a few days (aagh). She is a good student, works hard, helps out at home, and couldn't be a better teenager. Jamie is doing

well except for his month-long sinus infection that Kentucky seems to give him. Life is good." Ellen McLaughlin has once again (remember Ms. Szekeres' class?) adapted a Greek play, but this time it's Aeschylus' "The Persians," and is being performed by professionals! The Shakespeare Theater Company will present it April 4-May 21, 2006 in DC ([www.shakespearetheatre.org/plays/details.aspx?id=8&source=1](http://www.shakespearetheatre.org/plays/details.aspx?id=8&source=1)). Ellen writes, "I'd love to get together when I'm in town. It'll be a quick visit around opening because I'm pretty tied up during the spring." Let's try to get a group of alums to go. Keith Ausbrook (ausy-wash@aol.com) writes, "We are blessed to have four happy healthy children, who are finally all at Potomac - in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. At least they all come and go at the same time for now. I continue my work as a lawyer in the House of Representatives - working on matters ranging from steroids in professional sports to Hurricane Katrina. Kate has been retired for some time now, but seems at least as busy as I am with Potomac and other activities. I always hope that when classmates return to Washington they will get in touch - we would love to see any of them." Armin St. George (ArminStG@aol.com) is glad that "Good Health and good spirits continue to pave my life's path, despite a tendency towards work-aholism. My company continues to provide our traditional commercial production services for radio and TV advertisers around the country, and we have been building an even stronger presence in the in-store advertising arena where we provide advertisers a captive market in retail establishments where consumers can't change the channel or lower the volume. Having just won the A&P account (which has Superfresh down in the DC area), I am now spending at least one week a month in our Manhattan office, so I am hoping to catch up with Tony Hass in the near future since he has transplanted back East." As for me, Liza Gookin Hodskins (lhodskins@yahoo.com), I'm proud to say that as editor of our civic association newsletter, I actively helped make Arlington the

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first urban county certified as a community wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation – and got 45 (the most in the county) of my neighbors to certify their yards, too! (Thanks to my many great Potomac science teachers who instilled respect for the environment.) This summer I got a surprise visit. Miss Wiebke Boie (4<sup>th</sup> grade) saw my picture on the Potomac Admission website and came by to say hi with her husband and her sister who lives here. She wasn't sure I remembered her until I broke into a rousing verse of "I love to go a-wandering." Miss Boie is now the head of an elementary school in Cologne, Germany, but she looked at our class yearbook and remembered almost all of us! Since so many of you came to the reunion or have been responding to these e-mail requests, I was able to update her on many of your lives. She said she still has our haikus, and even teaches her students Potomac songs. I had an extra reunion song-book, which she was excited to get and promised she'd use. She later wrote, "You'll find our school homepage at [www.ggs-nibelungenstr.kbs-koeln.de](http://www.ggs-nibelungenstr.kbs-koeln.de). My school is the only one in Cologne that is surrounded by a large green school-ground. I would be delighted to show you around! After I left Potomac School in 1968 I taught at eight different schools, private and public, in Germany and Turkey. Potomac School has remained my "dream" – school and has always been a shining example. All the best to you and all who still remember me." (You can write her at [Wiebke.Blank@t-online.de](mailto:Wiebke.Blank@t-online.de).) It was a thrill to see her, as it was to talk with so many of our teachers who returned for the Centennial Celebration (Ms. Szekeres, Mr. Brown, Mr. Platt, Mrs. O'Neill and Mme. Moreau – both of whom have grandchildren who go here, Mr. and Mrs. Kloman, Mrs. Rose, Mr. Hebler, Mr. Doswell, Mr. Munroe, Mrs. Orr, Mr. Langstaff, Mr. Kimball, Mrs. Shipp, and Miss Rogan). Hurrah for Potomac!

## 1974

*From the Alumni Office:*

Lisa Shipp Logue writes, "Life is great! Almost 6 years now in Texas – in the hill country outside San Antonio. Caitlyn is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Bob's in his 19<sup>th</sup> year with USAA, and I'm busy at Caitlyn's school as the PTA Treasurer and as a substitute teacher (K-5) and all specialist positions. We're keeping busy – it actually gets cold here now but I still miss winter in Virginia – especially seeing snow once in a while! My best to all of my classmates! Happy New Year!"

## 1977

*From Wendy Arundel:*

Wendy Arundel: Yes, just Arundel. I'm getting divorced and it's not sooo bad. We remain, as we started, very good

friends. Focusing on the positive, I'm running 26.2 miles for Boston Children's Hospital in April, 2006 in Nashville, TN. I happen to love country music and hope to meet some of my favorite stars while I'm there. Christopher "Buck" Dominick: We are plugging away in Denver. Christopher is a freshman in HS! My law practice is going well; busy summer with trials. Did find time to do a fair amount of fly fishing, and I'm happy to say my wife, Bizzie, has taken a liking to it too. We went on a pack trip in Wyoming which was really fun; a first for the kids. Wish I could see the DC/East Coast clan more often. Andrew Edwards: OK I have been a little non-communicative for the last 20 years. Here is a short update on my life. I graduated from Catholic University with a degree in Nursing in 1995 after many years as a paramedic. Between my junior and senior years I married a wonderful woman named Sue. She is a Medical Ethicist, makes for some interesting dinner conversations. She is actually a local, grew up in Mclean and attended Potomac School Summer Camp. We just never met before then. I have been working at the Washington Hospital Center since graduating and for the last 5 years have been a flight nurse with the MedSTAR Helicopter program. DC is absolutely beautiful from 1000 feet up. Three years ago my wife developed renal failure and I was lucky enough to be an almost perfect match for her and was able to donate my kidney to her. We are all well and both kidneys are fine. My wife and I live about 2 hours south of DC in an area called the Northern Neck of Virginia. We do not have any children but have 5 dogs and 14 cats (all are rescues), my wife wants to rescue horses sometime in the future, I have to build a really long fence first. Mikki Lesowitz Soliday encapsulates her year in numbers: "16 years in California. 12 years as a professional organizer. Seven years married. Five-year-old twins. Two years as owner of a talent agency with my husband. One year new homeowner. Life is good!" Nan Skallerup: I live in Northern California and really enjoy my life. I live with my wonderful beau, Joe, and our 2 dogs. I still horseback ride 4-5 days a week; I've had Max for 12 years and we are still learning from each other. I am writing songs and only wish I could spend more time writing and less time doing the chores! We live in a lovely place in the country (rapidly becoming suburbs.) Looking forward to reunion 2007. Theo Doucet: I'm in the process of moving. That's about all the news though. I hope you were aware that Mother passed on March 16, 2003. Rick Rafey: I'm still living in Santa Clara, CA, where I've been working for Sony for about 7 years leading an R&D group that's exploring how we can make digital media devices cooler as they get increasingly connected. On the home front, our son Will, 14, has made the leap from public school to private school, attending an awesome high school and getting into speech and debate,

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while still having fun with sports. Our daughter Kelly, 11, was Peter Pan in her school play last year, and is getting ready to be a mouse in the San Jose Ballet's "Nutcracker" for her 4<sup>th</sup> time. My wife Laura is a stay-at-home mom who makes our house a really special home, and she keeps active doing ballet and a variety of workouts. If anyone feels like getting in touch, write me at rafey@arch.sel.sony.com. **David Spalding:** Everything is fine with me. I was skiing at Steamboat Co. last March; got a chance to do a few runs with **Tania Hendrick Coffey**. It's been over 10 years since I've seen her. Last October, I went to the Azores on a golf vacation. It's a great vacation area. How about holding the Potomac alumni golf tournament in the Azores? Looking forward to the ski season up at Sugarloaf, ME.

*From the Alumni Office:*

**David Frazier** writes, "Settling in after moving to McLean in July 2005. Happy to be so close to our family at Potomac School."

## 1979

*From the Alumni Office:*

**Bill Hoffmann** is still teaching at CAC in Cairo, Egypt and its not too late to come and visit.

## 1985-Reunion

*From Christy Halvorson Ross:*

Hello Class of 1985! Don't forget that this is a reunion year for our class, and events will be taking place at Potomac the weekend of April 28-29, 2006. I hope many of you can attend! Congratulations to **James Newbold**, who wrote in to announce that he and his wife Andrea had a son, Fleming Scott Newbold, in April 2005. James reports that "life in Chile is great", but he does try to visit Washington at least once a year. He has been managing Business News Americas (BNamericas.com), which he started with a friend almost ten years ago. **Russ Gebhard** is getting married to Sherry Elene Wineberg on April 22, 2006 in Alexandria, VA He writes that "Unfortunately, we won't be able to make it to the Reunion Weekend because we will be on our honeymoon." Congratulations to them! Other good news comes from **Liza Graham**, who moved from Boston last winter and married **Chris Brookfield** in September. They were married in Cape Cod in a beautiful outdoor ceremony. Liza and Chris live in Glover Park in Washington. Also at the wedding was **Elen Ivorian Rogers** and her husband, Art. Elen, Art, and their chil-



dren **Henry** and **Kate** (5 and 3 fi, respectively) will be moving to Bahrain in the new year! Art will be working for a bank there. My husband **Garth** & I also had the great fortune of attending and participating in **Liza's** wedding and love now having her in the D.C. area. We are having a great time there with our kids, **Si**, 4, and **Eva**, 3. We also love seeing **Connie**

**Pendleton** whenever we can. **Nia Willis** also has exciting news: she was married to **Grant Raymond** in Chicago in August. They also live in Chicago with their two dogs, and are settling into their new house. She reported that **Maceo** is living in L.A. Also in L.A. is **Lizzie Peet**. She has had a busy year-her production company, **Philly Roots**, enjoyed its first distribution deal with its film "Over My Shoulder", starring **Lizzie** and written by her boyfriend **Jon Mozenter**. It will be screened in all the major cities this spring, "followed by a Blockbuster near you," reports **Lizzie**. They also just wrapped up an evening of original

**1985 and 1984 classmates were reunited at the recent Los Angeles Reception. Left to right: Chrissy Coughlin '85, Lizzie Peet '85, Alix Jaffe '85, Wendy Hoopes '84, and Maceo Willis '85 (seated.)**

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one-act plays, which had standing room only crowds. She is still playing tennis, and is a new aunt to her sister Vicki's '81 two twin girls. Alden Hall has left the DC area "for a stop in Staten Island before migrating further north to New Hampshire." He and his wife, Marcy, had their second child, Josephine, on May 9th. Alden is completing his year as chief medical resident in Internal Medicine, and then they will go to New Hampshire where Marcy will be attending Tuck. Alden reports that he "had a tough run in the NYC marathon in October, but managed to win the Staten Island borough award, passing [his] main competition at mile 18." Also running her own business is Barclay Sharon Cadieux. Barclay reports that Mud Pie Designs continues to take off, and can now be accessed online through [www.mudpiedesigns.com](http://www.mudpiedesigns.com). Now that her son Spencer is in kindergarten, she has much more time to create her designs. She participates in local shows, and an article was just published in the local Charlotte paper about the business. Contact her if you need baby gifts! Barclay is in touch with Julie Dugger, Laurence Smith, Oliver Wilcox, and Annabelle Redway Dunn. Please try to make it to the reunion this spring! It would be great to get a big crowd for our class. Best wishes to all of you. -Christy

## 1993

*From the Alumni Office:*

David Carpio writes, "Hi, I've temporarily relocated back to Virginia from NYC. I've spent the last six months working on the Virginia Governor's race for Tim Kaine. (I suppose by the time *Term* comes out, he'll either be Governor or he won't.) I'm running campaign operations in a 7-county area in Northern and Central Virginia. Lot's of long days and hard work, but it's a blast!" Malena Hougen is an associate producer at Fox 5 News in NYC and says hello to all. Malissa Crichton Soong writes, "I volunteered with the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network to organize an awareness and fundraising walk in Northern Virginia this past September. My daughter has multiple food allergies and this organization has been a terrific resource for us in learning how to manage them!"

## 1994

*From the Alumni Office:*

Abigail Whitehead Craine writes, "Clarke Craine '92 and I got married in January 2002. My maid of honor was Julia Morrill and my brother, Clay Whitehead '98, was a groomsman. I am currently finishing up my doctoral degree in clinical psychology. Clarke is in the Navy flying the F/A-18 Hornet and F-14 Tomcat and graduated from Top Gun in

2003. He is in the process of getting his MBA." Julia Morrill is engaged to be married to Jesse Sweet. The wedding will be in Brooklyn, NY on May 14, 2006.

## 1995

*From the Alumni Office:*

Nabeena Chatterjee Banerjee writes, "I have recently been sworn in as an attorney in New York and am now an associate at a law firm in New York City."

## 1997

*It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the loss of our dear classmate Lily Zimmerman Metcalfe. Lily died July 16 in London following a three-year fight with leukemia. Lily was a loving wife to Charlie Metcalfe and a devoted mother of two boys, Louis and Percy. The Yale Alumni Magazine (January/February 2006) reports that Lily waged a valiant and difficult fight against her illness, undergoing numerous rounds of high-dose chemotherapy and two bone-marrow transplants. Lily was a large and joyful presence in our class during the two years she attended Potomac. We remember her for her great sense of humour, vivacity, and smarts. On behalf of the entire class, we send our heartfelt sympathies to Lily's husband and children, and to her family.*

*From Elizabeth Race:*

Hello Class of '97! It was great hearing from some of you this time around, keep the notes coming in! Here's what your classmates are up to: Chris Martin writes that he's a Harris Fellow at University of Chicago, focusing his graduate studies on international economic and finance policy. He's going to Geneva, Switzerland this summer to work at the WTO. Julia Bissell writes that she got engaged to Sean O'Neill this past summer, and that her wedding will be in May 2006. She's currently working at The Museum of Modern Art, and living in Brooklyn, NY. Caryn Cramer is currently in her second year at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, TN. She writes, "I've pretty much adjusted to living in the South over the past year, and I've become curiously fond of cheese grits (I'll miss them when I go back North!). I was back in NYC this summer, working as an intern for the General Counsel at Kate Spade (yup, got free bags...). And I'll pretty much be going into intellectual property law after law school. When I'm not studying, I can still be found pursuing all my old artistic habits: painting, sculpting, dancing, etc. I've had some pottery exhibited in a Vanderbilt art show last year and will be a featured artist in another show this November." Eliza Sedgwick Brunson has exciting news that she and her husband Stuart had a baby, Abigail Elizabeth Brunson, on June 7, 2005. She is still living in Nashville and having a great time taking time off from the

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working world to be a mom! Perrin Rogers writes that he married the former SaKeithia Ciara Mason on June 25, 2005. They met while he was in school at the University of Pittsburgh, before he transferred to the University of Maryland, and she was a chemical-engineering student at Carnegie Mellon. They tied the knot in DC, honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii and are presently living in a house they're remodeling in Hyattsville, MD. He writes that people can view their wedding pictures online at [www.allegrasstudio.com](http://www.allegrasstudio.com), password: mason. Perrin's also been working full time for his church for a little over a year now as Director of Operations. He left the Department of Treasury as an economist in April 2004. John Morrison writes that he recently bought a place in Fairfax and is currently working at Booz Allen Hamilton in Tyson's as a government contractor developing websites. Mike Kleeblatt also works there and he runs into him all the time. John's also still in the fire department and has been on Fairfax County's international urban search and rescue team (VA-TF1) for a few years now, plus he's also an instructor at the fire academy. Busy guy! Congratulations to all of you out there tying the knot and bringing new life into the world! Hope everyone else is doing well too!

*From Alexis Vanderhyc:*

Liz Race and I really enjoy keeping in touch with classmates and hearing your news. I hope 2006 is a great year for all of you. Thank you very much to everyone who wrote their news in! Katharine Brown is finishing law school at American University after focusing on international human rights and humanitarian law. She has recently worked at the UN Sub-Committee on Human Rights and the UN Committee Against Torture. She enjoys running into Potomac alums Nefra Faltas and Lizzie '94, Katie '98 and Elliott Holt '92. Her siblings Jack Brown '95 and Lucinda Brown '99 are both back in the DC area as well. Jack is finishing his PhD and will soon become a professor. Lucinda is working at an energy consulting firm in Washington, DC. Kate and her family send their best wishes to the entire Potomac community. Alexandra Cox moved to San Francisco after college, where she worked at the Drug Policy Alliance, a national drug policy reform organization. She then took a year off to travel around the world and is now working as a sentencing advocate at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem in New York. Gillian Kilberg Hodge married July 3, 2005 and moved to Charlottesville, VA so that her husband can attend Darden Business School at the UVA. And

after graduating from law school and spending a year on the Hill, Patrick Malone has moved to the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, a pro-choice think tank and lobbying shop on K Street, and has also become active in the early stages of a Presidential bid for Virginia Governor Mark Warner. He is currently living in Courthouse about two blocks away from Mike Kleeblatt, and he also sees Ali Jost and Kirsten Lodal occasionally. Derick Stowe is currently working for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as a legislative assistant, an experience he's really enjoying. He is also living with Jamie Kris and is in the process of applying to business school. Mike Meenan graduated from Vanderbilt Law School and is now an attorney with Locke Liddell & Sapp in Houston. He and his wife, Anna, married last year in Atlanta, GA. Rich Ellis, Mike Kleeblatt, Joe Weiss, Garrett Nelson and Chase Stock all attended the wedding. Mike and Anna recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. Hollyday Perkins returned from Indonesia last November, retired from the Club Med life, and spent time with her family. She has since moved to Stuart, FL where she works full time as a corporate trainer, and is also a full time graduate student earning her masters in special education. She is doing very well and is eligible to graduate early due to her GPA. Abby Sullivan visited me this fall and said she loves living in Washington, DC where she is getting her masters at SAIS in international economics and strategic studies. She keeps in touch with a number of people from Potomac living in DC including Allison Herren, Kevin Gamble and Rebecca Winsor. Ali Jost is doing well and is also living in DC, where she has been working for the past 3 fi years at a national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization called the National Council of La Raza. She is currently working as their Communications Manager in the media office, where, she says, "we sadly must release statement after statement on the failures of Congress to pass the effective legislation and on the consequences of our nation's failing education and health care systems." Ali is in the

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process of applying to graduate school social service, policy, and communications programs. She is looking forward to shifting out of her job at the end of this year and starting something new and exciting. In addition to seeing her brother Lane often, she also sees **Matt Shuba '96** and **Heather Wilson '96**, both of whom are living and working in DC. Ali especially remembered David Civali, writing "It was terribly sad news to learn about David Civali. Patrick, Lane and I had a brief email re-connection in which we all shared our memory of that amazing day when his speech literally transformed Preston Gym into an almost outer-worldly space of compassion; to this day and in the future, his honesty and strength on that day will always remind me of the best of Potomac School." Thanks to Ali for such an eloquent, kind and moving tribute to David Civali.

*From the Alumni Office:*

**Alyson Cambridge**, appeared in the Washington National Opera production of *Porgy & Bess* at the Kennedy Center. She sang the role of Clara in the performances on November 5, 7, and 19. Alyson attended Potomac for grades 1-8 before transferring to Sidwell Friends for high school. She went on to earn degrees from both the Oberlin Conservatory and Oberlin College, then studied for a year at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In April 2003, she won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and was invited to join the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She is now in her third and final year with the program. She made her Metropolitan Opera debut in September 2004, singing the role of Frasquita in *Carmen*. In addition to her performances at the Met, she has performed major roles with the Wolf Trap Opera Company, the Opera Theater of St. Louis, the Palm Beach Opera, and has performed in concert with the Southwest Florida Symphony, the Stamford Symphony, the Detroit Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, and the Chautauqua Symphony. **Gillian Kilberg Hodge** writes, "Yuctan and I got married on July 3, 2005 at the National Building Museum. It was a dream come true!" **John Ferebee** writes, "I married long-time girlfriend Ann Wrege on August 7, 2004." **Thomas Ingold** received his degree from Harvard in June, 2005 and is now looking for a position in the Boston or DC area. He married **Alisha Hunt Ingold** and has one daughter, **Veronica**. They are currently living in Somerville, MA. **Elizabeth Wisecarver** is working for a small architecture firm in Center City. **Kelly Greenwood** writes, "After working for Accenture for 3 years in San Francisco, I am now about to start my MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern. I intend to focus on non-profit management and corporate social responsibility.

Prior to school I spent the summer traveling in Australia, New Zealand and Alaska." **Noelle Sherber** writes, "Have just begun internship/residency at Columbia Presbyterian in the footsteps of my dad and granddad." **Karl Channell** is currently attending NYU Tisch pursuing a graduate degree in Interactive Telecommunications Program.

## 1998

*From the Alumni Office:*

**Whitney Duncan** is pursuing a doctorate in Anthropology at the University of California at San Diego. **Kristen Rush** is attending the Stern Business School (New York University) pursuing a Masters in Business Administration in New York City. **Brian Carney** married **Kristine Bilotti** on August 27, 2005, graduated from Tulane Law School in May of 2005 and is now working at Akin, Gump law firm in New York City. **George Kambanis** writes, "Nothing new, just working hard."

## 1999

*From Daryn Cambridge:*

**Trenholm Boggs** traveled Europe with **Todd Kincaide** and **Jody Goehring** during the summer of '03. Upon returning, he worked for over a year on the President's re-election campaign working at the National Headquarters as Director of Volunteers and Interns as well as a Field Representative and Coalitions Coordinator. He also served on the Presidential Inaugural Committee and as a Schedule C Political Appointee at the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Recently, he made the transition into real estate working as an associate with brokerage in Washington, D.C. at Spaulding & Slye. **Hilary Burt** is living in NYC, working at a hedge fund in midtown and teaching sailing on the weekends. **Kevin Bennett** left Governor Warner's Office over the summer and is now a IL at Georgetown Law. **Pam Kasenetz** is currently in her second year of medical school at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. **Daryn Cambridge** and **Alyson Lipsky** got married on September 24th and currently live together in McLean, VA. Fellow Potomac alumni, **Christian Gomez**, **Eric Abrams**, **Andrew Lockman**, **Kevin Eakin**, and **Patrick Nemeroff** were the groomsmen at the wedding. **Alyson** is in graduate school at George Washington University finishing up her master's degree in public health. She is also a fellow at the GW Africa Center for Health and Security and a part time swim coach for Machine Aquatics. **Daryn** is a program supervisor at the Close Up Foundation and recently finished working with

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# Class Notes cont.



Family and friends gather to celebrate the wedding of Alyson Lipsky '99 and Daryn Cambridge '99.

students from Tulsa, OK, training them how to be effective agents of change in their schools and community. He ran his third marathon, his second with the Whitman-Walker clinic's fundraising program, in Honolulu in December. Eric Abrams is living in southern California, attending film school. Andrew Lockman is living in Washington, D.C. and is a commercial sales consultant for Costar Group. Patrick Nemeroff left his consulting job at Dean and Company and is wandering the mountains of Western United States searching for enlightenment. Andrew Farrell is living with Alyson and Daryn in McLean, VA. He works at GeneDx where he diagnoses genetic diseases. He has also been racing in a number of downhill/mountain bike events in the surrounding area. John Michael Bastos bought a house and is currently living in Kensington, MD with his girlfriend. He is a consultant for Booz, Allen, Hamilton, doing IT security for the Treasury Department.

#### *From the Alumni Office:*

Pamela Kasenetz is currently in her second year at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Ari Schantz worked in the American University Office of Athletic Compliance and for an attorney in Old Town Alexandria in the summer of 2005. Robert Swain spent last summer working in the Time Warner legal department in NYC and is now back in Atlanta finishing his final year at Emory Law School.

## 2000-Reunion

#### *From the Alumni Office:*

Mike Stokes writes, "I got engaged!! Getting married in Atlanta, November 5<sup>th</sup>." Jonathan Rosenbaum graduated with a B.A. in English from the University of Montana. Alana Morrall

is entering her second year of the Masters program in Arts Management at American University. Judith Vanze is teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Philadelphia with Teach For America.

## 2001-Reunion

#### *From Stirling Kelso:*

Stephen Gavula graduated from Vanderbilt and is now living in NYC working for Allianz Global Investors in the equity/fixed wrap trading division. He is still keeping in touch with Skipper Calvert, who is in flight school in Pensacola, FL after graduating from Vanderbilt, as well as John Ohly who is living in Philadelphia after graduating from Penn, and Rory Byrnes, who is working for a real estate market research firm in DC. Stephanie Amann, Elena Knappen, and Stirling Kelso are all living together in Brooklyn. Elena and Stephanie are both in the Teach for America program; Stephanie is teaching first grade and Elena is teaching ESL. Stirling is working and writing for New York magazine and Fast Company magazine. Marian Smith is at journalism school at NYU, Katherine Pingree is working in design, and Whitney Petersmeyer is working for Monitor Consulting Group. Elizabeth Peterson is now at Columbia working on a PhD in social work. Kate Jackson is also back in the States working for Reuters in New York. Daphne Chester and Elissa Brown are living together in NYC, Daphne is working for an oil and chemical shipping company. The Potomac girls in New York remain close and get together frequently. Daphne and Elissa hosted a delicious reunion dinner in NYC in November. Other news is that Cecily Hutton is teaching French and Latin at a school in New Jersey. Juliana Bennison and Laura Smith were both accepted into the Princeton in Asia post graduate program that places select students in jobs throughout



Asia. Juliana is working for Save the Children in the Philippines and Laura is teaching English in Vietnam. Adam Smith has moved out to L.A. to pursue acting and is living with Evan Dannemiller '00. Lauren Grass, Chelsea Simms and Callie Leith are all out in the San Francisco area and see a lot of each other. John Linden and are both up in Boston, while Garrett Clarke, Win Huffman and Bryan Bennett are all working and living in the DC area. Lina Gomez is working at an advertising firm based in Barcelona and has been

(was goalie for the Scottish team for the Celtic Nations Championships in Ireland). Will be working for Reuters in New York from September, 2005. Please get in touch!" Stephen Gavula graduated in May from Vanderbilt University with a double major in Economics and Human Organizational Development. On the job search for a position in financial services in New York City and sees Edwin Merrigan, John Ohly, John Linden and Matt Nims. Meagan Guerzon graduated from Duke with a B.A. in Public Policy

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posted for the next few months in Malta, Italy. CJ Fahey is also in Italy, working for Fox in Rome. Tom Cannell is finishing up his last year at Yale and continues to work in HIV and AIDS research. Steve John recently got married, the ceremony was held in Long Island. Christina Heintze, Valerie Stempler and Golnar Oveyssi are all living in the Washington, DC area. Golnar is working for AEI. Joseph Martore, Eric Kasenetz and Ross Milton are also all living in DC. Alex Chapman graduated from William & Mary in May and is now living in D.C. working for the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. As a class we would like to send our thoughts and prayers to the friends and family of Vanessa Péan '07. Although this is a challenging time for the Potomac School, we have the greatest faith that our school community especially has the ability to truly support and love one another throughout this time of sadness and reflection.

### From the Alumni Office:

Ann Tompkins graduated from Washington and Lee with a degree in Computer Science and is living in DC. Laura Smith writes, "I spent the summer in Alaska flying around in helicopters installing OPS monuments. This next year I'll be in Rach Gia Vietnam teaching at a community college so if anyone is in that neck of the woods, let me know!" Juliana Bennison will be working out of Manila, Phillipines for the next year with the "Save the Children" part of Princeton in Asia Program. Kate Jackson writes, "Graduated from Edinburgh University in June with a First Class degree in

French, having received an award for Water Polo

and is starting law school at G.W. this fall. Michael Carney writes, "Finishing my last co-op session at Kennedy Space Center where I've had an opportunity to participate in work involving the launch/landing of the space shuttle." Caroline Leith writes, "I am living & working in San Francisco as a personal assistant at the Althea Foundation. I see Lauren Grass & Chelsea Simms all the time. They just got an apartment and are now my neighbors."

## 2002

### From the Alumni Office:

Taylor Kelly spent the summer in South America as an Intern for the State Department. Patrick Scanlon just returned from Valencia, Spain where he took two courses and later toured Italy and Spain. Brad Ash writes, "I am still at RPI and majoring in Internet Marketing and Web Design." Victoria Sylos-Labini writes, "Graduating in May and applying to graduate school to get my PsyD-doctorate in psychology." Cameron Kilberg '98 started at George Washington University Law School at the end of August. Tracy Phillips writes, "Just spent my spring semester studying in Rome and Florence. Kate Buchanan was also in Rome on a different program." Katherine Bissell is about to graduate from Dickinson College with a degree in Psychology. Susannah Haworth writes, "I loved my time abroad studying art in Florence, Italy. I am currently the president of my sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta and am enjoying my senior year!"

### From the Alumni Office:

Wynn Breed is a senior at Connecticut College and went to

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# Class Notes cont.

Spain last spring semester. He loves water polo and writes, "Potomac School should start a team."

biology class called Conservation, Nature and Biodiversity. Margaret McClintic wrote, "I am in Beijing, China studying Mandarin and playing

## 2003

*From Alecm Ahmed:*

A junior studying accounting and finance at the University of Pennsylvania, **Brian Cargo** is a cast member and the treasurer of the Mask and Wig Club, which performs all original musical comedies in Philadelphia and across the country. This past summer he worked in transaction services at KPMG in New York and New Jersey. **Cal Nannes** is a hall counselor in a freshman dorm at Davidson College. He's a pre-med Psychology major. He also serves as the co-social chair of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and tutors 1st and 2nd graders at the local after-school center. **Alexa Rubenstein** is a psych concentrator at Harvard. She joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and received honors for being in the top 10% of her class. **Kate Alberswerth** is studying abroad at the New York University campus in London where she is doing a lot of traveling as well as continuing work in her majors of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Art History. She has been hanging out with **Aleem** in London and met up with **Emma Jackson** and **Lauren Potter** at the University of Bristol. In the winter she will return to New York City and her job at a contemporary art gallery. After engaging sophomore year at Haverford College, **Aleem Ahmed** interned with a microfinance institution in Dacca, Bangladesh during the summer. He is continuing his studies in political science at the London School of Economics. He has joined his residence hall's football team and is exploring London's exciting attractions and nightlife. **Stefanie Thomas** is doing a semester abroad in Kyoto, Japan where she is studying the language as well as Japanese politics and the economy. She will be returning to the US around Christmas. **Ian MacLeod** is studying biology and environmental science in Costa Rica this fall semester. Ian has watched sea turtles lay eggs, learned how to surf, bungee-jumped, and continues his education so that he may someday save the world. He returns to his beloved Wesleyan, and snow, for spring term. **Lauren Huber** spent the summer volunteering in Tanzania and is now back at Bowdoin College majoring in Biology and Sociology and working for the Athletic Trainer. **Mary Thomas** is learning to paint with oils and is going to Madagascar over spring break with a

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squash. I wear my Potomac tennis sweatshirt around a lot but so far no one has recognized it, although I ran into a friend who lives in Fairfax, VA." **Brittany Mitchell** was elected one of the student representatives for our student government this year. It's been exciting so far! **Sarah Duncan** is in her junior year as a History and Science major at Harvard after spending the summer working at a DC law firm. She continues to be the copy editor for *Current Magazine*, a college news magazine with an ever-increasing circulation at colleges around the country. She also continues to be an intramural referee and representative in her house, playing soccer, ultimate frisbee, tennis, and basketball, and doing running and swimming; she is looking forward to attempting ice hockey for the first time this winter. This fall she also tried her hand at coaching 8-year-old boys in soccer, which was quite an adventure. This semester she is taking two classes with **Mary Thomas**, and she sees **Scott Richardson**, **Anne Romatowski '02**, **Shane Donovan '05**, **Devon Petersmeyer '02**, **Alexa Rubenstein**, and graduate student **Kate Romatowski '00** on occasion. **Elizabeth Fabiani** is a junior at Boston College. She is studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador next semester to pursue her interests in Spanish and social work. She is an English and Communications major – she has no idea why. She occasionally sees **Scott Richardson** when she travels into Cambridge, MA.

*From the Alumni Office:*

**Anne Benveniste** ended the summer by traveling in Italy and then is spending the fall semester in Paris. **Alison Ayer** writes, "I had a great summer working for a magazine in NYC, and I'm about to begin my junior year as a Political Science & English double major at Stanford." **Danny**



Gavula is a rising junior and spent 6 weeks over the summer studying in Florence, Italy through a Georgetown University sponsored program. He sees Ashley Bender all the time. Cal Nannes is a Psychology major/ Chemistry major, Pre-med, and will be a Freshman Counselor in 2005-2006 academic year. James Mersereau was on Dean's List Honor and Fraternity Social Chairman. Ashley Albrittain writes, "Loving Middlebury College - field hockey is fast and fun!" Ricky Bates was named to the Dean's List both fall and

with inner-city kids." Cooper Jones was an orientation leader for Williams freshmen, is a disc jockey on a Williams radio station and he formed a group called SOMA - Society of Midnight Athletes who gather after studying to let off steam in sports for fun. Jaya Chatterjee writes, "I got first year academic distinction and this past semester I was nominated for departmental prizes in French and writing at Wellesley. Also, I spent the summer interning at a think tank in New Delhi, India. I am also very happy to be elected as

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spring semesters at New York University and interned this summer in Los Angeles for Bruckheimer Productions. His sophomore short film project was selected by NYU faculty to be listed in the "Best Films of NYU" and will be screened this fall in New York City. Scott Nelson writes, "I am spending the fall in Athens, Greece as a classics major (thanks Mr. Cox) and checking out the Greek Islands. This summer I was in South Dakota & Wyoming working on a geology field project. In January, I'll be back in Providence, RI." Sarah Duncan writes, "I'm majoring in History & Science at Harvard and I spend my time playing all Intramural sports, working as an intramural ref, being an intramural representative for my house, copy editing Current Magazine and working on the IT board for the Crimson Newspaper." Eric Rosenthal is the president of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha.

## 2004

*From the Alumni Office:*

Charlotte Tansill writes, "Last year [I] played singles for UNC women's tennis team. UNC went to the final eight in the NCAA tournament and finished the year at #11 in the country." JJ Reibel traveled in Korea for 1 month for Tae Kwon Do. Arielle Samuelson was awarded AP Scholar of Distinction, National Merit Scholar and the Edison Scholarship by Washington University. Shevin Tantula writes, "I had a great first year at USC and I'm loving Los Angeles. I'm hoping to major in Communications and double minor in Business Administration and Art History. Last year I had a great experience participating in a program called Joint Educational Project where I was able to work

songmistress for the class of 2008 at Wellesley. I will be leading my class in song at convocation and other gatherings throughout the year." Mattie Cowan is a sophomore at Bowdoin College, has started a successful belt business and is majoring in International Relations and Russian. You may order a belt at [www.batadabeltsandaccessories.com](http://www.batadabeltsandaccessories.com). Kennedy Kanagawa is a sophomore at Muhlenberg College majoring in theater and dance. He recently played the Emcee in Cabaret, is a member of the Dynamics acappella group, and volunteers as a tour guide. Natalie Albrittain reports that she is off to UVM this fall. Wilson Stiner writes, "I spent an amazing and surreal three weeks in China with classmates Oliver Cannell, Kenny Fahey, Matt Hassett, Cooper Jones, and Binayak Mishra. As our trip leader, Sir Cort Morgan put it, we were on a "good will mission," while constantly being stimulated with the culture. We all hope that at some point, Potomac will be able to have an exchange program or organized trip back. I also worked at the Nantucket Film Festival, meeting people such as the great Steve Buscemi, as well as for Fine Productions and Guggenheim Productions.

## 2005

*From the Alumni Office:*

Will Runge writes that he, Yale Yng-Wong, Hunter Craighill and Mary Claire Abbot are taking Wesleyan by surprise. Mack Kaswell writes, "Rollins is tight. The weather is always nice and classes are actually fun."

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## Potomac pays tribute to Nora McCarthy Mancha (1934-2005)

*By Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83, former 6<sup>th</sup> grade student of Mrs. Mancha*

For those of us privileged to have known Nora, we recognize that we were truly blessed. We gathered together as a Potomac community in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center on a Sunday afternoon in early October to pay tribute to Nora's wonderful and widespread contributions to Potomac. The large outpouring of love from the community – students, faculty, parents, administration, and friends alike – is a testament to how much people admired and loved her. We are especially grateful for Nora's greatest admirers who spoke from the heart.

Former Trustee, Rick Linden, described Nora's work over the years as a labor of love. He remembered her passion for Potomac as a driving factor in the decision to enroll his son. He described her as humble in her accomplishments and always wanting others to take the spotlight. In Rick's eyes, Nora was an ambassador of goodwill for Potomac.

Kevin Bennett '99 recalled Nora as someone to whom students could turn for support and guidance. He also reminded us that in life there are givers and takers. Nora was undoubtedly a giver.

Bea Lindsten, former head of the Middle School, shared humorous memories of the day she met Nora who, due to an injury, came limping into her office for a teaching interview! She also revealed to us their shared love of author Jane Austen and wonderful times they enjoyed watching her movies together. Mrs. Lindsten reminded us even though Nora worked as Director of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Summer Programs, as well as Associate Head of School, teaching children was an essential part of her core.

Sally Engelhard Pingree, former Trustee Chair, headed the Centennial Steering Committee with Nora. Their friendship began almost 20 years ago when Sally's son applied for pre-K. In her capacity as Director of Admissions, Nora fielded what could have been construed as the most mundane questions as if it was the first time such questions were posed to her. Nora had a natural way of making everyone in her presence feel important.

We celebrate Nora's life, pay homage, and thank her for her incredible contributions to Potomac during a 32 year tenure. Nora is remembered with warmth and admiration for her dedication to our alma mater and the grace with which she gave herself to all of us.



# *In Memoriam*



LEROY EAKIN

November 9, 2005

The Potomac School mourns the loss of LeRoy Eakin. Mr. Eakin had a long relationship with the Potomac School as a past parent and grandparent. Mr. Eakin's children, Richard '65 and Carol '62, attended Potomac as well as his five grandchildren, who are currently enrolled. Mr. Eakin served as Chairman of Eakin Properties, a Falls Church-based developer of residential and commercial properties. He was a longtime supporter of financial aid for Potomac and his passion for supporting the endowment signified an understanding of the vision of the School.

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Olive Sherley Young '22, November 16, 2005

Valerie Prochnik Ragland '30 – Sister of the late Patricia Prochnik Nakasian '35, mother of Stephanie de Sibour '60, grandmother of Joshua Stinchcomb '91 and Matthew Stinchcomb '93.

Patricia McKnew Nielsen '35 – sister of Donald McKnew '48, Susan McKnew Castin '41  
Alice Manahan Grinnell '36, March 16, 2005

Elizabeth Edge Carter '44

Dore Martin Morse '45 – Mother of Ashley Thomas Osler '72 and Timothy Thomas '76.

Mary Duer Brown '47, September 14, 2005

Julie Arnold '49, January 31, 2006 – sister Anne Arnold Constable '57, Mother of Terry Green, (current Potomac parent), grandmother of Patricia Green '07 and Lucy Green '10. Julie also taught at Potomac from 1957 to 1962.

Elizabeth (Lily) Zimmerman Metcalfe '77, July 16, 2005

John Otto, January 15, 2006 – former Intermediate School teacher of American history and geography.



## CHINESE CHARACTERS

For three weeks in the summer of 2005, six members of the class of 2004 traveled to China with Upper School teacher Cort Morgan. The alumni were: Oliver Cannell, Kenny Fahey, Matt Hassett, Cooper Jones, Binayak Mishra, and Wilson Stiner. Before the trip, Oliver, Matt, and Cooper began a study of conversational Mandarin, and several of the alums are continuing their studies of language and culture at college. Cort has been working on his Mandarin for about three years.

The seven travelers spent three weeks exploring the cities of Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Suzhou, and Shanghai. They also made many excursions into the countryside, and spent three days on the Yangtze River between Chongqing and the Three Gorges Dam. One of the trip's highlights was a day at Beijing's distinguished Tsinghua University, in directed discussions and informal conversations with Chinese undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Environmental Engineering. Of course, a walk along a desolate section of the Great Wall was very moving, as was descending in a riverboat through the gargantuan locks of the Three Gorges Dam. This descent took a couple of hours, and the Potomac "ambassadors" spent the time enjoyably with fellow passengers, in the traditional Chinese manner, singing heartily in the boat's karaoke lounge!

Lasting Impressions? The medieval gardens of Suzhou were a quiet, green and delightful counterpoint to the humming, modern energy of the Shanghai area. There were also many humble moments that revealed something of the daily life of people in the world's most populous nation. It was mesmerizing to watch a cook make fresh noodles for bowls of broth in the labyrinthine Muslim quarter of Xi'an, and the results were delicious. Traveling by train, by subway, by bus, by taxi, by boat, and on foot through the Middle Kingdom offered unforgettable glimpses into a landscape that once seemed distant, and which now seems familiar. Six months later, all of the travelers remember the warmth of the Chinese people's hospitality in so many circumstances, and the dynamic mixture of ancient and modern accomplishments that make China so intriguing.





**(L-R Below) The Great Wall:** Cooper, Sun Xin Yu (a Chinese friend), Oliver, Binayak; **The Great Wall:** Matt, Wilson, Oliver, Sun Xin Yu talk about history on an ancient watchtower; Along the **Yangtze River**, Szechuan Province; Visiting a **Daoist temple** in Chengdu, Szechuan Province; Beijing, **Tiananmen Square:** from left: Wilson Stiner, Binayak Mishra, Oliver Cannell, Kenny Fahey, Matt Hassett, Cooper Jones, Sun Xin Yu (Chinese friend of Mr. Morgan's and guide in Beijing); **Suzhou**, lotus blossoms in an ancient garden.

*Photos and text by Cort Morgan*







Jeffrey Banks



Mari Will



Gregg Petersmeyer

## A Q&A with the New Members of the Board of Trustees

### What are the primary responsibilities of Potomac's Board of Trustees?

Jeffrey Banks: The Board of Trustees is responsible for holding The Potomac School, its mission and its future in trust for generations of students and faculty to come. The Board's primary functions are developing and reviewing broad institutional policies, strategic planning, and acting as fiduciaries and representatives of the School. As fiduciaries of the School, the Board provides financial oversight of the School's operations and approves its annual operating budget.

### What are this Board's current priorities?

Mari Will: The Board spent an intensive two days in retreat this fall to re-examine priorities. While fiduciary and policy oversight remain at the top of our list, we also decided to focus on communications and long-term, strategic planning. We are working with the staff to help find greater efficiencies in school publications, better coordinate messages, improve the Web site, more effectively tap into parent leadership, help break down communications barriers across divisions and provide more and better communications between the Board and the school community. Another big area of focus will be supporting the current Campaign for Potomac's Future.

### How do we preserve our roots and culture as we embrace our Master Plan, expanding our student body and campus?

Gregg Petersmeyer: The Master Plan has evolved to the exciting place it is today because so many people believe that The Potomac School's most important values over its history should play an even more deliberate role in the school's future. The campaign's endowment funds and the improvements in the school's physical space will support our community's educational vision for the future. Included in that vision is the bedrock belief that the giftedness and fundamental worth and promise of every child is only fully realized in a place whose core values of caring, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness are valued above all else, and that we are building on a 100-year history of progressive thinking and action around diversity within every aspect of the community and its educational program.





Betsy Duff



Victoria Frankhauser  
Esposito '83



Don Beyer

### **Increasing the endowment is an important element of The Campaign for Potomac's Future. What are the Board's goals with respect to building both the Faculty and Staff Endowment and the Financial Aid Endowment?**

Betsy Duff: This year, in connection with The Campaign for Potomac's Future, the Board has placed a high priority on enhancing the school's endowment funds in support of initiatives for faculty and staff, as well as for financial aid. Our philosophy to attract and retain first-rate faculty members through compensation and professional development will be a key driver of the Board's financial and investment decisions. Likewise, Potomac's commitment to provide financial aid to qualified families is firm and will be furthered through expanded endowment funds achieved through the Campaign.

### **What is the relationship of the Board with the parent and alumni communities?**

Victoria Frankhauser Esposito '83: Without the strong support and involvement of parents, Potomac would not be the remarkable school it is today. The Board is continually striving to seek input from and involve a broad range of parents in deliberations and policy making. The Board also aims to strengthen the connection of Potomac alumni with their alma mater, as they are models of what a Potomac education seeks to achieve. As President of the Alumni Association, I work to communicate with and engage our alumni.

### **How is the Board planning strategically for the future?**

Don Beyer: The Potomac School community has been guided by a strategic plan begun some five years ago by Head of School Geoff Jones. The original plan document has given rise to many of the bold investments now underway. The current Board's role is to extend this plan – to renew this essential conversation with the many different subsets of the Potomac community. We are moving to an understanding that strategic reflection is not a once-a-decade project, but a living process that must be incorporated into the very DNA of the school. As Board members, we see our role as organizing the aspirations, talents, ambitions, and resources of our diverse community into a cohesive, strategic whole – but we are only the facilitators and conveners, for the wisdom must be that of us all.





## Board Nominations

Potomac's Board of Trustees asks for your help in identifying prospective new members. The board's primary task is to ensure that the School is positioned to accomplish its mission for the current and future generations of students.

Prior board experience, particularly with nonprofits, is valuable for proposed candidates, as well as a willingness to participate actively in Potomac's development activities. Candidates need not be a Potomac parent to be considered.

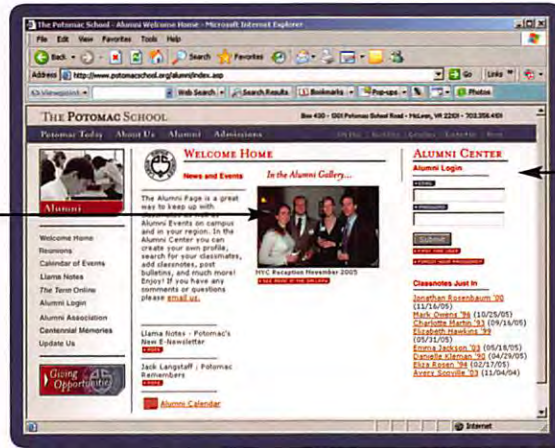
If you know of someone who should be considered, including yourself, please submit the name, background information, and the reason for your recommendation to Dorothy McAuliffe, Chair, Committee on Trustees, at [dorothy@tdmca.com](mailto:dorothy@tdmca.com).





# POTOMAC ON THE WEB

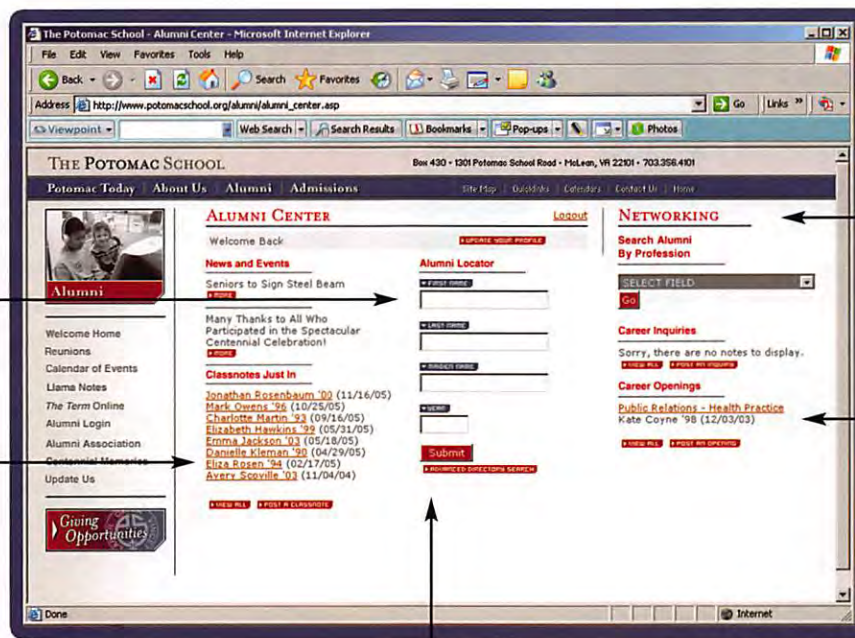
Alumni can use the alumni page of The Potomac School Web site to stay in touch with your classmates and friends. If you have not visited the Web site recently or you have never logged into the password protected Alumni Center, here are just a few highlights to show you what you are missing! To obtain your password, please contact Maria Graceffa at 800-725-8664 or alumni@potomacschool.org



View pictures of the most recent reunion and other alumni events.

Log in to the Alumni Center. All Potomac alumni have a username and password. If you do not know yours, please send an e-mail to: alumni@potomacschool.org

Once you log in to the password protected section of the Web site you can . . .



Search for a classmate or any Potomac alumna/us by name or print out your class list by just inputting your class year.

Search for Potomac alumni in a particular profession. This is great for networking or finding that first job out of college.

You don't have to wait to read Class Notes only two times a year. Post or read Class Notes on the Web.

Post openings you have in your office or look here for possible job openings.

The advanced search allows you to search which alumni are in a particular city or state.



## THE ANNUAL FUND Bridging the Gap

Last year, Potomac's Annual Fund reached a new milestone by surpassing the \$1.5 million mark (\$1,595,063.40). Thank you and congratulations to all volunteer leaders and donors who helped make the 2004-05 Annual Fund the most successful in the history of The Potomac School!

The 2005-06 year promises to be exciting and challenging as we strive to maintain the momentum from last year by once again surpassing a goal of \$1.5 million. Annual Giving is off to a strong start, having secured more than \$1.1 million (75% of goal) in cash and pledges as of January 15, 2006.



## Potomac Welcomes New Director of Annual Giving

Potomac welcomed Jinene Christian as the new Director of Annual Giving in September 2005. Jinene comes to Potomac most recently from the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, where she managed the major donor Annual Giving program. Prior to Wolf Trap, Jinene worked in the membership office at the National Gallery of Art.

"My hope for this year – in addition to meeting our financial goal – is to increase our participation rates by striving for 100%. As we introduce The Campaign for Potomac's Future to the community, it is critical that Annual Giving remains strong. The Annual Fund is an opportunity for everyone to help make a difference, whether by giving \$10 or \$10,000. Every gift shows your support of the mission of the School and your belief in the students as thinkers, learners, and the leaders of tomorrow."



# Thank you to the 2005-06 Annual Fund Volunteer Leadership:

Parent Annual Giving Committee -  
 Leadership Co-Chairs:  
 Lynne O'Brien  
 Cynthia and Chuck Vance

Parent Annual Giving Committee  
 Co-Chairs:  
 Greg Lewis  
 Hugh Reese

Alumni Annual Giving Committee Co-Chairs:  
 Anne Sprunt Crawley '69  
 Anne L. Metcalf '79

Parents of Alumni Annual Giving Committee  
 Co-Chairs:  
 Tyla and Tom Winland  
 Grandparent Annual Giving Committee:  
 Betty and Charles Ewing

Faculty and Staff Committee:  
 Kristin Smith - Lower School  
 Cathy Farrell - Middle School  
 Tiffany Bridgewater - Intermediate School  
 Stephen Miller - Upper School  
 Cas Blanchard - Administration & Staff

## THE ANNUAL FUND Phonathons!

Potomac would not be able to meet the Annual Fund goal if it were not for the help of the many parents, alumni, grandparents, past parents, and faculty and staff volunteers that contribute their time and financial resources each year. The annual Fall Phonathon, staffed entirely by volunteers and Trustees, took place during the weeks of November 14 and December 5, and raised an impressive total of more than \$330,000.



(Top Right) Parent Annual Giving Committee Co-Chair Greg Lewis catches up with a fellow parent while raising critical funds during the Fall Phonathon.

(Bottom Right) Potomac Trustees and parents volunteered their time and energy to secure Annual Fund support.



## The Potomac School: FROM THE ARCHIVES

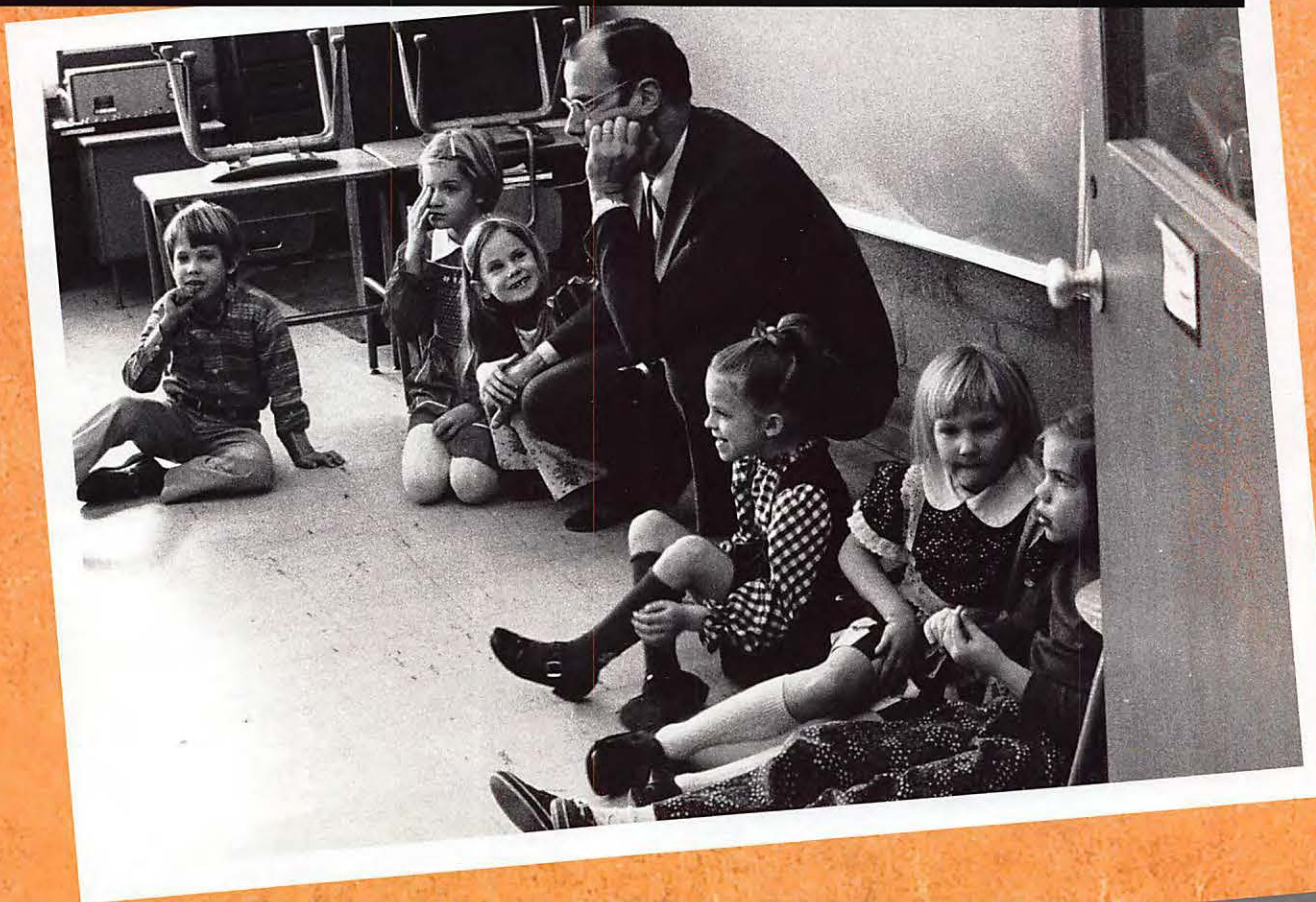
As many alumni and staff have been doing research in the Potomac archives, we have found many photos and artifacts, which we would like more details about.

**Unidentified Pilgrims!**  
No one wrote in to let us know who these little pilgrims are. We'd love to identify them. Please take a closer look to see if you can help us.



## The Potomac School needs your help!

If you can identify any of the students pictured below, please contact the Alumni Office at 703-749-6356 or [alumni@potomacschool.org](mailto:alumni@potomacschool.org)





# POTOMAC ON THE WEB

Have you seen the latest alumni e-newsletter? If not, the Alumni Office does not have your e-mail address. We would love to include you on this fun, informative newsletter which comes out every few months. Please send your e-mail address to Maria Graceffa at [alumni@potomacschool.org](mailto:alumni@potomacschool.org)

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# Llama notes

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**October 27, 2005**

**From The Archives**


**Note From Maria**

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Llama Notes* - Potomac School's Alumni E-Newsletter. *Llama Notes* will keep you in touch with The Potomac Alumni Program (such as Regional Alumni Receptions and Reunion), exciting projects that alumni are doing in their post-Potomac lives, and what is new at Potomac today. *Llama Notes* will come to you via e-mail several times a year. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail [alumni@potomacschool.org](mailto:alumni@potomacschool.org) or phone 800-P-ALUMNI (725-8664) with questions, comments, or suggestions. I hope you enjoy this first issue of *Llama Notes*!

Best regards,


Maria Graceffa  
Director of Alumni Relations

**Do you know who these people are?**



Were you one of these Intermediate School students who donated fans for community service? If you can identify the people in this picture, please e-mail [Maria Graceffa](mailto:Maria Graceffa).

**Last time...**



Thank you to the following alumni who wrote in to identify this picture: Sallie Ayers Barker '65 and Penny Flather Parke '64.

**Photo ids: Class of 1964**


**Jack Langstaff** conducting. **Nancy Langstaff** playing piano.

*Front row:* Billy Bass?, Charlie McElwain, ?, Anne FitzGerald Slichter, Penny Flather Parke, Lalla Dodge Brutoco

*Second row:* Danny DuVall?, ?, Lynne Dominick Novack, Beth Harvey Kilbreth, Nancy Pittman Pinchot, Cathy Satterlee?

*Third row:* ?, Sallie Ayers Barker '65, Georgia Lowry Orphan, Kiki Farquhar, Elizabeth Soyster

**Alumni News: Potomac School Alumni Office on the Road in 2005-2006**



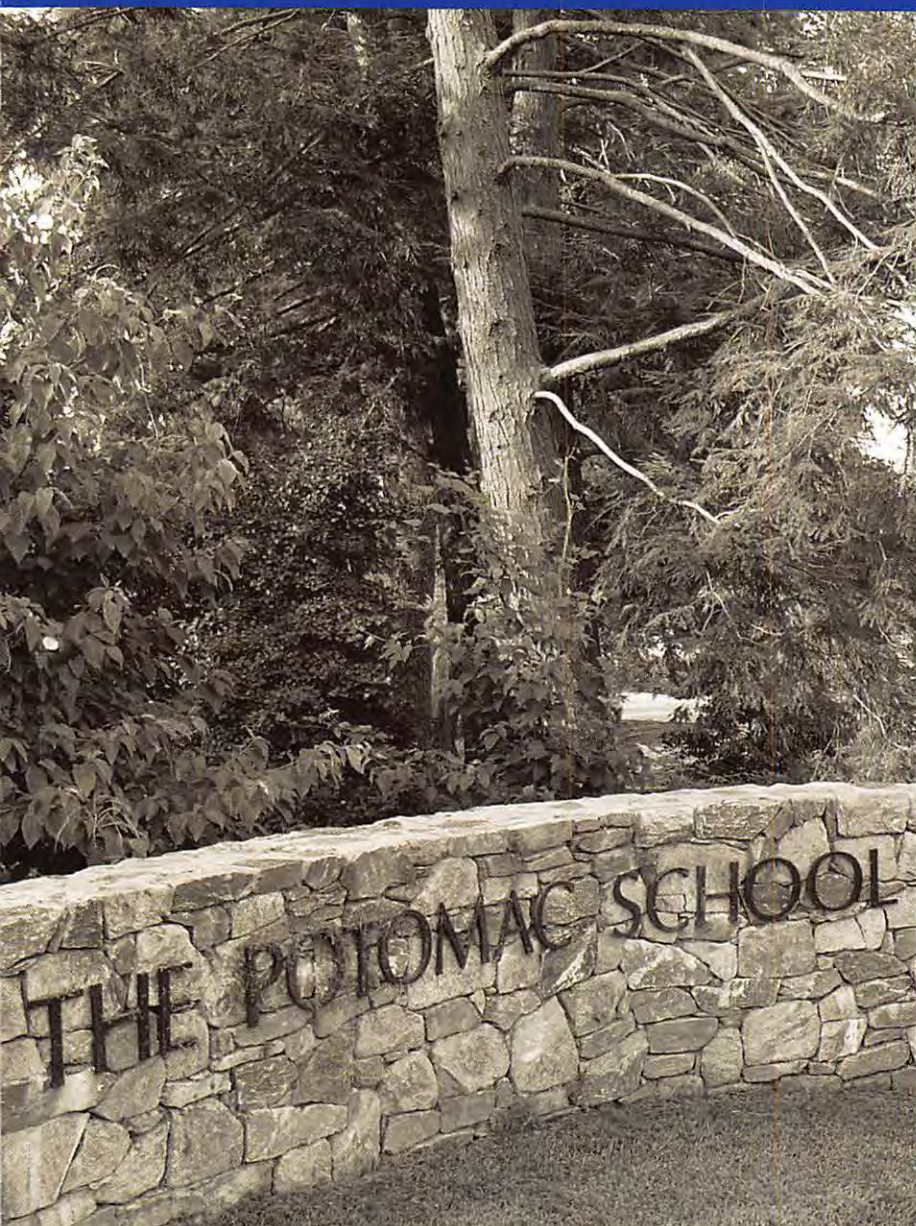
We had so much fun meeting alumni, past faculty/staff, and past parents during our Centennial receptions that we plan to make these receptions an annual tradition. Alumni, past faculty & staff and past parents gathered in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, and London to reminisce, celebrate Potomac's Centennial, and connect with fellow alumni in their region. We are thrilled to announce that we are making these regional receptions an annual tradition! Our 2005-2006 Regional Reception Schedule is on the right sidebar of this Llama Notes; you can also check the Web site for dates and locations of when Potomac will be in your town. We are always looking for new venues for our receptions so if you have a suggestion for a location please contact Maria Graceffa (800-725-8664.)

If you have recently moved or if you have not been receiving your Potomac *Term* then we do not have your current address and therefore you may be missing out on these fun receptions and an opportunity to see classmates living close to you! So, please update your information with the Alumni Office - it's fast and easy at [http://www.potomacschool.org/alumni/update\\_us.asp](http://www.potomacschool.org/alumni/update_us.asp).

**Alumni Events**



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You may also reach us by mail, online at [potomacschool.org](http://potomacschool.org), or by e-mail: [alumni@potomacschool.org](mailto:alumni@potomacschool.org)



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