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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Academy Families and Friends,

Educating students from age three until their graduation from Harrisburg Academy is a remarkable transformational process. Students in our HATS Program begin to learn how to socialize effectively with new friends and learn very elementary concepts of shapes, sizes, and color. By the time they fulfill their graduation requirements, our students have honed their verbal and written communication skills and are ready to embrace the challenges of college-level learning.

Within the range from HATS to graduation, this transformational process of learning at Harrisburg Academy is built on a series of important transitions. Normally, students and parents think of these transitions in terms of progress from one grade level to another; however, these critical transitions are a series of learning progressions that teach them to learn and think in increasingly analytical and independent ways. Our students successfully make the transition from a learning environment in our Early Childhood and Lower School divisions that are primarily teacher-dependent to those of the Middle and Upper School divisions that require independence on the part of the student. Our teachers are attuned to the importance of these transitions. We dedicate time and attention to ensuring that the learning environment, at all points in our Academy schooling, is positive and supportive for every student. The outcome? Our students become independent learners and thinkers who excel at their pursuits, in college and beyond.

At Harrisburg Academy, we are as focused on **what** our students learn as we are on **how** they will need to learn in the challenging times of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. When a new HATS student tells me “the sun is yellow,” I know the remarkable transformative process has begun — and I can just “hear” the unique and thoughtful remarks of his or her senior speech!

With warm regards,

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## PHOTOGRAPHY AT ITS FINEST

Although we like to think we can photograph **all** of the dynamic learning here at Harrisburg Academy, truly, we realize that we can't be everywhere. The generous photography support of Academy parents Grace Lightner (mother of Leilani '24) and Gene Trindell (father of Sarah '16 and Katherine '19), and alumni parent Mike Barrett (father of Matt '08), makes it possible to showcase our very best. Thank you! More information about their respective photography and professional services can be found below.

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# Avoiding the Detours:

## Early Childhood education writes the road map to a lifetime of learning

Imagine you have just arrived in Abuja, Nigeria, ready for an adventure, when you realize that you don't have your vacation materials with you. Your mobile phone doesn't work here; you don't speak the language, and you haven't the slightest idea of how to get to your hotel. As a resourceful adult, you try your best to communicate with locals around you to gather information. Still, you're in a foreign environment; the cultural rules aren't certain; you're acting on instinct, and you're hoping that you find someone — anyone — to provide you with guidance. Logically, you know you would navigate much more efficiently with assistance from someone who knows the basics, such as where you want to go and how you can best arrive there, and you attempt to seek this person out of the crowd. You hope luck is on your side today...

It may seem like a strange analogy, but pre-kindergarten (pre-K) programming, for our youngest learners, serves the same purpose as the critical vacation materials would have to the ill-fated traveler. Pre-kindergarten education establishes the groundwork of student learning at a time in which children are developmentally ready to get started. The precise timing, tools, and talent used to educate pre-school children provides the master "map" to help them transition throughout their educational journey successfully.

National educators have recognized the importance of early education for years. In a 2010 study published in Teachers College Record entitled "Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Early Education Interventions on Cognitive and Social Development," researcher Gregory Camilli and his team conducted an analysis of 123 pre-K programs. The study looked back at decades of early education data to capture and synthesize a full body of research. They found that these programs provide a real and enduring benefit to children, a benefit which persists beyond the early elementary years. Students participating in a pre-K program are less likely to have truancy issues later in their school careers, more likely to graduate, better-prepared to keep up with the pace of classroom work, and able to perform better on tests.

Harrisburg Academy is committed to teaching responsibly and to providing a personalized, individual experience for each of its students. This differentiates and makes the school's Early Childhood program a true resource in the Harrisburg area, starting with Harrisburg Academy Threes (HATS).

"Research done on early childhood programs and their effect on a student's learning shows that the better programs kids have, the better they do later in life and even into their careers," said Elaine Price, Harrisburg Academy kindergarten teacher. "We see this here at the Academy. Our students learn pre-reading and fine motor skills in HATS class. They are reading and writing well by kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade because of what they have learned when they were three or four years old."

In HATS, students learn the routine of what occurs in school. They work on listening skills and verbalizing clearly what they want to convey to a fellow student or their teacher. They learn about the weather, the seasons, how to stay healthy, and how dinosaurs ruled Earth, for example. They are given structure but are also provided with ample time for play. With structure, they "know what to expect, so they become confident in being themselves," said Kelly Seely, HATS teacher. HATS students also are encouraged to follow their innate curiosity. "We try to teach the children through all of their senses," said HATS teacher Nancy Bowman. "We have a discovery table so the kids can touch things. They learn about quantity, texture, and more at this center."

An article in the April 2011 edition of Education Week magazine discussed the importance of independent play, but also the benefit of letting students' curiosities guide learning. The magazine interviewed University of California, Berkeley, researcher Alison Gopnik, author of "The Philosophical Baby." Gopnik believes that young children actually are doing science, in a sense, when they play and explore. The best thing educators can do to encourage this learning is to pay attention to their students' interests and to follow their lead based on evident classroom curiosities and the questions they are asking. Providing "open-ended" play opportunities, such as the Bowman's discovery table, stimulates children and prepares them to be ample and ready learners as the lessons get more challenging.

As students move up to junior kindergarten (JK), education builds upon what was established in HATS. The students continue to work on adhering to routines, using language, and following directions. In JK, the teachers encourage them to be more independent.

"When they play, we sit back and listen to the conversations," said JK teacher Jackie Stabach. "We encourage them to figure out how to interact with each other by themselves. They learn that they are responsible for the classroom and everything in it. If there is a problem, they are responsible for using the tools they have been taught to figure things out."

JK students work on perfecting the upper and lower case alphabet, learn how to play the violin, and are exposed to their first taste of Spanish. They also start to learn about famous artists and try their hand at re-creating famous masterpieces.

"You wouldn't believe the interest they have in fine art," Stabach said. "By the end of the unit, they know the artists and the styles. It really sets the basis for starting the school's formalized art class curriculum in kindergarten."

By the time children advance to kindergarten at Harrisburg Academy, they are accustomed to demonstrating correct school behavior because



*Zane Kannampully '25, Sam Latta '25, and Colin Ritchie '25 enjoy morning activities in HATS. Several academic choice centers are available for the HATS kids to play and explore, including building, counting, sorting, completing an art project, and reading books.*



*Leah Maceo '23 demonstrated her writing skills at Authors' day. Academy students are strong (and oftentimes advanced) readers and writers by the time they complete kindergarten.*

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they know what is expected of them. They have become confident writers who are able to express clearly what they are thinking, are problem-solvers who love to engage in class, and are young global citizens who are interested in studying about other cultures and other living things.

"They ARE the classroom," said kindergarten teacher Karla Sherman. "They give us great ideas to enhance activities. This is generated from their years of experience here at school and feeling comfortable enough to vocalize it."

The understated value of a Harrisburg Academy Early Childhood education isn't always seen immediately, but according to Price, parents oftentimes have a sudden realization when their student gets to kindergarten.

"For those parents whose children have gone through HATS and JK here, they suddenly realize what these programs have done for their child, and that the reason their child is where he or she is now, developmentally, is because these early years have prepared them for this," Price said.

"Parents only have more appreciation the further their child progresses with his or her education here. We foster an inquisitive mind, a love of learning, an understanding of respect, and socialization skills so that these kids can be the best that they can be. These attributes will be valuable for the rest of their careers, not just for this moment!" she added.



Jackie Stabach's JK class loved learning about plants and happily demonstrated what happens when a seed is exposed to water and sunlight. Note her spray bottle — which helped our "little seeds" grow!

## It was a BIG time, y'all!

By Beth Zak, Development Associate



Auctioneer Kerry Pae gets the crowd energized to support Hold 'Em High at the live auction. Hold 'Em High raised \$18,000 this year for specific school upgrades and improvements.



Pictured here (from left): Darol and Georgia Lain (parents of Drew '24); Lisa and Javier Idrovo (parents of Justin '18, Lily '21, Nick '24, and Ella '24).



Pictured here (from left): Michael and Alecia Galvin (parents of Madeline '23); Reyne and Gerry Vinci (parents of Ava '23 and Will '25).

On April 16, 2011, many Harrisburg Academy friends joined together for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Parents Association Auction at West Shore Country Club. The Blue Jeans & Big Hats "Auction for All" y'all celebrated all the things that make Harrisburg Academy a fantastic place for students to learn, explore, and discover. Guests were encouraged to don their finest denim and big hats to show their support of the Academy. During the cocktail hour, attendees enjoyed music by the string quartet of Academy Music Department Chair Heather Woodbridge.

Guests began the evening with cocktails and socializing, followed by entering the ballroom for the evening's program. Board of Trustees president, Thomas Schmidt III, greeted guests and reminded them of the reason we come together for this annual auction — the 425 students who benefit each day from an Academy experience.

After dinner, Jim Newman, head of school, took to the stage to share his many thanks to the Auction committee for organizing the event and gave special recognition to Shelley Winer-Rommel, mother of Alex '12, for all her efforts as the Acquisitions Chair. Dr. Newman then introduced the auction with a video that depicted many facets of Academy life. As the video ended, auctioneer Kerry Pae got the crowd started with an interactive "heads or tails" raffle. Then with bid cards in hand, guests were ready to raise their paddles enthusiastically! Highlights of the live auction included a charcoal portrait by beloved Lower School art teacher, Tina Reiley, a reserved Harrisburg Academy parking spot, and a "Thrills on the Hill" getaway to Washington, D.C. (an insider's tour of our nation's capital). Our guests also generously supported the Hold 'Em High appeal — "It's for All of Us" — and in mere minutes, we raised more than \$18,000!

Guests finished the evening enjoying an array of southern-inspired desserts. The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Parents Association Auction was truly a night for all of us and a great success for the school. Many thanks, y'all, for showing your support to the Academy and adding more great memories to our school's legacy.



# “Community dedicated to education” continues to inspire McCormick Medalist

“What is special about the Academy is that it is not just a community to which you belong. It’s a community where you feel that *you belong*,” said Helen McVey Colvin ’60 as she accepted the highest honor bestowed by Harrisburg Academy, the McCormick Medal, on May 15 at the school’s Founders Day celebration. Colvin should know — she is a woman who not only has dedicated her life to growing the success of the Academy community in a variety of capacities, but follows seven generations of family members who studied at the school (the oldest being great-grandfather W.O. Hickok, Jr. who attended in the 1850s and 1860s).

Colvin was raised in Central Pennsylvania from age six until adulthood. She attended Harrisburg Academy (100 years after Great-Grandfather Hickok!) and finish her high school education at Westover School in Middlebury, Conn. Colvin attended Vassar College in the heart of New York’s Hudson Valley. With a degree in political science (with a focus in pre-law) complete, Colvin moved back to Harrisburg, married husband H. Riley Colvin, Jr., and started a family.

The inspiration of education caught Colvin’s interest in 1979 when she returned to Harrisburg Academy to teach full-time. Her long tenure began when she accepted a position as an unpaid aide in Marlynn Meyer’s 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. During this time, Colvin took some preliminary education

classes as Shippensburg University to earn teaching certification. She eventually joined the faculty at the Academy, teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade and later, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade math and science until her retirement in 1998. She continues to substitute several days each year.

“What is special about the Academy is that there is a ‘spark,’” Colvin said. “My 7<sup>th</sup> grade class would be reading a short story and two kids would have the interest to stay after class to talk with me about what we were learning. There’s a wonderful sense of community. From the 10<sup>th</sup> grader listening to a 4<sup>th</sup> grader read to all of our grandparents here for Field Day — you belong to it. As a parent, I learned to appreciate the Academy for the firm foundation in education it gave our daughter, too,” she added. Colvin’s daughter, Ann Colvin Pierce ’94, attended the Academy through Middle School.

Colvin thinks that the most important thing for children to experience is building their intellectual curiosity, confidence, and integrity. “That [building these traits] was something encouraged by the Academy both when I was a student and when I was a teacher,” Colvin said. “As an educator, that’s what you want to create — an atmosphere of curiosity focused towards the subject you’re teaching. If the student can retain

that beyond Lower School and into Middle and Upper School, that’s the greatest gift you can give him or her.”

In addition to serving as a student, parent, and faculty member of Harrisburg Academy, Colvin has also volunteered time and service on its Board of Trustees. She served a term from 1970 to 1986, and presently is serving a second term (since 2009). She was the Board’s vice president from 1974 to 1980, and was instrumental in helping with the development of the Academy’s early strategic planning efforts. Colvin’s accolades, in addition to being the 2011 McCormick Medalist recipient, are being named the Harrisburg Academy Alumna of the Year (1979), winning the Harrisburg Academy Trustee award (1996), being named as an ABC-27 “Class Act Teacher” (1997), and earning The Patriot-News’ Teacher of the Month (mid-1990s). The McCormick Medal, however, is special.

“This is a lifetime achievement award,” Colvin said. “I was so excited; it means a tremendous amount to me. I didn’t expect to have a career here, but it’s been really fun for me to be a part of this school as a student, alumna, parent, teacher, and Board member. You get a fascinating, multi-perspective view of the school. And it’s clearly a school I truly care about,” she added.



Helen McVey Colvin ’60, winner of the 2011 McCormick Medal. The recipient of the McCormick Medal exemplifies the values of the Academy — respect for individual differences, integrity, truthfulness, and commitment to working with others for the common good of the school community. The McCormick Medal is presented annually to a member of the Harrisburg Academy community recognizing dedicated leadership and meritorious service to the school. The award is named in honor of Vance McCormick, a former Academy student, prominent Harrisburg civic leader, and national advisor to Woodrow Wilson.



Former McCormick Medalists attended the Founders Day celebration honoring Helen McVey Colvin ’60. Pictured (from left): Bonnie Stevenson, Spencer G. Nauman, Jr. ’51, Helen McVey Colvin, Marlynn Abrams, Anne S. Davis, and Randy St. John. Not pictured: Past medal recipients Marion C. Alexander ’59 and Blair Trogner, Sr.

## Dr. Ruqayya Yasmine Khan '78 named Alumna of the Year

Dr. Ruqayya Yasmine Khan '78 received the Alumna of the Year award for outstanding professional achievements at the Class of 2011's Commencement exercises.

"You're about to embark on a journey of self-discovery," said Khan during her speech. "If there is one thing I wish I learned at your age, it is the following — to practice empathy to succeed in life and our 24/7 interconnected world."

Khan is an associate professor of Islamic studies at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where she practices this philosophy in her classroom and her research. In the past 30 years, Khan has built a career in higher education, both teaching and studying literature, psychology, religion, and more. She arrived at Trinity University in 2003, where she taught classes such as "Religion and Childhood," "Islam, Judaism and Christianity," "Women in Islam," and "The Qur'an." Prior to this, she was a visiting assistant professor at Swarthmore College and then, subsequently, at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Khan's impressive research career includes interests such as Arabic literary studies, Qur'anic studies, psychology of religion, progressive Islamic theologies as well as religion and childhood. Her article, "'The Chamber of My Thought': Self and Conduct in a Ninth-Century Arabo-Islamic Ethical Treatise," recently was published in "History of Religions" (Aug., 2009 vol. 49, no.1), and her book, "Self and Secrecy in Early Islam," was published in September 2008 with the University of South Carolina Press. She has written several other

articles and book chapters.

In the spring of 2009 Khan conducted major research in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) as a Fulbright Fellow at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. She teamed up with a Bosnian colleague there to design a survey assessing Muslim youth attitudes towards religion. They applied this instrument in a two-stage process, which generated raw data contained in more than 1,000 student surveys from public schools in BiH's capital city, Sarajevo. Khan and her Bosnian colleague are in the process of analyzing this data and publishing it.

During her years at Harrisburg Academy, Khan played Varsity Field Hockey, was on the yearbook staff, and participated in French club.

Khan completed her undergraduate studies at Goucher College in Baltimore and then undertook graduate training at the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned both her Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Khan also spent time studying at the American University of Cairo in Egypt.

Outside of the office, Khan is a member of the American Academy of Religion and is an advisor for The Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence. She currently lives in San Antonio with her husband, John Sepich, and son, Mikail. She enjoys hiking, bird watching, gardening, the arts, and watching NBA games with her family.



Photo by Mike Barrett



Pictured here (from left): Doctor Ruqayya Kahn, her husband, John Sepich, and son, Mikail.



Harrisburg Academy Parents Association members helped to get the Spirited Spartan Shop up and running this academic year. From left: Nicole Dixon (mother of Willow '23), Felicity Erni (mother of Seth '21), Ceil Conlan (mother of Samuel '19 and Patrick '22), Jessica Santee (step-mother of Trent Mehauffie '14), Jill Kusic (mother of Lauren '18 and Ashley '24) and Sharon Webb (mother of Lelia Webb Simmons '21 and Tyler Webb Simmons '22).

Academy moms Sharon Webb (left) and Nicole Dixon help Sparty (James Wilson '11) choose spirit gear at the grand opening of the Spirited Spartan Shop.



## Spirited Spartan Shop provides new options for spirit wear

The "Spirited-Spartan Shop" opened its doors for business at Harrisburg Academy on Jan. 24 with a celebratory ribbon cutting including parents, faculty, students, and even school mascot, Sparty! The store, run by the Parents Association, earned more than \$1,100 on the first day.

Parents Association members believe that having a spirit shop will give the Academy community a chance to show school spirit by purchasing Academy items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, and the school cookbook. The small profit earned from the store will go towards enhancing educational programs. Past Parents Association fundraising efforts have helped purchase a new kiln for the art room, an acoustic shell for the auditorium to enhance music performances, and several SMARTBoards and projectors for classrooms.

The Parents Association conducted a school-wide contest to come up with a name for the new store; Betsy Lydecker's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class submitted the winning name. The class was awarded a pizza party.

Stay tuned — the Parents Association will announce the 2011-12 Spartan Spirit Shop hours soon.



# Academy sings praises for Mary Russek '12 and Alex Walker '12, state-level music participants

March was the month for music at Harrisburg Academy — both Mary Russek '12 and Alex Walker '12 qualified for state-level music ensembles, an achievement notable for large high schools, let alone smaller independent institutions like the Academy. Both students performed with their respective state ensembles on April 16 at Good Shepherd Chapel at Lancaster Bible College.

## Mary Russek – PMEA State Orchestra, Concertmaster

“Being able to participate in PMEA All-State Orchestra was the culmination of 14 years of hard work,” Russek said. “The All-State Orchestra is an elite ensemble, and it gave me the opportunity to play with not only the top 30 1st violinists in the state, but also other top orchestra musicians. Being in that environment is fantastic; it was exciting to be with other students who have worked hard and are musically driven, like me — we had an immediate connection. Staying in the same hotel as all of the All-State groups (Vocal Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Orchestra) was an incredible experience, too, because it created a larger musically focused environment and allowed members of the different groups to interact,” she said.

Russek has been playing violin since she was three years old. She is the second student in Academy history to advance to PMEA All-State Orchestra and the only student to earn concertmaster status. Russek auditioned for PMEA District 7 Orchestra and placed 14<sup>th</sup> out of 103 musicians. From here, she auditioned for Region IV-V Orchestra and was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 21 musicians. Then, she auditioned to advance to All-State Orchestra — and was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 20. At the State competition, she auditioned for placement within the orchestra and earned 1<sup>st</sup> Chair-1<sup>st</sup> Violin status, or concertmaster. As concertmaster, Russek’s main role was to lead the orchestra by

tuning the group, changing bowings when necessary, and being the “bridge” between the conductor and the orchestra as a whole.

“I have many wonderful memories of the 2011 PMEA All-State Festival that will remain with me forever,” Russek said. “I was fortunate to have a group of friends from Districts advance with me to Regionals and States and also enjoyed meeting new people from all over Pennsylvania along the way,” she added.

## Alex Walker – PMEA All-State Chorus

“I am really happy to be the first student to represent the Academy at an all-state chorus event,” Walker said. “I feel like I have achieved my greatest potential in music, and for this, I am proud of myself.”

Indeed, Walker is the first student in Harrisburg Academy’s 226-year history to advance to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Chorus. To reach this level, Walker first was chosen to participate in the 2011 PMEA Region V Choral Festival in February. Region V is comprised of over 150 school districts and 80 schools and directors participated. Walker auditioned against the top 26 Tenor II’s in Region V and ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, which allowed him to advance to the All-State Chorus concert.



Photo by Grace Lightner



Photo by Grace Lightner



Mary Russek '12, PMEA 2011 All-State Orchestra Concertmaster (center, left of conductor)

## Learning young sets the stage for confidence and success

A small group of Harrisburg Academy’s junior kindergarten (JK) students stand in a line — with surprising patience — feet balanced properly, instrument cases arranged in an orderly fashion, violins resting under their chins as they prepare to start the lesson. As Early Childhood / Lower School music teacher Abby Huffman cues them in, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” drifts into the room.

“Music is very much like a language. Everybody progresses at different levels and that’s alright,” Huffman said. “When you start them young, they’re absolutely natural. As they advance into older grades and harder, more complex music, they already have a base knowledge upon which they just keep building.”

Harrisburg Academy’s modified Suzuki strings program begins in JK. Students visit Huffman every other day for both a strings class and a general music class. They learn about the entire musical experience through modeling. Huffman demonstrates proper instrument care, how to remove the violins from their cases, and how to adjust the strings, and the mechanics of playing the instrument. When they first begin, their fine motor skills are still developing, so it takes time to learn how to hold the violin and to play it correctly. By the end of the school year, however, they are prepared to perform. “The students learn the value of the instrument and they are very respectful of it,” Huffman said. “And by the end of the year, they are so excited to be able to play something,” she added.

The strings program continues in kindergarten with the same frequency. Students learn more notes and have better finger dexterity. At the end of the year, students have the opportunity to continue playing the violin. Even though the Academy does not teach strings beyond kindergarten, its music department works to arrange private lessons for interested students. These students can then play in Harrisburg Academy’s Lower School Orchestra, an after-school program also instructed by Huffman. Two years into their strings lessons, they are confident, knowledgeable, and ready to play music as a group.

State Street Music Academy instructor Joe McNulty, a private instructor to several Harrisburg Academy students, believes if children are at the age in which they are learning to read and write, they can learn how to play any instrument. “I’ve noticed in my years of teaching, the ones who have

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started earlier have so much more confidence playing outside of the classroom in my studio. They are self-assured at such an early age,” he said. The love of music for Mitchell Mazza '20 became evident when he learned to play the violin in JK. “We were at an all-school gathering, and Mr. Gutwein had a group of kids that played a rock-type song on the guitar, and Mitchell was enthralled,” said his mother, Pam Mazza. Though Mitchell began with violin and spent some time learning to play the guitar, his mother encouraged him to consider joining the Lower School Orchestra and to play a unique instrument. He picked the cello. “He really loves it — and he’s good. When he first started playing it, the cello was a big as he was!” Pam Mazza added with a laugh.

The important developmental lessons learned thorough playing music extend beyond the stage and into the classroom, Huffman said. “My instruction really correlates to what they are learning with their teachers, such as letters, sounds, rhymes, patterns, and reading. The basis of language is reinforced through the music lessons I teach.”

Lower School Orchestra is helping Academy students, including Mitchell Mazza, learn and grow socially as well. “With the orchestra, having to get together with a group of different aged kids, Mitchell is learning to collaborate. That has helped him in the context of working in groups, to be aware that different people are at different levels,” Pam Mazza said. “I didn’t play music as a child. I never had that door opened, so with my sons, I wanted to open as many doors as I can. They love music and are learning so much,” she added.



Photo by Grace Lightner

Kindergarten students enjoy their strings lesson. Pictured here (from left): Jack Parsons '23, Nolan Mazza '23, Reagan Stabach '23, Nathan Frederick '23, and Lilly Bruder '23.



Emma Hathaway '22 (left) and Mitchell Mazza '20 play a Vivaldi tune in Lower School Orchestra. Both students started playing strings in junior kindergarten at Harrisburg Academy.

## Current Global Issues course gives perspective at home

In a child’s world, the concept of cause and effect is localized. “If I misbehave with the babysitter, I will lose my computer privileges,” or, “If I eat my green beans, I will be allowed to have dessert.” Their “home,” made up of house, school, town, and places their families frequent, is the extent of their world. Once these children grow into their teen years, however, a change begins to take place — they gain the ability to broaden their perspectives and to begin looking beyond themselves to see the larger scale of the world and the interconnectivity of those within it. Heather Jorgensen’s Current Global Issues course, offered to 8th grade Academy students, pushes them to make considerations about our interconnected world and to realize that events occurring on one part of the planet have far-reaching effects. “In order to really understand the world in which we live, it is important to use multiple perspectives, including an examination of the values, beliefs, and traditions of other cultures and civilizations from the past to the present,” Jorgensen stated. “I try to present all sides of the issues.”

The course, which has been derived from Jorgensen’s research on individual unit topics, explores broad themes such as globalization, sustainability, population growth, food and water scarcity, and media bias. Over the course of a year, students learn and discuss factors that play into each theme, and they are assigned projects that stretch their scope of knowledge and scholastic abilities. On January 4, for instance, the students returned from Winter Break armed with knowledge about the process, procedure, and etiquette

of debating and details about a specific global topic — genetically modified organisms (GMOs). On this day, the class was prepared to engage in its first debate. The topic and the process of debate were new to the students, but they embraced learning both with enthusiasm.

Split into two groups, the students sat in tightly formed circles, scribbling notes as the opposing team took the floor to discuss the debate theme: “Genetically Engineered Foods (GMOs) Are Safe & Healthy.”

The team arguing that genetically engineered foods are safe and healthy spoke about how GMOs make farmer crops more affordable, require the use of less pesticide, attract fewer bugs (creating less work for the farmers), and most importantly — have no negative financial effect on farmers even with a price difference in seeds because of government subsidies for the use of GMOs.

The team arguing against the safety and health of genetically engineered foods proposed that GMOs have negative effects on world agricultural communities because of having different bearings on different pocketed communities, and possible cross-breeding could introduce chemicals into the environment that may have unpredictable and uncontrollable effects. More importantly, the group expressed greater concern GMO-producing companies have patented their genetically modified seeds. Because of this, companies require farmers to sign contracts stating they will not perform independent research on the seed lines — which severely limits oversight.



# Music to our Ears: Anika Raju '16 brings home Junior Grand Champion award at CASEF

## A Winning Tune

Seventh grade student Anika Raju '16 earned first place and was named Junior Grand Champion at the 2011 Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair (CASEF) on March 5 at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg. Raju's project, "Music and Emotions," explored how her classmates reacted to music played in different keys. Raju received a trophy and \$100.

The purpose of this project, Raju said, was to test if the key of a piece of music would affect a listener's emotions — she hypothesized that a larger number of subjects would feel happy, or similar emotions when listening to major keys and sad or similar emotions when listening to minor keys. Raju tested numerous subjects by playing them four pieces of music on her violin, three of which were transposed from an original piece. Two of the pieces were in a major key; two of the pieces were in a minor key. Each subject completed a survey while listening to the four pieces and answered questions about emotions while participating. Raju calculated the number of people for each emotion possibly felt to acquire the results.

What did she discover? Her research supported her hypothesis. A large number of subjects stated that major keys made them feel happy and minor keys made them feel sad. The key in which a piece of music is composed affects the emotions of the listener.

## The Process

Science Fair projects at the Academy are completed over several months during the academic year under the instruction of science teachers, Tricia Britton and Lakshmi Shrikantia. Harrisburg Academy requires all Middle School students to participate in the school science fair. The strongest projects in grades 7 and 8 are submitted for participation in CASEF.

CASEF is central Pennsylvania's regional program affiliated with the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). More than 300 students, in grades seven through 12, from 45 schools, displayed projects at CASEF. Student projects are judged in 15 categories and are examined for appropriate topic choice, creative ability, scientific thought, clarity, and thoroughness. Also, students are interviewed about their projects by a judge and must be able to discuss their work knowledgeably. A lucky few — such as Raju — are called back for a second, grand champion, interview.

*In addition to Raju, nine Academy students displayed projects. Of these students, seven earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place and two earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place, including:*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE

**Dayna Levine '15:** Does the Media Affect Body Language?

**Sarah Trindell '16:** Which Juice Has the Most Vitamin C? \*CASEF award for highest scoring first place in category- \$100

**Alexander Zuckerman '15:** How Does the Material Used in Windmill Blades Affect the Production of Energy? \*Special award from the Harrisburg-Lancaster chapter of Institute of Industrial Engineers - \$50

**David May '16:** Which Regeneration Interval Yields the Greatest Battery Life?

**Matthew Lazarus '15:** How Clean is My School?

\*Special award from Highmark Blue Shield of Pennsylvania and the Office of Naval Research on behalf of the US Navy and US Marines - \$300

**Alim Momin '16:** How Does Chlorine Affect the Rate of Seed Germination?

**Sedrick Wali '16:** The Extraction of DNA from a Pumpkin and the Effect of US Light on DNA

## 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE

**Jini Gabbidon '15:** Are Cut or No-Cut Sports Teams More Successful?

**Ben Snyder '16:** Bow Power.

Photos by Gene Trindell



*Many of Harrisburg Academy's Middle School students enjoyed competing in the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair in March. Pictured here (from left): Sarah Trindell '16, Anika Raju '16, Matthew Lazarus '15, Sedrick Wali '16, Ben Snyder '16, Alim Momin '16, David May '16 and Dayna Levine '16. Not pictured: Alexander Zuckerman '15 and Jini Gabbidon '15.*



*"How Clean is My School?" was the theme of the science fair project of Matthew Lazarus '15. Lazarus tested to identify the cleanest and dirtiest places at Harrisburg Academy. He won a special award at CASEF and received \$300, in addition to being named Outstanding 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project at Harrisburg Academy's science fair in January.*

"Though higher-level topics, I believe Middle School students are ready to engage in these discussions, to wrestle with essential questions about them, and to benefit from new learning strategies," Jorgensen said.

Perhaps one of the more intriguing things about the class is that it's unique to Harrisburg Academy. Jorgensen developed the curriculum herself, at the encouragement of Head of School Jim Newman. Fresh from reading the book, "High Noon: 20 global problems and 20 years to solve them," Dr. Newman approached her and sought her input on using it as the basis of a new Middle School class. The school piloted the course for a semester in the 2009-10 academic year to much success, and expanded it to cover the full academic year in 2010-11.

In addition to the greater themes students study, exploration of and discussion about weekly current events are an important element of the class. Students are required to pick a domestic or international news story, present the story to the class, and describe why the story has a potential global effect. Jorgensen believes that by requiring her students to look at the news every week, they have a greater understanding of the significant things happening in the world. "They're making connections into their real life," she said. "They're talking about world news with their parents, and it is opening dialogue at home — dinner conversation is so much more interesting!"

"I've learned a lot of things about current situations that I haven't known before," Dayna Levine '15 said. "I have learned to look at the news with a different eye and to look at it thoughtfully instead of taking the truth of the information for granted. It's a good tool for setting the building blocks for my future education."



*"Many are suffering from hunger because they can't afford to buy food, not because it isn't available," Rachel Duong '15 posed during her Current Global Issues class bio-ethics debate.*

# News & Notes

**Katie Tipple '16** participated in the Ikea Thanksgiving parade in Philadelphia with her dance company (Ritchie School of Dance). The parade was televised, and Katie got to walk behind the big Elmo float.

**The Parents Association Fall Fundraiser** was a great success. The group raised over \$5,200 through school and online sales.

**Mary Russek '12** organized a drive to collect holiday mail to send to veterans and military personnel.

Several Academy students participated in the Pennsylvania Regional Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker" in December. The dancers included: **Anika Borodianski '21**, **Heather Carlino '11**, **Adele Harris '22**, **Clara Papenfuse '20**, and **Rebekah Warren '21**. Members of the Chorale included: **Katie Tipple '16** and **Maci Wert '19**.

**Jude Nifong '13** was selected to the District 7 band for clarinet. The festival was held in Chambersburg on Feb. 11 and 12, 2011.

**Rose Levenson '12** (cello), **Zach Snyder '12** (cello), and **Mary Russek '12** (violin), were selected for the PMEA District 7 Orchestra Festival held at Central Dauphin High School on Jan. 28 - 29, 2011. Pennsylvania is divided into 12 PMEA districts. Music festivals, attracting over 8,000 students in band, orchestra, and chorus, are held annually in each district at elementary, junior high, and senior high levels. District 7 is comprised of Franklin, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Perry, and Cumberland counties.

**Nathan Walborn '13** was named to the All-Tournament team at the East Juniata Boys' Basketball Tournament on Dec. 10-11.



**Lindsay Fulkroad '12** was named to the First Team All-Tournament team at the Knights Girls' Basketball Tournament (Harrisburg Christian School) on Dec. 10-11.

**Chloe Picchio '13** and **Ann Stanton '14** swam in the Bull Dog Bash at Big Spring High School on Dec. 30. Each of the girls achieved her personal best times behind the direction of Head Coach Chris Clark. Chloe - 93/94 50 yard freestyle; 41/42 100 yard backstroke. Ann - 31/87 100 yard freestyle; 26/42 100 backstroke.

The Academy joined other schools around the state in recognizing National Children's Grief Awareness Day, a movement to help raise awareness of the needs of grieving children. US and MS Student Council leaders **Chip Dascani '11**, **Alex Walker '12**, **Joseph DelRosario '15**, **Carter Taliaferro '15** and the rest of the Harrisburg Academy community raised \$135 for the Caring Place with a blue donut sale. The Caring Place is a local resource for grieving children and their families.

**Anika Raju '16** performed at Hershey Symphony Festival strings Holiday Concert along with Hershey Symphony Orchestra on Friday, Dec. 10.

**Ilija Marchenka '15** won the Middle School's 2010 National Geography Bee. Ilija took the National Geographic Bee's Qualifying Test and his score made him eligible for the PA State Bee, held in April at Penn State University, University Park. After winning here at school, Ilija had to take and pass a qualifying test with one of the top 100 scores in Pennsylvania to advance this far! He received a medal and certificate for this accomplishment.

**Jessica Warren**, director of admission and financial aid, mother of Alec '19 and Rebekah '21, was elected as president of the Central Pennsylvania Association for Female Executives for 2011.

Several Harrisburg Academy students registered to participate in WorldQuest 2011, a multi-phase competition: Team 1 - **Hannah Banks '12**, **Ben Cohen '12**, **Ann Stanton '14**, and **Jude Nifong '13**; and Team 2 - **Cole Goodman '12**, **David Levine '12**, **Will Schmid '12**, and **Tristan Wali '14**. These students first participated in Youth Summit, a WorldQuest preparation event hosted at Harrisburg Academy and sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg. This meeting preceded the regional competition at Messiah College in March. Team 1 took third place.

**Jackie Stalter**, mother of Madelyn '20 and Catherine '21, competed in the Walt Disney World Half Marathon.



**Second grade** earned a \$100 classroom mini-grant because of participating in the *Think! Energy Bright Kids* program this fall. *Think! Energy* representatives came to school and talked about renewable/nonrenewable resources and conserving energy. Children took surveys about their own energy use at home. Middle School science teacher **Lakshmi Shrikantia** also received a \$200 mini-grant from the National Energy Foundation. This program entailed a presentation from the *Think! Energy* group (from the National Energy foundation) that encouraged students to "Think Green" and also take action regarding saving energy. They were provided with "Take Action" kits to be used at home.

**Jason Witt '22** tested for and received his yellow belt in the Little Ninjas Tae Kwon Do program in January.

**Abbi DiTonno '17** competed this winter at the 2011 Nittany Invitational (gymnastics) in State College, Pa. She placed 4th on vault and floor, 2nd on beam and uneven bars, and 2nd in the All-around competition.



**Harrisburg Academy Middle School science teacher Tricia Britton** wrote a scholarly paper that was published in *Science Scope* magazine in January. *Science Scope* is a peer-reviewed journal produced by the National Science Teachers Association that focuses on Middle School science instruction. Visit the Academy's NewsRoom to read Mrs. Britton's article. <http://www.harrisburgacademy.org/NewsAndEvents/NewsRoom/pdf/147.pdf>

Academy parent **David DeKok**, father of Lydia '15 and Elizabeth '11, published a new book, "The Epidemic." Mr. DeKok visited Lee March's Creative Writing class this winter to talk about narrative non-fiction writing.

Several students participated in MATHCOUNTS at Penn State University, Harrisburg campus: **Brian Clark '15**, **Cameron Clark '17**, **Rachel Duong '15**, **Jini Gabbidon '15**, **Matthew Lazarus '15**, and **Jeremy Peisner '15**.

Harrisburg Academy welcomed **visitors from the Calverton School** on campus this winter. Calverton, an independent school in Huntingtown, Md., is in the review process to determine if the IB Diploma program is a good match for their school.

**Julianne Thompson '11** was a winner for the 2011 South Central Scholastic Writing Awards. The program awards students for their writing excellence in 12 categories. Students in 7th through 12th grade were eligible to submit their writing.



**The Girls' and Boys' Middle School Basketball teams** both advanced to the finals in the Central Pennsylvania Basketball League. Congratulations to the girls for winning the championship by defeating Carlisle Christian School.

**Dr. Lenke Erki-DelRosario**, mother of Joseph '15, was featured on the cover of the February 2011 Business Woman Magazine. The feature article focused on heart health for women.

**Paul Fisher**, father of Lauren '23 and volunteer with the Dauphin County Historical Society, was featured in The Patriot-News' "Volunteer Spotlight" this winter.

**Kendra Moore '12** collected 75 pairs of jeans from her peers to be donated to Aeropostale's Jeans for Homeless Teens drive.



Several US students participated in the 39th Annual Model United Nations Conference at Penn State University, Harrisburg campus, in February: **Hanna Moreland '12**, **David Levine '12**, **Rose Levenson '12**, **YeHoon Shin '12**, **Iqra Shaikh '12**, **Amna Elnour '12**, **Vincent Duong '12**, **Erin Sheffer '13**, **Chloe Picchio '13**, and **Nick Schmidt '13**. The students served as delegates from China, India, and the Republic of Korea and worked to attain solutions for contemporary international problems. Special recognition was awarded to three of our delegates: **David Levine** (Security Council, China), **Rose Levenson** (Special Political Committee, India) and **YeHoon Shin '12** (Disarmament Committee, Republic of Korea). These three students earned "Outstanding Delegate" awards at the end of the conference. Only a small percentage of students in attendance achieve this honor.

Members of the Academy's Varsity Swimming team competed in the Polar Bear Plunge swim meet: **Rose Levenson '12**, **Carly Scher '11**, **Chloe Picchio '13**, and **Andrea Douden '12** competed with swimmers from 20 other AA and AAA area schools.

**Michael Toth '20** and the West Hanover Orioles baseball team won the Future Stars Winter Ball 10U Championship played at In the Net in Palmrya. **Tre Moody '18** also played in the tournament.



**Harrisburg Academy** was named to the PPL "E-power Energy-Smart Business Honor Roll." PPL stated that the school earned this distinction by demonstrating the kind of awareness and commitment that will lead to better energy and environmental practices today and in the future.

**Josh Bowman '16**, **Jesse Altmeyer '16**, and **Sedrick Wali '16** participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Ski4Life event on Feb. 12 and raised more than \$2,000. They skied for 12 hours.

**Seth Erni '21** received his orange belt in Jung Sim Do karate from the West Shore Academy of Martial Arts.

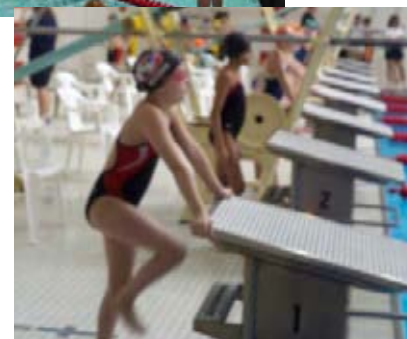
**Anika Raju '16** performed for Hershey Symphony Festival Strings concert at Eagle View Middle School in February.

**Carina Cole '22** earned her Junior White Belt in Tae Kwon Do at Crone's Tae Kwon Do School.

**Head of Middle School Steve Fry** and his wife **Mindi** (parents to Xander '22 and Helena '25) welcomed a new son, **Troy Matthew Fry**, on March 6.

Several swimmers from the Class of 2020 participated in the 2011 Central Penn Aquatic League (CPAL) Division AAAA meet on Feb. 26, 2011 for Cumberland Valley Aquatic Club, which earned them an invitation to participate in the 2011 CPAL All-Star Championship Meet on Feb. 27. **Rachel Brent '20** was a member of the Girls 8 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay team, which was selected to be the alternate team for the championship meet. **Tyler Quigley '20** (top photo)

was a member of the Boys 8 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay team and participated in the All-Star Championship meet. **Jena Dehoff '20** (bottom photo) was a member of the Girls 8 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay team, which placed 2nd overall in the Championship meet. Jena also earned a spot to compete in the Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle, placing 8th overall, and the Girls 8 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle event, placing 5th overall. **Angela Woronko '21**, representing the Hershey Aquatic Club, also participated at the All-Star Championship meet in the Girls 8 & Under medley relay.



## Academy in Azerbaijan

Academy dad Ed Toyer, father of Julia '23, is a consultant for Keystone Human Services International, a nonprofit human services agency that supports a large number of adults and children with disabilities and mental health needs in Harrisburg and across the state. Part of Toyer's job involves providing education and training to developmental therapists, psychologists, and psychiatrists who are working to support the concepts of community inclusion and community based services for individuals with disabilities — in the republic of Azerbaijan. Toyer visited the city of Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, in January and sent these photos back to Karla Sherman's kindergarten class. Can you spot the "Circle H?!"





The Parents Association Spring Book Fair was a great success. Sales totaled \$6,764.29 and the group received \$4,541 worth of books for the Academy's classrooms and libraries. Book Fair contest winners included (LS and MS) **Nemo Dinh '22**, **Angela Woronko '21**, **Sara DeMichele '20**, **Andrew Morrow '19**, **Andrew May '18**, **Jalen Gabbidon '17**, **CJ Porterfield '16** and **Alexander Zuckerman '15**. **Arav Goel '23**, **Zoe Davenport '24** and **Alex Mendelsohn '25** were contest winners in EC.

**Amber Hilbish '17** and **Sarika Nadar '17** both competed in the CAIU Middle School Computer Fair with original websites they designed and created. Thirteen regional schools or districts participated. Amber took 3rd place with her project "Saving Our World - How Can I Help?" She concentrated on what kids can do to save the planet. Sarika took 1st place with her project, "GodBook." She focused on the Greek gods and did all of her illustrations and graphics herself, a decision that Technology Integration Specialist Marlynn Meyer says was a massive undertaking that paid off. Sarika moved on to the state competition in April. Check out the girls' projects online: <http://www.harrisburgacademy.org/computer/>

Kindergarten teacher **Elaine Price** organized a zumba party at Art in Motion Fitness in Lemoyne on March 19 to benefit the American Cancer Society on behalf of her Relay For Life team, "The Lifesavers." The group raised over \$1,500. Friends, family, fellow teachers, and Academy parents attended; everyone who attended enjoyed dancing, singing, and sharing food together for a great cause. Mrs. Price's team walked for 24 hours in New Hope, Pa. on June 4-5 to do their part to fight back and save lives from this terrible disease. **John Booth**, father of Catherine '24 and Wick '22, sponsored the team through Applebee's.

**Middle School Student Council** has been successful in its fundraising this year. The group voted to send \$200 to the American Red Cross to help the victims of the Japanese earthquake. The group's money raised this money by hosting bake sales and dances.

**The Parents Association** hosted a zumba party on Sunday, April 10. Academy community members and participants from the outside community danced and sweated for two hours and raised \$200 benefitting the Parents Association. **Alicia Smith**, mother of Lance '18, donated two zumba outfits for a raffle and served as an instructor. **Ellie Flamini** and **Joanie Koury** volunteered their time as guest instructors.

**Brendan Downey '14**, **Alex Winnick '20**, **Anika Borodianski '21**, **Katie Latta '21**, and **Ben Berger '22** participated in Gamut Theatre's production of "Robin Hood." The play was performed at the Whitaker Center in April.

Middle School Head **Steve Fry** completed his doctorate in educational leadership and policy from Vanderbilt University.

The members of the Parents Association named **Shelley Winer-Rommel**, mother of Alex '12, Volunteer of the Year. Shelley's hard work helped the Academy host another fun and successful auction.

Four Harrisburg Academy teachers were awarded with Trustee Fellowships for the summer of 2011. Trustee fellowships are awarded to full-time faculty for concentration in one's academic field through travel, research, writing, and other appropriate

and relevant activities. This year's recipients and their research plans include: **Sarah Ballard** (Spanish Immersion, Costa Rica), **Marlynn Meyer** (Creating a Moodle Classroom for MS Computer Science course), **Amy Miller** (Eisenhower Academy in Gettysburg - providing an in-depth perspective of Dwight D. Eisenhower as a president and world leader), and **Lakshmi Shrikantia** (Differentiated Instruction in the Middle School Classroom - online course).

Three of the Academy's students who attended the Classics Festival submitted winning projects: **Yasmin Carey '16**, left (1st place for her oil painting of the goddess, Artemis), **Ann Stanton '14** (1st place for her English to Latin translation of Aesop's "The Frog and the Ox"), and **Luke Bent '13** (1st place in the VENI, VIDI, SCRIPSI exam).



US Latin students, including 11th grade Latin Club students, took the annual National Latin Exam and performed well. The following students earned Gold Summa Cum Laude: **Luke Bent '13**, **Claire Gianakas '13**, **Teddy Jones '13**, **Noel Potter '13**, and **Nick Schmidt '13**. The following students earned Silver Maxima Cum Laude: **Vincent Duong '12** and **Ann Stanton '14**. The following students earned Cum Laude: **Priyanka Arunkumar '14**, **Zack Barrett '14**, **Hanna Kwak '12**, and **David Levine '12**.

The following students were inducted into National Honor Society this April: **Luke Bent '13**, **Claire Gianakas '13**, **Teddy Jones '13**, **Lisa Lee '13**, **Jude Nifong '13**, **Noel Potter '13**, **Nate Schmidt '13**, **Nick Schmidt '13**, **Erin Sheffer '13**, and **Alex Walker '12**.



**Alex Rimmel '12** and Director of Tennis **April Gift** coordinated a successful Junior Team Tennis tournament at Harrisburg Academy on May 21. The tournament drew 24 players from nine local high schools and raised more than \$3,000 for the World Surgical Foundation. Visit this webpage (<http://www.harrisburgacademy.org/newsandevents/temp/alexremmelwsf.pdf>) for more information about the event.

**Devin DePamphilis '19** raced in the Pack 77 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby on March 5, 2011. Devin won 1st place in the Webelos I division. This is the second year in a row that Devin won 1st place in his division.



**Robyn Chotiner**, mother of Lauren '23 and Michael '25, successfully defended her dissertation and earned her PhD in school psychology in April.

**James Wilson '11** was selected as a Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen. James and the other students in the area who earned this distinction, have high academic standing, are active in school and community activities, and represent the ideals of good citizenship.

**Alex Rimmel '12** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the World Surgical Foundation, Inc. (WSF). WSF is a non-profit organization that serves people in developing countries by bringing modern healthcare to areas where it is not affordable or accessible.

**Jackie Stalter**, mother of Madelyn '20 and Catherine '21, ran in the inaugural Gettysburg North-South Marathon on May 1 (also Madelyn's 9th birthday). This was Jackie's first full marathon. She completed the race in 5:00:48.

Several Harrisburg Academy students were commended through the annual Grand Concours, National French Contest. **Level III French: Luke Bent '13** - 1st place in region, 6th place in nation; **Tristan Wali '14** - 3rd place in region, 9th place in nation; **Level IV French: Jaime Oliveri '13** - 1st place in region, 8th place in nation; **Katie Coronado '12** - 4th place in region; **Level V French: Peter Stone '11** - 1st place in region, 9th place in nation; **Philippe Coronado '11** - 2nd place in region, 10th place in nation.

Parents Association **Laps for Learning** raised more than \$6,000 for the school.

**Alexander Zuckerman '15** was featured on the Lightning Round Overtime for CNBC's Mad Money on Wednesday, May 11. He asked a question regarding Tesla Motors. View the video clip here: <http://video.cnbc.com/gallery/?video=3000021591>

Kindergarten assistant teacher **Sarah Ballard** graduated from a Yoga Masters program. She is now a 200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher. She offers yoga to adults and children at Flow Together Yoga Center in New Cumberland.





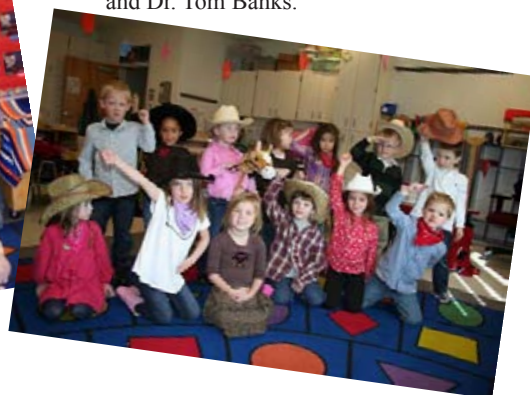
## Tasty Science Treats

Lakshmi Shrikantia's 6th grade science students learn about cells and their parts by creating models — out of tasty, edible elements. Candy, icing, noodles, brownies, and cake took center stage in this assignment. Mitochondria have never looked so good! PHOTOS (from left): Zara Barrett '17 and Owen Foley '17; Cameron Clark '17, Yoav Shavit '17, Christopher Polkinghorn '17, Abbi DiTonno '17, Owen Foley '17, and Jonathon Pastor '17; and Amelia Nazar '17.



## Guests from Across the Globe

As a special opportunity through Global Affairs Council of Harrisburg, Harrisburg Academy welcomed delegates from Kyrgyzstan Republic. The Central Asian nation is looking to gather education best-practice information as it recovers from a 2010 revolution. PHOTO (from left): Mamasadyk Jalilovich Bagyshov (programming and marketing director of the National Radio Broadcasting Company), Mamasadyk J. Bagyshov, Jurjan Baytermiorvna Naizabekova (spokesperson for the Ministry of Youth Affairs), Dr. Jim Newman, Edita Beyshenaliyevna Aypova (press secretary for the Mayor of Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan), Sophie West '12, Tyler Young '12, Joyce Davis (president of the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg and mother of Cole Goodman '12), and Dr. Tom Banks.



## Wild West

As their parents eagerly anticipated the Blue Jeans and Big Hats "Auction for All" ya'll, JK celebrated rodeo day. The kids dressed like cowboys and cowgirls and learned about life on the open range. PHOTOS (from left): Marcy Nease's JK class; Jackie Stabach's JK class.

## Testing Toys

Terry Bowie's IB art students were challenged to create a jack-in-the-box toy inspired by their favorite visual artist. The class studied the history of toy design, current trends, the social importance of toys, and also reflected on toys in their lives. The students visited Mary Mahaffey's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class to gather real-life constructive criticism from kids. PHOTOS (from left): Alice Haouzi '11 (left) and Evan DeArment '22; Ali Zwanziger '12, Everett Papenfuse '22, Ben Berger '22, and Siddhanta Banerjee '22; Alex Walker '12 (left) and Adele Harris '22.



# H SENIOR



**Jeremy Anderson**  
University of Portland  
Pursuing a major in mechanical engineering



**Eli Borwick**  
University of Rochester (GEAR program)  
Pursuing a major in mechanical engineering



**John Bower**  
Salisbury University  
Pursuing a major in education



**Doug Caplan**  
Bowdoin College  
Pursuing a major in political science or economics with a minor in Spanish



**Heather Carlino**  
Penn State University (branch campus)  
Pursuing a major in early childhood development or elementary education



**Davone Colbert**  
Temple University  
Pursuing a major in psychology



**Philippe Coronado**  
George Washington University  
Pursuing a major in medicine or business



**Alec "Chip" Dascani**  
Champlain College  
Pursuing a major in computer networking & information security (CNIS) with a specialization in systems administration



**Elizabeth DeKok**  
Susquehanna University  
Pursuing a major in creative writing



**Elizabeth Farrell**  
Ursinus College  
Studying psychology or Spanish



**Sam Foley**  
Penn State University (branch campus)  
Pursuing a major in business



**Alice Haouzi**  
Tufts University  
Pursuing a major in bio-chemistry



**Leah Hirsch**  
\*Barnard College of Columbia University  
Leah has deferred admission for a year to pursue a career in dance.  
Planning to pursue a major in math and Eastern Asian studies



**Jonaton Isaksson**  
\*Penn State University (branch campus)  
Jonaton is spending a semester at Penn State and then is returning to Finland to enlist in the Finnish army.



**Rajat Joshi**  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Pursuing a major in pre-med (biology, specifically)



**Jeong Woo "Tony" Kim**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Pursuing a major in mechanical engineering



# PROFILES



**Garrett Linebaugh**  
Philadelphia University  
Pursuing a major in bio-psychology



**Jason Lubold**  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Pursuing a major in computer information science



**Thomas Rivera**  
Penn State University (branch campus)  
Pursuing a major in pre-medicine



**Alexandra Savage**  
La Salle University  
Pursuing a major in elementary or special education



**Carly Scher**  
Muhlenberg College  
Pursuing a major in psychology, education, or sociology



**Koo Min "Andy" Sohn**  
Emerson College  
Pursuing a major in journalism



**Peter Stone**  
Tufts University  
Major undecided



**Max Taliaferro**  
Harrisburg Area Community College  
Pursuing a major in mechanical engineering



**Johnna Terrell**  
St. Joseph's University  
Pursuing a major in math



**Julianne Thompson**  
Grinnell College  
Pursuing a major in anthropology and literature



**Craig Warkoczeski**  
Hofstra University  
Pursuing a major in music management



**Hannah Walborn**  
Muhlenberg College  
Pursuing a major in English



**Haolun Wei**  
George Washington University  
Pursuing a major in international business



**James Wilson**  
Ursinus College  
Pursuing a major in history with a minor in secondary education



**David Wolpert**  
University of Pittsburgh  
Undecided major; interested in biology



**Jea Young Yi**  
Saint Joseph's University  
Pursuing a major in business, probably finance

# College Prospectus



## 100 percent of Harrisburg Academy students attend the college or university of their choice

As a college preparatory school, Harrisburg Academy devotes extensive resources to guiding Upper School students individually through the college preparation, selection, and application processes. Students and their families have access to the services of our full-time director of college counseling, a vast library of college materials, and a website with valuable information. The college counseling process begins during our students' 8th grade year and continues until they are accepted at the respective college of their choice five years later.

Our students apply and are accepted to prestigious universities. Over the past seven years, 41 percent of our students' college admissions were to "Most Competitive" or "Highly Competitive" schools. The Academy proudly presents the list of these outstanding academic institutions.

Allegheny College (4)  
American University (9)  
Amherst College  
Barnard College (4)  
Bates College (2)  
Beloit College (2)  
Bennington College (2)  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University (5)  
Bowdoin College (3)  
Brandeis University  
Brown University (2)  
Bryn Mawr College (7)  
Bucknell University  
California State University  
Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University (3)  
Case Western Reserve University (2)  
Clark University (2)  
Colby College (3)  
Colorado College

Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
Dickinson College (7)  
Duke University (2)  
Elon University (3)  
Emerson College (2)  
Emory University (6)  
Eugene Lang College - The New  
School for Liberal Arts  
Fordham University (2)  
Franklin and Marshall College (11)  
Furman University (3)  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College (10)  
Grinnell College (2)  
Hamilton University  
Harvard University  
Hendrix College (2)  
Johns Hopkins University (3)  
Juniata College (7)

Kenyon College (3)  
Lafayette College (8)  
Lehigh University (4)  
Mount Holyoke University (3)  
Muhlenberg College (6)  
New York University (7)  
Nomination to West Point/Platts  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University (2)  
Pepperdine University  
Reed College  
Rhodes College  
Rollins College  
Smith College  
Southern Methodist University  
St. John's College, Annapolis  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
State University of New York, Stony  
Brook  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stonehill College  
Syracuse University (5)

Tufts University  
Tulane University (8)  
Union College (3)  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois (4)  
University of Maryland (3)  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan (4)  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Pennsylvania (3)  
University of Pittsburgh (27)  
University of Richmond (3)  
University of Rochester (4)  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia (3)  
Villanova University (6)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University  
Wellesley College  
Wheaton College, MA  
Whitman College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)  
Yale University

*\*Rankings from the 2011 "Barron's Profiles of American Colleges" (Most Competitive, Highly Competitive, Very Competitive, Competitive, Less Competitive, Non-Competitive, and Special).*



## Doug Caplan '11 Caps Academy Experience with Gold

Senior Doug Caplan '11 took the court at Hershey Racquet Club for the P.I.A.A. Class AA Singles Tennis Championship May 27 and 28. He smashed his way through three competitors to advance to the final round of the tournament. The hard-fought championship match against D.J. Goldblum of Winchester-Thurston went three full sets before Caplan captured the win — becoming Harrisburg Academy's first athletics state champion. The Patriot-News included several features about Caplan's road to success; read the full coverage on the Academy website's Newsroom (<http://www.harrisburgacademy.org/newsandevents/newsroom>).

We gave Caplan a few days to relax and reflect on this accomplishment before sitting down to chat with him about this experience.

**H:** What has your athletics experience at Harrisburg Academy meant to you?

DC: It means a lot. I've accomplished so much here individually and with the team and have had a fun time doing it. It was a great ride.

**H:** You are the first state champion at our school. How does holding this distinction make you feel?

DC: That's what I was thinking about towards the end of the match. That's probably why I didn't finish the game quicker — because I was thinking too much! I was so excited that I didn't know how to react when I won. I think I screamed. Did I scream? But it feels great to know that that I was the first state champion at the Academy.

**H:** Describe your proudest moment as a Spartan tennis player.

DC: Winning this past weekend, definitely. It was nice to have the support of so many people and lots of alumni. Ted Otto '10 was there and it was great to see him... Zach Cohen '10, too. They were all texting me before the match and wishing me luck. The support everyone gave me was incredible. Team States (P.I.A.A. AA State Team Tennis tournament) last year was awesome, too. We all came together as a team and it was so much fun.

**H:** Who is your biggest influence?

DC: My parents are an inspiration to me.

**H:** What piece of advice would you offer to up-and-coming student-athletes at Harrisburg Academy?

DC: You've got to put in a lot of hard work to achieve success, but once you're at the top, there's no better feeling. Get the image in your head of being the best you can be and work towards it. I still watch professional tennis a lot and think, 'maybe one day.'



Top Photo – Doug Caplan was featured on the cover of The Patriot-News' Sports section several times during the P.I.A.A. Singles Tennis play-offs. Image courtesy of The Patriot-News.

Bottom Photo – Doug Caplan, second from left, accepts his gold medal.



## Sports Club Trophy Winners

The 2011 Sports Club Trophy winners were announced at the US Sports Banquet in May. This prestigious award is the highest athletics honor an Academy student-athlete can receive. The recipients of the award are Doug Caplan '11, Hannah Walborn '11, and Philippe Coronado '11. Pictured here (from left): Adam Chernicoff '10 (2010 recipient), Caplan, Walborn, Coronado, and Taylor Pettis '10 (2010 recipient).

# ACADEMY SPORTS WINTER

## Varsity Boys' Basketball (1 W, 20 L); JV (3 W, 12 L)

From left (front): Trent Mehaffie '14, Teddy Jones '13, \*Davone Colbert '11, Bailey Foley '14, Tony Kim '11, and Greg Gaudio '13; (middle): Connor Robbins '14, \*James Wilson '11, \*Philippe Coronado '11, Yuval Shavit '13, Cole Goodman '13, Wonho Jeong '13, Nathan Walborn '13, and Zack Barrett '14; (back): Head Coach Steve Pancoski and Assistant/JV Coach André Lipscomb '03. Not pictured: Andy Sohn '11, Sam Foley '11 (manager), Rajat Joshi '11 (manager), Max Taliaferro '11 (manager), Thomas Rivera '11 (manager), Hannah Walborn '11 (manager), and Jea Yi '11 (manager).



## Middle School Boys' Basketball (9 W, 10 L)

From left (front): CJ Porterfield '16, Alim Momin '16, Cameron Clark '17, Danny Getz '17, Jonathon Pastor '17, Jesse Altmeyer '16, Christopher Pratt '16, and Manager Alex Matthes '18; (back): Assistant Coach Tim Leary, Steven Sakol '15, Matthew Lazarus '15, \*Jini Gabbidon '15, Jakhari Flemister-Wilson '16, \*Josh Getz '15, \*Bryan Dunbar '16, Jalen Gabbidon '17, Chase Wallace '18 (manager), Christian Jorgensen '18 (manager), and Head Coach Derek Coates. Not pictured: Sedrick Wali '16.



## Varsity Girls' Basketball (2 W, 18 L)

From left (front): \*Kendra Moore '12, \*Lindsay Fulkroad '12, and Morgan Peffley '12; (back): Assistant Coach Jamie Fulkroad, Seung Hyun "Lisa" Lee '13, Haolun Wei '11, Ye Hoon Shin '12, Su rim Han '13, and Head Coach Jeane Serino. Not pictured: Johnna Terrell '11, Aliyah Graves-Brown '13, and Brook Ciccocioppo '12, Shannon Porterfield '13 (manager), and Sophie West '12 (manager).



## Middle School Girls' Basketball (14 W, 4 L)

From left (front): Krista Toth '18 (manager), Zara Barrett '17, Nisha Momin '17, Kendra Sober '15, DJ Dorch '16, Vinisha Reddy '15, Tashawna Brown '15, \*Rachel Duong '15, and Alison Toth '16; (back): Claire Mackin '16, Laura Mowery '16, \*Haley Matthes '15, Zoe Dragas '15, \*Ashley Mahaffey '15, Lydia DeKok '15, Dayna Levine '15, Brynna Pollock '15, Acklynn Byamugisha '16, Sarah Trindell '16, and Head Coach John Martin. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Christiana Kasian '06.



## Varsity Swimming

From left (front): Ann Stanton '14, Chloe Picchio '13, \*Carly Scher '11, Andrea Douden '12, and \*Kendall Sorem '12. Not pictured Head Coach Chris Clark and Rose Levenson '12.

\*Captains

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# ACADEMY SPORTS SPRING



## VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS (3 W, 5 L)

From left (front): Taylor Baker '12, Alex Rimmel '12, Tristan Wali '14, Max Borwick '14, Cage (Qi) Yang '12, Soloman (Congxi) Hu '12, and Nate Schmidt '13; (back): Greg Gaudio '13, Nick Schmidt '13, \*Doug Caplan '11, \*Nathan Walborn '13, Eli Borwick '11, Vincent Duong '12, Jude Nifong '13, Philippe Rivera '13, Wonho Jeong '13, and Philippe Coronado '11. Not pictured: Jacob McCann '13, Carly Scher '11 (manager) and Rose Levenson '12 (manager), Assistant Coach Richard Rauenzahn and Head Coach April Gift.

### Individual Accomplishments of Note:

\*\*Singles Tennis: Doug Caplan – Mid-Penn champion; District 3 AA champion; P.I.A.A. State Champion

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE (5 W, 6 L, 3 T)

From left (front): Jordan Altmeyer '17, Ben Snyder '16, Josh Bowman '16, Jesse Altmeyer '16, Sedrick Wali '16, Owen Foley '17 and Tanner Stambaugh '16; (back): Head Coach Rick Stambaugh, Yoav Shavit '17, Sam Teeter '16, Bryan Dunbar '16, Carter Taliaferro '15, Joseph DelRosario '15, Seth Caplan '15, Matthew Lazarus '15, Sam Banks '15, Brian Clark '15 and Assistant Coach John Altmeyer. Not pictured: Connor Sanbower '15, Jerrod Maugans '16 and Assistant Coach Greg Bowman.

## YOUTH LACROSSE (3 W, 10 L, 1 T)

From left (front): Ben Skeker '19, Quinn Pickering '18, Sandy Kupfer '17, Evan Wagar '18, Christian Jorgensen '18, Will Sheker '19, and Cameron Clark '17; (middle): Alden Mallory '18, Jonathan Pastor '17, Lance Smith '18, Alex Matthes '18, Spencer Todd '18, Adam Maugans '17 and Sean Eboch '18; (back): Head Coach John Martin, Student Assistant Coach Max Taliaferro '11 and Assistant Coach Dylan Shannon. Not pictured: Samuel Conlan '19, Jacob Maddigan '18, Jonathan Setzer '19, and Nate Teeter '18.

## VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER (6 W, 7 L)

From left (front): Haolun Wei '11 (manager), Surim Han '13, Maria Miller '12, Hanna Kwak '12, \*Hannah Walborn '11, Alice Haouzi '11, \*Beth Farrell '11, Katie Coronado '12, Thomas Rivera '11 (manager); (back): Assistant Coach John Bower '11, Chip Dascani '11 (manager), Kennedy Jirard '14, Elizabeth Cohen '14, Erin Sheffer '13, \*Andrea Douden '12, Amna Elnour '12, Alexandria Huber '13, Alaina Smith '12, Hanna Moreland '12, Emma Neri '14, Peter Stone '11 (manager), and Head Coach Travis Kreider. Not pictured: Julianne Thompson '11 (manager) and Shannon Porterfield '13.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER (7 W, 3 L, 1 T)

From left (front): Head Coach Christiana Kasian '06, Emily Chung '18, Nisha Momin '17, Amelia Nazar '17, Kendra Sober '15, Alexis Ortenzio '17, Caroline Wootton '16, Lauren Kusic '18, Krista Toth '18, Elise DeArment '18, and Alison Toth '16 (manager); (back): Assistant Coach Mark Joseph Kasian, Acklynn Byamugisha '16, Lydia DeKok '15, Zara Barrett '17, Rachel Duong '15, Zoe Dragas '15, Haley Matthes '15, Dayna Levine '15, Laura Mowery '16, Ashley Mahaffey '15, Claire Mackin '16, Sarah Trindell '16, Brynna Pollock '15 and C.J. Porterfield '16 (manager).

## YOUTH SWIMMING

From left (front): Erin Crandall '23, Brynley Kirchhoff '22, Lauren Chang '22, Nathaniel Stauffer '20, Hayden Dehoff '23, Taylor Preston '23, and Reagan Stabach '23; (middle): Johannes Isaksson '21, Connor Joyce '22, Alan Crandall '19, Jena Dehoff '20, Rachel Brent '20, Lauren Fisher '23, Seth Winnick '23; (back): Jack Isaksson '16, Sara Sherman '17, Danny Getz '17, Sarika Nadar '17, Clint Zhang '16, Sydney Preston '19, and Elizabeth Prentice '18. Not pictured: Julia Bent '21, Amber Brown '19, Devin DePamphilis '19, Sara Ortenzio '22, and Ava Vinci '23.

## VARSITY BOYS' LACROSSE (TRINITY CO-OP)

JV Boys' Lacrosse

From left (front): Davone Colbert '11; (middle): Sam Foley '11, Jonatan Isaksson '11, Teddy Jones '13, Julien Nifong '14, David Levine '12, Will Schmid '12; (back): Jeremy Bower '13, Lee Mowery '14, Bailey Foley '14, and Austin Carver '13. Not pictured: Lindsay Fulkroad '12 (manager) and Alex Savage '11 (manager).

## VARSITY BASEBALL (TRINITY CO-OP)

Noel Potter '13 (left) and Zack Barrett '14.

## VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD (TRINITY CO-OP)

Aliyah Graves-Brown '13.

# CLASS notes

## CLASS OF '65

**Carl Marshall '65**

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**Carl Marshall '65, M.Ed., CRC, LPC** was presented the Ralph N. Pacinelli Leadership Award by the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association.

This award is given to a Pennsylvanian "who has exercised extraordinary national and state leadership to rehabilitation professionals in order to strengthen, broaden, and hone their professional development and makes a positive contribution to the lives of individuals with disabilities." Carl's career in the vocational rehabilitation field spans 42 years; he serves on numerous professional boards and committees as a consultant.



## CLASS OF '77

**Daryl Jacobs Bressler '77**

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**Michael Ross '77** is a well-known jazz artist throughout the East Coast and has recorded several CDs that include "Doghouse," "Dog Eat Dog," and "Year of the Dog." These are all original compositions. Michael is in the process of finishing an acoustic trio CD which will be released this year. He has worked as a sideman with Nat Adderley, Herbie Mann, Jimmy Cobb, and other successful musicians in Florida and throughout the South. He has also led two long-standing Tampa Bay Area jazz groups — Liquid Bebop and Michael Ross Quartet. You can find additional info in the press kit on his website (<http://www.michaelrossquartet.com/>). Michael also enjoys doing jazz clinics in schools and looks forward to returning to Harrisburg Academy.

## CLASS OF '79

**Dave Heisey '79**

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**David Heisey '79** is director of sales for the Mid-Atlantic region for Provista, a health care group purchasing organization and supply chain analysis company. He has been in the medical supply and pharmacy services industry for 15 years. Before this, Dave spent over a decade in the marketing and promotion of wine and spirit brands, as well as advertising.

Dave and his wife, Nikki, have been married for 18 years and reside in Harrisburg. He has five children, Ben (25), a senior at Montana State University, Zack (16), who plays for Trinity High School, Cam (12), Ashton (10), and Emelia (9).

## CLASS OF '81

**Ted Stevenson '81**

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**Ted Stevenson '81** retired from the United States Army in 2007 as a major and is now working for the Department of Army Civilians at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. Ted and his wife, Ann, have three children: Natalie, a sophomore at Auburn University, George, a junior at Pope John Paul II Catholic High School, and Ella, a seventh grader at Holy Spirit Regional School. Ted and Ann are members of the Capital Campaign Committee that resulted in building a new campus for the Premier Independent High School in North Alabama. Ted notes that George is a member of school's varsity soccer team and that he is much more talented than his dad — and taller too!



## CLASS OF '85

**Missy Meyer '85**

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**Karen Halbert Ferguson '85** earned a bachelor's degree in English, Master of Education, and a degree in community counseling. She has been employed by the Berks County Treatment Access and Service Center (TASC) for 18 years. Karen supervises mental health and drug/alcohol case managers, working primarily with uninsured and publically insured children and adults. She works closely with various legal entities (probation/parole, judges, courts, lawyers, jails/prisons, children and youth services caseworkers). Karen also has served on several state committees and boards and is currently vice president of Eastern Pennsylvania Association of Case Managers (EPAC). Her goal is to work with veterans and to continue working at the Lebanon VA Hospital. Karen is a single mom of two amazing sons, Garret (22) and Cody (18), the latter of whom graduated in June and has departed for US Marine Corp boot camp. Karen resides in Annville, Pa.



## CLASS OF '86

**Damian Packer '86**

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**Bill Miles '86** is the chief operating officer (COO) of an international charity, Grassroot Soccer. Through this position, Bill had the opportunity to move to the company's African headquarters in Cape Town, Africa. Always up for an adventure, Bill and his wife, Pam, and their three children, Sophie (10), Carly (7), and Zach (4), decided to make the move. The fact that the World Cup would take place at the end of their stay helped the decision-making process!

Through his work, which focuses on preventing new HIV infections in young people, Bill spent lots of time in the townships of South Africa. These townships are the areas formerly identified by the apartheid government as all-Black settlements. Although apartheid officially ended in 1994, these areas remain very poor, under-resourced, and experience high rates of HIV.

Due to the strong legacy left by apartheid, the country is still very much organized by race. Bill reports: "Our kids, for the first time in their lives, became very aware of race, classes, and economic opportunities. I recall Carly asking us a couple months into our stay, 'Why are there no Black people in our school at home?' We looked puzzled and told her that there were African Americans in her school and in her class at home. She quickly realized that I was right but that she had never seen them or anyone else as a different "color" before visiting South Africa where race and color are part of everyday life. Needless to say, we spent hours at the dinner table and in the car on long drives all around the country talking about race, apartheid, Nelson Mandela, poverty, HIV/AIDS, and how we could teach 7<sup>th</sup> graders basic math." Bill and his family tutored math every weekend in the townships throughout South Africa. They agree that this was an experience they will remember for a lifetime.



## CLASS OF '88

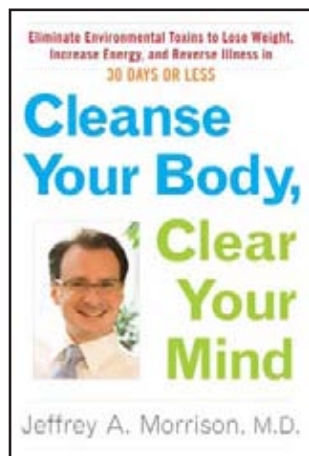
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After working in the Harrisburg area for two years, **Dr. Jeffrey Morrison '88** decided to focus on integrative medicine. This practice combines traditional medical treatments with alternative remedies and focuses on a keen awareness of the health impacts of everyday chemicals and toxins. He began working at the Mechanicsburg-area practice of Dr. John Sullivan, who specializes in integrative and environmental medicine, and Jeff found his niche.

Soon after, Jeff learned that Dr. Robert Atkins, the best-selling author and developer of the low-carbohydrate lifestyle, was looking for an associate. "I immediately sent him my resume and they got back to me within a week," Morrison said. This sparked a fascination that took him to New York City, first to work with the famed Dr. Atkins, then to establish his own practice, The Morrison Center, on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue.



Jeff has become a well-known authority on environmental medicine and is often interviewed by national magazines and cable news shows. His book, "Cleanse your Body, Clear Your Mind," was published this month and received a favorable review from *Library Journal*.



#### CLASS OF '92

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**Pamela Purdy '92** established the Law Office of Pamela L. Purdy in March 2006, concentrating her practice in family and matrimonial law. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond in 1996, she worked for a year for the law firm of Hunton and Williams in Richmond, Va. as a tobacco litigation paralegal. She attended law school at American University, Washington College of Law, and graduated in 2000. After graduation, Pam clerked for the Honorable Justin M. Johnson of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, during which most of her assignments dealt with family law issues. Prior to opening her own practice, Pam worked as a family law associate at McNeese, Wallace & Nurick LLC in Harrisburg from 2001 to 2006. She welcomed the birth of her son, Jonah, in April 2010.



#### CLASS OF '93

**Zachary Scheiner '93**  
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**Blair Troegner '93** still finds the time to run marathons despite being employed by Pfizer, taking graduate courses, and raising a family. Not one or two marathons, but eight over the past several years! According to Blair, it has been an evolution over the years. He didn't consider himself to be a gifted runner when playing Varsity Boys' Lacrosse for the Academy in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He enjoyed the off-season challenge of building his endurance to be a better competitor in a sport he loved – and he discovered that he actually liked running and the psychological benefit as much as the physical benefit.

As an adult, Blair began running marathons. By his sixth marathon, he met a running colleague who ran for a purpose — to raise money for the Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) (<http://www.ctf.org/>). His friend's son was diagnosed with a

genetic disorder called neurofibromatosis (NF) when he was 10 months old. With this diagnosis, there is a great deal of uncertainty and potentially suffering and death. Blair started running with the NF Endurance Team (<http://ctf.org/nfendurance/intro/>) to help raise money to support research for a cure — and completed two additional marathons. He says that his friend's commitment to his son and crazy enthusiasm impacted him and gave him perspective: "Knowing that I am doing a little better than just putting 26.2 miles behind me elevates the event to something much more significant than a long run," he said.



#### CLASS OF '95

**Grant A. Herbert '95**  
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**Jonathan Brigman '95** and his wife, Ariadna, welcomed their first child, Josephine Vazquez Brigman, on Feb. 10, 2011. Jon is completing a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health and has accepted a faculty appointment in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

#### CLASS OF '97

**Ethan Titelman '97**  
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**Nicole Herbert '97** resides in Harrisburg and graduated from Lafayette College in 2000 with degrees in anthropology and art. Her interest in studying other cultures led her to spend a summer trekking in Nepal and influenced her decision to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger, West Africa. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree in studio art from the Maryland Institute College of Art in August 2009. Nicole teaches high school drawing, painting, and sculpture courses and is an adjunct professor of sculpture. Nicole has exhibited her work and participated in public arts projects in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, New York, and Beijing.

#### CLASS OF '99

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After winning the Grand Central Academy of Art Sculpture Award in May of 2010, **Will St. John '99** has remained focused on his art and was recently awarded the Alma Schapiro Prize. On Nov. 23, 2010 after deliberating over more than 25 artists' submissions, The Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical American announced that St. John was the 2011 winner of its biannual prize. The centerpiece of the prize is a three-month affiliated fellowship at the American Academy in Rome, the premier American overseas center for independent study and research in the fine arts and humanities. The total award will include American Academy fees, travel allotment, and an award stipend. Will is leaving NYC and traveling to Italy to begin his studies in late August.

#### CLASS OF '00

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**Justin Abel '00** graduated from Penn State, Dickinson Law School in 2009 and was employed by the "Tom Corbett for Governor" campaign until November 2010. Justin and his wife, Margaret Anne Murphy, were married on Nov. 20, 2010.





**Jared Coble '00** is a 2008 graduate of Temple Dental School and opened his own dental practice in March 2011. Coble Family Dentistry is located at 4003 Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17050.



**Alexis Dissinger McConville '00** and her husband, Ray, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Jane McConville, on Sept. 30, 2010.

#### CLASS OF '01

**S. Colleen Morris '01**  
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**Amanda Carter '01** graduated from The George Washington University Law School in August 2010. Since then, she has independently recorded and released a recording entitled, "Sorry I'm Late." Amanda is tutoring students in Washington D.C.'s public schools part-time, and promoting her music career. She has performed privately for representatives from Bad Boy, Capitol, and Atlantic Records, and threw a very successful listening party in Washington, D.C. in January. Currently, Amanda is doing as many shows as possible to build her fan base.

**Andy Greenwood '01** recently accepted a position as a Digital Audio Signal Processing Engineer with Sennheiser's Silicon Valley research lab in Palo Alto, Calif. Additionally, he and a friend who have been working together since high school just released an album which can be heard at [www.theoryband.com](http://www.theoryband.com). Andy is working on starting a private company that designs professional audio hardware and software, and he is currently refining the prototypes for two patent applications. Andy has mixed and mastered 21 albums at the New Orleans Jazz Festival. A few examples of his work can be found at: <http://ccrma.stanford.edu/~aeg165>



**Jeff Hoeflich '01** graduated this spring with a joint J.D./M.B.A. from Penn State Dickinson School of Law, and Penn State Smeal College of Business. He spent the summer of 2010 working for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, in addition to working for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board in litigation and enforcement. Jeff plans to reside in Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. and practice law or work in consulting with law firms and corporate litigation departments.

**Andrew Hoffman '01** is working towards completing a M.B.A. at Penn State, Smeal College of Business. He will graduate in the spring of 2012 and plans to move back to the Harrisburg area.



**Farah Majid '01** earned a master's degree in public and international affairs in December 2009. She presented a paper at Harvard University, entitled "China's Commodity Import Binge," in February 2010. Farah is living in the San Francisco Bay area and has been working for Fair Trade USA. She loves her job and living on the West Coast.



**Robert Miller '01** has established a successful tax preparation business over the past five years. He owns five franchises of Liberty Tax Service with locations in Lemoyne, Mechanicsburg, and Enola. Even though Liberty provides accurate and professional tax preparation services, the most common question Bob receives is if he wears the Statue of Liberty costume. Bob jokingly replies, "Only on the weekends."

On a more serious note, "I have always appreciated the preparation Harrisburg Academy has provided, in business, as well as many other areas of life,"



Bob said. He and his wife, Maria, were married on July 3, 2010 in Thousand Islands, N.Y., a scenic area they frequently visit. It was beautiful day on the river and enjoyed by all who attended, including alumni Matt Healey '02, Rick Lucarelli '01, Julie Conroy '00, and quite a few more.

**Adrienne Schreiber '01** works in the Executive Office at Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington. She is responsible for Security and Media Policy and general administrative matters. She loves to travel; however, her trips have been limited to away roller derby bouts outside the D.C. area, and she manages to fit in a ski trip or two when her schedule allows.



Adrienne became interested in roller derby through an old friend. When a group of her friends took her to a derby bout for her birthday, she was SOLD. The league was asking for volunteers to do administrative duties. I said, "Heck no, I want to SKATE." So, she bought the equipment and attended "Fresh Meat Camp" two weeks later. In June 2009, she passed her final assessments and has been skating ever since. The team practices three to five times per week and holds monthly bouts at the D.C. Armory. In January 2010, Adrienne made the All-Star Team, the WFTDA Charter Team that travels around the country and whose games count for rankings. Adrienne was recently elected league president.

**Will Shakely '01** is living in the Washington D.C. area and working as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Transportation.



#### CLASS OF '02

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**Jennifer Shannon '02** graduated *cum laude* from the College of Charleston in 2006 and went on to Temple University School of Dentistry, where she graduated in May 2010.

While attending dental school, Jen traveled to the Dominican Republic, sponsored in part by the Harrisburg Rotary Club. This trip served the people of Las Pasqual, a small town overwhelmed with poverty and severe health issues. As Jen put it, "The trip was incredibly rewarding due to the fact that we are the only dentists they see all year. They are so unbelievably grateful for our help." After graduation, Jen moved back to Harrisburg and started working at the Locust Lane Dental Group in Harrisburg. She married Jim Pyne on Oct. 2, 2010 and is living in Susquehanna Township. While in college, Jen started the College of Charleston's first club field hockey team and coached all four years. Jen loves sports and finds the time to run every day.



#### CLASS OF '03

**Emily Mackin '03**  
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**André Lipscomb '03** is a customer relations specialist for Metro Bank and is responsible for diagnosing customer needs and providing them with appropriate banking products. He is also responsible for solving customer inquiry issues as well as supervising and managing the teller line. Opening bank branches as scheduled, which includes daily settlement of banking activities and services, absorbs a majority of his time. André also oversees bank purchasing and serves as the marketing liaison. After a long day at the office, André unwinds by coaching Harrisburg Academy's Boys' Junior Varsity basketball team alongside Coach Steve Pancoski.



#### CLASS OF '04

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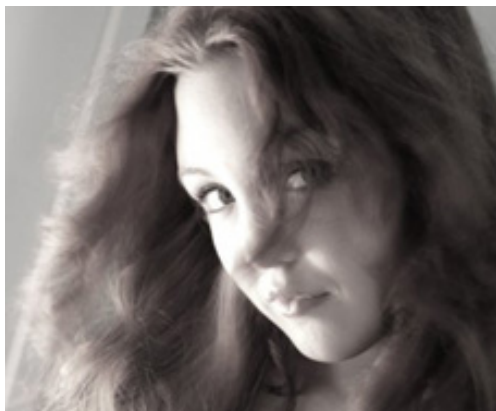
**Frank Sourbeer '04** is living in Boston and is working as a night supervisor for Anheuser-Busch. He serves as a corporate wholesaler and is responsible for the delivery schedule throughout the Boston area. Frank recently took the GMAT exam and is considering going to graduate school in the near future. He enjoys living in New England and returns to Harrisburg occasionally to visit family and friends.



## CLASS OF '08

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**Anna Novak '08** is a practicing artist from the Harrisburg area who divides her time between Harrisburg and Baltimore, where she recently completed her junior year. She is working towards a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Having been interested in the process of creating art from a young age, Anna became more involved in painting during high school, where she studied painting under Harrisburg Academy Upper School art teacher Terry Bowie. During the summer before her senior year of high school, Anna attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts and decided that she wanted to attend art school. Anna has exhibited at the Midtown Cinema, a local independent arts movie theater, and had exhibitions at the Maryland Institute College of Art and Baltimore's Theatre Project.



## CLASS OF '09

*Class agent needed!*

**David Black '09** (who just finished his sophomore year at Bennington College) is studying psychology and political economics to study the paradigms of social interactions. He credits Harrisburg Academy's IB program "Theory of Knowledge" course for leading him in this direction. Pictured below (from left): David Black '09, Vickie Nguyen '09, and Jonathan Scher '07).



# Class Agents

Is your class year missing? Interested in being the Class Agent? Contact George Gonzales in the Development Office at [alumni@harrisburgacademy.org](mailto:alumni@harrisburgacademy.org) to learn more.

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## CLASS OF '10

*Class agent needed!*

**Cooper Lanning '10** attends the University of Southern California (USC). His brother-in-law works in the advertising department for Farmer John's, a meat producing company in California. The company's goal was to make the Bacon Wrapped Hot Dog the "official dog of Los Angeles." On a whim, Cooper was asked to market this product around campus by giving out shirts, stickers, flyers, and other paraphernalia to the students at USC. In the process, Cooper met the president of the company at an LA Kings hockey game, where they discussed the hot dog and how best to market it to the student body.

Acting on his instincts, Cooper took pictures of students wearing Farmer John's T-shirts and the merchandise that was displayed around campus. After several weeks of hard work, Cooper gave the photos to the Farmer John's advertising department. Cooper's effort was well-received by the president and entire company. He was rewarded by having his picture placed on 120 billboards around town!



We want to hear from you! Drop us an email or connect with us on Facebook. We know there are lots of untold stories out there, so please be in touch!

Send your class notes to [alumni@harrisburgacademy.org](mailto:alumni@harrisburgacademy.org) or submit your note online at [www.harrisburgacademy.org/alumni](http://www.harrisburgacademy.org/alumni).

# In the first person

## Academy connections shape the future of a company – and a career

By Alex St. John '04

*The power of networking and leveraging connections to create opportunity drives the business world. Harrisburg Academy's own Alexandra St. John '04 and her recent change in employment is a testament to this.*

*With a degree from The College of Wooster in Ohio and now living in New York City, Alex was looking for the right opportunity. That prospect presented itself at an Academy alumni networking event in February of 2010. At this gathering, Alex met Joe Gillette '82, chairman and CEO of Stage 2 Networks (<http://www.stage2networks.com>). The unified communications service provider was hiring, and Alex fit the profile. "We're a small company, and it's a family-like environment. The way to maintain that culture is to hire good people," Gillette said. "Trust is such an important thing when you're an employer. Alex brings a great work ethic and much as you would expect from an Academy alum, she is a critical thinker, has a great attitude, and is always looking at how to do things better. It's nice when you can remain connected, not just with the school but the relationships associated to it," Gillette said.*

*The rest is in Alex's own words...*

It's not necessarily as important which field you decide to work in when you grow up, but rather whom you work with that truly matters.

My experience working at Stage 2 Networks, for Academy alum, Joe Gillette, can certainly

attest to that statement. When I moved to New York City less than two years ago, I never would have imagined I'd be working in Telecom, but thanks to this Harrisburg Academy connection, I am now gainfully, and more importantly, happily employed at a start-up company called Stage 2 Networks. I cannot say I would be where I am today without the guidance and support of Joe, a fellow alum, a long-time family friend, a mentor, and most of all, a great boss.

This past September, Joe hired me to work for Stage 2 Networks, a company that provides Voice over IP hosted business phone systems for small-to medium-sized businesses. Within the company, I handle all the requests from customers who want to make changes to their existing accounts. This could include anything as simple as helping them add a new phone line to coordinating moving their entire business to a new location.

Because the company is still relatively young, I feel as though I have a much greater influence on shaping the future of the company, and I get the opportunity to have a more hands-on and personalized experience than I would if I worked at a larger company. What makes my job fascinating on a daily basis is learning about the complexities of how phones, hardware, equipment, and different types of connectivity work.

Above all, what matters to me the most — and what really makes the difference between liking my job and loving my job — are the people that

I work with. I am so grateful for my Academy connection with Joe, who has been instrumental in not only giving me the opportunity to work in a unique and fast-paced field, but also the opportunity to work with great people.

Being part of the Harrisburg Academy community has shaped my life in countless ways. Even though my glory days attending the Academy are over, my life and experiences are still being shaped by the people whom I have connected with there. You never know where life will take you and who might end up helping you down the road. If it weren't for Joe, who knows where I would be?



Academy alumni, Alex St. John '04 and Joe Gillette '82 at Stage 2 Networks in New York City.

## ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Harrisburg Academy established an Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004 to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of students, coaches, and friends of the Academy's athletics programs. In 2010, we expanded the program to recognize alumni accomplishments in additional areas. We are always accepting nominations for these awards, so please reach out to us and acknowledge the wonderful things that you and your classmates are doing in your lives and professional careers! Visit us online to fill out a nomination form. Award recipients for 2011 will be recognized on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 during Homecoming Weekend festivities. Mark your calendars for this special event!

Harrisburg Academy alumni awards include:

**Academic Achievement** - This award recognizes an individual whose achievement in scholarship, innovation, or research is acknowledged and respected by his or her peers and a wider community.  
(Dr. Ernest "Tiger" S. Burch, Jr. '56, 2010 recipient)

**Professional Achievement** - This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by an individual in his or her career or professional life.  
(Quenby Jackson Mott '85, 2010 recipient)

**Service to Humanity** - This award recognizes an individual who in his or her personal or professional life has demonstrated a commitment to bettering the lives of others in their community, nation, or the world.  
(Margaret Friedman Goldberg '90, 2010 recipient)

**Rising Star** - This award recognizes a young person who has demonstrated promise and achievement in his or her professional life.  
(Stacy Goldstein '93, 2010 Recipient)

**Athletics Hall of Fame** – This award recognizes alumni, coaches, teams or friends for their athletics achievement. Criteria for alumni includes attending the Academy for at least two years and excelling in one or more varsity sports, being in good academic and social standing while at the Academy, being respected and valued by coaches, staff, and faculty, and being separated from the Academy for at least five years prior to being nominated. Criteria for coaches includes consideration of length of service, leadership, and coaching ability during their respective tenures, and considers former Academy athletes who subsequently pursued coaching careers. Criteria for teams includes an outstanding record of accomplishment in one or more seasons. Criteria for friends includes those who make significant contributions to the school's athletics program. (2010 inductees - Scott Garonzik '71, Benjamin Abrams '92, Andrea Belis '01, and Michael DeRemer '01)

Head of School Jim Newman kicks off the 2010 Alumni Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame celebration.





# In Memoriam

## Janet (Janie) Brownold



Janet (Janie) Brownold passed away at home on March 24 at the age of 85. Janie was an alumni parent and the first woman to become the president of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg Academy in the 1970s. She was recently elected to be an Emeritus member of the Board.

Janie was born on Dec. 19, 1925 in Harrisburg to the late Simon and Eva (Obrasky) Brenner. A graduate of William Penn High School, Janie attended Syracuse University. She was an active member of the community beginning with the Red Cross as a young girl. She served as the vice president of the Museum of Scientific Discovery, president of the Board for Family & Children's Services, member of the Board for Harrisburg Hospital, Goodwill Industries, The Civic Club of Harrisburg, United Way, Red Cross, Whitaker Center, the Susquehanna Art Museum as well as a member of the Jewish Community Center, participated in the Meals on Wheels Program and enjoyed her membership in the Garden Club of Harrisburg. She was an avid sportswoman and greatly enjoyed playing golf, skiing, tennis and cheering her children on in their various team sports.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Melvin J. Brownold, two sons; **David L. Brownold '67** and wife, Diane, of Camp Hill, Thomas J. Brownold and wife, Mimi, of Flagstaff, Ariz.; three daughters; **Emily R. Brownold '72** of Santa Fe, N.M., Ann E. Singer and husband, Charles, of St. Louis Park, Minn., **Linda B. Bell '78** and husband, Ken, of Canandaigua, NY; her brother Dr. Louis O. Brenner and, wife, Flora of Harrisburg; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

## Linda Grass Chemtob

Linda Grass Chemtob of New York, N.Y. and Honolulu died on April 6. She was a Harrisburg Academy alumni parent and former Trustee. Formerly of Harrisburg, Linda is the daughter of Lois Lehrman Grass and the late Alex Grass. She is survived by her husband, Claude; her daughter **Rachel Shapiro '95** and husband Christopher Grymes; her son Adam Shapiro; her sister, Elizabeth Grass Weese; and her brother Roger Grass.

Linda received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark University, her Master of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, and her Juris Doctor (law) degree from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law. She was a corporate attorney for many years. Linda was a Trustee to the Board at Harrisburg Academy from 1984 to 1991, serving as president during much of this time. The generosity of the Grass family played a major role in the construction of the original music wing of the Academy in 1975 and its later renovation completed in 2000. Linda had a long-standing commitment to classical chamber music; this became her professional and philanthropic focus. For this, she was the recipient of numerous awards recognizing her for public leadership in articulating the needs and goals in music and art education. She was founding executive director of Concertante, an internationally acclaimed chamber music ensemble that performs and expands the string sextet repertoire and appears regularly at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center at HACC.



## Jim Scheiner

Jim Scheiner passed away on Monday, Jan. 31, 2011 at the age of 66. Jim was associated with the Academy in many ways — as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1985-1993 and the treasurer from 1987-1991 and as an alumni parent (**Dr. Zachary Scheiner '93** and **Meredith Scheiner '02**). Born May 7, 1944, in Minneapolis to Sally and Samuel L. Scheiner, he was a graduate of Washburn High School in 1961 and the United States Military Academy in 1965. He also earned master's degrees in civil engineering and public administration from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He served as a captain in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, taught construction management at the U.S. Army Engineer School and supervised construction unit in the United States and Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. He began his professional career with the consulting firm Booz, Allen & Hamilton in Philadelphia and moved to Harrisburg in 1979 to serve under Governor Dick Thornburgh, first as deputy secretary of transportation and then as secretary of revenue. Following eight years of public service, he returned to the private sector in positions as vice president of Huth Engineers, president of Stoner Associates, and president of Benatec Associates. Most recently he was a vice president of Century Engineering.



Scheiner lived a life of service to his country, his state, and his community. He served on numerous Boards in central Pennsylvania, including Harrisburg Academy, the State Employees Retirement Board, Harrisburg Area Community College, Gettysburg Foundation

Advisory Board, and WITF. At the time of his death he was serving on the Harsco Corporation Board, M&T Bank Advisory Board, Pennsylvania Tobacco Settlement Investment Board, and the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board. He was also the Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry. In December 2010, Jim received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Harrisburg Area Community College. He loved tennis, skiing, travel, and President Eisenhower.

## Jacquelynne (Jackie) M. Lapitsky

Jacquelynne (Jackie) M. Lapitsky passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 30, 2010 from complications from recent surgery. She was 72 years old. Jackie served on the Harrisburg Academy Board of Trustees for eight years and was an alumni parent.

Jackie was born on July 26, 1938 and was the daughter of the late Chandler and Grace Myers. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, William (Bill) Lapitsky, two sons, **Matthew William Lapitsky '86** of Dundalk, Md. and **Andrew Stephen Lapitsky '88** and his wife Jennifer, of San Rafael, Calif., and two grandchildren, Quinton Drew and Willem Chandler. Jackie graduated from Manheim Township High School in 1956 and Penn State University in 1960. She received a CFRE designation from the University of Pennsylvania and did graduate work at Gannon College, Erie, Pa. Jackie was the president of her own consulting firm, Chandler Associates, since 1987. Her firm specialized in fundraising for nonprofit organizations of all types. She especially loved her work with Fire Companies and Emergency Services Companies and



held them in high regard as the model for volunteerism in the United States. She loved the arts and was a Board member of Theatre Harrisburg. She was the past president of the Civil War Round Table. Past affiliations included the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Central Pa, Harrisburg Academy, the Friends of the State Museum, the Lemoyne Planning Commission, and the Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company.

## Stefan Eric Haas '80



Stefan Eric Haas died suddenly of natural causes on April 9. He was 48 years old. Stefan was born in Monterey, Calif. and resided in Linglestown, Pa. He was married to Diane Dudley Haas for more than 27 years and father to Alexander Ian, Monica Dyan, Suzanne K. and

Dylan Matthew Haas. He left behind his mother Lenore Haas Alexander and father Arlin E. Haas, Jr. and their spouses, as well as his sister Deborah Anne Haas. Stefan worked in the IT field, and was employed most recently as IT director for StratCenter, Mechanicsburg, Pa. He attended Harrisburg Academy and Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. He was a ravenous reader and obsessive music lover. He enjoyed being with his family and especially time spent by the ocean.

## Harvey Preston Sunday '38

Harvey Preston Sunday, 90, of Carlisle, died Dec. 12, 2010 at Thornwald Home in Carlisle, Pa. Born Feb. 10, 1920, in Carlisle, he was a son of the late Charles W. and Gertrude Preston Sunday and the widower of Helen E. Hershey and Mary K. Bollinger. He attended Carlisle High School and Harrisburg Academy, where he studied business. He farmed for fifty years in Silver Spring Township, and he was the owner/operator of The Country House Restaurant in New Kingston and a golf driving range. He also had an early career as an accountant and a later career in real estate with Jack Gaughen Realty. He was a US Army veteran who served during WWII. Surviving are two sons, Richard C. Sunday of Pompano Beach, FL., and Thomas C. Sunday of New Kingston, one daughter, Jill E. Bartoli of Carlisle, ten grandchildren.

## Rhea Amy Metz '83

Rhea Amy Metz, 45, of Mechanicsburg, passed away on Dec. 17, 2010. She was born Rhea Amy Simons in Harrisburg on May 2, 1965. She attended Harrisburg Academy through 11<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Susquehanna Township High School. She went on to obtain her Associates Degree from Harrisburg Area Community College and then became licensed in cosmetology after completing her coursework at the Schoeneman Beauty School. She is survived by her sons, Samuel Metz, her father, F.M. Richard Simons of Harrisburg, and sisters Ruth Simmons of Harrisburg, Leeann Simons of Newton, Mass. and Lynn Paul of Ginot Shomron, Israel. She was preceded in death by her mother Elaine Y. Simons.

## Carl E. Mills

Carl E. Mills, of Wilson Parkway, Harrisburg passed away on Feb. 13 at the age of 67. He was born in Harrisburg, son of the late Ella Mills and June White, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp., former cook at Harrisburg Academy, former employee of Fruehauf Corp., owner of the former Penway Theatre, a member of Turner Memorial Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon and in his leisure, wrote poetry and enjoyed music.



# SAVE THE DATE

HARRISBURG  ACADEMY

## Harrisburg Academy Homecoming Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2011

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### 8th Annual Golf Classic

Friday, September 30, 2011  
Blue Ridge Country Club

#### Alumni Awards Ceremony

Saturday, October 1, 2011  
McCormick Auditorium

### ATHLETIC EVENTS

Saturday, October 1, 2011

**Soccer:** Harrisburg Academy vs. Bible Baptist, 1:30 PM

**Field Hockey:** Harrisburg Academy vs. Bishop McDevitt, 1:00 PM

**Tennis Social** for Families and Alumni, 10:00 AM

### More Information to Follow!

If you have any questions, please contact [gonzales.g@harrisburgacademy.org](mailto:gonzales.g@harrisburgacademy.org)

## Connect with us...

### In person

If you happen to be in the area, please stop in for a visit. George Gonzales, alumni relations associate, would enjoy talking with you and giving you a tour of the school. No appointment is necessary!

### Online

Harrisburg Academy's Facebook Fan Page is another place for our community of alumni, alumni parents, current parents, faculty, and friends to connect with each other. Please ask your connections to become a fan of our page today! We're also on Twitter, so visit the website to sign up for both. Questions? Ideas? Interested in helping to lead the social networking revolution at Harrisburg Academy? Please contact Kristina Pae, communications associate, at [pae.k@harrisburgacademy.org](mailto:pae.k@harrisburgacademy.org) or 717-763-7811 x393.



*David A. Elias, Jr. (left) and his wife Marie Graupner Elias left a sizable bequest to the Academy in 2009. The Elias' gift supported faculty endowment funds and capital improvement projects at the Academy.*

## What Will Your Legacy Be?

Bequests have helped shape the character of Harrisburg Academy since its beginning. We are grateful to the Academy alumni and friends who, through their estates, have established student scholarships, endowed funds for faculty compensation, and supported Academy building and maintenance funds.

Let us help you realize **your** legacy at the Academy. Call Jess Ritchie in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at (717) 763-7811 or visit the Planned Giving webpage on the Academy's website to learn how to designate the school as a beneficiary of your will.



# Ten ways you can help Harrisburg Academy's Admission Office

## REFER A STUDENT

Is your neighbor's daughter a "brainiac?" Or is the kid down the street a curious boy who loves to learn foreign languages? Is your nephew looking for a place where he can learn to play tennis and pursue his passion for science? All of these students would fit in well in the Harrisburg Academy school community. All you have to do is send our Admission Office the contact information, and we will do the rest!

## HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Harrisburg Academy is proud to enroll several international students each year to enrich our diverse learning community. We anticipate enrolling more than a dozen international students from countries around the world for the 2011-12 academic year. Families can serve as hosts for a full school year or one semester — or even as a "welcome" family for the first few weeks of school. To learn more about new and returning students from Europe, Asia and South America, contact the Admission Office.

## PUT A "CIRCLE H" MAGNET ON YOUR CAR

Our "Circle H" magnets are a point of pride and the talk of the town! Are you displaying one? How many times have you checked out the car in front of you at a traffic light to see where the driver attended college? How much of an impact would it make in your neighborhood if you had an Academy magnet on your car?

## PROUDLY WEAR ACADEMY "SPIRIT WEAR"

The next time you are searching your closets or drawers for a comfortable shirt to wear, think about wearing Harrisburg Academy spirit wear. Every time you wear something that represents us, whether in the local department store, at the beach, or just to cut the grass, you are an Academy ambassador. The Communications Office is not able to buy ads in every news outlet that might catch the attention of a great family in the area. However, we can greatly expand our reach if our students, parents, local alumni, former parents, and friends wear an Academy T-shirt or sweatshirt once a week.

## MENTION HARRISBURG ACADEMY WHEN SPEAKING IN PUBLIC

Do you belong to local membership organizations such as a Chamber, Rotary, networking organization, or philanthropic group? Are you a realtor or contractor involved in a local or regional industry organization? The next time you are asked to make a speech about your success, mention your Academy education and how it helped you get to where you are today. And in light of the challenges public education is facing during uncertain economic times, speak about the value you see in your child's own Academy experience each and every day.

## SHOW SPARTAN PRIDE IN THE WORKPLACE

Sometimes you don't even have to say a word. Take a coffee break and use an Academy coffee mug. Don't leave for business travel without a "Circle H" luggage tag on your bags. Stay dry on the links with an Academy golf umbrella. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words...

## DISTRIBUTE ACADEMY INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL FEEDER SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN YOUR AREA

Each year, the Admission Office sends out hundreds of postcards, letters, and magazines to interested families and potential education partners in the area. Still, we may be missing people. If you have contacts at other schools, places of worship, or key community organizations in our area, why not take a couple of Academy *NewsMagazines* the next time you are in the building and help us promote the benefits of attending our school?

## ATTEND AN ACADEMY ADMISSIONS EVENT

Prospective students and families often meet Admission Office representatives during events such as the Open Houses and New Parent Dessert Nights. If you like "working the room," volunteering at an Admission event is a great way to give back to the school. These gatherings are intimate and allow a few dozen prospective families to hear from local alumni and current parents about how Harrisburg Academy brought out the best in them.

## TELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT YOUR ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

Word of mouth is by far the best advertising for an independent school. We can buy expensive ads in magazines or on billboards but at the end of the day, the people in your neighborhood will believe you before they believe us. They already know you and trust your opinion and judgment.

## BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE ACADEMY COMMUNITY

Alumni, we want you to get involved! You may think of ways of giving back that we have not even thought of yet. Your input and participation is the key to "pay it forward" for all of the students who can benefit from an Academy education today. Volunteer. "Like" us on Facebook. "Retweet" us on Twitter. Submit content for our magazine. It's the little things that make a difference.

### MOVING?

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO  
THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE AT  
ALUMNI@HARRISBURGACADEMY.ORG.

# THE CLASS OF 2011



*From left (front): Leah Hirsch, Heather Carlino, Jeong Woo "Tony" Kim, Haolun Wei, Johnna Terrell, Elizabeth Farrell, Elizabeth DeKok, Alice Haouzi, Hannah Walborn, Davone Colbert; (middle): Rajat Joshi, John Bower, Alec "Chip" Dascani, Carly Scher, Max Taliaferro, Doug Caplan, Jonaton Isaksson, Philippe Coronado, Craig Warkoczeski, Garrett Linebaugh, Koo Min "Andy" Sohn; (back): Jeremy Anderson, Alexandra Savage, Thomas Rivera, James Wilson, David Wolpert, Eli Borwick, Peter Stone, Jason Lubold, Sam Foley, and Julianne Thompson. Not pictured: Jea Young Yi*

*Photo by Mike Barrett*