When people talk to me about how they love Marin Academy, they keep coming back to experiences that transcend the classroom. From meeting with award-winning photographers and authors at the Conference on Democracy this past fall to the collaboration of student actors and dancers that created the spring theater production, our students learn through doing. The depth and texture of learning at Marin Academy is created through experiential education.

When MA was founded, our commitment to experiential education was a brave choice. It flew in the face of conventional wisdom about learning and achievement. Now, more than 40 years later, collaboration and hands-on learning are seen as essential practices in schools. We are an innovative community: we question, we experiment, we create.

As we look to the future, what current innovations will support our long-standing commitment to communication and engagement? A group of teachers samples the newest educational technologies to discover what works best for our students and our school. Students work as citizen scientists to document global warming effects in the wild. Using Skype, students in an English class interview the authors of the texts they are reading.

Our campus has changed, but our values have not. The purpose of a Marin Academy education remains the same: to give students a wider, deeper, and more compassionate understanding of the world around them, and to give them the tools to make it a better place. That’s a vision we share—students, families, alumni, and friends—and we want to preserve and extend it to our next generations. Your help makes that possible. On behalf of the past, present, and future of Marin Academy, I thank you.

Warmly,

A. Travis Brownley, Head of School

PS: Don’t forget to keep in touch with me on my blog Heads and Tales (travisma.wordpress.com). And it’s a great way to see photos and hear stories about all the wonderful things that happen at MA everyday.
Headmaster’s Cup

On behalf of the faculty, Travis Brownley awarded Alberto Flores the 2013 Headmaster’s Cup, an award established in 1987 by Founding Board President James Thacher to honor the values of MA inspired by the school’s first headmaster, Bill McCluskey. According to faculty, staff, and his peers, Alberto led with his heart and his mind while at Marin Academy. He was a teacher and a mentor to many.

Julia Irwin: We’re a Family Like Any Other

Once, I sat with my cousins and my mother and my uncle outside a coffee shop. It was raining and it was going to rain. We sat outside on a bench and we looked like this. Both white, my mother and uncle Lee could have maybe passed for a couple. Then my sister and I, both adopted, both Asian, and very different. My cousin Wiley, adopted from Peru, a year older than me – big and dark-skinned, his sister Willa, a diminutive blonde. People walked by and wondered.

Once, my Auntie Anne, who has dedicated time to tracing the Irwin genealogy, showed us some old buildings in Seattle where my dad’s ancestors had lived and talked for hours about the family history. It was boring, and I wanted to say, “You didn’t know these people, so why should you care?”

Once, we went to China and visited my orphanage. There was an old woman who had worked there for a long time, and she hugged me and said my Chinese name that the orphanage had given me, Zhao Mei. My first name means plum blossom, which flowers around February, the month I was born in. And my last name is the one they gave to all the babies who were found the month I was found in. Later my mom said that the woman had loved me, and if I ever wanted to find my birth mother, I should start there. Sometimes I think I will go back and find her, but sometimes I want to say “you didn’t know these people, so why should you care?”

Once, on a train in Sweden, a couple friends of mine were discussing the pain of childbirth. “I could always adopt,” one said, lightly. “But that’s not the same,” the other replied, and the first agreed. Then both were horrified, realizing what they had said, or rather who they had said it in front of, and quickly amended, “No, no, of course it’s the same!” It was unsettling – not the sentiment, but that I understood it. I understand wanting a child that is genetically yours, and I know that adoption is rarely the first choice. It wasn’t for my parents... but look! I want to say, look how normal we are! Look how we are a family, how our imperfections make us perfect, how we fit together, how we make more sense as one, how we fight sometimes but always make amends. Look at the things we do for each other, and look at the things we don’t do but should, just like anyone else.

Look how silly we are: once my dad woke me up for school and I got dressed and packed up and made my lunch and we got in the car and I said, “Wait, it’s Saturday,” and then we went back to bed. Look how mean we can be: once my sister and I were fighting and she blew a raspberry in my face so I hit her, and it wasn’t hard, and it was the first time and the last because I didn’t even hurt her but I felt so bad. And once my sister was mad and ruined a nice meal out and I cried and she wrote me an apology note on the back of a coloring book page that made me cry again. Look how much we love each other: almost every night my mother rubs my back so that maybe I’ll sleep better, she yells at me when I return from practice with bruised shins, and my father is restrained in his affection but an awkward hair-tussle or pat on the back means so much to me.

We’re a family like any other; I don’t have my mother’s eyes or my father’s nose, but look! I have Dad’s oddball sense of humor and his logic. I have Mom’s appreciation of beauty and her strength. Look! Look is the refrain as if I’m trying to prove something, and I don’t know if I am proving anything or what I am proving or to whom I might be proving it. Maybe I am proving my family, or all families, or love, or nothing. And maybe I am proving it to the world, but most likely I am proving it to no one, but that’s alright, because I shouldn’t have to. Look: we are a family and we are all the same and different. There was a time when it all made sense to me.
A national and international honor society, Cum Laude recognizes scholastic achievement and excellence at the high school level. This year Patrick Flemming ’03 addressed the twenty inducted seniors.

Pictured: Gordon Mowery, Popes Andrews, Tess Dembro, Laya Felton, Jack Ferguson, Lucy Fleming, Dez Gallegos, Samuel Kam, August Lamer Offoogo, Patrick Little, Zachary Manner, Daniel McCann, Max Norman, Chase Porter, Michelle Rauramaier, Hayley Schwartz, Theodore St. Francis, Anne Warner, Bridgett Went, Samantha Tess Winston, Rachel Zimmerman, along with Head of School Travis Brownley and Academic Dean Scott Young.

And They’re Off...

Baylor University • Beloit College • Boston College • Bowdoin College (2) • Brown University • Bucknell University (2) • University of California at Berkeley (2) • University of California at Davis • University of California at Santa Barbara • Carleton College • Claremont McKenna College • University of Colorado at Boulder • University of Denver • Colorado College (2) • Connecticut College (2) • Cornell University • Dickinson College • Duke University • Elon University • The George Washington University (2) • Harvard College • Harvey Mudd College (2) • The Juilliard School • Kenyon College • Lewis & Clark College • Loyola Marymount University • Macalester College • Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2) • University of Miami • University of Michigan (2) • Middlebury College (2) • New York University • Northeastern University • Northwestern University (2) • Occidental College • University of Pennsylvania (2) • Pitzer College (2) • Pomona College (2) • Princeton University • Reed College • Rice University • University of Richmond • Sarah Lawrence College • Scripps College (2) • Seattle University • University of Southern California (7) • Southern Methodist University (2) • Stanford University (4) • Trinity College • Tufts University (4) • Tulane University (2) • Vanderbilt University • Vassar College (2) • University of Virginia • Washington University in St. Louis (2) • University of Washington • Wesleyan University (2) • Whitman College • Williams College (2) • Yale University (2)
Conference on Democracy

This year, Marin Academy welcomed three-time National Photographic Press Association Photographer of the Year and Emmy-winning filmmaker John Flesch and Pulitzer Prize Finalist and best-selling author Dave Phillips as our Thacher Lecturers during the Conference on Democracy. They discussed their work on the struggles of US veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan with the readjustment to life at home. Other special guests during the conference included Lance Williams, Senior Investigative Reporter for the California Watch; and Dan Hoyle, playwright and performer of The Real Americans and Tings Dey Happen.

As has been the tradition, many of the 2012 conference sessions were led by students. Liz Gottlieb’s AP Environmental Science class debated fracking; Pam Maffei’s American Government students presented on voter suppression and the 2012 election (with Myrna Perez from the Brennan Center for Justice); the MA Peace and Justice Club presented findings from the Marin Community Foundation’s report on economic inequality (with special guests from UC Berkeley, the Marin County School District, and local nonprofits); Pilar Gongora’s Spanish V/VI students explored gender, sexuality, and power in Latin America; and Mary Collie’s journalism students joined Deputy Director of Factcheck.org Eugene Kiely, for a conversation about election coverage.

Literary Festival

During our annual celebration of the written word, MA was proud to host the prolific Joyce Carol Oates. In addition, poet, novelist, journalist, critic, and columnist Luis Rodriguez was our special assembly speaker; Peter Bratt led a workshop on the art of screenwriting; and Angie Chau and Nina LaCour led students in workshops about creative fiction.

Other talented writers—including some of MA’s own celebrities—got involved as well: former English teacher Eugenie Chan helped students with their playwriting; Theater teacher Annie Elias led theater games for writers; Nicole Klaymoon held a spoken word workshop (and organized MA’s slam contest during the festival); David Sinskiko spoke about Shakespeare performance and deconstruction; Stephen Baldovi and Catrine Lomare taught the literature of the fantastic in France and Mexico; Derek Anderson organized our annual storytelling presentation; Chris Alexander presented soundtrack stories from his short story-eleven; and MA’s literary magazine Echoes offered a breakfast creative writing workshop. We were also thrilled to welcome back Laura Cogan ’99, editor of ZYZZYVA magazine, and Avery Morsen ’02, comedian and author/Illustrator of All My Friends Are Dead, among other hilarious books.

Alumni on Campus

The 2012-13 school year brought many alumni back to campus to share their experiences, talents and expertise with our community. The faculty and staff were treated to a Deign Thinking workshop by CG Barry ’98 during opening meetings. We enjoyed Literary Festival sessions with Laura Cogan ’99, Editor of ZYZZYVA, and a panel of writers that she works with, and Avery Morsen ’02, best known for authoring All My Friends are Dead. Marianne Moore ’04 joined us as a guest speaker for the Social Justice Special Assembly, and Patrick Flemming ’05 and Maxwell Hayman ’05 took the stage to speak to our 2013 graduates at the Cum Laude ceremony and the Graduation Luncheon, respectively.

In January we hosted the second annual Alumni Concert Special Assembly. This year’s lineup included Sturdyt Adams ’11, Chase Baldocchi ’08, Blyen Bliska ’10, Chloe Dalby ’08, Andrew Hoce ’11, Orion Letch ’09, Rebecca Mimika ’05, Tennessee Moore ’10, Skyly Nelson-Iaacks ’92, and Yang Weiz ’10. Many of our current students were also lucky enough to get to know many of our alumni while exploring our world beyond MA’s campus, thanks to their participation as adult leaders on our freshman orientation outings, Minicourses, and outings throughout the school year. This group of alumni includes: Julie Chase Baldocchi ’74, Patrick Ford ’02, Keiko Hamano ’05, Mikaia McKee ’08, Jim Reitzel ’85, Taylor Tan ’06, Lisa Tsujoouchi ’06, and Robin Wolthausen ’03.

As Travis mentioned at the party, what’s great about turning 40 is that we were able to gather in one place. We had alumni from the first graduating class, we had some of our first parents, and we had founding faculty and staff members. It was an amazing evening. Though 40 years ago, students wore different clothes, had different hair, and had different technology (or very little technology), today’s MA is remarkably similar in its emphasis on curiosity, compassion, and the ability to make the world a better place. Check out our Facebook page to see images from this special party, and our YouTube channel to watch our 40th anniversary video. And save the date for our 50th in 2023!
Brizendine Scholar Program

The Brizendine Visiting Scholars Program was established in June 2007 as an endowed fund to honor Marin Academy’s Head of School from 1995 to 2007, Bodie Brizendine. Its goal is to bring a university professor or other accomplished specialist to work with MA students and faculty members in order to enhance the community’s understanding of and appreciation for a particular field of study. The program rotates through the academic departments of the school, and is coordinated by Derek Anderson, Head Librarian and History Teacher.

This year, the Performing Arts Department welcomed a collection of fantastic artists and scholars, including Rebeca Mauléon, an internationally-acclaimed musician, bandleader, composer, Grammy-nominated producer, educator, author, and reviewer; Edgardo Cambon, who leads the salsa/Latin jazz band Candela as conga drummer and lead vocalist and teaches Afro-Cuban percussion and vocals; the Grammy-winning Turtle Island Quartet; Rennie Harris, a dancer, choreographer, artistic director and professor of hip-hop dance; playwrights and directors Eugenie Chan, Sara Houghteling, Rob Meilrose, Peter Nachtrieb ‘92, and Ken Prestininzi; Taiko Grandmaster Seichi Tanaka, and physically-integrated contemporary dance company and dance education organization Axis Dance Company.

BY MARY COLLIE
English Teacher and Girls Varsity Water Polo Assistant Coach

I believe that Google is going to run the world. It’s not because I use Gmail, Blogger, Chrome, Google maps, and more. It’s because the company gives its employees time to think and experiment. They have this amazing policy that encourages employees to use 20% of their time tinkering, playing, and creating. It was in this 20% time that Gmail was born. Google News, too. And let’s not forget AdSense, Google’s popular money-maker. No one was assigned to create these products; rather, the company gave its employees the space to be innovative.

Early Adopters

BY MARY COLLIE
English Teacher and Girls Varsity Water Polo Assistant Coach
MA's innovative space came in the spring of 2012 when Head of School Travis Brownley launched the Early Adopters program. The program, led by Academic Dean Scott Young, encouraged teachers to play, praised regular failures, and pushed risk-taking in a way never done before. The Early Adopters were given iPads, and a slew of technology to use in the classroom — everything from big screen TVs to iPads and MacBook Airs for their students. And it has been in this space that some of MA's most exciting teaching and learning has taken place.

For history teacher Pam Maffei, being an Early Adopter allowed her to create her own textbook for her Modern World History I class. For several years prior to the 2012-2013 school year, the MA I team patched together a set of readings which provided historical background for students in preparation for their research projects on China and Japan during the interwar period. Wanting to create a more permanent and substantial learning tool, Pam used iBooks Author to do just that. She scoured the MA library's databases to find readings that were both interesting and appropriate for the ninth graders. As she said, “This is always the heart of creating a course reader; iBooks Author doesn't eliminate that.” The result of her hard work was a 130-page text titled “China Project Textbook” that combined text, links, images, and videos. While the complete work was a bit lengthy for the ninth grade classroom, a 24-page selection was used last year with great success. For Maffei the value of her project was immense: she learned how to source, create, and distribute her own textbook, and have fun along the way.

Learning a new language is a difficult task. Learning a character based language is even harder. The rule of thumb is that three years of Mandarin equals one year of a Romance Language. It’s not that a Romance Language is easy; it’s that Mandarin, and all of its intricacies, is difficult to master. For Mandarin teacher Evelyn Tseng, adding some key supportive pieces of technology helped her students find success more regularly. “I created a few tutorial videos online to help students review or preview the lessons. The tutorial videos were mainly about sentence patterns and grammar … and I can see this as a super-useful tool for flipping the class in the future. I will be able to save the time in class for review and students can learn all these basics online.” Along with creating online lessons for her students, Evelyn also used her iPad to record students’ questions and conversations and play them back for the class. This allowed her students to really focus in on the tonal nuances of the language and improve their accuracy and performance. As the classes became more confident in their speaking skills, they were more willing to share the language with Chinese students some 250 miles away in Eureka. Thanks to Skype and Facetime, Evelyn’s class interacted and collaborated with native speakers from the St. Bernard School and worked on conversational activities aimed at recreating as realistic a Mandarin experience as possible. This new connection to the language gave Evelyn’s classes a greater appreciation for the sounds and complexities of Mandarin without ever having to leave campus.

When people talk about the skills of the future, they always throw around STEM and STEAM. It’s all about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. When a science teacher talks about the classroom of the future, he sees a space in which students have the skills to ask thoughtful questions and the tools to investigate their ideas. Physics teacher Jon Bretan has created such a space in his classroom with the use of cameras and the Vernier data collection iPad app: “Vernier has a wonderful VideoPhysics app that allows students to film and then assign points to objects and then graphically analyze position as a function of time (including first and second derivatives). The best part about this is that the iPad is a mobile device, so students can go anywhere on campus to record objects; everything is self contained for video recording and analysis. Furthermore, the data is shareable in a format that students can access on any machine that has Vernier’s Logger Pro software package.” Jon has been able to lead his students to see the concepts they have studied in the world outside of the classroom. In addition to Vernier, Jon used a host of other hands-on physics and astronomy apps to animate and create interactive versions of diagrams found in most science textbooks. No better way to bring physics and astronomy to life.

As the Early Adopter program heads into its second year, what does this all mean for the MA classroom? It certainly doesn’t mean we’re going to sacrifice quality and content for a fun gadget. We’re also not going to use technology simply because it’s there. Through the Early Adopter program, the teachers have been encouraged to think thoughtfully about using technology in the classroom and to grow unboundedly as educators. We have found new perspectives on old lessons, and been allowed to broaden our methods of lesson delivery and execution. It’s funny how tools and time can impact a teacher. How letting us play can positively impact our students’ lives. How giving us the space to be innovative can be the most powerful tool for meaningful change both in and out of the classroom.

### EARLY ADOPTERS 2012-2013

Bob Schleeter (Music) is looking at ways in which the iPad and a digital white board can better illustrate and help teach musical literacy. He’s also exploring new ways of teaching ear training and using standard music notation as a visual aid. Jamie Callie (English) is creating her own curricular and co-curricular student work portfolios as a way to manage her classes’ student work. His hope is that this resource will complement and supplement the existing curricular textbook. Nicole Jensen (Science) and Liz Gottlib (Science) are exploring the ways in which their classrooms can be truly paperless. From electronic submission to grading on the iPad, Nicole and Liz are going to bid ‘farewell’ to the copy machine and say ‘hello’ to cloud storage and digital portfolios as a way to manage their classroom work and progress.

Anayansi Aranda-Yee (Spanish) is converting 17 years of MA Spanish data (documents, digital images, videos, and paper portfolios) into a digital textbook for Spanish I. Trixie Saludando (English) is working to create digital portfolios with her students as a way to track writing development and improvement over a student’s entire MA education. As the English Department Chair, Ellie Titikeo is also looking to collect, store, and share teacher resources in a way that further encourages creative collaboration.

Bill Meyer (History) is looking at ways in which the History Department can develop a digital resource guide on writing center that houses guidelines, rubrics, models, and more to enhance the classroom experience. He’s also investigating ways to stream and archive both the Conference on Democracy and Literary Festival. David Sinalko (Performing Arts) is using the iPad as a digital hub for both classroom information and on-the-spot capture of curricular and co-curricular student work presented in the classroom and in rehearsal. Ellie Beyers (Science) is examining ways to flip the chemistry lab. She’s creating step-by-step problem solving videos to not only help students master the subject more completely, but also give students an additional method of instruction.
Alumni in the Sciences

Mary Gratiot ’94

For Genentech Finance Manager Mary Gratiot, ‘94, Marin Academy “had everything to do” with her choosing a career in science. “I’ve been drinking the ‘Genen-KoolAid’ ever since science teacher Mark Stefanski invited a couple of Genentech scientists into our classroom to teach us all about DNA-fingerprinting. It all seemed like science fiction and I couldn’t wait to get to college and then be a part of whatever Genentech was doing.”

Genentech, one of the world’s largest biotechnology companies, uses human genetic information to create, test, manufacture, and market medicines to treat patients with serious medical conditions. As a Finance Manager under Pharma Technical Biologics, Gratiot works to “arm [her] business partners with clear financial options so they can make good, well-informed decisions that will enable our organization to reinvest in cutting-edge research and improve the quality of life for our patients and their families.” Gratiot enjoys her work at Genentech: “Being a part of cutting-edge science, having the opportunity to travel the world, getting to work with exceptional people, and doing social good – these are the best parts of working in this field. It never gets boring.”

Gratiot is inspired by Genentech’s “mission to change the way we think about, we each had a chance to push our boundaries and try out things we never would otherwise.” Gratiot, like many of her colleagues in Finance at Genentech, started out with a degree in science and then later went to graduate school for a degree in business. “This is a great combination because having a science background enables us to keep the finance talk focused on reinvesting in science and keeping our patient’s best interest in mind.” For Gratiot, switching from Manufacturing/Quality to Finance was “a natural evolution” because at MA, she learned the importance of “looking at the same problems from multiple perspectives.” Twenty years after her graduation, Gratiot looks back at Marin Academy with appreciation: “It seems extraordinary to have been around so many talented people who were allowed and encouraged to be their best – whatever that might be.”

Gratiot believes that “teachers went out of their way to get to know us, support us, figure out what motivated us, expose us to different points of view, and then push us to do something.” And what advice does she have for today’s MA students? “I would encourage them to think critically and excel in whatever they were passionate about, we each had a chance to push our boundaries and try out things we never would otherwise.”

Seth Chanin ’05

Seth Chanin, ’05, works as the Restoration Program Manager at Save the Bay, the Bay Area’s largest organization dedicated to celebrating, protecting, and restoring the San Francisco Bay. Founded in 1961, Save the Bay works to engage local communities in the work of saving the bay; supporting policies that keep trash out of the Bay; challenging shoreline developments that would threaten Bay ecosystems; and mobilizing thousands of volunteers each year in hands-on wetlands restoration projects.

Where did Chanin’s commitment to environmental science begin? At MA, of course! “I was an AP Environmental Science class that I took at MA that first sparked my interest in this subject,” Chanin said, “which led me to pursue it in college and eventually, as a career.” But it was not just this class; it was also MA’s larger culture. “MA has always tried to get its students to appreciate environmental conservation and to spend time outside.” Chanin’s passion for the environment was also sparked by the Outings he did, including the Catalina Scuba Diving Minicourse led by John Hicks (who still takes students today), and as his participation on the Mountain Biking team. “I gained valuable leadership experience at MA, and I learned to communicate effectively, especially in my English and History classes,” Chanin said, “and I feel like I gained both the passion and the confidence I needed to do the work I’m doing now: educating and motivating others to protect the environment.”

As the Bay’s Restoration Program Manager, Chanin oversees the Community-based Wetland Restoration Program. He and his staff work with about 6,000 volunteers a year. Save the Bay’s community of volunteers does on-the-ground shoreline restoration projects, collecting the seeds of native plants, propagating them in two bayside nurseries, and then planting them in the important “transitions zones” between Bay water and the land. “Fostering new areas that buffer coastal communities against rising water levels, and serve as habitat for over 100 threatened and endangered species.”

Of the 6,000 volunteers who help restore the Bay each year, some 2,000 of them are students. The Restoration Education Program works with 5th-12th graders from communities near the Bay. Using the Bay as a classroom and laboratory, Save the Bay staff members teach about wetland ecosystems in the service of inspiring ecological stewardship and building community leadership. “I want to engender a sense of wonder in these students, to create a connection between them and the Bay that leads to curiosity about what they can do to protect it,” Chanin says, “and this program provides a hands-on way for kids to see what’s happening in the Bay and to think about their role in helping preserve its future.”

As an alum, Chanin has returned to MA to share his work with our community. In 2011, Chanin worked with Liz Gottlieb’s AP Environmental Science class to create a debate for the Conference on Democracy. “I wanted to see students engaged in the policy side of things,” he said, so he worked with Gottlieb to set up a debate about an issue that was in the news: a controversial Redwood City shoreline development plan. Representatives from both sides of the issue (land developers and environmentalists) debated each other about the environmental impact of the proposed development. “The audience was engaged,” Chanin said, “and I enjoyed seeing students interacting with professionals while discussing an issue that was relevant to them.” This is one way that Chanin has blended his work at Save the Bay, his passion for the environment, and his love for Marin Academy and the wonderful education it provided him.
2012-13 MA Athletics - Wildcat Year in Review

Congratulation to all of our MA student-athletes and coaches on another tremendous year in Wildcat Athletics! MA will always be a journey program over and end result program, as we strive to be a program that is more focused on the life lessons learned through competition above all else. And, we also love to celebrate those landmark end results that serve as reminders of our season-long experience. Thanks to the entire MA community for your continued support in our extensive athletic endeavors. We couldn’t do it without you!
Tori Cardinal Mendelson writes, “Hunt Conrad ‘74 and his wife joined me and my husband on a trip to Louisiana for the Festival International de Louisiane. Julie Chase had flown ‘76 and her husband, Doreen, were supposed to go with us, too, but Julie managed to destroy her knee skiing just before their trip. Instead of riding out with us, Julie spent the time getting knee surgery. I’m so lucky to still ride with so many of the people I went to MA with.”

Hunt with wife, Kaaren, on the bayous of Louisiana.

Ellen Haller ’76 writes, “I’m happy to share that I just completed the AIDS/LifeCycle bike ride from SF to LA, a seven-day event that raised that amount of $14.2 million! An amazing experience; I thoroughly enjoyed riding an average of 80 mi/day along with 2200 other cyclists. Professionally, I’ve just begun a new position at UCSF as the Medical Director of Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital & Clinics and am continuing as the Co-Director of the LGBT Psychiatry Clinic. My son is on the varsity Tennis Team at University High School and recently in beating MA this past season. Mixkeledus on my part...” Ellen at the finish of the AIDS/LifeCycle Ride with wife, Juanae Engel.

Corrie McCluskey ’76 graduated in May 2013 from San Francisco State University, with an MA in English, concentration in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and Certificate in Immigrant Literacies. She teaches ESL literacy to adult immigrant learners at Canal Alliance in San Rafael, and tutors ESL in Santa Rosa. Bill & Debraj McCluskey (parents), Corrie, and her daughter Erin Griffin.

1974
Megan McCluskey Ralph writes, “Four years ago, I moved to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada just southwest of Yosemite National Park, when my husband retired. I’m still employed at full-time work, working remotely as a Business Systems Manager for a security alarm company headquartered in the Bay Area. We live on a 128 acre ranch in the oak savanna, six miles from the nearest paved road, which is closer to paradise so I could possibly imagine, although it does get a wee bit warm in the summer. When not at work, I spend time in the garden, do other ranch type chores and help out property and the surrounding area with my camera at hand. I have a strong interest in photography, which grew when I realized how much I wanted to share the almost daily delights and joy I find living in this beautiful area. My photo website is: www.crgrayhorse.com. I also volunteer as the Secretary of the Local Audubon Society, updating our site and editing the newsletter.” Pyramid Rice just started his 36th year of being taught by middle school students, and his 31st year in Minneapolis. “Teaching ninth graders is about as good as it gets. My son, a musician & writer, has boomeranged and returned home. My daughter is now married and working on finishing her degree in painting. Special thanks to my MA teachers & classmates who helped get me pointed in this direction. Enjoying the journey…” Leslie Shelton Tognazzini says, “It was very fun at Sweatsweater seeing some old faces from 1974 and we had seven from our class, so that’s a 36% participation rate...which is impressive after all this time! Julie Curran Calder, Hunt Conrad, Tom Drohan, Hillary Lang Greenbaum, Pam McDonald Sorensen, Byron Rice, and I were all at Sweatsweater listening to great music and mingling with the later classes. I had a nice lunch with Carmen Elizalde Pence Katz when back, but I haven’t heard from anyone else from our year. Wondering all of where you are?”

1975
Maria White Southworth writes, “Thanks to Peter Tempol ‘76 and MA for organizing the pyfit bash at Sweatsweater Music Hall; M&K calling for the classes of the ’70s,... the perfect venue for getting reacquainted with classmates from those magical early years. Highlights of the weekend: sharing tea and cake with Peter and his mom, former French teacher Danuta Tempol, and Lucia Sedwick Cluster. Dana, 92 years old, still exudes the warmth and special love that made her Finger’s Up! But sweeter than cake, connecting with friends who knew me when I was a mere freckled-faced red head thinking I was brave to be the first girl to run on the boys cross country team! Thanks to all who knew me when...you know who you are?” Darby Grassen Sutherland writes, “I am married to Bruce Sutherland, President, Landmark Produce Co. My daughter Lauren (14) is the joy of my life. She is a Juvenile Diabetic with Cellia’s, so we have been through much medical education and challenges in the last six years in regards to the her special diet...” Lisa de Vita says, “I first went to MA in 1975 and lived in San Francisco with my husband (18 years of marriage!) and two children (13 and 7 years old) where we play in the thick of the urban mix and watch the rapidly changing face of the City. I work part time at our architectural design practice as a family physician with Sutter, and have joined NewGen Surgical, which is developing sustainably designed surgical products for the healthcare industry.” Lynne Moss Murphy is still enjoying life in Santa Cruz as a financial advisor. She writes, “My husband Gary and I will be celebrating our 31st anniversary in August, and are enjoying our kids and grandchildren. Life is good!”

1976
Lisa Kent says, “I’m still in San Francisco working as an RN in a HIV clinic. I have a fantastic 14-year old son who goes to Drew. In my spare time I do fire dancing. I’m probably the only female fire dancer in California. I’m also a female fire dancer in Canada, with a number of other fellow females all years at MA and grateful for the yen to learn that it gave me.…” A big thank you to Peter Tempel ‘76 for all the time and thought he put into planning the Classes of the ’70s reunion at Sweatsweater on April 20, 2013 to celebrate MA’s 40th!”

1977
Cynthia Andersen ’72 says, “My sons and I visited Charles Watson and his wife just and family in Cambridg, England on our way to visit my brother Keith Anderson in Switzerland last summer. Cynthia is working as a fisheries biologist in Humboldt County, CA and can’t wait to move somewhere warmer next year when her young son goes to college. “How to see so many people at MA’s 40th bash earlier this year: Cynthia and her boys in London in 2013.”

1978
Susan Blair reports that she spends her time hiking, running, gardening, and reading in San Anselmo. She loves her job as a teacher/librarian in the San Francisco Unified School District and loves the summers off. “Great to see so many faces at the reunion.”

1979
Amy Stevens Cherry writes, “Mainly I’m wondering what I want to be when I grow up - other than what I am now? A librarian working in the Juvenile Justice field. I loved running into Molly Noble ‘77 and former theater teacher Phoebe Moyer recently, in line to attend a Shakespeare performance in San Quentin. I bring in Shakespeare classes for my youth in the Juvenile Hall. While I love what I do, the adults can be tedious to say the least! I spent the summer traveling with my dog Hugh on the East Coast, volting lots of courses, auctions, and family.”

Karen Wise shares the project that she’s been working on for the past seven years... http://soa.li/izH77WU

1980
Lynne Becklund writes, “I recently left my medical practice as a family physician with Sutter, and have joined Kaiser in Santa Rosa. I’m looking forward to enjoying well-organized medical care in the face of the upcoming changes that we all will experience as “Obamacare” rolls out. Life is good: one fiancé, two step-sons, two cats, six horses, and lots and lots of extended family keep me busy and happy!”

1981
Jamie Bell says, “In the spring, our four of graduate from high school – started school at Michigan State this fall.”

1982
Cybele Harris Botrán is married and homeschooling three teens and lives in Miami. Rob Chase writes, “Thomas was elected a fellow of you who showed up for the 30 year reunion in 2010. I hope you stayed long enough to see Chang’s. We had a blast but missed our fellow classmates that couldn’t come. I am living in Greenbrae and busy raising three boys: Jonathan 14, James 10, and Oliver 4. I am also working at a new San Rafael company, NewGen Surgical, which is developing sustainably designed surgical products for the healthcare industry.” Cynthia Anderson ’82 says, “My sons and I visited Charles Watson and his wife just and family in Cambridg, England on our way to visit my brother Keith Anderson in Switzerland last summer. Cynthia is working as a fisheries biologist in Humboldt County, CA and can’t wait to move somewhere warmer next year when her young son goes to college. “How to see so many people at MA’s 40th bash earlier this year: Cynthia and her sons in London in 2013.”

Daniel Davidson ’79 is living in Miami Beach with his lovely girlfriend in a red 1930’s Art Deco synagouge that he converted into the largest single family residence in South Beach (Champlain condo) and commercial event space where they do events such as product launches, media announcements, feature films, TV spots, and corporate events, he says, “We now have a commercial license as a hotel/breakfast/hotel for 500 people. We just hosted One Direction, the music group from London. It’s lots of fun, meeting great people. Let me know when you are in Miami Beach!” Daniel Davidson and girlfriend, Ailin, with One Direction (left) and The Temple House (above)
1983 Ashley Griffin Frazer writes, “Hi MA! My husband, Matthew, and I have been in Hawaii for 8+ years, which is more than halfway though the time we planned to stay here. Also, at my Midlife child’s preschool in Encinitas, CA, I was approached by another mom whom I had not met yet. She asked me if I had gone to Marin Academy. I said, ‘Yes,’ she said, ‘Wow, you must be really smart, because everyone I meet who has gone there is really smart.’” // Will Noble is still living in San Francisco with his wife and two children, Charlotte (10) and Victor (6). I am currently working in the Petone region of New Zealand, and I’m collaborating with the local government and the council to help provide mental health and training classes for Grimm school classmates on a new start up food business. During the last two years I have caught up with old classmates from St Mary’s College, Kate Redwine and Ali Sebastian in Berlin, Reza Azar. // A big thank you to Denise Morris Kipnis for picking up class notes for this issue of the Nexus.

1984 Richard Clements is the proud father of an 11-year-old girl, Cooper. “She is currently at Saint Mary’s in San Rafael as a junior, and I am hoping it is a feeder school into Marin Academy. We still have two years left here, but if the opportunity presents itself at some point, we may have issues. I run a little financial services consulting company two blocks from MA – I drive by it every day with fond memories with the Bank of England, the European Central Bank. It is a bank of being credit crisis stuff so I won’t bore you with that. I will be posting photos of my travels on my website soon – can’t compare to Dana’s, but who can really?” // Tracy Grant writes, “My daughter, Melina, is now two years old. She is incredibly cooperative about my writing. I continue to write my series of Malcolm & Suzanne Barron historical mysteries set around the Napoleonic Wars. In April, Melina helped me sign copies of my latest book, the paperback version of To The Downfall of Evil! which I’ve been working on for the last five years now and it is amazing. After 21 years in banking, I am now working in my dream job as an Ag Lender at Rabobank in Napa (winery & vineyard financing mostly!). This is our dream life and we are truly blessed!”

1985 Samantha Foster writes, “Having lived most of my life in Marin, I never thought any place could be better, but Sonoma County definitely is! Been living with my husband and son, Evan, on six acres in Petaluma surrounded by vineyards for over two a half years now and it is amazing. After 25+ years in banking, I am now working in my dream job as an Lender at Rabobank in Napa (wine & vineyard financing mostly!). This is our dream life and we are truly blessed!”

1986 Kristen Kelly Colombo writes, “Over the summer I took a lovely vacation to Fuerteventura, Spain and had the good fortune of visiting with a couple other ’86 alumns. My whole family took a duck tour with Pato Loco aka Neil Lane. He was fantastic; he performed a side splittingly hilarious routine. We were all very much exhausted from laughter afterward. I highly recommend you all jump in his boat should you find yourself in Salt Lake. Later that week I spent a beautiful sunny day pool side with Rachel and her darling, almost five-year-old, Gracie. My little girls, live now, and Gracie had fun playing and swimming together while Rachel and I caught up. It was a wonderful day by the pool and we will become lifelong friends as well. Cheers to all!” // Steve Washburn says, “I currently live in Seattle with my wife and our 11 month old son. We are both community college counselors and my campus is CC with Adult Education. My hobbies include (but not limited to) making candles out of ear wax, eating, cooking dog’s third novel, starting my own cult, documenting my extensive collection of marijuana soups, and writing a symphony played entirely on kazoo’s for clinically depressed ferrets.”

1987 Adam Greenberg is enjoying life in NYC with his wife, Michelle, where he works in investment banking focused on the media and entertainment industry. // Heather Langssy is currently running her own freelance photography business. In March, I started working as a marketing strategist for an engineering company in Santa Rosa. When not working, Heather still swims competitively and practices with a Masters swim team in the Marin Academy pool! // Brianna Buss McCarthy is still living in Northern Idaho. We had a wonderful trip to Europe in March when I visited my husband’s restaurant, Meltz Extreme Grilled Cheese. The restaurant has been open one year and was our first place in a national grill cheese contest with my long time boyfriend, Jeff. His help continues to be invaluable. // Stephen Morse writes, “Exacting times for the Morse family in 2013, setting down into a new home in Homestead Valley. Our daughter Kati turned 18 this month with a brother in November, and I have just taken a job up with a global tech company Box.com.” // A big thank you to Bronson Fox for signing as Class Rep and for putting so much time and energy into planning the Class of 2083 reunion! //

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1990 Monica Kineti Antoniadis gave birth to second child (a boy namedAFX) in May 2013 in Dubai, after six years, moved to Vienna, Austria. // Kirsten Stromborg says, “Hello All! I am an artist living in Italy teaching painting, mixed media, and contemporary art at Syracuse University. I’ve recently been colliding of the SU art department which has been a wonderful opportunity to help students research and question the connections between the lineages of art developed in Italy with contemporary art discourse and practice. I participated in several shows last year, the highlight of which was called Post-Electronica: A Tribute to Giacomo Matteotti which was an amazing collection of artists. I also participated in a series of work touching on the fear of nothings and silence in contemporary society through interventions on the stock quota sections in the Financial Times newspaper. I have a six-year-old son named Kai Santiago Rofelt and just gave birth to another boy named Liam Jackson Rofelt.”

1992 Rana Barar writes, “The study that I direct at UCSF called the Turnaround Study is recently, featured in the NY Times Magazine. The coverage was very exciting! You can read more about it here: http://nytimes.com. I also had our 10 year old daughter, Vesta (still a MA kid), call her 10th City Council community and am the Director of Adult Education. My hobbies include (but not limited to) making candles out of ear wax, eating dog’s third novel, starting my own cult, documenting my extensive collection of marijuana soups, and writing a symphony played entirely on kazoo’s for clinically depressed ferrets.”
We had a wonderful time celebrating with you! Marin Academy's 40th Anniversary bash at Bimbo's 365 Club!

Allyson Garro ’94

Taken at Austin's Inaugural Coquette! Beautifying Austin, celebrated my third year of Holyoke, MA, to the Bay Area to see summer my wife, Brita, daughter, Caliandra, and I flew from our abode in writes, “Over the I also do some environmental consulting. One fun project is hosting and

Jacoba Charles Francisco Film Society. Cyrus is blessed to have many Marin Academy

Mike Wheeler says, “It’s been a terrific year for the Wiesen family doing great and enjoyed reconnecting with members of the class of ’92 last year and Sky participated in the second annual alumni concert. Sky and Dana have been in contact with a number of ’92 alumni as a result of the reunion. Tenaya Lafore through various Occupy SF protests. He has also

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Dana and Eliana recently spent a summer day in the park with

Vanessa (mom of Elsa, 2) and her husband, Mark, is managing a pharmacy in suburban Los Angeles where my husband, Nick, is continuing his neurology residency at UCLA, while I have been busy starting a palliative care program at Harbor UCLA. Little Richard Knox, now two-years-old, is quite happy

Zack Tolson writes, “Here is my

Jane, on June 1, 2013. Her family is still living in San Francisco. She

husband, Bryan, son Cody, and NEW baby girl Madelyn (named after the Americanist and maternal grandmother of our president, Harry S. Truman). I met up with Rachel Young ’94, her husband Doris, and daughter, Aviva, at the Exposition Tower and saw Ben Horovitz with his wife, Christy, at Cali’s birthday party where a trip to Beijing also took place. They also keep in touch with Laura Portobello, who is the next book in Tofa Borregard’s “49—that is to say, Gai Carriger’s—latest series is due out in a few months. I can’t wait!”

1996 Dan Cooper writes, “I recently completed two years of

working as an occupational therapist for the Lion’s Club in Harlem.

Sydney Applegate ’96 writes, “Highlights: Being working at Kate Spade New York as a production designer in the creative marketing department for almost two years and am enjoying every moment of it. Get engaged at sunset under a double rainbow (WHAT DOES IT MEAN???) on Hanukkah in Kauai to the man of my dreams, Daryl Lang, and we will be making it official with family and friends in late early November in Brooklyn. Our 2 cats approve. —another Marlen Oblock wife to my marriage of home. I’m one happy camper!”

Thank you to all the members who joined us on April 20 for Marin Academy’s 60th Anniversary bash at Bimber’s 36 Club.

We had a wonderful time celebrating with you!
update. Married in November 2011 to Catherine Christian, currently working for Goldman Sachs in New York. In June 2013, birth of first child Jacob Ely Horlock was born on May 5, 2013.** Elle Argilla Vargas says, “I’m still living and working in the East Bay. Baby Soloman’s first birthday was full-figured toddlerhood which keeps me hip on my toes. Cor Despota and I got our families together earlier this year for a playdate at the Oakland Zoo - so much fun to see MA classmates at all grow up to small persons. A great personal and spiritual practice in Berkeley, which I’m excited about. I still love acupuncture and massage therapy. Comit Nonnembach writes, “Life roles have changed; working in Stockholm...and we are now one more. Our Isabel, who is now three, got a little brother on April 27 when Henny joined us not so quietly. We are all happy and healthy. We have had a phenom on the Brood.”

**Nick Knudsen ’98**

Joy Zimmerman Walker

Jelly Belly Factory and Mrs. Grossman’s Sticker factory—riveting, I know! I am grateful (most of the time) to be able to stay at home with the kids, filling life with different adventures — over the summer we made a visit to the Jilly Baby Feely and Mrs. Grossman’s sticker factory-reeviting, I know. My husband and I will be married 10 years in January, which is really hard for me to believe.”

**1997**

Max Baumhefner reports that he “relatively got married. Still an attorney at the natural resource defense council and loving it.” Danielle Colombo writes, “Just wrapped up working as an Associate Director on the Reality TV film Ping Pong Summer, brought me to set last October for filming in Ocean City, Maryland. I focused on casting of the adult leads and ran the legal arm of the film. It is set in 1995 during a family’s summer vacation and centers around a boy obsessed with ping pong and early Hip-Hop. The Michael Puffy picture stars Susan Sarandon, Les Thompson, John Hawnaa, Amy Sedaris, Judah Friedlander and Robert Longstreet. I look forward to its theatrical release so please, please, please, if anyone has plans to visit the North Country don’t hesitate to drop us a line or crash in our guest room. We would love some visitors from the days of old. We will spend your days be long upon this earth.”

**A big thank you to Anna Lane Heyman for serving as Class Rep and recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus.**

**1999**

Joanne Lukeb Eckes writes, “After almost nine years of living in Los Angeles, my husband and I plan on moving back up to Marin in 2014. As I continue to pursue a career in acting, I also serve as the Program Director for a non-profit theatre company in downtown LA, and work as a teaching artist for NYC Arts. My husband, Britt, and I were very excited to welcome our first baby in mid-July.”

On May 16, 2013 Dallon Gillerson and his wife Jennifer Song had their first child, Dexter Grant Gillerson. Dexter weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 22.5 inches long at birth. Andrew Haase writes, “I’ve finished my first documentary, Edible City www.ediblecity.com, which just premiered at Sundance and is being shown around the country and the world in community-organized screenings events.”

Zack Scott and I write Carla Hall welcomed in her child Stephen Scott, class of 39, on an agency of Business Development and a producer. We are based in San Francisco and I was able to check our new daughter in September. I recently made the move back to Marin and I am so excited for Joanne Lukeb Eckes to move here as well so our little kids can play together!”

**2000**

Lily Allen-Hughes lives in San Francisco. She recently got married, took a leave of absence from her job, traveled the world on her honeymoon, and a master’s in education. She has returned to the classroom and currently teaches third grade at the Country School. She got married to her darling love, Jeremy, and is happy as a clam. Elizabeth Offen-Brown Klein married me, I am now called Jeremy Klein on May 26, 2013. The groom’s brother Jonathan Klein ’02 was the best man, and J.P. Dobrin took the wedding photos. Christian Rogers writes, “My wife, Kate, and I moved to San Paolo Brazil all at the end of February and I am working in the Credit Suisse Sao Paulo office now. It was hard to leave San Francisco after two and a half great years.”

Ruby Roth just released her third children’s book It’s ok for Viv. Check it out www.BobbieKate.com/www.EdibleCity.com/ Leaann Trang is still living life under the Spanish sun. Her recent film Travel Concierge business is taking off and she would love to hear from you (leaann@byleaann.com) and help you plan your business or pleasure travels!”

Outside of work, she continues to spend as much time as she can in the outdoors: running, mountain biking, caving, kayaking, climbing, mountaineering, and her latest sport, speliboarding. She is currently in the midst of creating a blog to chronicle and photograph the ancient and adventures in our SF adventures with other like-minded women. Over the summer, Lauren traveled to the Alps to attempt to reach the summit of Mont Blanc with the highest peak in the EU. She misses everyone at MA and promises to visit when she is back in the states!”

Taj Wilson was working at the White House for the last two years, along with Sarah Fenn ’94, but moved back to the Bay Area this summer. Give her a shout if you’re around.”

**A full production of David Samas’ first opera The Green Wood, for invented instruments, premiered this year while he was the final artist-in-residence at Sternwell Studios in San Francisco. In addition to being the co-founder of the Tangerine Teale Ants, an SF avant-music theatre concert series, David has been the creator of Composers in Performance (2007-2011)—an organization that he successfully plays with Pat the Tiger, an invented collective, and is writing his first symphony for the Thingamajigs Festival this fall: David Samas playing a dendrophone—riveting, I know! David Samas’ opera...”

**Anna Lane**

Maya devi90 “became Dr. deVries when she graduated from UC Berkeley with her PhD in Integrative Biology! She now is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, but is excited to start a new fellowship at Scripps Institution of Oceanography this fall. She also got her MRs, when she married her grad school beau, Daniel Tornabell. She was so thrilled to have Josephine Bigman Brassey, Ileana Mendez-Peñate, Iveli Vrabcheva, Bernidet Keil Celia, and Keeley Valentino Hogan by her side!”

**Carl Gould ’00**

writes, “I’m living and working in Folsom, right at the base of the Sierra foothills. Our kids are growing up fast! Ryan is seven and Ella is five, they keep me on my toes and my wife Stacy busy! The business I was involved in starting 15 years ago is going strong. We spent our summer camping as much as possible.”

Bob Straka ’80 breaks into his foot in the beautiful Trinity Alps fighting off a pack of wild Kodiak Grizzly bears. He reports that he is “trading safely and enjoyed the summer in a much more sedentary style than I’ve used to! But I’m borrowing a rawr scooter from a friend andZipping around town, crutches in toe! Aside from being an infantryman, I’m living in Santa Cruz...working at an investment firm...profit and occasionally run into Kevin Johnson when he visits my office...Very Important Business Meetings.”
Rachel Adam was married to Caison Rogers in Sturbridge, CT on September 7, 2013. She reports that Megan Clark was the best maid of honor ever. // Alison Cook has moved back to Marin in the last year and is learning her family's Property Management business. She enjoys biking along the trails in southern Marin. // Jessie Feller married Dave nanh at San Francisco City hall on June 14. She is now Jessie Feller Hahn, in attendance at her wedding reception in the Presidio were many MA alums including: Jill Schneider, Whitney Selfridge, Justyn Belfort, Amanda Ingram, Matt Lewis, Josh Chemer, Sophie Harris, Dave Heman, Ryan Haworth, Rachel Pike ’02, MayaCraig’02, and Alex Eckhart. Jessie works as the Managing Director of Meeting of the Minds and lives in San Francisco in the Outer Richmond district. She also teaches modern dance in Mill Valley at ReCo. // Bryan Jacob and his family just moved to Carte Modera. They have the twin two-year-old daughters (Ella), and a bay due in December. Bryan still works in San Francisco and enjoys early morning family commutes. // Matt Lewis writes, “My wife Jessica gave birth to our son Jack on May 27! His first two big parties, both in June, were the weddings of Jessie Feller Hahn and Dave Herman!” // Preston McCaideall and his wife Lara recently moved back to San Francisco after Preston completed his MBA at UCLA Anderson. Lara continues to work for Pandera Media and Preston joined PwC in their MBA advisory group. Preston also recently joined Marin Academy’s Board of Trustees. // Kelly Morgen just arrived from the Czech Republic, where one of her nieces was accepted into the Alfrd Mucha Museum in Prague! Her company, Kelly Morgen Jewelry celebrates its 8th anniversary later this year, which will be commemorated with an article in the renowned Ornament magazine. www.kellymorgen.com // Ryan Spies was recently promoted to the Corporate Sustainability Office of Eastman Chemical where he focuses on his passion: helping the environment and increasing social good. // Alex Stern is working at a non-profit organization in the North Bay called 10,000 Degrees, which provides access to higher education for first generation students. “I also got married in November to Jessica Cohen, who is a 3rd grade teacher.”

Carrie Stefanfski Huisman writes, “I’m currently living in lovely Washington, DC with my wacky husband. I work as a Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist at Freedoom House, where I provide technical support on designing and measuring the impact of human rights and good governance programming around the world. It’s fascinating and I couldn’t be happier!” // Pepper Nevin (who goes by Richard these days) was engaged to his fiancé, Chantel Rush, at Stinson Beach in May. The two moved to Boston over the summer where Chantel is attending Harvard Business School. Richard continues to work at Webber Shandwick, a marketing and communications agency, out of their Boston office. // Anna Rappaport left her job as a trainer at Partners in Health in Boston to spent the summer perfecting her Spanish, volunteering in medical clinics, and having fun in Central America before diving into a master’s in nursing at Yale in August. // Jeanne-Marie Sinnott writes, “I had fun celebrating Alex Schuble’s wedding last year and will be having my own this coming fall!” // Erika Woolsey has been in Australia for seven years working on the Great Barrier Reef since she completed her PhD in marine biology and ecology, she plans to return to the Bay Area. // A big thank you to Aaron Mandel for serving as Class Rep and recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus.

Jasony Brown writes, “I’ve had a fairly full plate since the last time I sent an update. After temping for a few years after college, I now work at my temp agency as Recruitment Coordinator. It’s a steady job, but I’m exploring other opportunities that I joined a music group at the beginning of last year. We’re called Antique Naked Soul, and we’re a retro/R&B hip hop cappella group. Since the group’s formation, we’ve played all over the Bay Area, and we’ve opened for the likes of Les Nubians, Talib Kweli, and Yemi Biddy (formerly known as Missy E). We were also nominated for an Oakland Mercury prize this year. Our album (untitled right now) is scheduled to be released in October. Overall, I’ve just been keeping busy! I’ve run a few 5K’s, randomly saw Brandon Nicholson ’01 who is doing well and I also recently shared my semi-annual birthday celebration with Leslie Beach ’04 who is also doing well. I’ve stayed in touch with a few people from our class, lots of positive changes and developments in our lives. I hope everyone’s been treated well over the last 10 years! Looking forward to hearing what my former classmates have been up to.” // Alison Carney writes, “I am currently working in Burbank, CA, doing consult work for an international sport and development NGO. I finished my master’s in Gender and Development at the University of Sussex in the UK last year and have been doing consult and research work on using sports to work on issues of gender and social inequality in development work. Hope that I can find a way to be back in California for the reunion!” // Lee Cerre is the Designer and Art Director at Everlane, an online only fashion start-up based in San Francisco and Los Angeles. “I now live in a cottage on a hill in Echo Park, Los Angeles. Relocated from NYC in September 2012.” // Arthur Chan travelled to Spain, Greece, and Turkey before moving to LA last fall. He says, “I am now working at a law firm at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where I focus on transactions for our entertainment and startup clients.” // Ryan Drake writes, “I have been directing, producing, and acting in an independent film for the past four years. It is almost done now, and might be set out as soon as the fall. Parts of it were filmed at MA! It is called Messing High, so look out for it. I’m living in LA and acting in a production of King Henry IV Part 1. Alumni in the south land, look me up.” // After five years in Shanghai, Emily Elot moved to Sydney at the end of 2012 and is now living at the beach, commuting by ferry, and running several large social media accounts at the Nexus!!
One Green Bean, one of Australia's top public relations/social agencies couldn’t support! // Brett Foreman shares that he and Daniel Sherman were in the same class in Berkeley and held a fierce rivalry as teams Venezuela and UAE in an OPEC simulation at one of our trivia nights. Given our shared bond from the door of a soccer field, we couldn’t keep the cart together in the end. // Ezra Fox works in SF, making TV commercials about time travel and adorable children curing cancer. He enjoys advising with partner in crime Sarah Jerebok and is always looking for sandwich recommendations. // Sarah Janoff writes, ‘I am still living in New York City and graduated last year with an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work. I am now working as a clinical social worker for a child welfare agency where I primarily work with children and adolescents in foster care systems. I recently got engaged and am getting married in Mill Valley in the fall of 2014! ’ // Sarah Jerebok is enjoying life in San Francisco with her fiancé Ross Porter whom she met at the University of Pennsylvania. As an aspiring M.F.A for film and TV at the U of PA and a professional wedding guest. This, of course, is in addition to her other job as an attorney representing and defending immigrants at a small immigration law firm in Oakland. // Daniel Lewis, Patrick Flemming, and Daniel Sherman ran into MA science teacher John Hicks while SCUBA-diving in Monterey Bay. Their previous dive to Monterey together had been while at MA, and it was led by John! // Lindsay Meisel is living with her sister Lauren Meisel ’03 in San Francisco. ’I’m making a custom digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to do custom digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to develop digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to develop digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to develop digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to develop digital interactive projects. Our employees travel all across the country and the world to develop digital interactive projects. ’ // A big thank you to Michelle Mills Horchow and Sarah Jerebok for recruiting Class of 2005!Please look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, November 29! 
anythings in February and recently opened an office in downtown LA.  // Briana Selhorst moved back to the Bay Area in June after graduating with her MBA from Harvard Business School. In August, she began working as a strategy manager at eBay Inc. // This fall, Amy Strauss bid farewell to NYC and started graduate school at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst in their Organismic and Evolutionary Biology program. // A big thank you to Rachel Wolf for serving as Class Rep and for recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus. //

Cohorts:  // A big thank you to Paulina Temple, "Hi Marin Academy! I've missed you! I've been living in LA for the past seven years and have established my own holistic Health Coaching business down here. I am also finishing my master's in integrative nutrition at the end of the month. I love what I do and am looking forward to moving back to the Bay Area as soon as my boyfriend finishes his PhD in chemistry. I am hoping to get back to the Bay and introduce my brand in the 415. // A big thank you to Lila Tsubouchi for serving as Class Rep and for recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus.

2007  // Hallie von Ammon is still in New York at Ralph Lauren in the PR department doing all things celebrity. "What little time I have left away from work is spent walking my dog, decorating friends' apartments, practicing piano, coming back to the Bay Area to visit friends, and of course, checking out San Francisco spots in between. " // Dylan Hadfield-Menell graduated from MIT in 2006 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and began working toward a PhD in Computer Science at UC Berkeley the same year. He spent his summer taking a break from research and working at a summer camp. "I went to look up fancy words like "myriad" to try to impress my peers. Taylor spent his days giving tours of the Thea Chocolate factory while spending all of his other time teaching kids at the Seattle Children's Theatre, graphic designing for Seattle Sketchfest, performing as a member of Iness_stocks comedy, and watching a lot of TV. // Dan Griffo lives in Cambridge, MA where he works as an Analyst for boutique investment bank micro-vc fund Progress Partners. Dan's work centers around capital raising, SaaS, and big data in the clean tech/energy space. Dan regularly books Ben Denton-Schneider in their weekly pick-up basketball games. // Wyatt Hayman writes, "I am the Product Manager for vacatia.com, an online marketplace for timeshare resale and rental which launched in June and is based in San Francisco. Our mission is to create credibility, transparency and efficiency for the timeshare industry. I hope to be living in San Francisco by the time you are reading this." // Nick Kraus finished TFA in New York and recently moved to Denver to get in touch with his inner snowboarder and 7th grade math. Heifer if you're planning on heading to the Rockies anytime in the near future. // Kyle Lemie graduated from Brown University in 2011, a highlight being his thesis research in lithuan on traditional environmental knowledge and community forestry. As a Princeton in Asia fellow Kyle is now living in Bangalore, India where he works for an international NGO called RECOFTC. - The Center for People and Forests. // Julia Leonard writes, "I started graduate school at MIT in brain and cognitive sciences that fall and traveled to Japan over the summer. Shout out to MA science teacher Mark Stefanaki and former Marin Academy teacher Hidetaka Akashi - my intern before I left!" // Alex Nourrahman is a second year student at Vanderbilt Law School. Following her first year of law school, Alex worked for the ACLU at a legal and legislative policy analyst. Alex also spent time during the summer co-authoring a paper on the future of the marriage equality movement with a visiting Yale Law Professor, scheduled for publication in early 2014. // Eva Orbuch writes, "After graduating from Stanford in 2011 I went to a BA in Urban Studies, I joined Teach For America and taught 8th grade English/social studies in San Jose. It was a fascinating and challenging position, and made me appreciate the incredible teachers of Marin Academy, as well as shedding light on the extreme inequities in our country's education system. I've recently finished the teaching job, and am whole-heartedly jumping into developing a variety of my interests, including world travel!" // Jimmy Singer writes, "After two years teaching at a KIPP primary school in New Orleans through Teach For America, I am in the process of a slow move back to the Bay Area via South and Southeast Asia." // After graduating from Stanford with a bachelor's degree in international relations and a master's degree in sociology, Ari Weiss joined Teach For America as a corps member in 2012. Ari spent her first year of TFA teaching first grade at Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School in San Jose, and will continue at Cornerstone teaching fourth grade in 2013-2014. Ari currently lives in San Francisco and spent the summer working for an education technology startup. // A big thank you to Jason Lee for serving as Class Rep and for recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus.

2008  // Dylan Hadfield-Menell graduated from MIT with a master’s in Engineering in Computer Science and began working toward a PhD in Computer Science at UC Berkeley this fall. He spent his summer taking a break from research and working at a summer camp outside Yosemite. // Daniel Hoffman writes, "After spending a year split between living in Los Angeles and taking some time to travel, I began UCSF School of Medicine this fall. // Sam Schow, Jack Schow at Balto's acoustic performance in Thompson Pkwy near Valdez, Alaska.

The class of 2007 gathered for their five year reunion last November. Left to right: Stephanie Mariari, Pierce MacOmeghey, Rachel Kaplove, and Kelli Sanford.
Max Meyers ’08 writes, “In April, I got engaged to Ariel Craft ’07! We are looking forward to getting married next year. I also booked my first year of my MA in Media at the UC Berkeley School of Journalism. I’m attending the VCUs Brandcenter graduate program in一大堆.”

Sally Spitz ’08 recently graduated from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, on the most up-and-coming of my life with my boyfriend from MA, Lake Buckley. She and I bailed across the country from New York to California visiting small-scale female farmers and food producers learning from them about how to shape a just and compassionate food system. The perspectives on food, growth, community, and the generosity we experienced are beyond my comprehension and compel me to envision the kind of society that may be possible! Sea our stories, photos, and radio shows at seaofinstituting.org.” Sally finds the intersection of spirituality and physical production compelling...in front of a corn castle at a 150-year-old farm at the convent of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in Villa Maria, Pennsylvania.

Rozzi Crane, known for its Xiao Long Bao (small, steamed soup buns). Overlooking the bund and the Yu Yuan Garden, I saw some amazing things!” Overlooking the bund and the Yu Yuan Garden, I saw some amazing things!”

Caitlin Hall ’09 writes, “After graduating with a degree in Anthropology from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, I embarked on the most visually stimulating part of my life with my boyfriend from MA, Lake Buckley. She and I bailed across the country from New York to California visiting small-scale female farmers and food producers learning from them about how to shape a just and compassionate food system. The perspectives on food, growth, community, and the generosity we experienced are beyond my comprehension and compel me to envision the kind of society that may be possible! See our stories, photos, and radio shows at seaofinstituting.org.”

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In Memoriam

Debbie Eisenberg ’76 passed away after a battle with a rare form of cancer on August 1, 2013. In the words of classmate, David Callander, “Debbie is remembered for her passion, a passion that she lived through her swimming, music and laughter. In the cosmic wisdom of the universe she passed on Jerry Garcia’s birthday.” Debbie loved her time at MA and the Marin Academy community is saddened by this loss.

Grant Martin ’05 died unexpectedly and accidentally on Friday, July 26, 2013. Grant was an artist and a scholar, with a keen mind for science. After his graduation from Marin Academy, Grant attended Oberlin College, where he double-majored in Biology and Neuroscience. Grant’s other passion was music. While at MA he blossomed as a musician. He was devoted to spending time with his family and friends, where his warm, intelligent, and quirk sense of humor were much appreciated — he will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

2012 Miles Crabb writes, “Over the summer, I worked with a professor at Lewis & Clark on cybersecurity research. I also attended Dartmouth’s SEH/M program, where I further immersed myself in cybersecurity, and completed an internship at Sandia National Laboratory to finish out the summer.” Rebekka Dagher is in her sophomore year at University of Redlands after working at Marin Academy’s Aim High site for her sixth consecutive summer. She spent her first year of college hiking in the mountains surrounding Redlands, climbing and camping in Joshua Tree, and generally falling in love with the outdoors. She is now WIMP certified and leads trips for her peers through her university’s Outdoor Programs. Leith Kinney has had a great start to her four years at Stanford. She was recently chosen to be a Stanford Duke, an extremely exclusive and intensive group of just five dancers who perform at every sporting event. Classes went well and she was excited to be back in Marin for the summer where she worked as a nanny for a family of two boys. Andrew Schleeter spent the second semester of his freshman year interning at Hoops 4 Hope, an NGO in the townships of Cape Town, South Africa. Combining basketball and life skills training, Andrew was able to make a huge impact on youth in the troubled community of Crossroads. During his time at Hoops 4 Hope, Andrew worked with youth in the community to combat the skyrocketing rates of crime, gang violence, gender issues and HIV/AIDS through strong communication and sport, all while building character and leadership. Andrew brought the lessons from the Marin Academy Human Development curriculum to the townships, and was fortunate enough to be a part of the great change and prosperity Cape Town is experiencing in the post-apartheid era. He now has plans to transfer to the University of Cape Town to complete his undergraduate studies and continue working with youth in the townships.

A big thank you to Neera Budhraja for serving as Class Rep and for recruiting class notes for this issue of the Nexus.
New Board Members

Jim Hyman ’85, parent of three children, is currently Vice-President of Sales for Trustee, a technology security company. He has been part of numerous technology start-ups over his career, including Zscaler Inc., Cisco Systems, IronPort Systems, Digital Ventures, and IBM. Jim served as President of the Kentfield Schools Foundations Board. He received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the University of Southern California.

Ned Klingelhofer, parent of Samantha ’16, Jackson, and Ella, is a former portfolio manager for Betterttor Enterprises and San Francisco Senty Investment Group and is currently a trustee for Betterttor Enterprises. He received a BA in Political Science from Brown University and an MBA from the University of Los Angeles Anderson School of Management.

George Lee, parent of Isabelle ’16 and Olivia ’17, is Co-Head of the Global Technology, Media, and Telecom Group in the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs. He is also responsible for covering a number of large capitalization technology clients. George is on the Board of Governors of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (a graduate school of Middlebury College and the Institute of the Monterey Peninsula School. He is an alumnus of Middlebury College and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

Paul Levitan, parent of Jacqueline ’16, Jonathan, and Joshua, is Co-Founder, CEO, and President of Galaxy Desserts. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the company, he also leads Galaxy’s business development efforts focused on major customers. Previously Paul was a management consultant with Bain & Co. He currently serves as Vice-President of the Marin Horizon School Board of Trustees. Paul received a BA in Middle Eastern Studies from Wesleyan University and an MBA from Stanford University.

Sally Matsushita is Executive Director of Next Generation Scholars, and in 2006, she was honored as “Voutner of the Year” by the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Marin Education Fund, the Asian American Alliance of Marin, and the Action Coalition of People of Color. Sally received her BA in Art History and East Asian Studies from Vassar College and an MBA from the University of Southern California School of Television and Cinema.

Preston McCaskill ’01 is a consultant at Price Waterhouse Cooper and a former analyst for Archstone Consulting. He received a BA in Political Science from Boston College and an MBA from the University of Los Angeles Anderson School of Management. Preston was a Rotary Scholar at the University of Ghana, has served on the Marin Academy Advancement Committee and also as an alumni class rep.

Louisa Ritter, parent of Emily ’16, Jackson, and Caroline, is President of Goldman Sachs’Giving, and previously worked at Bank of America Securities and Montgomery Securities. She also served on the Board of Trustees for the Hamlin School. Louisa received a BA from Yale University and an MBA from Stanford University.

Kelly Scannell, parent of Sara ’15 and Connor ’17, is serving a one-year term on the Board in her capacity as MAPA President. She is an alumnus of Stanford University.

Rebecca Young Gustin is Marin Academy’s Learning Services Coordinator and also teaches biology in the Science Department. She leads the Study Coach program and serves as a member of the Dean’s Group, an eleventh-grade academic counselor, and a member of the Admissions Committee. Rebecca received a BA from Pomona College and an MA in Educational Leadership from Columbia University.

Volunteer Leadership

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ROW 5: Jefferson Coombs ’85
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2012–2013 Fundraising Summary

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Marin Academy Operating Fund Summary

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* Represents gifts for current operations only and does not include any gifts for capital improvements or endowment.
We give to the Annual Fund because of the extraordinary broad spectrum of the MA experience, and when we support, with their natural curiosity. Why We Give... high school education changed my life. Why I Give...
I want to give back to the community because it was the first place where I was challenged, encouraged, thrilled, truly gifted, and truly stand up for what I believe. Giving back is a way to show your gratitude and to ensure that future generations of MA students get the same quality education.

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Wildcat Club ($1 to $249)

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Jonathan Alexander ’06

Julie and Andrea Alphonso-Gibbs

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Tina Anderson ’09

Derek Anderson ’09

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Anakea Anderson ’04 (match) "Reynolds’" Bear Ave

Anakea Anderson ’04

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Gonzalez-Kuang

Kim Elmer-Kuang

Ani Zakanian

Bala Barr

Alfred Barr

Jalil Barr

Richard Barr

Barry Barr

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Roth Battle

Rita Battle

Barbara Battat ’78

Richard Battelle (GP)

Mark Battat ’79

Frank and Lee Battat

Ellie Beyers (FS)

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As parents of both an MA graduate and a current MA student, we have seen firsthand the diversity of experiences offered by the school. Stellar academics, incredible performing and fine arts programs, continued leadership opportunities, competitive athletic teams and an extraordinary program are just some of the many ways MA has set the stage for our children to discover their interests and thrive.

Why I Give...
Endowed Funds

Unrestricted Endowment
Unrestricted gifts provide the most flexibility and enable the school to apply resources where they are most needed. We gratefully acknowledge the following foundations and individuals:
Sleight and Peter E. Haas, Jr. Fund of the Marin Community Foundation
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The Robert A. McCaskill Family Fund
This unrestricted endowment fund provides resources for the school where they are most needed.

Endowment For Crossroads and Community Partnership
This endowment and other capital and financial contributions support the school’s commitment to civic engagement and community partnership.

Endowment for Faculty Support
This endowment, in support of faculty compensation, enables the school to continue its strong tradition of excellence in teaching without an overreliance on tuition revenue.

McEvoy Fund for Sabbatical Development
This endowment fund was established in 2003 by The McEvoy Family and provides partial leave for a teacher or department head to contribute to the intellectual and creative development of the school.

H.D. Thoreau Chair
The Henry David Thoreau Faculty Chair was established in 2005 by Peter and Mimi Buckley to enable a Marin Academy faculty member to develop mission-related curriculum related to the environmental and spiritual understanding.

Endowment for Student Financial Aid: Class of 2016 Fund
This endowment helps increase access across Marin Academy’s financial aid continuum and assures the school’s goal for an economically diverse population.

Scholarship Honoring Marin Academy Faculty
Established anonymously by a Marin Academy family in 2003, this scholarship provides need-based tuition assistance to a student from an underrepresented population who demonstrates academic excellence and a strong commitment to Marin Academy. The scholarship is named in honor of the MA faculty whose passion for teaching and commitment to students is central to Marin Academy’s excellence.

Bodie Brizendine Scholarship Fund
This endowment was established in 2000 by Bodie Brizendine in honor of his daughter, Susan Brizendine, and provides need-based tuition assistance to an underrepresented student who would not otherwise be able to attend Marin Academy.

Carol L. Morse Scholarship Fund
Carol L. Morse served on the Board of Trustees of Marin Academy for five years and was a devoted member of the MA community. She passed away in June 2006. As an endearing tribute to Carol, her husband and children established the Carol L. Morse Scholarship Fund. This fund provides need-based tuition assistance to an underrepresented student who would not otherwise be able to attend Marin Academy.

Bruce Morris
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Established in recognition of James F. Thacher, Marin Academy’s founding board president, this fund underwrites the Thacher Lecture Series, which enables Marin Academy to bring provocative and influential speakers, artists, or social leaders to the campus each year.

Endowment for the Conference on Democracy
This endowment was established in 2010 in order to advance the school’s financial viability of the Conference on Democracy.

The Bodie Brizendine Visiting Scholars Fund
This endowment was established in 2007 in honor of Bodie Brizendine’s accomplishments as head of school from 1995 to 1997. This income from the Brizendine Visiting Scholars Fund endowment underwrites a Brizendine Visiting Scholar in Residence annually at Marin Academy. Bodie Brizendine and Bill Bullard

Endowment for Faculty Professional Development and Innovation
This endowment helps increase the funding available for faculty professional development, improved innovation and use of technology, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Class of 2006 Endowment
This fund was established to honor the graduates of the MA Class of 2006 and was added to the Unrestricted Endowment Fund.

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