Hands-On Scientific Research
Marin Academy Research Collaborative launches

Reflecting on Light
Sophia Dixon Dillo '96 brightens art scene with innovative light installations
Discovering One’s Identity
Sara Muñoz Ledo Rodriguez ’16
Sarah explored the concept of identity in a collection of photos featuring herself and four other classmates.

Experimental Art
Jack Lukowitsch ’16
Jack took his senior arts project to a new level with cinemagraphs: still photography in which a minor and repeated movement occurs, forming a video clip.

There’s definitely a bizarre quality to this type of art that drew me in, and it was fun to see what can happen when still picture is combined with video.

I would like to thank Jenny Rosenberg for being such an amazing photography teacher and person. It was in her class that I realized photography is what I want to do.

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SARA MUÑOZ LEDO RODRIGUEZ ’16

Reimagining the Drums
Kai Barshack ’16 and Gustav Spangberg ’16
For their senior arts project, Kai and Gustav teamed up to recreate a drum set made from over 6,000 Legos.

To learn more about Sara’s identity project, view Jack’s cinemagraphs, and hear about Kai and Gustav’s process, visit http://www.ma.org/nexus2016.
One of the great things about this program is that we’re providing our students with a really safe place to fail and learn from their mistakes.

—STORI OATES
MARIN ACADEMY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE

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—TULE HORTON ’17

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INSPIRED TO LEAD

Cover: Sara Muñoz Ledo Rodríguez ’16
I am in awe of the incredible ways in which MA alumni are impacting our world. From entrepreneur Jessica Thompson ’98, who is revolutionizing the yoga industry with her compact yoga mat, to Gabe Dobbs ’06 who was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30: Law & Policy list and works for Kespry, a leading commercial drone company, innovation abounds within our extraordinary community.

In the following pages, you’ll learn about members of our community who are pushing the envelope artistically, technologically, sustainably and ecologically. Within each of these stories, a common theme emerges, and each individual we’ve profiled has taken steps to reimagine the corner of the world they reside in. Right here in the Bay Area, Amy (Stevens) Cheney ’78 has dedicated her skills and perseverance to improving the lives of those around her.

Through the reinvention of products and ways of thinking, it’s clear our community members leave our campus and go out into the world seeking to make it a better place.

The individuals you’ll read about have pushed far beyond the boundaries of traditional thought to create amazing advances in a variety of areas.

At Marin Academy, we don’t have “math kids” or “history kids.” We encourage our students to immerse themselves in everything, and we work hard to foster an educational experience that illustrates the connections between varying disciplines. We have an expectation of learning into things that don’t come naturally and we encourage collaboration across all areas, highlighting unlikely connections for our students and encouraging them to think outside the box and to find inventive solutions.

We want our students to be makers, not takers. We want them to consider and understand the problems, help find the solutions, and be able to design and create a finished product or idea. We also hope our students will move forward through life with compassion in their hearts and a desire to better the world around them.

On the following pages, you’ll find highlights of community members who are doing just that. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as we’ve enjoyed having the privilege of talking with and learning from them.

Warm Regards,

The Conference on Democracy

This past October, the Conference on Democracy celebrated its 12th year. An annual gathering of local, national and global luminaries, we welcomed social justice photographer Mary Beth Meehan, Senior Court Services Analyst for the Criminal Justice Office of the Judicial Council of California, and Michael Roosevelt, who spoke on implicit bias and its influence on American justice. Our community also had the opportunity to screen and discuss The Mask You Live In, Jennifer Siebel Newsom’s follow-up to Miss Representation.

Throughout a variety of engaging sessions, students had the opportunity to discuss topics, such as arts in a democratic society, masculinity, immigration, racial visibility and international adoption.

As part of COD and the 2015 Thacher Lecture Series, speakers Ashanti Branch, Assistant Principal at Montara Middle School and Founder/Executive Director of the Ever Forward Club and Caroline Heldman, Associate Professor of Politics at Occidental College, engaged students in discussions regarding masculinity. During their time on campus, Ashanti and Caroline encouraged students to explore the ways in which images of masculinity in media complicate the formation of identity for boys and men, impacting their relationships with others. Both speakers appeared in the film The Mask You Live In and led a student discussion after the screening on campus.

Liz Gottlieb and Stori Oates’ AP Environmental Science classes presented a discussion and debate on a pressing local question: Should a stricter stream conservation area ordinance be established in West Marin to protect the endangered coho salmon population?
Brizendine Visiting Scholars Program

Last year was an exciting one for the Brizendine Visiting Scholars Program, which was able to expand its offerings to involve more students. “As a truly forward-thinking institution, MA recognizes the value of deep, engaging experiences that go beyond the curriculum, and as a result, has nurtured the Brizendine Visiting Scholars Program in a way that has encouraged expansion to more of our community members,” said Travis Brownley, Head of School. With this goal in mind, the 2015-2016 program brought immersive, captivating additions to both the World Languages and English departments.

Derek Anderson, Head Librarian, History Teacher and Brizendine Visiting Scholars Program Coordinator, wanted to integrate more into a classroom-based experience in order to enhance the current curriculum.

WORLD LANGUAGES

The World Languages department brought an exhibit to campus highlighting the cross continental railroad and the contribution made to this endeavor by Chinese Americans. Students in Mandarin classes also participated in a tour of Chinatown with performer, philanthropist and San Francisco native, Cynthia Yee.

Advanced French students heard a presentation from Karen Bouwer, a USF Professor and expert in francophone African film. Karen also conducted a lunchtime program for all students of the French program.

Sylvia Perel from the Latino Film Festival spoke to many of the Spanish classes on Latin American film and showed different clips of film to the students, which they discussed and wrote about. Margarita Galindo from the Canal Alliance spoke on immigration and USF Religion Professor Lois Lorentzen spoke about her research on Catholicism in Mexico and the role that the churches play as a social justice movement in working with populations in Mexico.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English department took a multifaceted approach to Macbeth. Freshmen read the play, discussed in classes and were able to view the play at Berkeley Repertory, whose version featured the award-winning actress Frances McDormand. The freshmen also attended a postproduction talk with the actors.

Additionally, the English department participated in a daylong retreat with Dayna Laur, who does professional development workshops with teachers of different disciplines. The department examined options for project-based learning and gathered some additional strategies on how to make this approach more effective.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the math and history departments will benefit from the endowed funds available to the school as a result of this important program.

NEWS BRIEFS

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TRAVIS BROWNLEY

LitFest 2016: Word Riot

From Pulitzer Prize-winners and United States Poet Laureates to cherished local writers, this special event celebrates the oral and written word.

Last February, Marin Academy held its 24th annual Literary Festival, which the department titled Word Riot, and celebrated this wonderful tradition with Chinaka Hodge as our honored keynote speaker. Originally from Oakland, Chinaka is a poet, educator, playwright and screenwriter. In the fall of 2012, she received the SF Foundation’s Phelan Literary Award for emerging Bay Area talent. Chinaka was also a 2012 Artist-in-Residence at The Headlands Center for the Arts in Marin. In January 2013, Hodge was a Sundance Feature Film Lab Fellow for her script, 700th Int’l.

Chinaka has spent over a decade working in various capacities at Youth Speaks/The Living Word Project, the nation’s leading literary arts non-profit. Her poems, editorials, interviews and prose have been featured in Newsweek, San Francisco Magazine, Believer Magazine, PBS, NPR, CNN, C-Span, and in two seasons of HBO’s Def Poetry.

In addition to Chinaka Hodge, MA welcomed KQED science reporter Amy Standen; Voice of Witness, a non-profit dedicated to fostering an empathy-based understanding of contemporary human rights crises; Gabe Sherman ’08, who spoke on working in the advertising industry; and Youth Speaks, an arts organization that is one of the world’s leading presenters of spoken word performance, education, and youth development programs.

TRAVIS BROWNLEY
NEWS BRIEFS

GO FORTH!

As individuals who are about to become adults and vote, it is of the utmost importance that we are able to look at the world around us with a critical eye.

HENRY FLEMING ’16

HEADMASTER’S CUP

On behalf of the faculty, Travis Brownley awarded Alberta Born-Weiss the Headmaster’s Cup, an award established by Board of Trustees President James Thacher to honor the values of MA inspired by the school’s first headmaster, Bill McCluskey. According to faculty, staff, and her peers, Alberta contributed greatly to our community with compassion and curiosity. In addition to excelling at MA academically, Alberta’s unique perspective touched and enriched everyone around her.

ZUMBRUN AWARD

In memory of Danielle Plumb Zumbrun ’79 and in recognition of her keen appreciation of nature and her sense of responsibility as a caretaker of the earth, the Zumbrun Award recognizes outstanding student leadership in the Outings Program. An active member of the Outdoor Leadership Emphasis and a true steward of the environment, Rebecca Strull was passionate about sustainability efforts here on campus and she participated in countless outings throughout her time at MA.
And They’re Off...

Barnard College (2) | Bates College (2) | Berklee College of Music | Boston College | Boston University | Bowdoin College (3) | Brown University (3) | California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo | University of California, Berkeley (2) | University of California, Davis | University of California, Los Angeles | University of California, Santa Cruz (5) | Carleton College | Chapman University (3) | University of Chicago (2) | Colgate University | University of Colorado at Boulder (2) | Colorado College (4) | Columbia University | Cornell College of the Arts | Dartmouth College (3) | Duke University (2) | Emory University | Franklin and Marshall College | Georgetown University (2) | Grinnell College | Hampshire College | Indiana University at Bloomington | Johns Hopkins University | Kenyon College (2) | Loyola Marymount University | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | University of Michigan | Middlebury College (6) | New York University (3) | Northeastern University | Northwestern University (2) | Oberlin College | Occidental College (2) | University of Pennsylvania (2) | Reed College (2) | Rice University | University of San Diego | Santa Clara University (3) | Seattle University | University of Southern California (2) | Southern Methodist University | Stanford University (2) | Syracuse University | The New School – All Divisions (2) | Tufts University (4) | Villanova University | University of Virginia (2) | Wake Forest University | University of Washington (3) | Wellesley College | Wesleyan University | Yale University

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

A national and international honor society, Cum Laude recognizes scholastic achievement and excellence at the high school level. 2016 MA inductees in alphabetical order:

Chiara Arellano
Kai Barshack
Celine Bennett
Alberta Born-Weiss
Sebastian Coates
Emma Cooper
Kirsten Couchman
Antonia Huneeus
Joseph Kakkis
Samantha Klingelhofer
Mariella Levy
Connor Montgomery
Lucy Morrison
Micah Press
William Pyle
Jesse Rudnick
Tanya Smith
Elizabeth Stais
Rebecca Strull
Douglas Vetter
Tian Ge (Tiger Chow) Zhou
Frances Zorensky

NEWS BRIEFS
Congratulations to all of our MA student-athletes and coaches on a terrific 2015-2016 year in athletics! We are excited to celebrate their accomplishments on the next few pages as we start the 2016-2017 school year. While MA Athletics will always strive to be an extension of the classroom, and a program that focuses on the life lessons learned through sport, we love to highlight the standout achievements attained by our various programs. Thanks to our entire MA community for your continued support of MA Athletics. It means so much to our student-athletes and coaches, and we would not be as successful as we are without the tremendous support we receive!

NCS Team Academic Awards

FALL 2015
- Girls Water Polo – 2nd place

WINTER 2015-2016
- Boys Basketball – 3rd place
- Boys Soccer – 2nd place

SPRING 2016
- Boys Baseball – 2nd place
- Boys Lacrosse – 3rd place
- Boys Tennis – 3rd place
Team Athletics Awards

BCL-WEST/BAY AREA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

› Boys Cross Country: BCL-West Champions
› Girls Cross Country: 6th place
› Girls Tennis: 4th place
› Girls Volleyball: BCL-West Champions
› Boys Water Polo (MCAL): 5th place
› Girls Water Polo (MCAL): 7th place
› Boys Basketball: 6th place
› Girls Basketball: 6th place
› Girls Soccer: BCL-West Co-Champions
› Baseball: 4th place
› Boys Golf: BCL-West Champions
› Boys Lacrosse: BCL-West Runner Up
› Girls Lacrosse: 3rd place
› Boys Tennis: 4th place
› Boys Track: 3rd place
› Girls Track: 4th place
› Boys Swimming: BCL-West Champions
› Girls Swimming: BCL-West and BAC Champions

NORTH COAST SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

› Boys Cross Country: Division 5 Champions
› Girls Cross Country: 13th place
› Girls Tennis: NCS Division 5 Team Tennis - First Round
› Girls Volleyball: NCS Division 5 Semifinals
› Boys Water Polo: NCS Division 2 Semifinals - 1st NCS semifinal appearance in school history
› Girls Water Polo: NCS Division 2 - First Round
› Boys Soccer: NCS Division 4 Runner Up
› Girls Soccer: NCS Division 3 Semifinals
› Boys Baseball: NCS Division 5 - First Round
› Boys Golf: NCS Division 2 Runner Up; Seichiro Nakai, 6th place; S Division 1 Tournament of Champions
› Boys Lacrosse: NCS Division 2 Quarterfinals
› Girls Lacrosse: NCS Division 2 Quarterfinals
› Boys Tennis: NCS Division 2 Quarterfinals, Ryan Kelley and Sunny Stilin in Doubles Runner-Up

› Girls Track: 10th place at the Class A Championships; Connor Montgomery 1000M Relay 3rd place, and Baylor Adams, Long Jump 3rd place
› Girls Track: 11th place at the Class A Championships; Kathryn Ezeoha, Long Jump Champion, and Sierra Jackovics, 100M 2nd place
› Boys Swimming: NCS Championship Trials
› Girls Swimming: 34th place

CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

› Boys Cross Country: 2nd place in Division 5, Led by Henry Fleming's 4th overall finish
› Girls Swimming: Ella Smit, 50 freestyle (23rd place)

› Boys Track: 10th place at the Class A Championships; Connor Montgomery 1000M 3rd place, 4x100M Relay 3rd place, and Baylor Adams, Long Jump 3rd place
› Girls Track: 11th place at the Class A Championships; Kathryn Ezeoha, Long Jump Champion, and Sierra Jackovics, 100M 2nd place
› Boys Swimming: NCS Championship Trials
› Girls Swimming: 34th place
minicourse week at Marin Academy has always provided students with an opportunity to stretch their imaginations, test their limits and familiarize themselves with new ideas. This year’s minicourse was no different. Themes ranged in theme from adventure in the great outdoors, self-reflection and inner vision to music-making and food tasting options.

One of the more innovative opportunities available to students was a course called Science and Art Mash-Up: Gettin’ STEAM-y 2.0. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. This minicourse was a reboot of one that was offered last year, with a few refinements and changes. The idea was that students would be able to create a project, either independently or as part of a team, and working with new tools, fresh ideas and innovative strategies, bring their concept to fruition.

The leaders, Jon Breten and Barry Beach, brought a treasure trove of experience, talent and ingenuity to the course. Barry is a visual artist whose background in sculpture gave him the opportunity to work with large machine tools as well as small hand tools. These skills came in handy when teaching the students how to use construction tools and methods for building their projects. Jon, who teaches Advanced Physics and Astrophysics, is a true scientist.

Together these two inspirational teachers spent the week with students harnessing technical, industrial and creative forces to produce some spectacular items. The students came in with some pretty cool ideas, from building a skateboard to creating a knife, which included filing down the steel. The students played the role of both designer and builder as they controlled the decisions and actions necessary to complete the task. The week included visits to engineering labs at UC Berkeley, the Exploratorium and an entire day at San Francisco’s Tech Shop devoted to workshops centered on industrial arts. Students were able to utilize a “mobile makerspace” in the Theater Shop and take advantage of the beautiful weather to while working outside.

Flexibility and innovation have been part of the fabric of Marin Academy since the founding of the school. Today, the school creates, supports and participates in many cutting-edge educational experiences such as Bay Area Blended Consortium, courses such as Entrepreneurship, Web Design and Development, and many other exciting activities.

The idea of minicourse itself is an innovative twist on experiential education. Barry summed up the success of the experience perfectly by remarking that, “When kids are designing something they want to build, and you watch it change from a rough drawing to something much more refined and well-executed, to me that is the definition of innovation, because you watch the long evolution and the process of creation, right up to the finished project.”

Auther Bio: Born in Santa Monica but raised in Marin, Mari Schoenbrun ’83 attended MA from 1979-1983. Mari graduated from Cal in 1987, and after a brief 18-months working for Esprit de Corps, she eventually ended up at Marin Academy, where she taught in the history department for several years. While at MA, Mari led outings and international minicourses and coached soccer as well. She now works in the Kentfield school district as a paraprofessional in the Resource Center. Mari lives with her youngest daughter, Natalia, in Larkspur. Her oldest daughter, Maile, headed off to UCSB this summer and her son Joey just finished his freshman year at UC Davis.
This fall, Marin Academy students will embark upon a brand new program that provides juniors and seniors with the opportunity to conduct meaningful, independent, scientific research. The Marin Academy Research Collaborative (MARC) begins this fall with six students enrolled in its inaugural program, each student with a different focus.

"It’s an amazing opportunity for high school students to get first-hand experience to do independent research,” said Science Teacher and MARC Coordinator, Stori Oates.

"With the opening of our Science and Innovation Center, the possibilities are endless. In addition to cutting-edge classrooms and spaces, the Science and Innovation Center will house space for a dedicated research lab, enabling students working with mentors through the MARC Program access to the facilities and equipment needed to do the work right here on campus."

"One of the great things about this program is that we’re providing our students with a really safe place to fail and learn from their mistakes,” said Stori. “I expect kids to fail and I encourage it because that’s how you tweak your experiment to then move onto the next step. That’s really the process of science. And learning those lessons now will only benefit them later in life.”

The MARC Program is open to juniors who apply for the program at the end of their sophomore year. Once accepted to the program, students participate for two years, which allows them to deepen their process, research and experience.

Students applying to the MARC Program have already completed three years of science courses in biology, chemistry and physics, and are seeking a richer level of scientific engagement.

The MARC program is a fantastic opportunity,” said Edward Philippo ’18. “As someone interested in chemistry, physics, and computer science, it allows me to explore these topics to see whether or not I’d be interested in pursuing them through college and turning them into a career. It will provide first-hand looks into the world of scientific research and independent study that are unlike any other (high-school-level) options available.”

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Last year Marin Academy debuted a new, distinctive minicourse called Inner Vision, which blended the arts with introspection and quiet reflection. Led by Performing Arts Chair Annie Elias and Dance Teacher Randee Paufve, the idea for the Inner Vision minicourse came from a Soul Collage class led by Jenny Oppenheimer, whose daughters Lila Wilton ‘12 and Hannah Wilton ’14 attended MA. Randee and Annie had a transformational experience with the Soul Collage class, and as a result, wanted to share that experience with MA students.

“We designed a course we felt really passionate about,” said Randee.

Students participating in Inner Vision began their journey of personal exploration at the Art and Ecology Center at Occidental, where they spent several days collaging from magazines to develop a collection of images they identified with.

The Inner Vision experience allowed students the opportunity to blend inner meditation with movement, art and performance.

Final pieces ranged from performance and costume design to writing. Several of the projects represented a mixture of mediums, cutting across disciplines to produce authentic culminating expressions.

“They achieved and went much further than we imagined, which was really to get in touch with and identify their unconscious imagery without the intervention of the conscious mind indicating to you what a symbol should represent,” said Annie.

“The work was very sophisticated in that it wasn’t just an ego driven stab at making art or imitation or regurgitation,” said Randee. “They really came through authentically and I’m not sure they even realized they were making self portraits. They were all able to harness something out of this experience that was very true.”

The backgrounds of the students ranged across artistic disciplines, bringing together a vast array of finished pieces. Randee and Annie were impressed with the level of work the students were able to present, and look forward to carrying on next year with a new group of students during the 2016-2017 school year.

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RANDEE PAUFVE
Film is a powerful medium that can be utilized to elicit strong emotions, incite controversy, convey news and tell a story. This fall, Marin Academy students will have the chance to participate in an Introduction to Film class, which will allow them to explore and learn about the unique ways the medium of film captures our world.

The course is an upper level elective, which will first cover the fundamentals of film and basics of cinematography, while the second portion of the course will focus on examining, reading and watching examples of meaningful films. During the final weeks of the course, students will learn about screenwriting, acting, directing, and post production. Their culminating project will consist of a short film, conceived of, written, directed and edited by students, who will work together in small groups.

The impetus for the class stemmed from a group of students eager to delve into this multidimensional world. Juniors at the time, Tule Horton ’17, Matt Geffen ’17 and Hailey Todhunter ’17 saw a need for a course of this nature, and through some research and hard work, were able to make it a reality. “Matt, Hailey, and I initially pushed for the creation of this class at the end of our freshman year,” said Tule. “All three of us have an interest in videography and were actually surprised that it wasn’t something that was already offered at MA, especially given this school’s emphasis on creativity. Film is such an important and widely used medium today, and so I think that as a school that values 21st century learning and exploring new frontiers, this class will contribute a lot.”

Eager to embark upon this brand new addition to the course catalog, Academic Dean and English teacher KaTrina Wentzel, and Social Media Communications Associate and teacher Henrik Meng, will be leading the class.

“This class will be a true project-based learning experience,” said KaTrina.

“I’m really excited from a storytelling and interdisciplinary perspective,” said Henrik. “Kids today are immersed in video and I hope the students will be able to understand how dramatically the availability of video has changed and consider what that means.”

Participating students will not be restricted in determining the focus of their short films, and KaTrina and Henrik are eager to find out which direction the projects take.

“I’m so excited for the opportunity to have an outlet for my passion of filmmaking that is in a creative and intellectual space,” said Hailey.

“Beyond growing MA’s education to a place where art and technology overlap, this class will set a precedent for future students to see how powerful the relationship between teachers and students really is.”

The class is going to be an opportunity to both analyze existing films and filmmaking methods and channel storytelling and artistic skills into students’ own work. We’re thrilled to see the support around the pilot and I’m personally excited to see how this class will continue to grow and develop in years to come.

“Exploring the Art of Film”

BY KELLEY STILL, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

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MATT GEFFEN ’17

Introduction to Film co-teachers, Henrik Meng, Social Media Communications Associate and KaTrina Wentzel, Academic Dean and English teacher
I’m so grateful for these people who’ve been in my life for — dare we admit it? — over 40 years! Life is good and very busy. Now that my daughter is living in New York, I’m going to the East Coast more often, and had a wonderful visit with Alexander Breibner ’77. I continue to work on equity and education issues, and am on the Steering Committee for the Marin City Center for Community Life — a very exciting re-envisioning of that wonderful community’s recreation center. Take a look: http://marincitygov.org/center-community-life. In other news, my work has taken a new direction, focusing on climate change and community engagement. I presented at the EPA’s Eastern Conference on Climate Readiness in Baltimore and various local and statewide conferences, too. There’s lots to do on this!”

For more than 16 years, Amy (Stevens) Cheney ’78 has worked as a librarian at the Justice Center of Alameda County. Throughout her time at the Juvenile Justice Center, Amy has been using books to change lives. Through her program, which brings library books and materials to incarcerated youth, Amy has brought heart and a passion for social justice to many youth, bringing about significant positive change.

“I work with kids who range from 8 to 20 years old, but many of these kids are preschool level readers, even at age 18,” says Amy. “What motivates me is thinking about how I can provide services that are empowering and liberating for these students.”

While the youth Amy works with may be locked up and without a home on the outside, the library gives them an opportunity to see and experience the world in new ways. Amy has endless stories about how her students have been transformed through reading, and also how she’s overcome numerous challenges in the process. One story in particular involves everyone’s favorite young wizard.

“When the sixth Harry Potter book came out, all the kids were so excited, but the Justice Center didn’t allow hardcover books,” says Amy. “Just like everyone else, the kids wanted the newest book and didn’t want to wait two years for the paperback to come out in order to be able to read it. A lot of these kids are already reluctant and frustrated readers, and this was just adding to the challenge.”

Eventually, Amy was finally able to get the Justice Center to allow hardcover books, and the kids were able to read about Harry, Ron, and Hermione’s latest adventure at the same time as everyone else. While Amy’s experience is reflective of the unfortunate reality that the system can sometimes be a huge obstacle, she’s never been afraid to confront it head-on.

That fighting spirit can be traced back to her days at Marin Academy. As a student, Amy was an avid actress in the MA theater productions. Normally over the course of the school year, the department would put on three productions, but the decision was made to reduce the number to two. Instead of simply accepting that outcome, Amy and her fellow students got together to write, produce, and perform a third play that year on their own.

“Those kinds of things were possible at MA, and I was given support and appreciation,” says Amy. “MA provided me with the opportunity to find my leadership potential, and enabled me to think and question critically about society. That’s an incredibly valuable skill that not many students get.”

Now, nearly four decades after graduating from MA, Amy still refuses to let stumbling blocks keep her from being a progressive force in society. While there will always be good and bad days, the only motivation she needs is seeing the excitement that reading brings to her students.

“When kids come eagerly into the small library at the JJC and look for a book, I feel so much love in my heart,” says Amy.

If you would like more information on the Juvenile Justice Center library, please visit www.alameda.courts.ca.gov.

Author Bio: Eddie Lee ’04 is a writer, editor, digital media specialist, and all-around fun guy. One of his fondest MA memories was running for student body vice president and giving a borderline inappropriately sexual speech. He won, so he has no regrets. Eddie lives in San Francisco with his wife, Arina, and he hopes all his MA classmates are doing well.

Penny Dinnew Hillmann shares, “It was fantastic to see ‘Classes of the ’70s’ friends in October 2015. Daughter Phoebe completed her master’s in museum education leadership in June and, as of this writing, is still working at the American Art Museum in Washington, DC. Daughter Hallie graduated from Lawrence University with degrees in violin performance and psychology and has started a master’s program in special education at Vanderbilt. Son Henry is a sophomore in high school and very involved in theater. I still live in Northfield, Minnesota, with husband Dave, Henry, and three cats. In addition to being busy at Neuger Communications Group, I’m vice president of our local food co-op board and was very involved in the search for our new General Manager this year. My mother involved in the search for our new General Manager this year. My mother was running for student body vice president and giving a borderline inappropriately sexual speech. He won, so he has no regrets. Eddie lives in San Francisco with his wife, Arina, and he hopes all his MA classmates are doing well.

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Mark Battat says, “I like the balance of my life right where it is a lot of fun at work, a wide circle of friends to keep me smiling and my family to keep me in check. Getting to know my friends’ kids — now young adults — has been an unexpected gift, but spending time with my nephews as they grow up and evolve has been the ultimate reward.” | Bruce Gaynor writes, “Living in Modesto for the past 26 years. Centrally located only two hours or less from anywhere you could possibly want to be in Northern California. I have two beautiful daughters ages 30 and 25. My eldest, Stefani, gave me a grandson two-and-a-half years ago named Parker. I left the real estate and mortgage business 10 years ago, entered chauffeur Class B License, which allows me to drive up to 45 passenger party buses! Really a great career! Met a lot of great people: Fortune 500 types, congressmen, senators, musicians, and pro-athletes. I’ve sat in luxury suites in San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Fresno. Been backstage at numerous concert venues, driven numerous proms and winter formals, and had the pleasure of driving MA class of 2013 seniors as well! Still in contact with many of my MA peeps, thank God for Facebook!”

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cynthia anderson is living the dream working as a Park Ranger at Joshua Tree National Park. “My youngest son visited recently. We got to go rock climbing and worked together on a botany project in the park. What an amazing playground — please come visit if you are down this way!” | Gordon Clute writes, “Another year trying to keep up with our daughters Hallie (13) and Regan (10). We live in Laguna Beach, and they have decided to pursue ski racing, which adds up to about 10 hours of driving a weekend — ugh! At least they are not getting in to same trouble we did, a great problem to have I guess…” | Kevin Pratt writes, “Being over 50, I’d say the dominant recurring thoughts are about gratitude and body pain. Gratitude first — I’m still close with many of my MA friends — Matt Silverman, Jonathan Becker ’83, Catherine Schram ’84, Shanti Jones ’80, Bruce Rehm ’79, David Parker, Amanda (Shelmer) Yampolsky ’85, and Jennifer Dillan ’85 among others, and my wife Audrey and I are blessed with a great family.” | Dana Pratt ’80 — including our newest addition Hudson, whose adoption was finalized in January. Gabriella (7) is becoming a very funny, precocious, opinionated young lady, and she has her heart completely. Life is good.” | Matt Silverman took the year off from MCDS to travel and finish the latest release from his band, About Face (www.aboutface.net). He is completing a documentary film on his travels to Myanmar with One World, One Tribe and the album, The New Now, is available on iTunes and streaming on Spotify.

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Andrea Bloom tapped into her Marin Academy AP Calculus experience when her son, Zachary, was in need of prep for his AP Calculus test this past May. She was thrilled that Beau Leonhart, Andrea’s amazing math teacher at MA for three of her four years, was able to tutor Zachary over Google hangout to prep him for the AP Test. Andrea remembers how devoted Beau was to her Calculus class as they all prepped together at Tracy Grant’s house for a weekend of studying prior to the AP Test. Fingers crossed that Beau’s magic helps Zachary land a four or five on the test to count towards his future college degree. Zachary is Andrea’s oldest son and is a freshman at USC’s Annenberg School for Communication. This period of time has brought back many fond memories of high school for Andrea that she has shared with her son. | David Ellinger’s life is either in a state of peace or stagnation, depending on your perspective. “21 years teaching math, through this year will be the first not also coaching chess. Hoping to fill the time with an audition for community theater.” | Tracy Grant writes, “I’m still writing historical mysteries and working part-time at the Merola Opera Program. My latest Malcolm and Suzanne Riemensch hidden mystery, London Gambit, just came out in May and I’m working on the next novel, which is set in Italy. My daughter Melanie is almost four and-a-half. We had a great visit to New York this spring — she particularly loved Belvedere Castle in Central Park and the Temple of Dendur and the furnished rooms at the Met. She already loves theatre and can sing most of the songs from Into the Woods. Bonnie Glaser ’83 is a favorite honorary aunt.” | Andrea Bloom ’84
Tenaya Lafore writes, “Hi MA! I live in San Francisco with my five-year-old daughter Anya. She loves being outside and camping as much as I do. I have been slowly making a career change from union organizing to adult education, and just started teaching at City College of San Francisco, which has been one of my dreams for many years. I have also recently been singing and playing guitar, which I love. I hope everyone is doing well!”

“Hiking in Las Trampas regional wilderness area last year with my daughter Anya (now she will wear pants occasionally).” Tenaya Lafore 92’

Maura Higgins Semmes and her husband, Gib, celebrated the arrival of their son, John Edgar Semmes, on May 12.

In April, Eric Wiesen

writes, “After several years in the corporate world, I returned to graduate school, earned my Ph.D., and have recently started a private practice as a licensed clinical psychologist in San Francisco. I feel it is a great honor to do the work that I do. I particularly enjoy working with adults wishing to tame an inner critic and related anxiety, depression, perfectionism, or feeling like an impostor, despite evidence of success. If you’re interested in learning more, feel free to check out www.drkatylonergan.com. When not working, I enjoy spending time at Spirit Rock in Woodacre and dabbling in improv classes with BATS — the ultimate exercise in mindfulness, in my opinion, and a great way to tame an inner critic!”

In April, Eric Wiesen and his family closed a long loop by moving back to San Rafael, by way of New York City and Noe Valley. Elliot (3) and Lyra (1) love being close to so many family and friends. “We look forward to being more involved in the MA community now that we are once again so close.”

Katy Loneragan

writes, “Dear MA! I live in San Francisco with my husband. I have been working as a clinical supervisor for a non-profit in San Francisco that provides therapy services for youth and families in the child welfare system. My other job has been as an independent study in installation art. I had seen fishing line used in a utilitarian way to hang artwork, I hooked up above the piece, and saw the light refracting on the thick, clear lines. I took this phenomenon and multiplied it by 27 miles, strung the monofilament 1/8” apart to create sheer walls of light and line for my first installation.” From that point on, Sophia has worked with anything that interacts with light in an interesting way: frosted glass, metal, plastic, white paint, paper, mirrors. Her installations not only occupy traditional art spaces, such as museums and galleries, but also have been employed in more commercial settings, most recently for the Calvin Klein Collection store in New York City. “It’s exciting to work in a ‘lived space’ where people work, move and interact,” says Dillo. “It also think people can find galleries intimidating, so it’s fun to bring my work into other spaces where it is unexpected.”

Regardless of location, Sophia’s considerations for her installations remain the same: leveraging dominant visual angles, flow of the space, and the available light, to create the most dynamic experience possible with the work. Her sensitivity to these interactions of light and space are reflective of her close attention to the ingredients of the creative process. “People often think art is about inspiration, but mostly it’s about working consistently, noticing and exploring an impasse in depth, and paying attention to the subtleties within that impasse,” said Sophia.

“This kind of purity of focus is what enables Sophia to find innovative approaches to arguably the most common occurrence within the visual realm: light reflected off of objects. Through abstraction, repetition, and light, Sophia explores this celebration of, for example, the beauty of a blank white sheet of paper while simultaneously attempting to make it new with as little interference as possible.”

“The innovation in Sophia’s work is not only its execution, but its easy crossover to any number of environments. Like all the best art, it provides a prism with which to reflect and innovate our lived experience.”

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May Day has been a Nicasio, CA tradition since 2002 with the purpose being to celebrate connections through love, food, and stillness. This year a great group of MA alums and their families: Layard Thompson, Dylan Sears, Mike Wheeler, Jesse Roselin, Jacobo Charles, Tamara (Badgley-Horowitz) Melnik, Paul Wheeler ’99, John Wheeler ’97, Chris Cooper ’94, Rachel Young ’96, Cindi Stephen ’92, Ellie (Argilla) Vargas ’96, Willow (Regnery) Horne ’96, Lorien (Frisen) Wheeler ’98, and Sara Kern ’93 were part of the festivities.

Alyssa Epstein writes, “I am working as a clinical psychologist at Kaiser Permanente in San Rafael. My husband (Alon) and I finally finished construction on our home in San Rafael last fall, and I am thrilled to be living in Marin again. Our kids (Nate and Scarfett) are now 6 and 4 years old and they keep us busy!”

Caroline Maroten Olney says, “We are thrilled to be living in the Bay Area once again and happy to call San Rafael home for the foreseeable future. My husband and I are busy working in San Francisco. Nick is in the second year of his neurology fellowship at UCSF and I am the palliative care nurse practitioner at Zuckerberg San Francisco General. The kids are growing fast, Renee is 2 and Rick is 5, starting kindergarten at Sun Valley in the fall. Time is flying by!”

Caroline Maroten Olney ’96

Deap Ubhi shares, “After spending two years with Amazon, I decided it was time to start my next company. Here we go again! My lovely girls — wife, Aartii, daughters Zara (5) and Reet (1), just got back from a magical trip to the Japanese countryside (Kyoto, Nara, Miyama, Koyasan, and Osaka). I’ll also be spending time in DC this year to advise the Obama Administration and beyond on technology, especially for the White House and the Department of Defense. My family and I are very excited about the prospect of serving our country. Above all, it’s been wonderful to spend time with my girls and bask in each other’s love.”

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“Just married!!”
Laura Lee Mattingly ’99

Jarrett Cherner Trio. Jarrett Cherner ’99 (piano), Jorge Roeder (bass), Jason Burger (drums)


Jarrett Cherner is still living in Brooklyn, NY, working as a freelance jazz pianist and teaching both privately and at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. “I’ll be releasing a new trio album called Expanding Heart in October and will be heading back to the Bay Area for some album release concerts. More info at jametcherner.com.” | Laura DeShano writes, “After ten years, four studios, three states and countless students, I quit my job as a ballroom/swing dance instructor. While I still compete and social dance frequently, my primary focus is now on school. This fall I will complete the last of my pre-reqs and apply to the Sac State nursing program. After obtaining my BSN, I look forward to finally having an adult salary and likely moving out of state.” | Franki Dickson lives in LA and is working on a master’s in film editing at AFI. | Joanne Lubbeke Esser says, “I am still living in Marin with my husband, Britt and 3-year-old daughter, Macaulay. We absolutely love being back in the Bay Area after moving from LA two years ago. I am still doing that ‘acting thing’, and am currently playing the role of Karen Weston in August: Osage County at Marin Theatre Company in Mill Valley. I am also Associate Producer for Finish Line Features’ documentary CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap, an award-winning film designed to create dialogue and promote an open, curious and in-depth conversation about women and other underrepresented groups in computer science—and what we can do as a society to diversify the field.” | Laura Lee Mattingly married her English teacher hubby Brian Moss in May of this year, with MA alums Keesey Valentino ’00 and Heather Murphy by her side. She also just co-founded and launched her own literary agency in San Francisco, Present Perfect Dep’t. | Leslie “Daisy” McCaw just got married to Adam Carpenter. “Living an awesome life in Los Angeles!”

D: Lynn Gardiner ’07
Spring Skiing at Arapahoe Basin, May 2016. Jennifer Cribbs ‘01

E: Class of ’01 alum babies. Finnegan Faller Hahn, son of Jesse, Ella Hudson Brill, daughter of Justyn Bethley, and Isabel Haworth, daughter of Ryan, hang out at Ella’s first birthday party

F: In late 2015 my family and I moved from Israel to El Salvador, as diplomats with the State Department, where I work in human rights monitoring for the Embassy. I have two kiddos, a boy (3 years old) and a girl (1.5 years old), and a really silly dog named Leo. My husband and I celebrated 10 years together this year, which makes me feel old, but really happy. We like our nomadic life and current life in the tropics (the beach! the crater lakes! the tropical fruit in our backyard!), though I do miss California. Happily, we visit every year, and my kids still get to experience life in the Bay Area for a stint every summer.” | Jennifer Cribbs spent the winter of 2015-2016 in South Lake Tahoe skiing, mostly at Heavenly and Kirkwood, with a spring excursion to Arapahoe Basin, Colorado. “This summer and fall I’m working for USGS in Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, studying the impact of white pine blister rust in the high Sierra.”

Laura Arriaza writes, “My heart is glad, in part, because my self-made business, Learn with Lynn, is totally booming! I teach couples and singles how to dance and help folks prep to rock their wedding dance! And also how to party dance. This year has also included beautiful trips to areas near Yosemite and closer like Tilden Park. After finally discovering it’s Calicis and Ardenal Fatigue that has been slowing me a little for two decades, I am now on the mend and have had the unexpected delight to be a helpful resource because of it all. So grateful for everything.” | Jessie Faller Hahn writes, “I’m living in San Francisco’s Outer Richmond still with my husband Dave and our 1-year-old Finnegan (named after my great grandmother). He’s keeping us busy along with my husband’s start-up, California Surfcraft, and our non-profit, Meeting of the Minds. Our annual summit convenes this year in Richmond, CA on October 25-27 with 400+ urban sustainability leaders from 20+ countries. It was great to see everyone...”

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at our 15-year reunion events in June.”

David Herman says, “I earned my MBA from Haas School of Business this spring and have since been working as a new product design and innovation strategist at fuseproject, developing and launching new products for the smart home and wearables market. My wife Jessica and I welcomed our first child this July. David McMillan and his wife Kristy continue the adventure of parenting Djenika Michel, a child from an orphanage the couple is involved with in Haiti. David continues his career at Palladium but recently switched roles to become the Director of the Office of Strategy Management. He is excited about how his new role is allowing more opportunity to get involved in and learn about international development.

Rachel Adam Rogers shares, “My husband and I are enjoying life in the Outer Sunset with our new puppy, who hangs out with me as I work and paint from my home studio. Life is good!” Jenny Trang officially moved to New York City in early 2016 and, with help from Jortyn Belkay, she found an apartment she loves in the West Village! She is very excited for what this new adventure holds for her. Leaving the Bay Area was bittersweet; besides missing her friends and parents, months later her sister Leann Trang ’00 decided to move back to Marin County after five years in Spain with her husband and adorable 2-year-old Luna and Baby #2.

David Herman ’01 and Haas School of Business Dean Rich Lyons at graduation

David McMillan ’01, his wife Kristy and daughter Djenika Michel

Lee Cerri writes, “Got married in my hometown of Sausalito, sailed the Amalfi Coast for three weeks with friends, and now embarking on my fifth year at Everlane, leading brand and design. It’s been a wonderfully adventurous year.” Lindsay Meisel says, “This year, I got married and started a new job at Ava, a women’s health company.” Chloe Roth splits her time between copywriting, art directing photoshoots, and hand modeling for San Francisco companies. “The latter was an accident, but it has proven to come in quite handy for photoshoots (and puns). I spent much of the summer on Kauai visiting friends and family and taking photos of palm leaves — in fact, so many palm leaves that Sunset Magazine even printed a collage of them and named me “Instagrammer of the Moment.” See my work at @thechloeroth.”

Jhani Griffin Amabile moved to Denver, CO, with her husband and cat. Ben Amen and his girlfriend, Tracie, completed an 18-hour round-trip summit of Mt. Whitney on the 11th of September, 2015 and in February of this year, Ben won his division of the 2016 Puerto Vallarta International Yacht Race aboard the Reichel-Pugh 50 “Blue Blazes.” Tanya Bullock married James Baffour last fall at Harley Farms goat dairy in Pescadero, CA. Alumni in attendance included classmates Rachael (Kenedy) Wiseacres, Katie (Demko) London, Laura Zippel, and Emily Hendrick (who joined from Peru), Stephanie Yee (who made the trip from Australia), and brother Alex Belloch ’07. Following the ceremony, the group got to pet goats, feast on goat cheese (as well as other farm-to-table delectables), and spend the day catching up! Amy Helfant graduated from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at the end of May, and is awaiting her bar exam results. “Cross your fingers for me!” Emily Hendrick writes, “After spending a year in Guatemala working in fundraising for a nonprofit at Lake Atitlan, I moved to Cusco, Peru in October 2015 to work with an NGO focused on bird conservation in the tropical Andes. If anyone has plans to visit Machu Picchu, feel free to get in touch!” Kimberly (Walters) Shaffer recently earned the professional designation of Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS). Requirements for this credential include a series of ten rigorous exams covering topics in mathematics, property and casualty insurance, finance, and risk management. Kimi currently lives near Seattle and works as a Senior Vice President with reinsurance broker Guy Carpenter, specializing in reinsurance pricing and capital modeling.
Brooke Barron writes, “I’m excited to be back in the Bay as of August, 15 years after I left post-freshman year at MA! I’ll be starting my master’s at UC Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy. Can’t wait to catch up with everyone!” Sara Blair says, “This past summer I moved back to California with my partner and wife Michelle. I started a new position at UCDavis after finishing my master’s degree at UVM in 2013 and working at Mount Holyoke College for two years. Michelle and I got married on August 6, 2016 at my parents’ ranch in Martinez. We will be traveling to Hawaii for our honeymoon in December, so if you have any suggestions of things we must do, let us know!” Naomi Dimon moved to Seattle, WA in January 2016 to join the anesthesiology department at University of Washington Medical Center. “I’ve just launched my pottery business! I make functional stoneware. It’s called Bare Stone and you can find out more on my website at barestoneware.com.” Adam Lewis and his wife Lauren welcomed new baby Elizabeth (“Bizzy”) into the world this past December. They’ve enjoyed taking Bizzy along to all of their favorite Bay Area haunts from their current home base in Palo Alto and have also had fun introducing her to family and friends including MA Alums Eli Chernet, Abe Fine, Zach Gerstein, Gabe Dobbs, Nate Grossman, and Jonathan Jo. Lisa Tsubouchi is still enjoying her work with Crossroads and Aim High at Marin Academy. In her free time she is working on her latest project, Calico Café — Berkeley’s first cat cafe and coffee shop! Calico Café will work with Berkeley Animal Care Services to reduce the euthanasia rate of cats in the Bay Area — all of the cats at the cafe will be adoptable! Lisa hopes to open by March 2017. For more information, check out the website: www.calicocafe.org. Lewis and his wife Lauren welcomed new baby Elizabeth (“Bizzy”) into the world this past December. They’ve enjoyed taking Bizzy along to all of their favorite Bay Area haunts from their current home base in Palo Alto and have also had fun introducing her to family and friends including MA Alums Eli Chernet, Abe Fine, Zach Gerstein, Gabe Dobbs, Nate Grossman, and Jonathan Jo. Lisa Tsubouchi is still enjoying her work with Crossroads and Aim High at Marin Academy. In her free time she is working on her latest project, Calico Café — Berkeley’s first cat cafe and coffee shop! Calico Café will work with Berkeley Animal Care Services to reduce the euthanasia rate of cats in the Bay Area — all of the cats at the cafe will be adoptable! Lisa hopes to open by March 2017. For more information, check out the website: www.calicocafe.org.

A “Happy to be together in Santa Cruz, CA.” Amy Strauss ’05, Casey Strong ’05, Lauren Meisel ’05, Anne Chisholm ’05, and Lili Wacker ’05

B Sara Blir ’05 and wife Michelle

C Lisa with the Director and Volunteer Coordinator of BACS (Berkeley Animal Care Services) at an event in April. Lisa Tsubouchi ’06 (right)

D Elizabeth “Bizzy” Lewis, daughter of Adam Lewis ’06 and his wife Lauren, sporting her Wildcat Cub bib.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Transforming the Face of Business

Gabe Dobbs ’06

Like many MA alumni, Gabe Dobbs ’06 has used what he learned in high school to propel him into a successful career. You may have heard of Gabe’s many accomplishments in the commercial drone world for making the Forbes 30 Under 30 list. However, what has his journey taken him since leaving MA, and where does he plan to go in the future?

Gabe started MA as a young, somewhat headstrong 13-year-old and left feeling like his values had grounding and with a newfound confidence in his opinions and worldview, which is quite a transformation.

Through his journey from freshman to senior, Gabe learned to “empathize through real mentorship and debate with teachers and friends.” According to Gabe, “Understanding what others want and considering their motivations and goals before making assumptions is one of the most valuable skills to have both personally and professionally.” He also notes that one of the most valuable lessons he learned at MA was persistence. “When I wasn’t recommended for a particular class, I fought to get in. If I wanted to plan an event, I just needed to understand who to talk to, where to get funding, and learned to make it happen.” After deciding to do a senior project with my closest friend Phil Nova, we worked through many creative ideas (Billy-coll sport gun, rail gun, typical notions from high school boys) and ended up with an engineering project that remains one of the most memorable experiences from high school. “That level of understanding and persistence, coupled with a keen mind and confidence in his abilities, led him to many successes in college, and then shortly thereafter, at SpaceX.

Currently, Gabe works for a company called Keepsy, which is a leading commercial drone company that creates unmanned flying computers. Gabe has not one but two jobs at Keepsy — one is as the company’s in-house counsel, working on everything from contracts to regulatory compliance, as well as maintaining the company’s relationship with the Federal Aviation Agency. His other job is managing the business development team, which works on international expansion and finding use cases in new industries for their product.

Since the commercial drone market is in its infancy, there aren’t many laws in place to govern their use, which is one of the things Gabe works on. However, as regulation rushes to catch up with technology, virtually every Fortune 500 Company has been looking at an opportunity for drones to change the way they do business. When asked how drones can help the general public, Gabe says, “Our drones provide huge safety improvements to workers using them — whether it prevents a home inspector from climbing on roofs where he may fall, or a field engineer from walking around a dangerous quarry to measure his stockpiles of limestone and asphalt. There are also indirect and subtle benefits in every field we work in. For example, in the insurance industry, we can help insurers resolve claims faster, so that after a big storm, a homeowner can get payment for repairs in less time and get back to their lives.”

Clearly this is a new and exciting field and Gabe is at its forefront. His future is bright. In a perfect world Gabe hopes to go back and forth between the private sector and governmental non-profit work. “I like the day-to-day of building a company, constantly being challenged by change, and turning ideas into products that make peoples’ lives better. At the same time, I am fascinated by the big, audacious goals undertaken by government and non-profits to improve education and reduce poverty and inequality. I look at people like Sheryl Sandberg and Mark Warner who have been successful in the private sector and in government as people who have careers to strive for.”

Author Bio: Caitlyn Toropova ’02 focused on marine conservation most of her career, working in media (BBC), research (UC Santa Cruz) and policy (The Nature Conservancy). She now has a four-year-old son and works in education trying to create stewards of the next generation. She has continued to be involved with MA since graduation and thinks the school is truly a transformative and wonderful space.
A. “Radio nerding on the Channel Islands.”
Emma (Franklin) Stubbs ’08

B. “Enjoying the good life (and being back on the west-coast-best-coast) in Big Sur.”

Alexander Kamler says, “Hi! This past year I graduated from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. I now work at the Center for Evaluation and Applied Research at the New York Academy of Medicine, a very old New York non-profit institution. Our work focuses on improving the health of people living in cities through research and evaluation of public health policies and programs. After seven years, I still love New York, but fly home every chance I get!” Mikayla McVey shares, “Been a doozy of a year! Highlights included traveling to Denmark with Cyo Nystrom, swimming in Penobscot Bay, attending the 40th birthday party of a renowned Chilean author in Brooklyn and making a joke about my ‘early retirement’ to someone who I later learned was a 30-year-old recipient of a MacArthur Grant, making art and meditating with MA students and Mark Stefanski in Bolinas, recording a studio album with Splendor All Around (roving venue and music collective started with Wiley Rogers ’04), moving in with my man (who came with me to my junior prom at MA!), tape syncing for NPR, getting a job that my mom thinks is a ‘real’ job, women bosses, and singing at the wedding of Dylan Kaufman-Obstler. Spent plenty of time wandering around wondering what we’re all doing here and enjoying the sky too. Come find me in John McNeil Studio’s production department or at www.spendorallaround.com.”

C. “My boyfriend, Stirling Welch, and I in front of a 1930’s Lockheed Electra!”
Aki Gormezano ’09

D. “It was epic and I’d recommend it to (almost) anyone. I’m now working in San Francisco at a FinTech company called CircleUp.”

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Bennett Schatz is currently living in the Bay Area, eating very healthy, and riding his bicycle. This summer he went to Spain. Emma (Franklin) Stubbs writes, “I’m finally back in the Bay Area, living on a houseboat in Sausalito with my husband. Wait what? Yup, I got married to George Stubbs in June and am now Emma Stubbs. I spent the summer of 2015 hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada with George (think five months of nothing but walking, eating, and sleeping).”

Emily Cohodes says, “I started a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at Yale this summer after working as a research coordinator at the UCSF Child Trauma Research Program for three years following college. My boyfriend and I did a month-long road trip across the country, stopping at many national parks to celebrate the centennial. We also recently adopted a dog named Otter and we are looking forward to our first fall in the Northeast.”

Bridget Crowe writes, “This year I started a new adventure at HOLLY HUNT as a part of their product development team for textiles, leather, and rugs. After seven years in Chicago, I continue to enjoy the city and its vibrant art and design community.”

Aki Gormezano started a Psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Michigan in September. Caitrin Hall says, “I’m currently living in Oakland, working for an organic food company, and loving to walk in the East Bay hills.” Forest Kerstetter shares, “I’m currently working as an Air Force Officer and air traffic controller. My first two years after finishing college were spent in Florida and along the Gulf Coast, learning how air traffic control is done and how to run an airport. In 2015 I moved to the Mojave Desert of Southern California and do air traffic control and safety at the National Training Center. If you ever fly east out of LAX, I’m one of the people making sure airplanes don’t get too close to the airplane you’re in. When I’m not at work I enjoy hiking and discovering in the desert and San Gabriel Mountains. If anyone wants to know a good place to grab some food or a beer on the way to Vegas or Joshua Tree, drop me a line.”
Emily Pascal is a first-year medical student at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. She spent a very happy four years at Tufts undergrad, graduating magna cum laude, doing both a pre-med curriculum as well as studying Spanish literature and doing her honors thesis (in Spanish) on the anti-poetry of Nicanor Parra, whom she discovered while studying abroad in Chile. She was a member of the Tufts swim team as well as the club water polo team. Emily served as the Technical Director of, and EMT on, TEMS (Tufts Emergency Medical Services). Emily just completed her seventh, surgical mission to Nuevo Amanecer, Guatemala, and such an exposure has given Emily a particular interest in pediatric plastics/pediatric ENT. She is so excited about this next chapter of her life and getting to know Boston since she spent almost no time in Boston as an undergrad, finding herself either engaged in life on the Tufts campus or out of the country. She cherishes the friendships that she cultivated at MA and is still good friends with many MAers. And she credits the wonderful John Hicks, former MA science teacher, with giving her a profound understanding and mastery of chemistry. Joey Upjohn says, “2016 has been a great year so far, full of some interesting adventures south of the border to practice Spanish, eat good food, and practice Salsa. I have been working in Mill Valley at Glassdoor. We have a small cohort of illustrious MA alums working here now, including Ross Pomerantz ‘07 and Michael Podolin ‘08! I've been working at Amyris, a renewable products biotech company in the East Bay, for two years now! I’m in the Scientific Computing department where I help out with the company’s whole genome sequencing pipeline and am a developer on an in-house DNA programming language that allows biologists to quickly design DNA constructs. I was a co-author on my first scientific publication about the language (called Genotype Specification Language) and in July, I presented a poster about it at the Synthetic Biology, Engineering, Evolution, and Design conference in Chicago. Outside of working, I’ve been volunteering at Wildcare, a wildlife rescue hospital based in San Rafael, went on a coral reef conservancy/diving trip to Belize last December, organized a BB-8 app-enabled droid race for my office’s Star Wars happy hour, and I still play lots of soccer and frisbee with friends and coworkers!”

Collecting data on speared Lionfish, a beautiful but aggressive species that is invasive to Belize’s coral reef ecosystems. Erin Wilson ‘10

Erin Schrode ‘09

Joey Upjohn ‘10

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After spending four years in rural Ohio at Kenyon College, Olivia Lloyd shares that she relished a few short weeks in San Francisco before trading high tech for high tea and moving to London! “In the spring, I accepted a two-year Account Management Fellowship with London-based advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather. I graduated magna cum laude from Kenyon in May with a major in history and a minor in English. I’m looking forward to the next adventure, and hoping to travel as much as possible.”

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Theo St. Francis writes, “My personal recovery continues — with some exciting progress recently! After enduring a spinal cord injury in August 2013 in my first semester at MIT, I’ve been in full-time rehab mode. Striving to not only overcome paralysis and regain the use of my arms, torso, and legs, but to secure my own independence, and rid myself of the need to use a wheelchair. Often I too think I’m crazy, but through my Pilotes-based program, and TONS of support from the community, I’ve recovered in ways I never believed I could! Prow-surfing, sit-skiing, and even SF Bay swimming are part of the regime, with some public speaking recently, as well.”

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Ari Goldstein shares, “This spring I declared my minor in Jewish Civilization at Georgetown University and traveled to Ukraine and Poland for a Holocaust research trip.”

IN MEMORIAM

Tristan Witte ‘14

We continue to grieve the loss of beloved community member Tristan Witte ‘14, who lost his life in a tragic car accident in Pasadena this past summer. Tristan was a talented musician, scholar, and athlete. His warm spirit lit up our campus, touching each person he engaged with. He is greatly missed by our community.
**REUNION 2016**

This past June, more than 100 people joined us on campus to celebrate our Reunion 2016. Highlighting the Classes of 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011, this event was a great day for all alumni to connect with MA friends and faculty, enjoy delicious tacos and frozen custard, take a campus tour, hear some live music from the talented Keeley Valentino ‘00, and entertain their kiddos with face painting, a bounce house, arts and crafts. To kick off the morning, James Shipman hosted his final Aikido practice in the Marin Academy Gym. We had a fantastic time, and hope all who participated did as well. We look forward to the next big celebration in June 2017!

**Farewell**

After many years of service to the Marin Academy community, we said farewell to James Shipman, David LeCount and Chris Alexander, at the close of the 2015-2016 school year. We wish James, David and Chris the best of luck as they move forward in this next chapter of their lives and thank them all for the incredible mark they’ve made upon our community.

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Marie Holland
Elizabeth Stas ’16
Mercedes Stas ’20

Alumni were asked in a survey to elaborate on what “Think. Question. Create.” means to them. Throughout the following pages, you’ll find a sampling of their reflections.

THINK QUESTION CREATE

I think those words are still at the core of how I think about leading a robust and enjoyable intellectual life.
Adrian Lewis ’16

T=Trustee
GF=Grandparent
FS=Faculty/Staff
*1717 Society, recognizing alumni who have contributed to the Annual Fund for the last 5 or more consecutive years.
I’m an entrepreneur now. And I have no doubt that my drive and ability to question the status quo came from my time at MA.

Chris Beaver ’06

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New Board Members

JOHN LONGLY

A resident of San Francisco, John and his wife, Anne, are the parents of four boys, the eldest, Jack, is a sophomore at MA. John is the Co-Founder and CEO of DoBot, a financial app that helps the consumer save, budget and invest wisely. Previously, John was the Managing Director and Head of Private Wealth Shares for Blackrock, and the CEO for Citigroup Private Banking. He is also a partner in Geometry Winas. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and has been active as a board member for both the Ross Valley Schools and Ross Valley Lacrosse.

MARIE LYONS

The new president of the Marin Academy Parents Association (MAPA), Marie and her husband Tom live in Kentfield with their four sons, including the MA graduates, Henry ‘14, and two current students, Mac ‘17 and Will ‘18. Their youngest son, George, is in the ninth grade. Marie has a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins and previously worked for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as a health policy analyst. Marie also has held leadership positions with the Kentfield School Foundation (KSF).

JAMIE COLLIE

Jamie teaches math at MA, as well as being the Senior Class Dean and the Girls’ Water Polo coach. He is a sought-after Outings and Mincourse leader. Prior to joining the MA faculty in 2006, Jamie taught and coached at the Savannah Country Day School (Savannah, Georgia) and the Webb Schools (Claremont, CA). He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond and is also a certified wilderness first responder. Jamie and his wife, Helen, MA teacher and coach Mary, have recently welcomed their son, Q, into the home that they and coach Mary, have recently welcomed their son, Q, into the home that they share with dogs Ridge and Diddle.

JOHN PARSONS

A resident of San Francisco, John and his wife Kara are the parents of Max ‘19, as well as both grader Harry and fifth grader August. John has an undergraduate degree from University of California, Berkeley. He is the Creative Director of Blurb, Inc. and the Principal of times consulting. He is also an actor. John has served on the MCD’s Board, where he co-chaired their Strategic Planning Committee in 2012.

TONY STAYS

The father of Elizabeth’s ‘16 and Meredith’s ‘17, Tony and his wife, Marcie Holland, live in San Francisco. He is currently a Managing Director at TPG Private Wealth Management in San Francisco. Previously, Tony was co-chair of trading at Sfilfer Financial, and a member of the executive team at Thomas Weisel Partners. He has been involved for many years at the Harim School and has been an active Annual Fund volunteer for MA.

ALICIA NOGAL

A resident of San Francisco, Alicia and her husband, Greg Little, are the parents of Brian ’19 and Reed ’20. Their oldest son attends St. Paul’s School in New Hampshire. Alicia received her degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara and previously worked in the entertainment industry before spending her time working in the area of arts education. Alicia was a long-time trustee of San Francisco Day School, First Exposure, and SF Camerawork.

STEPHANIE NOTOWICH

The parent of Mads Crowe ’17, Davis Crowe ‘19 and fourth grader Margot, Stephanie and her husband Lee are residents of Ross. Stephanie earned her degree from Pace University and serves as a Vice President at Dodge & Cox. She has been an active Annual Fund volunteer for MA.
Marin Academy 2015-2016 Fundraising Summary

PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

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Isaac Pollan ’11

I also loved how much MA supported my growth as a whole person—scholar, artist, musician, dancer—which are all things that have made me a happier person in my adult life.

Caitlin Lowry ’16
Market Night 2016: The Fair Sponsors

This year, we traveled back to the monumental 1939 San Francisco World’s Fair “The Fair” as the locals called it, was a way to promote peace, brotherhood, and to show off the newly created wonders of the world: the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge. It was with this spirit of union, innovation, and excitement that the MA community came together for a night of celebration.

The Mill Valley Community Center was once again filled to the brim with parents, staff, faculty, and friends of MA. Our silent auction was a success, our wine bar continued to be the most popular spot in the room, and our cost-MA based treated everyone to an hour of energized dancing. Excitement around the new Science and Innovation Center built as we engaged in a live Fund-A-Need and were able to raise over $50,000 for equipment for the Center. As always, all funds from the silent auction as well as social and faculty professional development and we thank everyone who attended and contributed.

GOLDEN GATE AND BAY BRIDGE
John and Deborah Buehler
Mitch and Susan Cohen
Minott and Ashley Wessinger

TREASURE ISLAND AND STATUE OF PACIFIC
Neil and Rona Ashe
Tom and Agnes Heeran
Donald and Barbara Henderson
Kvin Henderson Hanson
Melissa Herman
Emma Hall ‘18
David Herrero ‘03
Jack Herzog ‘16
Susan Batllestein Hewit ‘77
C.J. Nakagawa ‘05

TOWER OF THE SUN
Eileen Hall ‘09
Lynne W. and Steve Hansen
Dylan Hadfield-Menell ‘08
Robert Gutierrez (FS)
Emma Wall ‘18
Rebecca Gustin (T)
Kirk Hobbs and Susan Sakmar

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Tribute to the Class of 2016:

WILLIAM P. BAGLEY
Peter Butler ‘03
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Maxwell Huenan ‘55
Helen Hsu ‘70
Rachel Richman ‘19
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Erik Ingersoll ‘18
Grace Haggerty ‘16
Ethan Haggerty ‘20
Satchel Kostelnik ‘16

Jawad Al Ibrahimi
Azeez and Elena Sokolove
Joseph, Tobi and Robby Sembeniti
Adam Willner and Marta Benson
Joseph Tato and Robyn Sembenini
Alexei and Elena Sokolove
Joshua Israel ‘91
Karen Jacobsen (FS)
Molly Keegan ‘96
Theodore Keeler and
Mariah Nathanson-Keeler
Daniel Keeler ‘12
Sheila and Mark Kelly
Dan Giffen ‘89
John Kelly ‘96 (FS)
Nancy Kelly ‘99
Rachel Kamouille ‘16
Matt Kingly ‘16
in honor of future students
David Klme and Laura Taub
Daniel Klme ‘17
Alan Klme ‘02
Samantha Kinghoffer ‘16
Dutch Knapp and Tina King
Chase King ‘18
Dan Knox ‘99
in honor of James Sherman
Eva Koh (FS) and
Russ Thibeault (FS)
Satish Kosarikar ‘16
Jessica and Mora Kuhn
Jame Kuhn ‘19
Maddy Kuhn ‘16
Joan (FS) and Bruce Lacey
Cassie Lacey ‘06
Grant Lacey ‘06
Elise Lofogha ‘11
Julie Lukes ‘08
Millicent Lucy (GP)
Thee-Annette ‘12
Tommy Annette ‘16
Danielle Laffey ‘10
Christie McKinnon Laffee ‘16
in honor of Joel Shapman
David LeCourt (FS)
Alice LeCourt ‘16
Jame Logan and Julie Plhein
Michael Logan ‘17
Carrie Lamare (FS)
Landing Club (match)
Ralph and Phyllis Leston (GP)
Jacqueline Leston ‘16
Jonathan Leston ‘20
Bob and Head Brain and
Laura Lewis ‘11
Daniel Lewis ‘03
Emily Lewis ‘11
Matt Lewis ‘01
Yue Lin (FS)
Tom Littlejohn
Sandy Sprinngman ‘13
Malcolm Littler
and Teri Dickson (GP)
Dante Fippettos ‘19

The Lopes Family
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Jennifer Lopez (FS)
The Lord Family
Emily Lord ‘19
Beth Lozano
Libby Rader ‘03
Jack Lukacschi ‘17
Adrian Lurssen and
Moni Kennedy
Emmitt Lurssen ‘18
Ken Mahone
Ksenya Khatch ‘19
Julia Malkin ‘02
Aaron Mandel ‘12
Stacy Jaffe Marshall ‘86
Rudi Mark (BSK)
Sally Mettus (T) and
Robbi Thibeault (FS)
Mike Mcnair ‘98
Tony Melkisic (FS)
Teri Cardinal Mendelson ‘75
Henrik Meng (FS)
Julie Merjendol ‘13
Cynthia Michael ‘99
Jill Mina
Eloth Minu ‘19
Richard and Myron Mirash
Jake Bloomfield-Mirash ‘16
James Meyers Robbitt ‘19
Ben Moglen ‘13
Scott Mcnitt ‘99
The Ruben Munson Family
Alice Robbitt ‘10
Rex Robbitt ‘04
Alexis More ‘89
Tamara Morgan
Elysse Morgan ‘16
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Michael Mora (FS) and
Vickie Hecht
Lucy Mora ‘16
in honor of the garden
Sanje Morgan (FS)
Richard Moses
Alex Miao Bullock ‘12
Napeli Mutzel ‘16
Jonah Nakagawa ‘10
Dana ‘92 and Shy ‘92
Nelson-Lesak
Rob and Lindsey (FS) Neville
Charlie Neville ‘09
Sue Neville ‘20
Brandon Nicholson ‘01
David Noble ‘94
in honor of Bob Schleeter
Rachel Norman (GP)
Max Norman ‘13
Alex Nourafshan ‘13
in honor of Lynne Hansen
Trent Nuttering (FS)
Corey Chama ‘86
Stew and Sarah Park
David Park ‘17
Rainbow Pauwels (FS)
Jack Patterson ‘16
John Patrowsky (FS)
Robert and Jackie Paxon
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Robbin Poppens
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Rose Porter ‘12
Sally Porter
Scott Porter ‘10
Micoch ‘16
Madison Prince-Judd ‘16
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Andrew Pynchon-Ramee ‘16
Howard (FS) and Evi Rachawan
Kevin Rees ‘16
Jerry and Neitha Richardson
Tony Richardson ‘17
Mike and Marjorie Richman (GP)
Richard Richman ‘19
Cheyenne Robertson (FS)
Alvaro Rodriguez ‘10
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Isabelle Rodriguez ‘16
Will Rogers and Kate Weese
Wiley Rogers ‘19
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I’ve been inclined to always question what I’m expected to do. There is always an easy, well-paved path, but often the alternate trail is a better fit for me and MA helped me to do that.

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Bobbi Brindisi and Bill Burks

LORI M. MORSE Scholarship Fund
Bruce Morse

SPECIAL GIFTS
Faculty Professional Development: Restricted
Susan and Mitchell Cohen

Financial Aid: Restricted
Kris Klein and Bill Donahoe

Rutash ‘94

Rutash Foundation

Grant Martin ‘05 Scholarship Fund
Chuck Allen
Debra Purcell

Capital: Unrestricted
Robert and Melissa Albee
Rebecca Abbey
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And because many voices are welcomed and encouraged at MA, our students cultivate the tools they need to live their lives fully, and the inspiration to contribute as compassionate citizens to our world.