Marin Academy Mission Statement

Marin Academy asks every individual to think, question, and create in an environment of encouragement and compassion, and challenges each person to accept the responsibilities posed by education in a democratic society.

Did you know that Marin Academy’s campus is the oldest independent school site in California, with schools on this property since 1866? Yet of these 146 years, MA has occupied just 40. While 40 may seem old to teenagers, 1972 wasn’t so long ago.

According to Rebecca Nelson Sylla ’81 (parent of Tyler ’12) and Pam Keon (parent of Molly ’10 and William Vitale ’07), who lovingly researched and compiled MA’s history over the course of several years, the story of our campus almost concluded at the end of the 1960s. Though it was the end of the San Rafael Military Academy, the 1970s signaled a beginning for us.

In 1971, a small group of educators and private individuals sought to establish a progressive independent high school that would incorporate experiential learning and citizenship with intellectual development. Against the social unrest of the times, the founders sought a balanced approach to education with, of course, an emphasis on scholarship as well as the performing and fine arts, athletics, and the outdoors.

In September 1972, with optimism, courage, and enormous dedication on all parts, Marin Academy welcomed a student body of 59 and a faculty of 15, each excited about embarking on this new adventure. Within weeks of starting, students were going on outings and participating in minicourses, learning about the natural world, and challenging themselves to try new things and develop new competencies. The concept of one’s place and one’s responsibilities as a member of a community was also key, with students pitching in from the beginning to help improve the campus and contribute to the betterment of the school.

Curiosity, compassion, and the ability to make the world a better place are the values that have sustained us for the last four decades. These qualities were important to MA’s founders and students in 1972; today, Marin Academy continues to embrace these values and improve our students’ education. We have taught and mentored more than 3,000 successful, exciting, and compassionate global citizens, athletes, artists, and scholars. Happily, we do this work with the support of our fantastic community of students and educators, parents, and alumni—and especially all of the volunteers and donors listed in the Annual Report.

Warmly,

A. Travis Brownley, Head of School

PS: You can read more about the past, present, and future of Marin Academy on my blog Heads and Tales (travisma.wordpress.com). I have had so much fun interviewing alumni, students, parents, teachers, staff, and even some celebrities, and sharing words and photos about the wonderful things that happen at MA. I welcome your feedback, participation, and suggestions for posts!
Marin Academy has prepared you well for all that comes with picking yourself up, learning from what you did wrong, and charging forward with greater strength and confidence. Those people sitting out there, your family here to celebrate your accomplishments, will offer you a hand when you fall. This amazing and loving faculty who has challenged and praised you will be there when you need them. And your friends by your side or in the audience will love you and laugh with you no matter what. Find the lesson. The more you fail and the more you embrace those experiences, the better off we all will be.

—EXCERPT FROM ENGLISH TEACHER MARY COLLIE’S FACULTY ADDRESS
On behalf of the faculty, Travis Brownley awarded Neha Budhraja the 2012 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 one of her teachers, “Neha is amazing. She models excellence. She is compassionate and good. She is one of those students by which I will measure all to come. And this is not because she is an academic powerhouse (which she is), rather because she has grown into an impeccable leader. She has found great success in leading The MA Voice staff in this manner because it is clear that she encourages excellence in her peers, but she does so without being bossy or egotistical and mean. It’s never about Neha; it’s always about making others better.”
A national and international honor society, Cum Laude recognizes scholastic achievement and excellence at the high school level. This year Caitlin Lacey ’06, a bean-to-bar chocolate maker in San Francisco, addressed the twenty-one inducted seniors.

Melina Acevedo
Theodora Atwater
Maranda Barry
Anwen Baumeister
Neha Budhraja
Tiffany Chang
Elizabeth Elliott

Adela Fine
Olivia Glick
Charlotte Kamai
Katherine Kingsley
Leigh Kinney
Caitlyn Littlepage
Charlotte Marx

Andrew Miller
Brian Rowett
Maya Sampath
Sarah Tillman
Sharanya Venkataraman
Max Weiss
Lyla Wilton

And They’re Off...
Math Night

2012 was the 10th anniversary of Math Night. In 2002, MA welcomed Bret Taylor from Google, who presented on the mathematical limits of computers. Since then, each year has brought mathematical luminaries to campus, including Stanford’s Nick Fiori, author Wendy Lichtman, Mills College’s Zvezda Stankova, and MA’s own David LeCount. This year, the math department collaborated with the Brizendine Scholar program to bring author James Tanton to campus, who, to the surprise of those in attendance, proved that one actually does equal two.

While always proud to host special guests, Math Department Chair Kevin Rees explains, “Every year, even with all these major speakers, the kids always shine brighter.” This year, Neha Budhraja ‘12 presented on predicting stock market trends; August Larmer-DiFilippo ‘13 and Theo St. Francis ‘13 examined mathematical patterns of nature; Chase Porter ‘13 wowed the audience with a boolean operator examination of magic tricks; Ben ‘14 and Berk Norman ‘12 explained the knight’s tour and Euler Networks; and Yasmine Eichbaum ‘13 and Michele Ramseier ‘13 explained the relationship between needles and noodles.

Every year, MA’s passionate students bring their math excitement to the rest of the community—and even non-mathematicians have a great time. Join us for the 11th Math Night on April 30, 2013.
Alumni on Campus

After 40 years, Marin Academy boasts many fascinating graduates. During the 2011–2012 school year, we were fortunate to welcome more than two dozen alumni back to campus so current students could get a glimpse of life after MA. Kyle Hunter ’07, Kamilah Weeks ’09, and Aki Gormezano ’09 spoke to students about their experiences at MA, the transition to college, and life in general through different lenses of identity.

We welcomed special alumni guests at this year’s Literary Festival and Conference on Democracy, and several musical guests visited campus. Desiree Wattis ’11, Nate Campagne ’11, Sturdy Adams ’11, Andrew Hove ’11, Zia Grossman-Vendrillo ’11, Lila Frisher ’11, Julia Chamin ’11, Matt Kerslake ’10, Tennesse Mowrey ’10, Dylan Flynn ’06, Jarrett Cherne ’99, Rachael Bouch-Dimonsstein ’97, Sky Nelson ’92, and Orion Lestiz ’90 performed at the annual alumni concert special assembly; and Luke Notary ’96 and his band House of Waters, a hammered dulcimer/bass/percussion trio, wowed current students during a special assembly performance.

Rachel Rosen ’99 spoke about her research in cosmology and the life of a scientist, Eric Lee ’08 shared his experiences with the Occupy Movement at UC Davis, Leslie Alden ’75 addressed the history of Marin Clean Energy, Jason Rezaian ’94 shared his experiences living and working as a journalist in Iran, Caitlin Lacey ’06 spoke at Cum Laude, and Jason Lee ’07 shared a bit of wisdom at the Senior/Faculty Farewell Luncheon.

Literary Festival

In February, Marin Academy’s English Department held the 20th annual Literary Festival, a week-long series of workshops, readings, and events to celebrate the written word. MA was proud this year to host Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gary Snyder and US Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky. Snyder offered a workshop for students as well as the 2011–2012 Thacher Lecture for the community, and Pinsky, working with MA student musicians, performed a jazzy spoken word at assembly. In addition, Rebecca Foust wowed students with her approach to poetry; Lucy Corin illuminated short story writing; and Aimee Suzara led a workshop on slam poetry, coinciding nicely with an MA slam final on Friday.

Other talented writers—including some of MA’s own celebrities—got involved as well: former English teacher Eugenie Chan helped students with their playwriting; English teacher Mary Collie led a profile writing workshop; former English teacher Joe Coulson held a fiction workshop; theater teacher Annie Elias helped writers transition to the stage with improv; and MA’s literary magazine Echoes offered a breakfast workshop and hosted John Peck from Volta Press, who shed light on the history of printing. Lit Fest concluded with an alumni panel of professional writers including Chris Ballard ’91, Tofa Borregaard ’94, Tracy Grant ’84, Margot Magowan ’89, Chloe Roth ’03, and Zoe Sexton ’83. The next Lit Fest will be held February 12–15, 2013.
Collaboration and Thrive-ability: Thoreau Co-Chairs

Seven years ago, thanks to the generosity of a Marin Academy family, MA established the H.D. Thoreau Chair for Sustainability, an endowed faculty position designed to “support the idea that we are a part of nature, and that to be fully educated means, among many things, to understand our place in the web of life…Through interdisciplinary curriculum development, teaching, and mentoring the student community, the Thoreau Chair will seek to support an education program at MA that recognizes that citizenship in today’s world rests on a deep ecological understanding.”

This position, held by Mark Stefanski for the last six years, has garnered positive attention for the school. MA was recently included in Paul Chapman’s 2012 book Greening America’s Schools: The Environmental Sustainability Movement in K-12 Education. Chapman discusses MA’s “culture of ecological mindfulness,” that is evident in Green Week and Eco-Council projects, the Outings Program, the AP Environmental Science course, Conference on Democracy presentations and panels, garden stewardship, and the work of the campus facilities team.

This year, the Thoreau model has changed as three MA teachers will serve as H.D. Thoreau Co-Chairs for 2012–2015:

- **Jen Coté** is a mathematics teacher, freshman advisor, study coach, and permaculture advocate.
- **Liz Gottlieb** is a science teacher; cross country coach; and leader of running, hiking, and restoration outings/minicourses.
- **Nicole Jensen** is a science teacher, freshman advisor, study coach, and community action mentor.

MA has focused on the importance of collaboration in our student and faculty work, and thus this shared position serves as a great example of the values that MA espouses.
Jen: All three of us were encouraged by others in the community to apply for the position. But when I sat down to write the application, I realized that this work is collaborative. I did not want to apply by myself.

Liz: It made sense to go out on a limb and propose something different.

Nicole: It was the perfect combination. We balance each other and give perspective to one another. When one is feeling overwhelmed, the others can give feedback and suggestions.

Jen: When you look at a garden or a forest or even a school, you may notice the individual components. But what makes for a healthy system are the relationships between these components. At MA, we have so many talented and creative individuals doing so many cool things, but we are all sort of headed towards the same north star: providing a rich and rewarding education for our students. As we head deeper into the 21st century, we are hoping that education will include a better understanding of sustainability and systems.

Liz: We all have a systems approach to looking at things and are all really open to looking through different lenses. Nothing is done in isolation—that is part of how we’ve set up the Thoreau Chair, how we are working together.

Jen: In terms of our goals as Thoreau Co-Chairs, we all agree that ultimately we want to get out of the way and let people do what they do best. One of the first things we are doing is information gathering. We will do this across stakeholders: parents, teachers, students, alumni, staff. We want to get our fingers on the pulse: what do people understand about sustainability? What are they doing on their own? What are their dreams, hopes, and aspirations? What are they most afraid of? We want our work to come from the community.

Nicole: We also really want to support student leadership within this framework. We have “Econeers” where students apply and then get mentored to develop a project they feel passionate about.

Liz: We each have one Econeer—and hope to have more students and mentors in the future—who is paired up with us based on an interest or project or one of our strengths. We hope it will be a really supportive leadership position for students.

Jen: Sometimes we are asked why a focus on sustainability is important. When you ask the question that way, you are implying that un-sustainability is an option. The challenge is that the word “sustainability” has gotten flimsy.

Liz: I like to think of it as one step higher: “thrive-ability.” It’s not just good enough to work on sustainability. What if everything is thriving? You want a place where people can grow.

Nicole: We have three goals for our term. First, we will help teachers incorporate sustainability into their curriculum. Second, we will work with the school administration to incorporate sustainability into our day-to-day MA lives, from the macro level of the MA buildings and grounds to the health, well-being, and balance of individuals. Finally, we will educate community members about hot topics and happenings in areas of sustainability that are both interesting and relevant as well as keep our community apprised of issues that are important to them.

Look for more information about Thoreau projects—including a community survey—at ma.org/thoreau.
Making Connections Through the Arts

Theater teacher David Sinaiko sat down with Dezi Gallegos ’13 to discuss theater, television, and fitting in at MA.

David: When I do open houses for prospective students, I proudly tell them that the arts are the hub where all academic connections are made. It’s one of my favorite things about MA: we are not afraid to say that we want you to connect art with other subjects. Has that been your experience? Do you feel like that happens in your art?

Dezi: For sure. I feel so lucky that my art is theater because you can do a play about virtually any topic and learn a ton. Lots of the issues I’m passionate about have come from plays I’ve done. I did a play called Prop 8 Love Stories, which got me passionate about gay marriage. In the play Born Guilty, I got to explore World War II from the perspective of the children of Nazis. I love how theater often asks huge questions that you can’t answer—I think that the asking is part of what makes theater beautiful.

David: So as you know, as an emerging artist, one of the things art does is provide a metaphor for who we are as humans in our lives and in our world. You set off on a path three years ago—you came to MA. Could you describe that path, and where it’s brought you, where you hope it leads you, etc?

Dezi: When I talk about my MA experience, I like to use my rolly backpack as a sort of metaphor. I came here freshman year with the rolly backpack I’d had in middle school, which was given to me by my mom, a chiropractor. She’s always encouraged me to have it. I could have put my foot down, but I knew it would be better for me in the future. It was humiliating in the beginning—I mean, it’s very uncool. But this community has allowed it to become such a positive thing. I am so grateful to the community for allowing me to become comfortable with who I am. That’s what’s been best about MA for me—you think of a high school experience as becoming uncomfortable, a stage in life when you’re awkward. I still have good old teenage awkwardness; I haven’t escaped that. But I know who I am, I like who I am, and I’m not pretending I’m someone I’m not. It was hard in the beginning—I was the only kid from my school in Sebastopol, and I came in knowing no one. It’s a struggle in the beginning—but eventually you find friends, find your place.

David: What are you working on this year?

Dezi: I feel extremely lucky because I’m getting to do a bunch of things I love. I’m going to keep working on the first-ever MA TV show, which I have been producing, writing, editing, and directing for the past year. It’s been a ton of fun. I also could not be more excited about my independent study in theater, in which I’ll be creating a documentary theater piece on religion. I’ll portray men and women of different faiths. When you see the play, you won’t initially know who is Christian, who is Jewish, who is Atheistic, etc. Gradually, you’ll find out their beliefs, but not before getting to know and like the interviewees. We’re all just people—we believe because we want to believe, and I hope that will be a message in the show. I want the audience to walk out and say, “I never thought about it like that.”

David: It’s going to be really interesting to hear people tell stories about religion. Always stay curious—we run into trouble when we somehow fool ourselves into thinking we aren’t curious. Where do you see yourself after MA? Do you want to continue in the arts?

Dezi: That was a big question for me at the beginning of the college application process. I have so many passions outside of theater, and so I want a broad curriculum that would provide a foundation to explore. I want to go to a school with a strong theater program, but I don’t want to restrict myself to just theater—there is so much more to learn. Also, when creating theater, you need to have a lot of outside knowledge before you can perform. To write for theater or TV, you need to know a lot. And through learning in preparation for creating, you grow to love what you learn. It comes back to what we started with. Everything stems from the arts.

David Sinaiko teaches theater and Shakespeare and co-directs the theater program with his life partner and frequent artistic collaborator, Annie Elias. He is an associate artist with San Francisco’s Cutting Ball Theater, recently appearing in their production of Tenderloin, written and directed by Annie Elias.
The Journey of MA Athletics

We spend a lot of time these days talking about MA Athletics as more of a “journey program” rather than an “end result program.” The journey is bigger than the sport itself; the journey is where all of us who are involved in athletics learn the lessons that stick with us long after the game, the season, and the career ends. The journey is about the competition, as runners or swimmers against the clock, or as a baseball, softball, or soccer team against another team.

The journey is about the camaraderie and teamwork developed. At the first practice of a new season, the new players don’t know the drills, the skills of the returning kids, or where they fit into the team. It’s that awkward first practice that evolves into the security of being embraced by the returning players. The team as a whole experiences that first disjointed, vaguely familiar practice that evolves into the finely-tuned process that brings them together in their shared endeavor.

The journey is also about the goals reached and the failures shared and faced once again. A great example is the girls’ water polo team. After a heartbreaking loss to Ukiah in the 2010 league championship, they used that loss as a driving force to improve and work hard and defeated Ukiah for the 2011 league championship.

We aren’t going to remember another practice on a Wednesday in October or March. We aren’t going to remember a win over Crystal Springs or Pescadero High School. What we are going to remember is the time we had a test, a concert, and a playoff game on the same day. The gut feeling of, “I’m not prepared enough to face this day.” It was the day we learned the value of foresight and managing our time better going forward.

We remember that day when, years later, we have the big presentation at work, a family event that night, and a dog that needs to be walked. It’s that day, as an adult, that triggers the memory of the journey as a high school athlete. And upon reflection is when we realize the value of cherishing the journey of high school athletics, embracing the lessons we didn’t know we learned until we had some distance from our experience. As a lacrosse team, we see the importance of learning from our mistakes each time we watch film. As a track team, we see the importance of setting goals each time we set a new personal record. These are the lessons that we carry with us, consciously or unconsciously, as we move forward in our lives.

Trophies and banners are often seen as the celebration of the end result. I would argue that they could also be seen as icons for that team’s journey. The icons that bring back the flood of memories about our own experiences, our teammates, and coaches and all of the hard work, dedication, and commitment it took to achieve the icon itself. It is in this way, as a reminder of the good, that we celebrate the icons of the 2011–2012 school year’s achievements:

- 273 MA students participated on an interscholastic team.
- 8 MA teams claimed league championships: Boys Lacrosse; Boys Soccer; Boys and Girls Swimming, Boys and Girls Tennis, and Boys and Girls Water Polo.
- 18 of 19 varsity teams participated in the North Coast Section playoffs, including the first NCS championships in school history in Boys Golf and Boys Lacrosse. In Girls Swimming, MA’s 200 Free Relay team set a new NCS record and achieved All-American status. The 400 Free Relay also achieved All-American status.
- At the CIF Championship level, the Boys Cross Country team finished 13 out of 22 teams in the Division 5 competition.
- MA finished in 5th place in the 2011–2012 Elmer Brown Award Standings out of 170 schools in the North Coast Section. This award recognizes the combination of the top athletic and the top academic programs. 13 of MA’s 19 varsity teams were in the top 3 in their respective sport for highest team GPA.
Celebrating 40
I call them The Dreamers: a group of administrators, trustees, and teachers who dreamed of creating a high school experience different than the type they had endured as teenagers. They wanted school to be engaging and fun, experiential and real, personable and informal. They wanted to save kids (from themselves) for the benefit of all humanity; by offering a caring hand through the awkward transitional years to adulthood, the school would help the world become a better place.

None of these men and women still walk through the Circle every day, but as I do, I see ample evidence that the founding vision still holds true. Abandoned backpacks still clog the hallways, giggles of delight still waft down the cafeteria line, and students still find comfortable couches for a quick nap or a longer snooze. Minicourse is still the students’ favorite week of the school year; students still check real books out of the library, and students still fall in love for the first time. Rehearsals are still full of joy, and sports practices are still full of sweat. It’s still a very familiar place.

Best of all, the student body still includes many who simply wouldn’t fit in at any other high school. And all of us—teachers and students—still celebrate this fact. Former English teacher Jack Thompson once demanded in a faculty meeting that MA “serve as a sanctuary” for those who needed it, and in many ways that is what we are, thanks to the diligent efforts of the admission staff to accept the best kids for MA. “Dude” may have replaced “man” at the end of the question, “What’s up...?,” and iPods may dangle from student ears instead of Walkmans, but on the whole, I think the school enjoys a remarkable continuity and spirit.

Some things have changed in the 24 years I’ve been at MA, of course, and many of these things, I have to say, are for the better. The roofs no longer leak every time it rains, and students sincerely say “thank you” to their teachers as they leave class (even after a test!). Student concern for the environment is more palpable, and the community is far more racially and socioeconomically diverse and aware than it once was.

In July 1994, the giant sequoia Barbara Gardner once drew to create the first MA logo was dying and had to come down; it was replaced in June 1995 with a young, six-foot redwood tree. Every time I see that redwood (which now stands some 30 feet high), I remember how the students and faculty gathered in the Circle on that more-than-warm, not-quite-hot day, held hands and wished that tree, and therefore the school, a long and healthy life. I know the still-young redwood, the remaining sequoia, and the tall palm on the Circle all join me in thanking all of the Dreamers and exclaiming, “Happy 40th MA!”

1972–73 MA opens with 59 students and Bill McCluskey as Head of School; tuition is $1,950
• 1973–74 MA holds the first Beach Day, transporting the whole school to Pt. Reyes
• 1974–75 The Wildcats win their first league championships (Boys Cross Country and Girls Volleyball)
• 1975–76 MA welcomes its first foreign exchange student: Ron Aufseesser ’76 from Geneva
• 1976–77 MA celebrates the Bicentennial
• 1977–78 The yearbook is published in hardback for the first time
• 1978–79 Minicourse is offered once a year instead of twice a year
• 1979–80 Art teacher Barbara Gardner designs MA’s tree logo
• 1980–81 The Vision Quest program begins
• 1981–82 MA holds the first bike-to-school day to promote alternative transportation
• 1982–83 Four San Rafael Military Academy dorms on the circle are demolished
• 1983–84 MA removes the designated smoking area from campus
• 1984–85 Bruce Shaw becomes Head of School; bells no longer ring at the end of classes
• 1985–86 Spanish teacher Glenn Stanfield begins the first community service program
• 1986–87 The first full computer lab opens with 15 Apple II GS machines
• 1987–88 MA wins grants for innovative teaching from LucasArts and Apple Computer
• 1988–89 MA holds the ground breaking ceremony for Thacher Hall
• 1989–90 MA hires its first full-time college counselor
• 1990–91 Thacher Hall opens
• 1991–92 The Voice, MA’s student newspaper, begins publication
• 1992–93 MA begins the Literary Festival and E.E. Ford Foundation grants for faculty
Happy 40th MA! I’ll confess: I once thought that 40 was old. Over the hill. One step closer to death. Now that 40 is right around the corner for me, I’ve changed my tune quite a bit—perhaps not surprisingly. Marin Academy and I are both grown up now, finally, and just hitting our stride.

In so many respects, MA is still the same school founded 40 years ago. We still have strong relationships between students and teachers; we still love the Circle and the giant sequoia in whose shadow we live; we still embrace quirky students who march to a drummer that only they can hear. Alums from 40 years ago and today’s seniors can now stand proudly under the same oak tree outside of the Library building; and generations of students (some in the same family) can claim to have been taught by teachers like John Hicks, Glenn Stanfield, and Anne Maurice. MA’s spirit is strong, and its heart beats loudly on the campus, in the classrooms, and in the individuals—past and present—who make up the MA community.

But now I know that age does change you. Growing up is good; you have learned from your past experiences, and you have wisdom, not just knowledge. Now I see 40 as poised on the edge of greatness. Charles M. Schultz, creator of Charlie Brown and the other members of the Peanuts gang, once said, “Just remember, once you’re over the hill you begin to pick up speed.” This has never been more true for Marin Academy. We’re 40 and we’re fabulous, we’re 40 and we’re changing and growing in such exciting ways.

At MA today, we’re using technology in dynamic and innovative ways to increase student engagement and to communicate even more effectively with students. This year, MA has a group of teachers named Technology Early Adopters who are experimenting with iPads and laptops in their classroom and helping to create some uniquely MA best practices. In the rapidly-changing world we live in, MA’s teachers are constantly asked to innovate and collaborate, and they are always up to the challenge.

Today’s MA is also considerably more diverse both racially and geographically. That diversity creates a wealth of different experiences and opinions that enriches everyone’s learning. MA continues to foreground its mission, challenging students to "think, question, and create" and to “accept the responsibilities posed by education in a democratic society.” The commitment to social justice embedded in the school’s curriculum and co-curricular programs, and thus its culture as a whole, is part of its appeal for many students, teachers, and families.

But while MA today is a different school than it was 40 years ago, the spirit created by the educators who founded the school remains strong. Now, like then, MA teachers are united around a common cause: supporting students who are passionate, curious, reflective, and engaged in the world. This, along with the strong sense of community, is what ties the past to the present, and sets us up well for the future, too. You’re 40 now, MA, and you’re picking up speed, and I’m looking forward to moving into the future alongside of you.

1993–94 MA adopts its “think, question, and create” mission statement
• 1994–95 Evelyn Flory serves as Interim Head of School; the Chamber Gladiators program begins
• 1995–96 Bodie Brizendine becomes Head of School • 1996–97 Founders Day is established to celebrate MA’s history • 1997–98 The earthquake-damaged “Dorm 1” reopens as Founders Hall • 1998–99 The Athletics Center opens • 1999–00 A KQED program about MA and Balboa High generates conversations about equity and race
• 2000–01 The Performing Arts Center opens; Boys Soccer wins MA’s first North Coast Section title
• 2001–02 The Crossroads program begins
• 2002–03 The Visual Arts Center opens • 2003–04 The Study Coach program begins; MA’s Diversity Council is formed
• 2004–05 Girls Volleyball wins MA’s first state title • 2005–06 The new library building opens • 2006–07 MA celebrates 35 years with the Doobie Brothers • 2007–08 Dick Drew serves as Interim Head of School • 2008–09 Travis Brownley becomes Head of School; five MA students and three leaders successfully climb Mt. Shasta for the first time as part of the Outings program
• 2009–10 Lucy McCullough ’11 becomes the first girl in Marin County history to win an individual state cross-country title • 2010–11 Graduation is held indoors for the first time (due to rain); all students participate in culminating projects (in lieu of exams) for the first time
• 2011–12 Varsity Golf and Varsity Lacrosse win MA’s first North Coast Section titles
• 2012–13 MA celebrates 40 years

Nicole Stanton is Dean of Faculty and English teacher. She has worked at MA since 2006.
Class Notes

1974 Hilary Lang Greenebaum writes, “Well, we are still here in New Zealand! Loving life and traveling around NZ. Getting out of Auckland is the best part. Such a gorgeous place, amazing people. Anyone who wants to contact me, please do!” // A big thank you to Leslie Shelton Tognazzini for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

1975 Leslie Alden stopped by Marin Academy in January 2012 to speak with current students about her work with, and the history and implementation of, Marin Clean Energy. Launched in May 2010, Marin Clean Energy is California’s first community choice aggregation program and procures renewable sources of electricity and partners with PG&E to provide our communities with clean energy. // Teri Cardinal Mendelson lives with her husband Marc in Geyserville. "We have downsized from our 52-foot yacht to a small fleet of sunfish boats that we sail/race on the little 30-acre lake we live on. Three years ago, I started my own professional organizing business. Full Sail Organizing, which is doing nicely and keeping me busy. I see Hunt ’74 and Chris Conrad ’76 frequently, both of whom live up here in Sonoma County, and occasionally Perry Mckleroy King and Lisa Kent ’76. All of them are busy raising their teenagers.”

1976 Chris Conrad continues to be a Bee Guy. “I take honey bees safely out of walls/structures and relocate them to other locales. I call them ‘Rescue Bees.’ I also sell their wild raw honey and make cool candles with the wax. You can see a little video on my website: beeconsciousremoval.com. I recently mentored Allan D’Anneo ’77 into beekeeping with one of my rescue hives. My wife and I bought a small house here in Santa Rosa, and we have been fixing it up. Mostly the garden, so it’s been fun.” // Penny Dinneen Hillemann and her husband Dave took their birdwatching interest in a new direction this year, getting involved with the Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota and monitoring about 2 dozen bluebird nest boxes on the property of willing landowners in their area. Penny shares, “We have had the pleasure of seeing the nests, eggs, and nestlings of many Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows (which also use the nest boxes) throughout the season, and of knowing that most of these successfully fledged. The Bluebird Trail page of my blog, penelopedia.com, documents many of our discoveries along the way.” // A big thank you to Penny Dinneen Hillemann for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

1977 Jayney Malloy Sharpe and her daughter, Becca, moved from Kailua Kona on the Big Island to Honolulu on Oahu in January 2011. She is currently working with the fastest-growing brokerage in the state: Hawaii Life Real Estate Brokers. Jayney says, “You’ll be hearing a lot more from us since we just got our own national series on HGTV, called Hawaii Life. The show should be premiering this winter on Friday nights! Look for us!” // A big thank you to David Callander for serving as Class Rep. Your work and participation is appreciated!

1978 Chris Boyes writes, “I finally took a little time off this year and enjoyed time up on my property in Mendocino County repairing buildings and growing a vegetable garden. Seems like it is easy for me to forget life is to be lived rather than worked. Early on this year, I finished working on the sound for Avengers, and currently I am residing in New Zealand working on Peter Jackson’s adaptation of The Hobbit. My mom, who passed earlier this year, was born in New Zealand, and thus being down here feels very much like a second home. My youngest, Aaron, has just started his senior year at MA. Both of his older brothers are also MA grads—Tyler ’05 and Daniel ’08. Daniel graduated from Colorado College this past spring surrounded by proud family and friends, and Tyler started graduate school studying glaciology in Alaska. It has been fun to watch MA change and grow since I graduated. Gone are the days of Clarence saying, ‘Good soup today,’ but the core values seem very much intact, inspiring and empowering our young people.” // Kim Jordan is serving a second term as the 2nd VP of Actors Equity, the oldest performing union in the US. She continues to direct and choreograph, currently for Norwegian Cruise Lines. Along with that, Kim spent the summer traveling to look at universities with her daughter Marin.

After 5 years of “giving way more than her pound of flesh” to UCSF, Ellen Haller ’76 recently stepped down as Psychiatry Residency Training Program Director and is now happily working as an attending psychiatrist and building an LGBT Psychiatry Clinic. Ellen plans to continue at UCSF for 6 to 7 more years, and then retirement beckons; she’ll have been on the UCSF faculty for 30 years as of 2018. She still plays ice hockey weekly and is chagrined to report that she got in her first hockey fight recently. (OK, it was in Texas, and the other woman definitely started it!) Her wife Joanne was kind of bemused, and her kid, 15-year-old Danny, thought it was hilarious.
**1979** Jackie Bach-y-Rita is a certified health coach. Her website is brainplasticityforyourhealth.com. Jackie reports that her grandmother, Esther Morgenstern, passed away over the summer at the age of 96. // Mark Battat writes, “I moved my practice over to G2 Insurance in SF, arguably the hottest and newest insurance brokerage to open in SF in a long time. It’s great to be working with outstanding colleagues and friends of long standing.” // Bruce Gaynor writes, “Everyone is fine on my end. My oldest, Steffani (26), got married in February 2011. She and her husband David live in Modesto. My youngest, Daffani (21), is a junior at CSU Stanislaus. She retired from softball last year due to injury, but not before receiving a full ride scholarship to CSU San Bernadino. She put in a lot of hard work to get to that level. I can’t tell you how proud I am of her. Things are going well for me, too. I’ve been driving limos and party buses for 5 1/2 years with my current company. I am the senior driver and did my first Marin Academy prom last year—what a blast.” // Cheryl Malat is still working on commercials and living in NYC with her husband Andy and her son Spencer. // Florence McLaughlin writes that she is well. // A big thank you to Mark Battat for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

**1980** Carol Bach-y-Rita is still in LA doing voiceover, music, and dance. She has 2 new websites: carolvoiceover.com and jazzbliss.com, and encourages the MA community to check them out. She writes, “It is an extra thrill to collaborate with MAers. I was so surprised to discover recently that the beautiful young lady sent to me from the Sergio Mendes Band for samba training was an MA graduate—Miss Rozzi Crane ‘09! What a talent she is!”

**1981** Michael Gold, PhD, is Associate Professor in Anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh. “And better yet, I still enjoy it, but it is a tough time to be depending on the government (NIH) to keep one in business. One of these days, I may have to track down Larry Feurzeig to get some tips on making ends meet with a metal detector.” // A big thank you to Rebecca Nelson Sylla for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

**1982** Gordon Clute is living in the Laguna Beach area of Southern California. He says, “Family and kids all good. Doing lots of open water swimming (20-mile Catalina Channel swim last year). Skiing, kitesurfing, biking, and trying to do as many outdoor activities as my body will allow!” // Heather Anderson Parker enjoyed a wonderful summer of great weather in the Bay Area. She said, “I have been doing a lot of fun activities with my twin 11-year-old boys, occasionally accompanied by our increasingly independent 13-year-old daughter. We recently paddled down the Russian River with Lyde Fleming Fowler and her husband. I frequently hike with Jessica Fairchild and Charlotte Skall Winters. I also keep in touch with Cynthia Anderson, and occasionally run into Rob Chase, David Ogden, and Bill Farella. It was wonderful to see so many classmates at our 30th reunion in August!” // Karen Rose writes, “I have taken up ceramics again, which I first learned at Marin Academy. My new ceramics website is karenrosepaintings.com/ ceramics and my teaching website is sacredheartcathedralart.wordpress.com. // A big thank you to Charlotte Skall Winters and Heather Anderson Parker for serving as Class Reps and organizing the fantastic Class of 1982 30-year reunion in August.

**1983** Jonathan Becker shares, “Life is good! I’m a partner in a leadership/executive coaching firm called Next Step Partners. I am married with 2 boys, ages 3 and 6, and we live in Piedmont in the East Bay. Kevin Pratt ’82 and Matt Silverman ’82 are regulars, whom our boys love, and occasionally I get to see other MAers. MA stays close to my heart, and the lessons get more important all the time. I find myself reading Song of Myself regularly—thank you former MA teacher John Morris.” // Denis O’Connor lives in Clonakilty, West Cork, Ireland, with his wife Marie England and their 11-year-old son Alex. He reports that he had fun in Sweden last year with Christian ’84 and Michael Isaksson ’82. // Zoe Sexton lives in Mill Valley and works with financial services professionals and institutions on branding, marketing, and coaching them in their practices. Her book, FLIRTonomics: How to Capitalize on Your Femininity and Charisma without Sleeping with Anyone, was released on May 30, 2012. Zoe’s second book is due out this fall.

**1984** Dave Ellinger continues to age and hopes his body has found more productive uses for the hormones that should have kept his hair around. He is still teaching math and coaching chess in West Seattle and recovering from the first year parenting a middle schooler. // Jeannine Fox writes, “I am living in Boulder, CO, with my husband Eric Sorenson (our 16th anniversary is this year) and our kids Felix (7) and Emily (11). This past summer was super hot and dry, and we were evacuated by the wild fires for 4 days, but thankfully our home didn’t burn. I am working in real estate, teaching English to Spanish women, speaking as much Spanish as I can, and shuttling kids around to various activities.” // Tracy Grant writes, “My daughter Mélaine Cordelia was born on December 13, 2011. So far she’s been very cooperative about my writing. I’ve finished a book, written a novella, and started a new book since she was born. In April, she listened relatively attentively when I did a reading at Book Passage for the release my historical suspense novel, Imperial Scandal, which is set around the battle of Waterloo.”
William Noble and for serving as Class Reps and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

and my brother Will Noble, Kent Redwine, Jd swartz, my friends from MA. In attendance from MA at the service were shortly thereafter by my dad in April. Over 600 people came to Walker’s memorial service at the Mill 1989

1988 Steven Morse has recently returned to Mill Valley after living for almost 10 years in Singapore and Hong Kong. “Our newest addition, Taiki Brian (1), joins her sister Chiyori in becoming a happy Marinite!” // A big thank you to Bronson Fox for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

1989 Cynthia Michael lives with her husband of 8 years and their 2 boys (ages 6 and 4) in Carlsbad, CA. “My boys each have Marin Academy sweatshirts and wear them with pride. We went to Camp Lair of the Golden Bear this summer. While on a hike, I overheard a few adults tell their friends that their kids went to MA and would highly recommend it. I told them I went to MA and graduated in ‘89. One man said he had wished it was around when he was in high school.” // Ali Rezaian writes, “I am living in Mill Valley with my wife Naomi and our son Paxton. He turned 4 (and had his first real birthday) on February 29, 2012. I’ve been fortunate to work for Onyx Pharmaceuticals for the past 7 years as the head of the IT department. Growing the company from 50 to 500+ people in a few years has been a great experience and a real challenge. I’ve been fortunate to have built friendships with coworkers throughout the country who are committed to helping patients with cancer, and I know that our work makes a difference in people’s lives. On a personal level, 2011 was a grim year with the death of my older son Walker in March, 2 months before his 6th birthday. Followed shortly thereafter by my dad in April. Over 600 people came to Walker’s memorial service at the Mill Valley Recreation Center. It was especially moving to have so much support from the community and my friends from MA. In attendance from MA at the service were Tony Belmonte, Mike Judson, Kent Redwine, JD Swartz, and Will Noble, as well as Ryan Hall ‘94, Eric Facas ‘94, my brother Jason Rezaian ‘94, and others from Jason’s class.” // A big thank you to Denise Morris Kipnis and William Noble for serving as Class Reps and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

1990 Monika Kniehl Antoniadi has a newborn baby boy, Timos, brother to Eliana, who is 2 1/2 years old. They have moved away from Dubai, looking to find new challenges in a new, yet-to-be-determined place. // In 2009, Adam Boucher moved back to the Bay Area with his wife Tara and their 2 girls Isabella (8) and Catia (5). “Isabella is an amazing artist and daddy’s girl. Catia is a super athletic dancer and incredibly funny kid. This year Tara has taken on the responsibility of being the PTO President at Prestwood School in Sonoma. She teaches jazz classes for kids and teens, runs the school talent show, practices yoga, and is always looking to perfect her pizza dough. In 2007, I launched a specialty finance and investment fund that extends collateralized loans to solar installers and developers. What inspires me most is seeing low income families and small businesses benefit from solar savings made possible though our funding. We are growing quickly and very excited about the future. My 2 younger brothers Mike ‘95 and Daniel ‘94 joined the firm last year. As we all grew up in a family business, we enjoy working together and that has made mom and dad proud. The industry needs MA grads to lead the charge!” // Jake Donham has been in the Bay Area since 2007 after many years in NYC. In 2008, he married Kit Hodge, and they have a son, Easley, who is 3; and a daughter, Junius, who is 6 months. Jake works at Twitter where he often sees Luke Esterkryn. // Ishana (Shawn) Ingerman lives in Vermont, organizing the local Farm to Fabric movement, and
Joanna Nelson ’90 writes, “Our family is healthy and happy—hooray! Yair and I are the joyful parents of a 5-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl; they’re both spitfires in their own ways. I finished my PhD in ecology in the fall of 2011, investigating global change (including climate change) and coastal ecosystems. My mom moved to Santa Cruz about 3 years ago, which is so wonderful; Thursday and Friday afternoons are ‘special grandma’ time for the kids. I’m a scientist momma reading as much as I can about ‘work-and-life fit,’ how to get out of the all-or-nothing mindset about work. Looks like I’m on the cusp of getting a half-time postdoctoral fellowship as a job-share; wahoo! My husband and I have dealt with lots of underemployment over the past few years; hats off to all of you/us making new pathways and making it through (and thank goodness for family support). I’m sending love to MA folks! I am especially grateful to the Class of 1992 reunion organizers, who invited my mom and me to the celebration in honor of my late sister Kirstin ’92; thank you.”

Thessaly Lerner ’92, the Ukulady, (pictured here with Karmela Cleary ’92 at the ‘92 reunion) released a new album for kids, “To The Downfall of Evil,” this fall on Mopp’s Music, a brand-new record label for kids and their handlers. It is available on iTunes, at Mr. Mopp’s Toy Store in Berkeley, and at TheUkulady.com. Buy it for the tiny humans in your life!

Chris Cooper ’94 writes, “The longer I live in Rochester, NY, the longer I envision us staying here. We now have 3 Mini Cooperes: Bo’jak, 5; Skylar, 3; and Nox, who just turned 1 (pictured here). My job flying Regional Jets with ExpressJet has been rewarding, but it’s now time to fly the bigger ones with a major airline. I’m hoping to get hired with United.”

supporting her daughter with Team Snazzy Goat, the only Cashmere boys with their own website. While still advocating for other disabled, she has managed to re-start her musical/artistic career. At present, her art consists of ceramic masks mixed with fiber, beads, and other materials. Most are representative of her life journey. She recently had a 3-month exhibit of her masks and poetry in Burlington, VT. She invites you to have a look: cowbird.com (search “Ishana”). // Eric Lonergan resides in Seattle with his wife Karen, son Tate (5), and daughter Lucia (3). He is a partner at Washington Partners, a regional corporate real estate firm that focuses exclusively on tenant advisory services. // Brook Notary writes, “I never write to these, but I just so happen to be excited to tell you about my latest choreographic project: The Pulse Project. I have been working on a show for the past 3 years and I have never felt so right about what I am creating as an artist. I am working in a realm which may have many judgmental attachments and I hope, and believe, that I am turning them all on their head. Back story: 3 years ago I got a call from the USPDF (US Pole Dance Federation—yup!). They asked me to be the pro choreographer judge for the US pole championships. So...I studied. I was blown away by the athleticism and slightly repelled by how degrading most of the choreography was, so I am doing it my way. This is a new voice for women: empowering, sensual, driven, and it’s pole dancing...hopefully like you have never seen it! Check out a clip at vimeo.com/46756676. // Jessica Zee Price, her husband, and 6-year-old daughter have moved from their beloved Petaluma to Stamford, CT. Jessica says that it was a hard decision, and a hard move, but her husband’s job opportunity, and the life adventure, were the overall best for their family. Jessica shares that the 2 best things about living on the East Coast are fireflies (“They’re so magical”) and taking the train to see Natasha Topol and her family in NYC.

1991 Lauren Goodman Kaplan lives in Oakland with her husband, 2 sons (ages 4 and 7), and husky pup Kona. This year, she opened up her own custom dessert company, Wooden Spoon. // John Walsh writes, “My wife and I just had a baby boy named Jack! (Actually, technically it’s John Joseph Walsh V, which makes him royalty, right?) Also, our marketing and design firm was just featured in Process Magazine, which is great for my massive ego!”

1992 Eric McFarland writes, “I’m living in Mill Valley after 10 years in NYC, with my partner Brad and our dog Hugo. I work for Pacific Union doing residential real estate sales, and Brad is an interior designer with an architecture firm based in Sausalito. We moved back west to be near my family, as both my sisters (Brise ’91 and Adrea Tencer ’00) have babies, and we wanted to be a part of their lives.” // Caitlyn Toropova was working on coral reef conservation until she had her first son Connor nearly a year ago. “I have been lucky enough to stay home and experience every magic moment with him—by far the best job I’ve ever had. I also had the honor of helping put together our class’s 20-year reunion—what a joy to see everyone!” // A big thank you to Caitlyn Toropova for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus. Additional thanks for your work, along with Meghan Walsh Levin, in coordinating a very successful Class of 1992 20-year reunion this past June.

1993 Brad Green is still living in SF. He works for Rocket Fuel, a technology company focusing on digital media/online advertising. In December 2011, Brad was married in Hawaii. // Kate Gambs Knickerbocker is living in Sausalito with her husband and 2 small children. She teaches ESL at the College of Marin and is on the Board of the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble. // A big thank you to Kate Gambs Knickerbocker for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

1994 Tofa Borregaard just had her sixth New York Times bestseller and handed in her seventh book. The switch from archeologist to author is complete, at least for the time being. The globe-trotting continues: she just returned from a European tour and is back to Paris next year. She was lucky enough to return to MA for the 20th annual Literary Festival, where she took to the stage with fellow alums Chris Ballard ’91, Tracy Grant ’84, Margot Magowan ’89, Chloe Roth ’03, and Zoe Sexton ’83 to campaign for entertaining reading and commercial fiction. Tofa is happily partnered and childless by choice living in the Bay Area. // Deborah Eisenberg and her husband moved to Washington, DC, in the fall of 2011 where she works as the director of communications for a nonprofit. // Eric Facas shares, “I live in San Rafael with my wife and son, a ridiculously handsome Syrian, Irish, Swedish, Polish, Spanish, Chinese, and Filipino blending. I still get to see the likes of Ryan Hall, Joey Wolff ’93, Couler Bouchen, and many more MA alums for an occasional game of hoops or bocce ball. I have also been lucky enough to rendezvous with the more global MA alums like Jason Rezaian in Asia a few times in the last couple of years. For work, I run a nonprofit called Mediacause.org that offers online marketing assistance to other nonprofits and global NGOs. If you’re working on a plan to change the
world or just have a tip on how to beat Joey at bocce ball, I’d love to hear from you.” // **David Noble** married Beaux Jensen on June 11, 2011. Beaux is a social worker for the VA and David works as a social worker at a community mental health center in ingleswood, CA. “Beaux and I are planning to move from LA to the Bay Area sometime this fall... jobs permitting. I had a chance to go hiking with Kalei Wenner when he was visiting his sister in L.A. Kalei’s singing voice sounds better than ever.” // **Jason Rezaian** has been living in Tehran, Iran, since 2009 and recently become The Washington Post’s correspondent there. During a March 2012 trip to the Bay Area, Jason stopped by MA to speak to Betsy Mui’s International Relations class about his experiences living and working as a journalist in Iran. As always, our students easily filled the 80-minute block with thoughtful and challenging questions for Jason and his guest, Yeganeh! // A big thank you to Jason Rezaian for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

**1995**

At the end of 2011, Simran Bentel moved from San Rafael to a house in the San Pablo hills and adopted his first child, a border collie named Booker. He works in Oakland with Mark Lion developing websites and mobile apps. Simran produces electronic music, makes hot sauce, and has recently become a devotee of Crossfit. // **Lauren Zeichner Bowne** recently moved with her husband and son to Bodega, CA, where they are embarking on a big adventure. Lauren writes, “We left our jobs in SF to apprentice on a goat ranch and learn to make cheese! After our apprenticeship, we hope to find a plot of land to settle on in Sonoma County and start our own cheesemaking business. Come see us at the Marin Farmers Market on Sundays!” // **Catherine Cox** will finish her oculoplastics fellowship in July 2013. Her husband Jeff will also be finishing up his fellowship in addiction psychiatry at the same time. They currently live in Boston with their 2-year-old son Jason. // **Kristina Salin Doxon** is happy to report that, after 17 years, she is moving back to Marin! She is excited to have her 2 boys grow up in California and hopes to reconnect with the MA community—she says that she actually may be able to attend a reunion! // In the past 2 years, **Ben Hartshorne** got married (to Christy), adopted a dog (Kiwi), bought a house (in Berkeley), and got a new job (Wikimedia Foundation). This year, he and Christy had international weddings to attend in Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Romania, and Ben got to travel for work to Berlin and DC. Wheew! The next 2 years will be spent sleeping. // **Yasmin Kaderali** is working as President of Mommy’s Bliss, a company that makes natural products for babies. She says that she is really enjoying work and growing the company. Yasmin lives in SF and has fun adventures with close friends like Nicole Colombo, Lauren Zeichner, Tamara Horowitz, and Lindsay Cromwell. // **Josh Knox**, his partner Brita Dempsey, and their 2-year-old daughter Caliandra hosted Willow Regnery Horne ’96 and her 2 1/2-year-old son Cody Tucker at their Holyoke, MA, house recently and had lots of fun playing in wading pools, sliding, swinging, and generally being silly. Josh and Brita have greatly enjoyed reading (well, more than once through!) the Parasol Protectorate Series by Tofa Borregaard ’94 and look forward to reading her next efforts, rumored to be in the works. // **Chelsea Ruben** is living off the grid with a mountain man on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, working as CEO of a start-up green tech company from a home office where she can look out the window and see raspberries, peas, and spinach in the garden. Their family is about to move to a new house in a nearby village (think Fairfax but smaller) on a street full of kids. In August, Chelsea welcomed her first baby! She said she is busy but enjoying the ride. // On July 14 at 1:26 am Dr. **Dylan Sears** and his wife Dr. Danielle Bertoni Sears welcomed their beautiful daughter Ophelia Marie into the world at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 20 inches long. The family is settling comfortably into the joys and challenges of parenting with humor, love, gratitude, and many a sleepless night. // **Gabriel Telles Solmer** shares, “I’m loving life with newborn Ruby and her 3-year-old twin big brothers Milo and Torin. It’s chaotic (kids outnumber adults!) but wonderful. After maternity leave, I’ll be back to the City of San Diego in the Office of Councilmember David Alvarez where I’m working as a policy advisor. When I can, I love to catch up with fellow San Diegans Kelly Moewe

Jesse Rosencranz-Engelmann ’95 and his wife Danielle Carlin legally changed their last names to “Roselin” upon the birth of their daughter. Charlotte Ann Roselin was born on March 27, 2012, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 22 inches, missing Jesse’s birthday by 6 hours! Jesse continues to work in the Bay Area and provides tutoring for Marin Academy students through Tutor Corps.
Ellie Argilla Vargas ’96 writes, “My biggest news of the year (eh hem, of my life) was welcoming a baby girl (Salomé Olivia) into this world on March 10. (Many thanks to Willow Regnery Horne ’96 and her 2011 May Day Pole Dance of Fertility!) We are still living in El Cerrito, and I have appreciated being back close to family during this special time.”

Fayette Fox ’97 writes, “My novel, The Deception Artist, will be published by Myriad Editions in fall 2013. The book is literary fiction and deals with themes of childhood and make-believe, truth and lies. I spent five years working on it, and I’m thrilled to send it off into the world. My time at MA was formative in my becoming a fiction writer, thanks in large part to its wonderful English and creative writing teachers, and I’m pleased to share this news with the larger MA community.”

Shems Baker-Jud ’96 (now Shems Jud) and Crystal Alexander ’96 (now Crystal Jud) have a 4-year-old daughter Tealia and are expecting their second baby in December!

1996 Dan Cooper is currently traveling around Amazonia and the Guiana Highlands conducting fieldwork and collecting qualitative data (Amerindian folklore) for doctoral research in human geography at the University of Oxford. He writes, “I will begin writing-up in the autumn and plan to also produce a documentary film related to my research on the metaphysical domain of an indigenous landscape.” // Sarah Goeritz Costa writes, “I graduated from Southern Oregon University with a master’s in teaching in 2003. I have been teaching in an inner city low-income elementary school in Oregon for 10 years. I married Aaron Costa 4 years ago and we have a little baby girl, Norah, who is 1. I am the head varsity volleyball coach at South Medford High School, where my husband works.” // Alyssa Epstein has been living in Turlock, CA, for almost 3 years with her husband and 2 children. She says, “Scarlett was born in January 2012, and Nathaniel loves his role as a big brother. I am working as a clinical psychologist in our community hospital, and still striving for the delicate balance of work and family life.” // Danielle Feldman works for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. She is a research coordinator at the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, NC, supporting deployment-related traumatic brain injury and mental health care and research. // Saraleah ROWINSKY FORDYCE says, “Last time I updated MA, we lived in Brooklyn with our dog. I’m now in the Bay Area with my boys: husband Marshall, and sons Caleb (4) and Dixon (2). I teach Design Theory at CCA in SF and I paint and read privately. We are delighted to be back near the Pacific and family and friends. Last summer, shortly after we arrived, Willow Regnery Horne and I watched our babes roll in the sand in Half Moon Bay together.” // Matt Gill shares, “I am still living in Brooklyn, only now I share a home with my girlfriend Jill and our 2 cats Emmylou and Cash. We’ve got a 3-season vegetable garden in our backyard and after almost 5 years of doing so, I’m still amazed I can eat food I’ve grown myself in the city. I’ve expanded my audio engineering business recently and now do sound for picture and mobile app projects along with my usual slate of producing and recording bands. Those of you with children can search the itunes store for apps by Whynoceros to check out some of the kid’s entertainment and music education titles I’ve been working on. I also hit a major career milestone last year when a film I mixed, TV on the Radio’s Nine Types of Light, was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Long Music Video category. After a couple of years away from the stage, I’m back to performing, playing guitar and touring with Shonali Bhowmik’s 100 Oaks Revival. I brought the band out to play this past April at the Bay to Brooklyner’s show that Beth Sherman and I organized to showcase MA alumni bands in NYC. It was a blast to share the stage with Luke Notary, Jarrett Cherney ’99, Jake Bloomfield-Misrach ’99, Garth MacAleavey ’00, and Becky Mimiaga ’05 and a special treat to have MA music teacher, Bob Schleeter, in attendance for the show.” // Lauren Bloom Hanover married her long-time boyfriend on the Sonoma coast in September 2011. The happy couple has been living back in SF after leaving New York almost 3 years ago. // Alice Burt Hoffman writes, “My husband John and I have 4 kids: Grace (8), Darragh (6), Judah (4), and Henry (2). We love our community in Novato, and I am pretty busy with the kids, but have a thriving birth doula business and trail run any chance I get.” // Willow Regnery Horne was married in 2006 to Bryan Horne of the bluegrass band Hot Buttered Rum. Willow has taught middle school history, English, and math in Bolinas for the past 4 years, and has a 2-year-old son named Cody. She enjoys seeing many old MA friends regularly, recently spending a day at the beach with Sarah Zimmerman ’95, Rachel Young, and their respective daughters. // Laura Gambis Irvin writes, “My family and I relocated to San Diego last summer and are finally settling in. Our 3 kids are enjoying life down here, too. Alice is in fourth grade, Claire is in first grade, and Teddy is in preschool. I am enjoying the life of a mom and parent volunteer at La Jolla Country Day School.” // Adam Jaffe and his wife Maren have settled into their beautiful home in Larkspur and are living the Marin lifestyle. He is back playing tennis at the Mt. Tam Racquet Club, and has been Memphis-style barbequing at the house with other MA friends like Beth Sherman, David Sokolosky, Zack Tolson, Brian DeCloux, and Hyun Chang. Adam and Maren welcomed their first child in October. It’s a girl! // Caroline Maroten Olney and her husband
Nicholas welcomed their son Richard Knox on May 11, 2011. Knox’s proud godmother is Melissa Annig Jenkins. The Olneyes spend a lot of time catching up with old friends: Sydney Applegate, Anna Katz Saltzman, Alyssa Epstein, Sarah Goertz Costa, Sophia Dixon Dillo, and Danielle Bush. Unfortunately, Caroline’s beloved father Rene Maroten and father-in-law Richard Koch Olney passed away this year. She has recently relocated to sunny LA for her husband’s residency at UCLA. // Caroline Bellach Quick writes, “I’m still living in Point Richmond with Josh (my husband of almost 11 years), 3 1/2-year-old daughter Riley, and 1 1/2-year-old son Tyler. I have been working at Twitter for more than 2 years now and manage our global planning, design, and construction. I just completed the buildout of our new 300,000-square foot world headquarters in SF, which is in the historic Market Square building on Market between 9th and 10th Streets. I also just completed office buildouts in Tokyo, London, as well as Chicago. We are growing incredibly fast! I still keep in touch with Joy Zimmerman Walker and spent some great time with Anne Sweeney Gross on her recent trip back to the Bay Area. Anne is currently living with her husband and 2 daughters in Pennsylvania.” // Beth Sherman is living in SF with her favorite canine Buddy and continues to enjoy her reverse commute to the land of sunshine—San Rafael. With about a year under her belt, Beth is starting to get her footing as Marin Academy’s Director of Alumni Relations. “I have loved reconnecting with classmates and getting to know alumni from each of MA’s 39 unique and wonderful alumni classes. My biggest thanks to everyone who has forgiven my learning-curve stumbles, joined me for lunch or a coffee ‘just to chat,’ and who has been there for some of this year’s successes. I am excited about the year ahead and hope to see you soon!” // Adam Webber writes, “My family and I are back in Stockholm after a 2-year stint (and master’s in urban planning) in Seattle. Seattle is a wonderful city with great people and beautiful nature, but the social benefits and quality of life in Sweden called us back, especially with regards to our little Isabel. I’m now a managing transportation engineer and planner at Sweco and have been involved in some super interesting projects including planning Stockholm’s equivalent to the Meat Packing District and designing an extension of the light-rail system. If anyone is interested in learning more I am interested in sharing.” // Television near you. If you ever find yourself in Hollywood, look him up! Jessica Amen is living in Marina Del Rey and recently started a new job as Interactive Producer at Ignition Interactive in Santa Monica, managing online web/social/interactive campaigns for new release major motion pictures. She’s still racing sailboats several times a month up and down the West Coast and every Wednesday night during the summer out of Cal Yacht Club. // Anika Baxter writes, “I finished my residency in emergency medicine in Kings County, Brooklyn, and have started a fellowship in research at Emory University in Atlanta. Oh, and I got married to a wonderful native of the Bronx, whom I met while in residency.” // Melissa Clark writes, “Since finishing my emergency medicine residency at Highland Hospital in Oakland, I have started a global health fellowship through UCLA-Harbor and International Medical Corps. I will be abroad doing medical trainings and program development in South Sudan and possibly another country for 6 months of the upcoming academic year.” // Gabe Edwards writes, “I moved to Portland and am currently in medical school at Oregon Health and Science University. I also watch Giants’ games on TV with Nick Knudson, who is up here as well.” // Adam Goetzel works as a Realtor in SF, runs a lot of trail races, and thru-hiked the Tahoe Rim Trail during the first 2 weeks in July this year. // Elaine Howard writes, “My daughter Kamelia turned 1 on July 2. I’m still working at the Red Cross and enjoying it. Lindsay Dailey (I find I usually contribute for her, which amuses me) just moved to Lagunitas. She now has her own business called Homesteading Marin (homesteadingmarin.com).” // Jaclyn Mayer writes, “I’m in Brooklyn and works full time on her line of jewelry ‘Orly Genger by Jaclyn Mayer.’ Her collaboration with J.Crew hit stores this fall, we look forward to trying again in the spring. Catching up with old friends: Monique Lhuillier, Lauren Bush Lauren, and program development in South Sudan.” // Mike Meier and his wife Leslie moved back from Santa Monica to SF in 2006 and have a 2-year-old son name Wyatt Jackson Meier. // Jeff Weisen married his sweetheart on October 13, 2012. Aside from tying the knot, Jeff is currently producing and hosting a new web-series and developing a sitcom. Additionally, he continues to work in casting, having recently worked on several projects for the automotive industry as well as commercials and television. He performed in several Equity productions this past year and hopes you will all see him soon on a television near you. If you ever find yourself in Hollywood, look him up! // Jarrett Cherncr, 99 Matt Gill , and music teacher Bob Schleeter reconnected at April’s “Bay to Brooklyners” alumni event in NYC! // A big thank you to Mollie Ireson Doyle for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus. You did a great job – hope you’ll do it again next year!
On July 1, Naomi Gates-Monasch Fuhrman ’00 was married to Yakov Fuhrman in NYC. The week following the wedding, she moved from NYC to join him in Pittsburgh, PA, where he works as an engineer for Westinghouse. She’s working on a MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science) and looking for a new job in Pittsburgh.

2000 Adriana Baer is Artistic Director of Profile Theatre in Portland, OR. She and Ryan Durham moved from Brooklyn to Portland in July where, when not making theater happen, they grow organic things to eat in their garden. // Josephine Bigman Brassey still lives in London and still makes up ideas for non-scripted TV shows. In the past year, she has had 6 new formats commissioned and over 80 hours of her ideas broadcast on networks as far flung as China and Saudi Arabia to the UK and even back home in the states. She and her family recently moved to their Grade-II listed Georgian house in Rochester, Kent, which she is restoring when she can find some time off from being so very, very (very) successful. // Bernidet Keil Celia works at Google. She and her husband Joe are living in Tiburon and welcomed their first child in August. She is looking forward to play-dates with her brother and both Kevin O’Connor and Maya DeVries’ weddings coming up this year. // Kevin Darmody continues his work as Lead Fire Protection and Anti-Terrorism expert for the half-billion-dollar replacement hospital project underway at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. He was recently in the South of the Philippines and spent a month back in Afghanistan performing life safety inspections on facilities housing US troops. September will mark the end of his time in San Diego as Kevin moves back to Maryland to take a job in Washington, DC. // Since completing a Fulbright Fellowship in Panama, Maya DeVries finished her PhD in Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley and became Dr. DeVries this summer! She threw a big party, which was also her wedding, in September. She was most excited because her best friend from MA, Jo Bigman Brassey, made the long trip from England to be in her wedding. // Greer Dove writes, “I have been spending my time doing archaeological research at the University of Arizona and am currently employed by the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research as a staff archivist and researcher. I am continuing my studies, mostly about prehistoric food acquisition strategies, and I hope to have 2 articles published at the beginning of 2013. I spend my spare time cooking, taking walks in the sun, and crafting accessories out of bottle caps.” // Candace Hamilton is currently living in the French West Indies on Guadeloupe. There, she recently welcomed her first child Mason Mathilien Rousseau. Candace is an English instructor within the public school system and the private sector. Follow her adventures as an ex-pat mom via her blog: SandyBabyFWI.com. // Eliza Heery is still working on her PhD in marine biology and will probably continue to be for some time yet. She’s studying the marine life that inhabits urban marine boulder fields (a result of shoreline armoring). // James Hetland and his family have moved to Ashland, OR. Yes, people actually live there. James is using his master’s in outdoor education doing community outreach for REI in southern Oregon, and his wife is a family doctor. // Della Huff is still working in product marketing at Apple. Outside of work, she recently collaborated with the Golden Gate Bridge to supply photography for the Bridge’s 75th Anniversary marketing campaign. She also published a book of Golden Gate Bridge photographs, Golden Gate Inspirations, which is available at the newly-opened Golden Gate Bridge Visitor Center. // Leah King recently moved out of Brooklyn to pursue performance art in Europe. She’s currently in a Berlin-based band and wears lots of costumes. // Ileana Mendez-Peñate is a co-coordinator of Streetwise and Safe, an organization working to build leadership and share skills among LGBTQ youth of color who experience criminalization and policing. She still lives in Brooklyn, across the street from her brother Ariel Mendez-Peñate ’02. // Kevin O’Connor is having fun driving around California saving the wetlands from the evils of the world! // Ruby Roth released her second children’s book, Vegan Is Love, which caused major media outrage and landed her spots on The Today Show, Fox, CNN, and more. She’s in LA creating more books, which will anger the general public, but
2001 Rachel Adam says, “I thought that surely I would be nominated this year for a Nobel prize or 2, but even without any major prizes, I am very happily living in Brooklyn and working as a book cover designer. My total dream job!” // On July 9, Laura Arriaza and her husband welcomed their firstborn, Benjamin Gilberto Liberma-Arriaza. // Erin Beller writes, “After a brief stint living in Yosemite National Park and working for the Park Service studying historical landscapes, I moved to Oakland to work for the SF Estuary institute, an environmental science research nonprofit. I’ve been there for nearly 6 years, working as a historical ecologist—that is, using a mixture of science, fieldwork, and archives to piece together an understanding of how California watersheds used to look and function hundreds of years ago. It’s an exciting and fun thing ever. I got married last year by a friend’s place in Napa (where I grew up). There were party blowers and many, many, cakes. It was awesome. My husband Matt and I took a belated honeymoon to Turkey, and afterwards I visited Jenna Rice in Lebanon.” // Justyn Bellsey got married and works at Lacoste as Senior Manager of Digital Operations! // Matthew Clements is living in SF and was recently married. He looks forward to catching up with more MA friends. // Alison Cook moved to Sausalito this past spring after traveling for 5 months through Asia. The favorite country she visited was Nepal. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, biking, and practicing the banjo. She’s run into a few classmates recently and looks forward to running into others settled in the area. // Jessie Feller got engaged to Dave Hahn in May and moved back to the Bay Area from NYC in September. Jessie and Dave currently work for themselves and run Meeting of the Minds (an urban sustainability conference) as well as work on their dance and music projects, respectively. // Bryan Jacobi writes, “2011 was a busy year. In addition to earning my MBA from UC Davis—I couldn’t get enough of the cows the first time around!—I started a new job and had a baby! My wife gave birth to Eleanor Catharine Jacobi on September 30, 2011. Since then, Eleanor has kept us busy and sometimes sleepless.” // Bryn Kahn shares, “I got married officially 3 years ago, and last summer we had our big celebration. I’m almost done with my doctorate degree in clinical psychology at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Yeshiva University in New York. This summer, I started my year-long psychology internship at Green Chimneys, a very idyllic residential living situation for children who need more intensive treatment than their families can provide at home. As part of the farm, which includes horses, cows, llamas, camels, sheep, goats, pigs, bunnies, chickens, peacocks, and a wildlife center, I get to do animal assisted therapy with the children, which is a lot of fun—we just have to be careful that the baby goats don’t eat our clothes! I am hoping the next few years will bring me back to the Bay Area as a pediatric neuropsychologist, all things according to plan. I look forward to seeing more of the MA community there!” // Preston McCaskill was married last summer to Lára Raffon. Christopher Drake served as the best man and several other MA alumni were in attendance. Preston is in his second year of business school at UCLA Anderson and spent the summer working for PwC Consulting in their M&A advisory practice. // Kelly Morgen recently celebrated the eighth anniversary of Kelly Morgen Jewelry (kellymorgen.com). She says, “I’m now represented in galleries across the country, including Santa Fe, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Maui. I live in Mountain View, where I regularly sing with a madrigal choir, practice archery (won the tournament last year), and then pirate-themed parties for my friends.” // Charles Morris writes, “In April, I returned from Afghanistan and my fifth combat tour. I left the active duty Marine Corps in June after 7 years of service. I’m continuing to serve in the Marine Reserves and am attending the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business for an MBA.” // Besides having 3 or 4 babies, qualifying for the Olympics in women’s shot put, and winning 11 Nobel prizes, Chase Nelson serves as board member and software product manager at his family’s company. He says, “Last year, I led a software redesign and
Jessica Bremmer '02, Sophie Sharp '02

house in Washington, D.C., and couch surfers are always welcome! From left

conducts design, monitoring, and evaluation of peace-building and rule of law

from Tufts University last year and celebrated an awesome wedding and

the crazy streets of Vietnam, to the

was very proud to serve as best man at the wedding of

month. Now I'm back in the Bay Area consulting as a senior user

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wrote, "I'm now dividing my time between New York and Iowa

"One great year complete and one to go to finish my MBA at Boston

Jonah Klein, Adam Berke, Brandon Nicholson '01, and Zach Singleton. // Liza Cherney says, "One great year complete and one to go to finish my MBA at Boston College. My summer internship was at Credit Suisse in SF. It has been a great year, and I'm enjoying every minute of it. Looking forward to seeing people at the reunion!" // Jonah Klein is a fifth-grade teacher at

and attending a few MA boys soccer games last year. Last fall, I spoke at

in June. His younger brother Chase, currently a senior at MA, was also a groomsman. A wonderful time was had by all. // Ryan Spies married his college sweetheart, Rita, in the fall of 2011 with 6

after many years away and reconnecting with MA alumni, including his roommate

in Oakland and is a managing partner at the SF-based creative agency

in the wedding party. // A big thank you to Jessie Feller for collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus and for, along with Preston McCaskill serving as Class Rep.

2002

Joel Abramovitz is in his second year teaching middle

schoolers at a Jewish day school in Foster City. On the

side, he has been learning to community organize with Bend the Arc, an organization working to institute a more progressive tax system in California. He is really enjoying living back in the Bay Area after so many years away and reconnecting with MA alumni, including his roommate

Julia Malkin. // Kendra Berenson writes, "I am teaching English and

history at San Rafael High School and last year piloted an interdisciplinary program for freshmen with a focus on sustainability. I'm living in SF and

love it more every month that passes." // Zach Blume lives on the lake in Oakland and is a managing partner at the SF-based creative agency Portal A. More importantly, Zach has been honing his basketball skills ever since his junior-year "sabbatical" from the game and now holds the on-court upper hand on fellow MA alumni Jonath Klein, Adam Berke, Brandon Nicholson '01, and Zach Singleton. // Liza Cherney says, "One great year complete and one to go to finish my MBA at Boston College. My summer internship was at Credit Suisse in SF. It has been a great year, and I'm enjoying every minute of it. Looking forward to seeing people at the reunion!" // Jonah Klein is a fifth-grade teacher at

Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito. He works alongside Heather Rogers, MA's former Athletic Director and English teacher, who is Middle School Head (fifth to eighth grades) at Prospect Sierra. // Thessaly La Force writes, "I'm now dividing my time between New York and Iowa City, where I'm in my second year at the Iowa Writers' Workshop (and working on a short-story collection). I also co-authored an illustrated book called My Ideal Bookshelf with my friend and artist, Jane Mount; it's being published by Little, Brown and Company this November. We interviewed over 100 artists, writers, thinkers, chefs, and other creative types about the 10 most cherished books in their life." // Michael Lingenfelter moved back to SF in early 2011 from Washington, DC. He shares, "There I had most recently interned with Rep. Wolfsey and been coaching and working with local youth with United for DC and City FC, the latter I helped start. I am now living in SF's Nob Hill and working for Maia Strategy Group consulting with tech, healthcare, and industrial companies. I am still playing soccer—often with fellow alums Ben Blake, Peter Law'03, Chris Esquivel '03, and Andrew Nourafshan '03. Occasionally I help out at MA Soccer Coach Josh Kalkstein's trainings and attended a few MA boys soccer games last year. Last fall, I spoke at an MA admissions reception for prospective parents in the East Bay with Ben. I regularly see Marley Lovell '04, too. In my spare time, I enjoy snowboarding, abalone diving, and spearfishing, which Mr. Blake taught me well." // Ariel Mendez-Péñate lives in Brooklyn and is pursuing a career as a pro cyclist. // Avery Monsen lives in New York, where he writes books and performs at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. His newest project is an alphabet book of terrible advice called K is for Knifeball. Look for it in stores. More info on his Twitter: @averymonsen // Jeanne-Marie Sinnott graduated from medical school at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. She shares, "I finished up my fourth year by spending a month in a hospital in Jimma in southern Ethiopia followed by a week of traveling around the country and am now living in Long Beach, where I'll be for the next 3 years to complete my family medicine residency!" // Nikole Yinger lives in Brooklyn and works as a field producer for CNBC Business News. Despite a busy shooting schedule, she visits friends and family in the Bay Area regularly. The most recent trip was for the incredible wedding of Adam Moss to his gorgeous new wife Julia Beers! // Helena Zimmerman writes, "In 2011-2012, we bought an apartment in Helsinki, I finished my master’s in gender studies degree from the University of Helsinki…and I got married to my partner of 6 years, Laura Sutinen. I'm now completing a course to become a personal trainer and am continuing teaching yoga and fitness classes." // A big thank you to Aaron Mandel for serving as Class Rep and for, along with Julia Malkin and Ariel Mendez-Péñate, planning the upcoming Class of 2002 10-year reunion. Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 28th!

2003

Robyn Allen started a company called Arcmetra, which

is focused on reducing electricity usage across a number of sectors. After reading the statistic that of all US companies that took venture funding during 2010, only 6% were run by women, she hopes that some MA alums will help change that trend! Robyn did a road bike race with Casey Williams in 36-degree, freezing rain late last year and remembered that New England is not the Bay Area, but that getting outdoors is always worth it. // Jaimie Brown shares, "This year, I began performing with Antique, a local up-and-coming R&B artist. We are Antique Naked Soul, a vocal ensemble that utilizes 3 singers and a beatboxer. We've played shows around the Bay Area in a variety of venues. Our vibe is somewhere between Chaka Khan and Erykah Badu, combining jazz, classic soul, hip hop, and R&B influences into our sound. We can be found at facebook.com/antiquemusic, youtube.com/ tvantique, and antique.bandcamp.com. In addition to singing with the ensemble, we also perform backing vocals for her songs that use tracks from the studio. I also have had the opportunity to do some arranging for the ensemble, which is my ultimate passion. We are expanding our horizons and looking to play all over the Bay Area and the US." // After 5 years in corporate treasury at Morgan Stanley, Nicolle Buckley has returned to school to pursue an MBA at London Business School. She reports that she recently completed the London Marathon! // Piper Crowell moved back to Marin from DC for the year to be the campaign manager on Assemblymember Jared Huffman's campaign for US Congress. The campaign participated in MA's 2011 Conference on Democracy. Piper shares that she hopes to get more MA students and alumni involved in the campaign as they head into the November
Pilar Davila is in her second year of pharmacy school at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore. She made the Dean’s List in her first year and recently received the Walgreens Diversity Scholarship. She is currently doing cancer research with Dr. James Insong Lee, analyzing the possibility of using natural products as treatments for cancers. She plans to spend the 2013 summer participating in a pharmacy program in Ghana. // After almost 5 years in Shanghai, Emily Eliot has picked up and moved to Sydney, Australia, to explore new opportunities. She is very much looking forward to the lifestyle change and excited to expand her career across Asia Pacific. // David Falcōn writes, “I currently reside in Silicon Valley and work at an engineering consultancy. Thus far, my work has involved structural health monitoring of bridges and control systems for wind power plants, semiconductors, and nuclear power plants. In my free time, I have been surfing, hiking, mountain biking, and partying (of course). I traveled to India and Nepal earlier this year.” // Michael Flaxman is Co-Founder and CEO of the price comparison site priceonomics.com, which is funded by Spark Capital, Andreessen Horowitz, Ron Conway, Crosslink Capital, and many more. // Brett Foreman recently started business school at UC Berkeley after a summer of vacationing. He shares that Tyler Adam is starting his last year at Hastings College of the Law, surfing every day and is generally getting epic. // Elissa Ginsburg is continuing to work toward her PhD in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology in SF. She was married in August and after a few years in Richmond, just moved back to Marin, just a few blocks away from MA. // After 4 years at Deloitte Consulting, Anya Greenberg decided to go back to school to get an MBA. She says, “I completed my first year at Stanford Graduate School of Business in June, and spent the summer interning at Stanford Hospital & Clinics in a strategy and operations improvement role. In the last year, I’ve gone to Italy, Spain, Greece, UK, Israel, Japan, Nigeria and Ghana, India, and Finland. I currently live in Palo Alto with my long-time boyfriend Zach Singleton ’02, who is also in his second year at Stanford Graduate School of Business. Zach spent the summer as an intern in Google’s Global Strategic Planning and Operations office. He has traveled extensively as well and did a second summer internship at a start-up in Finland that is attempting to revolutionize how we engage with online advertisements. We visited MA a couple months ago, and we were amazed at all the wonderful initiatives taking place. We could tell that the community is as strong as ever, and going back reminded us how lucky we are to be a part of it.” // Dave Herrero is working as the national field director for a small grassroots political consulting firm in Washington, DC. Prior to his current position, he worked as a research associate for the Council on Foreign Relations, focusing on Brazil and Cuba policy. // Sarah Janoff graduated with an MSW from the Columbia University School of Social Work in the spring and spent the summer traveling in Spain and Israel. This fall, she began work as a clinical social worker and therapist at an agency in Manhattan working with children and youth in foster care. // Sarah Jebrack writes, “I passed the California Bar in November 2011 yay!) and am now working as an immigration attorney in Oakland. Ezra Fox and I are enjoying our new lives in SF and have made it our mission to find the best taco truck in the city. And know if you have any recommendations! // Amanda Machettes is living in NYC and working as a certified nurse-midwife at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn. She writes, “I am loving work and happily caught my 100th baby this week! “ // Lindsay Meisel shares, “I’m Communications Director at an educational tech start-up called edupath. We launched at the end of the summer. I’m also doing some freelance writing on the side, including pieces for USF Magazine and The Breakthrough Journal.” // Chloe Roth writes, “I’ve been continuing to work as a journalist for publications both abroad and at home, including local magazines and papers like the San Francisco Chronicle, SF Weekly, Asterisk Magazine, and Huck Magazine (London). I’ve gotten to interview Philip Glass, Joan Rivers, Graham Nash, Fleet Foxes, Gillian Welch, and legendary local surf/skate artist Thomas Campbell, to name a few. I continue to play shows, with the highlight being my performance at the Great American Music Hall in September. People can look me up at chloemakesmusic.com and follow my writing on Twitter @thechloeroth.” // Alessandra Springmann writes, “I helped lead 2 astrophysics outings at MA this spring with science teacher Jon Bretan. I’m really impressed with the quality and thoughtfulness of the current students; they’re inquisitive and curious about their world. I spent the summer in Accra, Ghana, teaching entrepreneurship and mobile app development to local university students through an MIT program. Hope everyone from ’03 is doing well! Please drop a note if you’d like to get in touch.” // Robin Wolthausen says, “I am finishing 2 years of awareness and naturalist training and teaching at the Wilderness Awareness School in Duval, WA. Over the summer, I taught a week-long survival walkabout harvesting all our food and shelter and needs from the land we walked, followed by a week of tracking wolves in the wilderness of Idaho. After spending the last 5 years of my life making a living through mentoring and relationships, I am craving a trade to sustain myself…what it will be and where that will take me is still TBD, but I am excited to find some sun and dryness after 2 years in the Pacific NW. I hope all my former classmates are well and full of passion and love in their life.” // Robin Young moved back to the Bay Area in December after having lived in the Dominican Republic for more than 4 years. She writes, “Currently I am living in the East Bay and working as Marketing and Outreach Coordinator for Hesperian Health Guides, a nonprofit organization that publishes health books and resources. I’m glad to be back in the Bay Area after so many years away and would love to see any MA folks who are around!” // A big thank you to Haley Tone for serving as Class Rep.

### 2004

Zoe Gerry-Bullard shares, “I celebrated my first year living in Boise in July, and I love it here. I’m working in fundraising and special events for St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital, part of Idaho’s largest health system, and I’m happy to have been able to continue my career in development and working with kids. I miss seeing my MA friends in NYC, but it’s been great to be back west!” // Emily Golson continues to work toward a Master of Science degree in Marine Science, Marine Vertebrate Ecology, from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. (2 years down, 2 to go!) She is a student assistant at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratory/Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute Research Library. When she’s not at the lab, she loves meeting up with friends, practicing vinyasa yoga, going on hikes in Big Sur and Carmel Valley, and doing geeky science things like reading Science magazine! AND occasionally reminiscing about all of the cool things she learned at MA!!! // Jhani Griffin is still living in NYC and loving it more than ever. “I
Laura Mazza '04 writes, “Last year, I briefly explored New Orleans, where I fell in love with the city. A friend and I were touring the south by means of bike polo tournaments. Ana Heller '04 came to visit briefly and, of course, I ran into Sam Doore's '04, Wiley Rogers '04, and Mat Davidson '04 while there. After traveling, I found my way up to Philadelphia—my new permanent home—as it's the perfect balance between southern and East Coast punk. I live in a historic row home with my fiancé Noe Bunnell and far too many pets. I work at La Salle University in the Office of Student Counseling and Health Services and am pursuing my graduate education to become a nurse practitioner. I am also really involved (and totally in love) with Girls Rock Philly!, the Philly branch of a growing international movement of nonprofits that teaches girls creativity, self-respect, and accountability through music.”

Ben Amen '04 shares, “2012 has brought me some amazing sailboat racing opportunities, both inshore and offshore. I spent a week racing in Puerta Vallarta in the Copa de Mexico J24 class; raced aboard our team's new 70-footer Valkyrie to Cabo San Lucas; competed in the US Sailing Offshore National Championship in Annapolis, MD; and won the Santa Cruz 27 National Championship in the San Francisco Bay. Next summer, we will take off across the Pacific aboard the Valkyrie in the TransPac, ending in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. My girlfriend Tracey and I moved in together in March and have since seen several '04 classmates in San Diego, including JD Nasaw '04. While watching Taylor Shell's '04 band Turkucz perform a show, we ran into Mario Kenyon '04, who had come down just to see the band as well.”

finally finished graduate school and got my first teaching job at a school for the deaf in Brooklyn.” // Emily Hendrick earned an MPA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies last year. She spent the past year in Colorado working in wilderness therapy and moved to New Hampshire in June for a new teaching position at an alternative boarding high school in the White Mountain National Forest. // Rachael Konecky graduated from the University of Washington School of Law this spring. She shares that she has been hanging out with Laura Zippel and Katie Demko London, both of whom also live in Seattle. // Jes Levine writes, “Exciting news for me this year. I have a new job as Production Manager at Ars Nova Theater in NYC. Ars Nova provides an artistic home for emerging talent by cultivating a hive of creative activity, both on stage—through developmental programs and performances—and off, through the support and cultivation of a thriving artist community. Check us out at arsnovany.com” // Risa Monsen is living and working in SF, but allowing herself loads of time to appease her travel bug. January took her to Thailand, and in July, she was off to Costa Rica. She has sights set on India in December and talks of Bali with Jhani Griffin in 2013. Risa works as a server at Namu Gaji, a farm-to-table restaurant with innovative Indian influence, which opened in April on 18th and Dolores. She invites everyone to stop in and say hello! It’s always exciting when fellow MA alumni come in. Most often, she sees Gianpaolo Patterlini, who visits with work friends from Acquerello. // After working with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Nairobi for 2 years, Victoria Shepard left Kenya at the end of July and moved to Juba to open urban refugee protection program with the IRC in South Sudan. In her new role, Victoria is working with the refugee and local communities, South Sudanese government, and the UN refugee agency to ensure access to services for refugees and awareness of their rights in order to safeguard refugees’ legal and physical security. // Lea Vonk writes, “I suppose the latest is that I’m moving to La Paz, Bolivia, to teach middle-school English for the next couple years. I also cut off a foot of hair over the summer!” // James Wilson writes, “After 3 1/2 years of consulting in DC then in Paris, I have become a student again. I am currently a candidate for a MBA at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (2014) and a candidate for an MA in international studies at the Luder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Arts and Sciences (2014).” // A big thank you to Emily Golson and Emily Hendrick for serving as Class Reps and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

2005 Jackie Adlam lives in SF and works in sales for Twitter. (For 140 character updates, find her at @Jacklum.) // Sara Blair has relocated to the Green Mountain State and is currently earning a master’s in higher education and student affairs administration from the University of Vermont. When not studying, Sara works as an assistant residence director, helping run a large residence complex for undergraduate students. She also contributes to The Vermont Connection, a peer-reviewed professional journal, as a co-content editor. Sara was engaged last January and will be getting married in May 2013. // Lauren Casparis lives in SF and works as an account exec at a PR agency downtown. // Seth Chanin lives in SF and works at Save The Bay, where he manages a community-based wetland restoration program. When he's not leading education programs in the salt marsh, he heads farther up the watershed to guide whitewater rafting trips in the Sierra foothills. Seven years after MA graduation, Seth still meets up with Grant Lacey '06 and Bob Harris '07 for a weekly mountain bike night ride in Fairfax. // Brian Dito recently began a graduate program in security policy at The George Washington University. Prior to this, he was Assistant Program Manager on the Cyber Security Program at the Organization of American States in Washington, DC. Brian travels frequently down south to the Americas. // Rosie Ellis currently works as a strategist at a small advertising agency in SF called CIBO. However, she plans to move to NYC this fall, where she plans to spend much of her time with fellow MA alumni. (Word on the street is that NYC MA alumni are very excited.) // Jon Feyer writes that he has finally conquered his fear of the Midwest and is currently living in Madison, WI, working as a project manager for Epic Systems, the country’s biggest maker of electronic medical record software. He tells us that
Wisconsin is actually beautiful, adding that “I am enjoying beer, cheese, and a diverse rainbow of white people from many backgrounds.” // After 3 years of teaching English in Osaka, Japan, Reiko Hamano is back in the States. She plans to spend time traveling before applying for a post-baccalaureate program. She hopes to return to school to become a physical therapist. // **Maxwell Hayman** recently left his post at the daily deals site, Groupon, in Chicago to start his own business. This winter, he plans to move back home to the Bay Area, “a long overdue homecoming after 7 years away,” he writes. // **For the last 2 years, Loren Heiman** has worked for the mobile video startup, Migo TV, first based out of Taiwan, and now the Philippines. // **Claire Holton-Basaldua** continues her bi-coastal existence. She just completed her first year at Cornell Law School, where she is pursuing her JD with an international law emphasis, editing for the *International Law Journal*, and writing for the Legal Information Institute. Taking a break from Ithaca, NY, Claire spent the summer working for the SF District Attorney. // While visiting Washington, DC, **Molly Hunter** was lucky enough to run into *Rachel Wolf* at a Nationals’ baseball game. Molly is still living in NYC, working as a multimedia journalist on the Foreign Desk at ABC News. She spends her spare time studying Arabic and plotting her relocation to the Middle East. Molly also lives just 10 short blocks from fellow MA alum **Alexandra Levin** and every so often gets to see fellow West Coast transplants **Amy Strauss** and **Naomi Dimon**. Molly’s brother **Kyle Hunter ’07** also just moved to NYC. // **Greg Keeney** recently moved back from the East Coast to SF and is working at Palo Alto-based TrustedID. Along with 2 colleagues, Greg recently won the national startup competition, AngelHack, for their app, GiveGo (givego.co), which allows individuals and companies to raise money for nonprofits through daily exercise. As Greg writes, “It allows you to turn every walk, bike or run, into a personal charity event.” // **Danielle Kingsley** has moved back to the Bay Area after spending a couple years in the nation’s capital working as a regional forecast analyst for Cassidy Tufrey. She currently lives in SF. On her way home, Danielle traveled to Patagonia and Buenos Aires. She was recently been thrust back into the working routine when she began work as a data analyst for Lookout Mobile Security. // **Caroline Levin** has recently begun work towards an MSW at UC Berkeley’s School of Social Welfare. Her first year field placement is at the SF CPMC Memory Center, where she helps to provide emotional support, crisis intervention, and benefit advocacy for patients and families. Caroline’s twin sister **Alexandra** lives in NYC and works in merchandising at Madewell, part of the J.Crew Group. // **Kate MacAleavy** spent the summer working at the Great Place to Work Institute in SF, helping to compile the 2013 edition of *Fortune*’s 100 Best Places to Work. She is also earning an MA in positive organizational behavior and evaluation and her MBA from Claremont Graduate University. // Still in SF, **Alex McCullagh** has recently started her seventh season with the San Francisco Ballet. The company is currently touring London and Washington, DC, and will be performing locally during the winter and spring of 2013. Alex also shares that she recently got engaged and will be getting married in SF next May. // **Lucy Alexander** is living in Santa Cruz and has discovered a passion for pottery. She’s set up a studio in her house and is making pottery with sculpted feet on them—they’re called barefoot bowls. 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Victoria Horning ’05 lives in NYC where she is working on her handbag line. After a recent trip to Italy, she hopes to launch her first shoe line by the end of 2012. See her handbags at victoriahorning.com.
Lucy’s stuff at indiegogo/barefootbowls.com. // **Alex Boodrookas** spent most of 2011 teaching English and cultural studies to low-income high school students in rural Oman for the State Department’s ACCESS program. After coming back to the US, he started working as an analyst at a small defense intelligence consulting firm in the Washington, DC, area that specializes in political developments in the Middle East. He has recently moved to NYC and started work towards a master’s in near eastern studies at NYU. // **Katie Brush** graduated from Occidental College in May 2010 with a BA in economics and Spanish literary & cultural studies—she received distinction for her honors thesis in Spanish literary & cultural studies. From there she went on to teach English in Cadiz, Spain, for the 2010–2011 school year at a public preschool. For the past year, Katie lived in LA and worked as an analyst at Frazier Capital Valuation. This fall, she began to work towards a JD at UC Hastings College of the Law. // **Coleman Buckley** is living in Santa Cruz designing kite-surfing gear, playing in the ocean everyday, and generally living the dream—“complete with an epic vegetable garden, avocado trees, and a posse of chickens.” // **Marcelino Echeverria** graduated from Oberlin College in 2010 with majors in environmental studies and political science. Since then, he has been a summer camp teacher, real estate office assistant, house painter, and now a Trader Joe’s crew member. He recently moved from SF to a West Oakland Victorian house, which he is rebuilding (foundation, electrical, plumbing). He also received 2 black/blue chow chow puppies that look like cuddly lion bears. Cute! // For the past 2 years, **Ricardo Esquivias** has been living in Manchester, NH, working as an AmeriCorps member at City Year, an education-focused nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the national high school dropout rate by providing support and interventions to students in attendance, behavior, and course completion in English and mathematics. He is now working as a development associate managing social media sites, visitor programs, and donation process to the development department and the site as a whole. Ricardo is looking forward to another amazing year and the opportunity to work with a loving and driven staff team. // **Katrina Frederick** graduated from UCLA School of Film and Television 2 years ago and has been working as a sound editor on movies and commercials. She’s just finishing up a TV pilot she directed about sustainable food. In doing this, she hopes to combine her love of food and film. In her spare time, she plucks vegetables from her rooftop garden and paints artwork for her sister’s boutique hotel in Sonoma. (Oléa Hotel—go visit!) // Things have been heating up at Zimride, the social network for ridersharing where **Marc Haumann** works as a user experience designer. They’ve recently launched a mobile app for iPhone called Lyft, which connects passengers to drivers for on-demand rides all over SF. The next time you’re in the city, try it out! Marc has also been having fun playing music with his friends—over the summer he busked in Washington Square Park in NYC! // **Grant Lacey** is having a blast—still living in SF and working at Thrivepoint, an advertising agency. // In March, **Adam Lewis** married his girlfriend of 5 years Lauren Finkel. Adam and Lauren are very happily enjoying married life in Washington, DC, where Adam works at Human Rights Watch and Lauren teaches history and journalism at a small independent high school (The Field School), which is a lot like MA! // **Allie Little** is living in Fairbanks, Alaska. She has one year left in her graduate program at The University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her thesis work focuses on artifact analysis of cultural material excavated from a 14,000-year-old site in central Alaska including items such as stone tools, bones from extinct animals, and even some mammoth ivory. This summer, she worked for the federal government at the Bureau of Land Management documenting and protecting historic gold rush sites. She is having a great time up north and says, “In my spare time, I continue to swim and play taiko, 2 activities I gained my passion for at MA.” // **Phil Nova** is living with some college friends in beautiful SF; he just moved from LA in June to begin work towards a PhD at UCSF. He spends his days doing science and his nights exploring the city he loves. Phil says, “As far as I’m concerned, that’s living the dream.” // **Lauren Smith** graduated from the University of Colorado in August 2011 with degrees in premmed, psych, and neuroscience. Since then, she has acquired her open water scuba diving certification diving the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, where she saw giant clams, 7-foot-long loggerhead sea turtles, and white tip reef sharks. She then traveled to Thailand, where she spent the next 5 months scuba diving; visiting temples and monasteries, and participating in an underwater videography course. She is now a certified rescue diver and is looking forward to bearing the colder Northern California kelp forests. She recently moved to Baltimore to pursue a master’s in public health degree with a global health focus at Johns Hopkins University. // **Layne Swanson** has been in LA since graduating from UCLA and currently works as a research assistant at a hedge fund there. She lives in Brentwood with some girlfriends from college and says, “It has been super fun, but I hope to make it back to SF very soon, because let’s face it, who doesn’t?” // **Pauline Temple** is an EMT and is preparing for naturopathic medical school. // **Walker Zorensky** writes, “I moved to Washington, DC, shortly after graduating from college in 2010 and have been here for almost 2 years. I work for Senator Barbara Boxer and have been recently promoted to a legislative staffer on the Senator’s foreign policy team.” // A big thank you to **Lisa Tsubouchi** for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.
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Alex Englesbe writes, “I’ve started a PhD in nuclear engineering at the University of Michigan after completing my master’s in mechanical engineering at Johns Hopkins. I’m psyched for the next few years because my research at Michigan will be relevant to new spacecraft propulsion systems and environmental remediation using plasma-based technologies. Wish I could catch up with you all at the reunion in November, and I hope to make it to an MA event soon!” // Wyatt Hayman graduated from Oberlin College this spring after becoming a Creativity and Leadership Fellow and receiving $30,000 in seed funding. He is starting a tech company with 2 Oberlin classmates that will provide a new way for businesses to interact with their customers and employees. Check out ApatataBlog.com for photos and updates on Wyatt and his team, living in Lake Tahoe, starting a business. // Kai Hinson and her boyfriend Sean have moved to Waimanalo, Oahu, to start an organic farm. They have been working for the last 6 months to convert a 3-acre parcel into a fruit- and vegetable-producing heaven! Once a week, they run a homeschool farm class with a small group of kids. (facebook.com/GreenRowsFarm) // After graduating from Tufts, Becca Hornthal joined Teach For America. She spent the past year teaching fourth-grade English Language Learners in Fall River, MA. She says that while it was definitely the most overwhelming year, it was also by far the most rewarding. // Kyle Hunter lives in New York and works for the emergencies division of Human Rights Watch. He successfully completed the 5-year plan at Middlebury College. // Rachel Kaplove has been working as a professional actress in NYC, playing lead roles in film, television, and theater. She studied at and completed the improv comedy program at The Upright Citizen’s Brigade and has been performing with her improv comedy team throughout the city. (RachelKaplove.com) // Jason Lee shared a bit of wisdom with MA’s soon-to-be grads at the Senior/Faculty Farewell Luncheon for the Class of 2012 in June. // Matt Regan spent 10 months as a product and marketing manager at a funded tech start-up in Santa Monica, while simultaneously managing a recording studio out of Burbank, which was used to record bits of new albums by Train, Jason Mraz, Hot Chelle Rae, and others during his stint there. Over the summer, Matt moved back to the Bay Area (yess) and accepted a job managing social media marketing initiatives for one of Electronic Arts’ studios in downtown SF. He says that he also took the LSAT in May, and is preparing for law school applications in the coming year, potentially pursuing a career in intellectual property law. He also got an awesome cat named Max. // Jimmy Singer writes, “I am in my second year of Teach for America in New Orleans. I am currently working at a KIPP primary school in the French Quarter as a reading interventionist.” // Eric Wolff graduated cum laude from the honors program at UC Santa Barbara in June. He received distinction in the major (sociology) for his honors thesis on country music. Eric was also presented with a University Award of Distinction for his outstanding contributions to the UCSB community radio station KCSB. His many roles at the radio station included hosting a radio show for 4 years, serving as Internal Music Director and, in his senior year, as General Manager. The KCSB Board, under Eric’s leadership, was given the Board of the Year Award in 2011–2012 by the Associated Students of UC Santa Barbara. After graduation, Eric moved to Seattle. // A big thank you to Jason Lee for being Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus. Additional thanks for all the time and thought put into planning the upcoming Class of 2007 5-year reunion. Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 23!

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Matthew Bedrick says, “After a busy senior year spent writing my history thesis, fundraising for a hunger and homelessness nonprofit, playing club soccer, and hosting dance parties, I graduated from Yale. Over the summer, I worked at Step One Pre-School, traveled, and enjoyed time with family and friends, including some close buddies from MA. In August 2012, I began working as a teacher, tutor, and coach for City Year New York, an AmeriCorps program dedicated to helping public school students from low-income backgrounds.” // Katherine Disenhof graduated from Stanford University in June with a BA in human biology and a minor in drama/dance. “At Stanford, I ended up pursuing my minor just as rigorously as my major, which led me to a variety of amazing experiences including teaching dance to children at a local juvenile hall and performing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. I was awarded Honorable Mention for Stanford’s Boothe Prize during my freshman year and recently received the Louis Sudler Prize for Excellence in the Creative Arts. Currently, I am working in SF as the coordinator for the Alonzo King LINES Ballet BFA program while simultaneously pursing local work as a dancer.” // Emma Franklin shares, “I graduated with a degree in neurobiology of the mind, brain, and behavior track and spent the summer working for The Road Less Traveled in the Florida Keys, where I led scuba diving and kayaking adventure/service trips for high school students. The trips include everything from coral restoration to leadership development. After a bit of time back in Marin, I will begin work at Inrosight, an innovative consulting firm specializing in Clayton Christensen’s theory of disruptive innovation. I will be working out of Boston, Singapore, and India. Sending everyone my best!” // Olivia Godsey writes, “I recently graduated summa cum laude from Occidental with a focus in sociology. Now I live in SF and work at a company called Sunrun, which is a solar energy provider. In my free time, I am training for a 10K (I completed my first 5K in April) and helping my sister plan the final stages of her wedding. // Julian Jenson graduated from Boston University with a degree in film and TV in May 2012 and now lives in LA working as an assistant editor for an ad agency called Omelet. Julian says, “I shoot music videos on the side, most recently did one with confetti cannons. Swag. Big news: Over the summer I launched a website—thec hottnt.com—a visual resume for young creatives. I am living with Mitch Scott who, since his graduating from Stanford with a degree in economics and computer science, started working for Boston Consulting Group.” // On November 30, MA held its annual Peace and Justice Assembly, this time focusing on the Occupy Movement. MA students welcomed Eric Lee, who was very active in the Occupy Movement at UC Davis and following his witnessing of the pepper spray event at Davis, made multiple appearances in the media to share his views. Eric was joined on stage by long-time activist and writer, David Harris, who is also the parent of MA alum, Sophie Harris ’01. // Mikayla McVey writes, “I graduated from UCLA in December and spent January to May traveling in South America. Most of my time was spent in a permaculture community in El Bolson, Argentina, building workshops

Olivia Bronson ’09 (pictured here with Hannah ’08 and Becca Rich ’11) spent the summer in Cape Town, South Africa, prior to studying there for the fall semester. En route to Cape Town, she had the chance to travel to Daraja Academy in Kenya with an amazing group of MA students and teachers. Olivia plans to continue taking classes concentrated on development and public health, play ultimate Frisbee, discover delicious places to eat, and explore a new part of the world.
Abigail Hunter ’09, history teacher James Shipman, and Rachel Greinetz ’09. Bottom: Josh Hornthal Edwards ’09, Olivia Bronson ’09, Simon Linsteadt ’11, Katie Eiseman ’11, and Beth Sherman ’96, director of Alumni Relations. Middle: Merlin young alumni gather at the annual Thanksgiving event. Top: Gabes Sherman ’08 and Beth Sherman ’96, Director of Alumni Relations. Middle: Merlin Edwards ’09, Olivia Bronson ’09, Simon Linsteadt ’11, Katie Eiseman ’11, Abigail Hunter ’09, Mia Dalton ’10, and Rozzi Crane ’09. Bottom: Josh Hornthal ’09, history teacher James Shipman, and Rachel Greinetz ’09.

2009 Alex Brush says, “I just started my fourth year at University of Puget Sound majoring in biology and minoring in history. I was an overnight orientation leader and am working as the outdoor program coordinator for the school. I enjoy backpacking, fishing, climbing, and whitewater kayaking in the Northwest in my free time. This summer, I worked as a raft guide in Dinosaur National Park. I am an expert hula hooper.” // Morgan Bye shares, “I am a senior at Johns Hopkins with Tiras Lin and Matt Sykes. Tiras and I still hang out all the time, although usually it consists of me distracting him from studying. I’m majoring in applied math and statistics with minors in econ, psych, and entrepreneurship. My big responsibility this year is running the JHU Spring Fair, which is a festival weekend in April consisting of a headline concert (we had Passion Pit last year), a food section, and arts and crafts section, and a beer garden. It’s really a good time. As the chair, I have a staff of 40 and a budget of $150K to play with.” // Peter Felton shares, “I’ve been good. Last fall, I studied abroad in London (so fun!) and since then have been back at UCLA hanging out and trying to stay on top of school work. I spent the summer living in Westwood and working at Alcoa Fastening Systems, an engineering company that makes aerospace components for Boeing, Airbus, etc.” // Aki Gormezano writes, “(1) I spent the summer in DC, where I interned with a nonprofit that successfully got an initiative on the ballot to end direct corporate contributions to campaigns for office in DC. To do so, we gathered 30,000 signatures from people who vote in DC. It was pretty cool! (2) I’m still playing soccer and am currently co-captain of the varsity team at Oberlin College. (3) I’m still taking Japanese and am slightly better than I was in high school. It’s been fun. I’m also really passionate about psychology. I’m planning to start my own project next year which will focus on psychological differences between Japanese and American people. // Mia Hodge says, “I am in my fourth year at UC Berkeley and am spending the fall semester in Cairo, Egypt, in an Arabic language immersion program. Last year, I was involved in advocacy efforts for public higher education at the state and federal levels, and I’m now continuing my political engagement by working with Obama for America and Huffman for Congress, a congressional campaign managed by fellow MA alum, Piper Crowell ’03. I’m often reminded of how lucky I am to have attended a high school that valued participation in our democratic process.” // Abigail Hunter is in her senior year at Amherst College as
a history major with a focus on Africa and is set to receive an African Studies Certificate in addition to her bachelor’s degree. As captain of the volleyball team and a student health educator, she loves the Amherst community. Abigail spent the summer in the Bay Area working as a professional organizer as well as working on the production team of a feature film directed by an Amherst professor. // Katie Morris recently spent 4 months studying abroad in Madrid followed by a month of traveling through Europe with friends. She says, “I spent the summer traveling all around the US including Nashville, TN, where I recorded a song at the Ryman Auditorium. I also took a digital media course at Stanford this summer and just started my final film production classes at USC. I will graduate with a major in critical studies in cinematic arts and a minor in art history. // Ryan Schleeter writes, “I am in my senior year at Macalester College and will be graduating in December with a BA in geography and Hispanic studies/Portuguese. I spent last fall in Fortaleza, Brazil, doing research, which I am happy to say will be published in November. I spent the summer as an intern at National Geographic in Washington, DC, working with educational technologies. I’m super excited to report that my brother Andrew ’12 graduated from MA in May and started college at Western Washington University this fall. // Erin Schrod writes, “I have just completed my fourth term abroad (on 4 continents) and am back at NYU for senior year. I was in Haiti this summer for my fifth time since the earthquake, working on The Schoolbag, an education project I started. Things are rolling along full speed (faster than ever, in our 7 1/2-year history as an organization) with Teens Turning Green—gearing up for a big back to school initiative with eBay and Whole Foods Market. I am excited for that and for our second annual Project Green Challenge 30-day eco-lifestyle challenge this October. Recently, I was profiled in a CNN piece called ‘Going Green: Green Pioneers’ about 6 leading lights in the environmental movement.’ My segment was entitled ‘Young Environmentalist Makes Impact: A role model for young environmentalists inspires other to follow in her footsteps.’ Pretty exciting. I am also working on some media projects with big companies in LA and NY and doing more corporate consultancy around sustainability and millennials. I spoke at the Chipotle HQ in August and at the first ever Environmental Education Summit at The White House (!!!) in April.” // Sean Sears writes, “I am in my fourth and final year of Division I Soccer at Loyola Marymount University. I am majoring in sociology and I work at a paintball course part time to keep myself busy.” // After returning from 6 months studying abroad, Adrian St. Francis worked as an intern at a law firm in downtown St. Paul, MN. He spent 2 trimesters at the University of Oxford (St. Catherine’s College), where he took tutorials in applied ethics and political philosophies and theory through the Department of Philosophy; theoretical foundations in social policy, through the Department of Philosophy, Politics, & Economics; and jurisprudence through the Oxford Law School. Adrian plans to graduate from Macalester College in the spring with a double-major in English (literature) and philosophy, after which he will take a year to gain work experience in the legal field before pursuing a law degree. He hopes to return to England and practice law in London at some point in the future. // A big thank you to Olivia Bronson for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

2010 Nish Budhraja interned at Deloitte Consulting in SF this past summer, where he worked in the business-technology field. Upon returning to UC Berkeley this fall, he facilitated a speaker series on startup-based entrepreneurship. He continues his volunteer work with Metropolitan Golf Course in Oakland, where he teaches golf lessons for underprivileged children. He misses his MA classmates immensely, and had a wonderful time reading about their experiences as he put together these class notes! // Melanie De Shaderevian has been working on building the first sustainable bench on the UCSD campus, made purely out of “bottle bricks” (plastic bottles stuffed with plastic trash) and cob (a natural clay-like material). In the fall, she began research in tropical biology and conservation at the Monteverde Institute in Costa Rica. She is conducting research on the ecosystem and fauna and flora diversity of the cloud rainforest. Her research program will culminate in a presentation of her research at a professor symposium at the Institute. // This past summer, Patrick Ebke worked in the athletic training office at his school, UC Davis, learning about sports injuries and kinesiology. He can proudly say that his basketball game remains as good as it was during his varsity days at MA. // Conor Flemming is currently at Johns Hopkins University studying chemical and biomolecular engineering. He is playing varsity water polo and will be doing cystic fibrosis drug delivery research in the spring. This summer, Conor interned for Bio-Rad Laboratories, a biotech firm headquartered in Hercules, CA. // This past year, Gaayatri Kaundinya started an inter-collegiate music festival at UCLA called Avaran Music Festival, which featured musicians from USC, UCLA, UCSB, Stanford, and UC Berkeley. She is also working on film scoring and currently has an internship with a film composer in Hollywood at Sound Mind Music. She recently put out a short film cue that she scored on her YouTube channel “gaayatrimusic.” In August, she went on a musical tour of India and performed in a music festival in Bangalore. // Taylor Kinney spent this past summer working with at-risk high school students, helping to teach ESL, dance, leadership, and study skills. She has been an active participant on the dance scene, where she and her dance partner won the national championship for rhythm, a type of ballroom. // Over the past couple of years at UC Irvine, Mira Lowenstein has been doing international medical work in Bolivia and playing club soccer for the Anteaters. She spent this past summer in the Bay Area after her most recent stint in Bolivia. She says that she was excited to spend some time at home before heading back to Irvine. // Joey Mehling acted in both of Wesleyan’s faculty-produced plays this year, Eugene O’Neill’s The Great God Brown and Gertrude Stein’s Dr. Faustus Lights the Lights. He spent June and July interning at the Cutting Ball Theater in SF (founded by former MA teacher Rob Melrose) and August doing an apprenticeship with Bread & Puppet, one of the oldest nonprofit, self-supporting theatrical companies in the country. In September, Joey began a 3-month acting conservatory program at the Moscow Art Theater in Russia. // For the past 2 years at UC San Diego, while studying biochemistry and cell biology, Teo Pier has been actively involved with UCSD’s student-led biofuels research group, which is running a program to produce biodiesel
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Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

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Friday, December 28, 2012
6:30 to 8:30 pm

E&O Asian Kitchen
San Francisco

An invitation will be sent via email in November.

to power generators for “green” on-campus events/concerts. He is taking the fall quarter off of school for an internship with a US Department of Energy lab in Washington State working to develop algae-derived biofuels. // This summer, Erin Wilson traveled to Japan to participate in International Week at Technos College in Tokyo. The program featured 2 weeks of cultural exchange between American, British, New Zealand, and Japanese students from Technos. While there, Erin got to visit the Japanese students’ classes, including their flight attendant class, studio broadcasting and sound mixing, hotel management, and even Anime! Erin also had to give a presentation to the school about her own school, Carleton College. While in Japan, Erin was able to do a home stay with a Japanese family and practice a bit of the Japanese she has been taking at Carleton, which she was inspired to take after taking taiko with Hideko Akashi at MA! // A big thank you to Nish Budhraja for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.

2011 Christie Capper is a sophomore at Claremont McKenna. She writes, “This past year far exceeded my expectations—both socially and in the classroom. While there are things to miss about MA (such as the beautiful garden, wonderful teachers, and incredible music concerts), the school prepared me well for all I faced in my first year of college: discussion following political speakers, composting in the school’s garden, playing for the taiko team, and much more. I spent the summer at home, catching up with friends from high school and interning at an organization called Green For All. It was great to see all my former classmates, who all appear healthy and well, my family, and my dog Bear!” // Vanessa Gerber had a wonderful first year at Cal. She writes, “I loved my classes as well as my team! Two days after spring finals ended, the Women’s Rowing Team raced the Pac-12 Championships up near Sacramento, sweeping all 4 races, ending the day as conference champions! I was in the Women’s Freshman 8+ every race this season, and we finished strong with an undefeated season!” // Olivia Howard is in her second year at Princeton after a busy summer in the Bay Area, where she worked as a summer fellow with Advanced Energy Economy in the areas of state policy, regional development, industry news, and social media. She is excited about her new position as GreenLeader Coordinator Intern for Princeton’s Office of Sustainability and seeing the familiar MA faces in the freshman class! // Savanah Leaf is attending the University of Miami and spent the summer as part of the 10-person Olympic Team for the British Women’s National Volleyball team. // Simon Linsteadt is currently a student at UC Santa Cruz. In August, he and his bluegrass band played on a small side stage at the Outside Lands Music Festival in SF! // Dhruv Maheshwari is a student at University of Pennsylvania. He writes, “I spent my first year taking intro computer science classes and intro business courses. I got involved in Penn Masala (an Indian a capella group) and Social Impacting Consulting (a student consulting group that supports local nonprofits). I spent the summer as part of Google’s Freshman Engineering Practicum Program, in which rising sophomores intern across various engineering departments at Google. Basically, I worked on developing some prototype services for the Google Ads team.” // Isaac Pollan attends Wesleyan University and spent the summer working at an architecture firm in NYC! // Becca Rich writes, “My sister Hannah ’08 and I spent the summer in Cape Town, South Africa, together. Hannah was doing research on environmentalism/sustainability and gardens in primary schools, working with a nonprofit called SEED, while I interned at Children’s Radio Foundation, which is an awesome nonprofit organization that trains young people to become youth reporters, giving them the tools and skills to tell their own stories in their own voices. The youth-produced content is broadcast locally and nationally on SAfm. I had a great time learning the ins and out of how a nonprofit works. Cape Town is an awesome city—it is rich with culture, liveliness, art, music, diversity, and natural beauty. We loved exploring the city, meeting people, and learning about the complex history and current situation of Cape Town. We saw live music a lot, went on hikes, and tried to learn as much as we could about Cape Town. It was so much fun living with my sister for an entire summer.” // A big thank you to Vanessa Gerber for serving as Class Rep and collecting class notes for this issue of Nexus.
It must speak well of one’s high school experience when one hopes for something similar for one’s children. As a new mom, I know I was imagining my daughter going to MA some day even before she was born. That’s a dream that has come true for several alums over the past decade. The latest is 1980 alum Kelli Rice. Kelli’s daughter Nayelli started at MA this fall.

Kelli’s relationship with MA goes back to the earliest days of the school. When she was nine, her mom Susan Little and her stepdad Charlie Little went to work at the new school. “It was like I suddenly inherited 60 new siblings and a handful of uncles and aunts,” Kelli says.

When the time came for Kelli to go to high school, she wanted to go to Drake with her friends, but her mom asked her to try MA for one year. Kelli loved it and happily stayed on. After graduating, she did some local theater and dance and went on to UC Berkeley where she majored in Spanish language and literature. Eventually she landed at Marin Country Day School, teaching Spanish. “I have been there for 23 years and still love what I do!” Kelli says. She raised her daughter Nayelli and her son Maceo on a 53-foot boat for six years and then in the house in Richmond where they now make their home.

When Nayelli was in seventh grade, she and Kelli started talking about high school. “MA was definitely somewhere I wanted her to explore,” Kelli says, “but I didn’t want her to feel any pressure to go there or anywhere else. Interestingly and happily, in the most authentic and seemingly meant-to-be way, MA became my daughter’s indisputable first choice of high schools.”

The application process took Kelli back to campus with her daughter, and Nayelli has attended many basketball and volleyball clinics/practices there as well. “Every time I am on campus I am washed with so many deep-seated memories,” Kelli says. “I grew up at MA.” She misses the old dorms that used to flank the school, a relic of the campus’s military academy days. But in other ways, she finds the campus much the same. “The signature sequoias, the façade of the old administration building [now the Bodie Brizendine Leadership Center], and Foster Hall easily take me back to the days I was at MA as a kid and as a student. I also love seeing that the original pool is still there—I have memories of swimming on the team with Don Alexander as my coach (we were later colleagues at MCDS!). My brother, Ben Little ’92, as a toddler, almost drowned in that pool—luckily Donna Alexander, Don’s wife, saved him. Gotta LOVE those Alexanders!”

Now, with Nayelli starting her MA career, Kelli and her family look forward to making new MA memories. “Luckily, things worked out just the way we hoped they would,” Kelli says. “We are all excited to have Nayelli attend MA, renewing our collective family’s connection to the school.”

Tracy Grant graduated from MA in 1984. She went on to study British history at Stanford. She now writes historical suspense novels, the latest of which is Imperial Scandal, set around the battle of Waterloo. Her real-life heroine is her daughter Mélanie, who is very cooperative about Mummy’s writing. Tracy and Mélanie live in Marin with three cats who enjoy sleeping on computer keyboards. Tracy is currently at work on her next book set in London in 1817. www.tracygrant.org.
MA’s former registrar, Kathy Charleson, died on July 4, 2012, of Alzheimer’s. A fearless downhill skier who lived on caffeine and moved like a tornado through campus, she served as registrar from 1978 to 1990. Faculty members remember her for leading minicourses in Tahoe, playing a mean game of bridge, and being quick with self-deprecating jokes. Some can still hear her shouting from her office in Foster Hall!

Kathy Faraday ’85 died unexpectedly on May 5, 2012. She was known for her athletic ability and was an outstanding gymnast, equestrian, and soccer player. Kathy turned her on-the-field soccer skills to coaching and became the assistant coach and then the coach of the 1999 and 2000 Marin Academy girls junior varsity soccer teams. She leaves behind her children Rebecca, Alexa, and Sierra Nadeau; her stepfather of fourteen years Curtis Adams; her ex-husband Lawrence A. Nadeau of Sonoma; her two brothers Christopher and Jeffrey ’78; as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Katherine Hyman ’83 passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2012. She loved friends, family, music, travelling, and all things San Francisco. Katherine was well recognized for her career in the hotel catering profession and spent time volunteering with St. Anthony’s Dining Room, Holy Family Day Home, the SPCA’s Animal Assisted Therapy Center (with her beloved canine companion Petey), and was an avid supporter of cancer research. She is survived by her father Bruce W. Hyman and his wife Simone, her brother Jim ’85 and his wife Laurie, her nieces Sophie and Ella, and her nephew Charlie.

Solomon Kahn ’95 passed away on January 31, 2012, in a car accident in Bangkok, Thailand. Passionate about music from his earliest days, Solomon was one of the Bay Area’s most sought-after DJs, known for playing nightclubs worldwide and being the resident DJ for the Golden State Warriors and San Francisco Giants. He was an active member of the Marin Academy community, remaining engaged with current students, faculty, and fellow alumni over the years. Solomon is survived by his parents Tamam and Shabda, his brother Ammon, and his fiance Nicole Cronin.

Former Marin Academy staff member Mary Anne McGahan died on April 20, 2012. She came to MA in 1985 where she worked in the admissions office and then in the business office until 1993. Her daughter Sara Goodman graduated from MA in 1995. Mary Anne was a member of the faculty band, and she is remembered for her beautiful voice, hard work, raucous laugh, and delightful storytelling.
As we begin our 40th year as a school, filled with capable and curious students and led by an exceptional and caring faculty, it’s easy to rest on our success. But as the world around us changes, and we prepare our graduates for the demands that they will face as they leave the corner of Cottage and Mission, there is more that we can all do to make sure that Marin Academy continues to be the school that we love today.

When MA began, our founders hoped to establish a progressive independent high school that would incorporate experiential learning and citizenship with intellectual development. They envisioned a school that would be accessible to students from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. This group of local parents sought a balanced approach to education with an emphasis on scholarship, performing and fine arts, athletics, and outdoor education.

While we spend this year looking back on those early years of growth and expansion, it is the strength of MA today that we celebrate. And that celebration begins with you. To all the parents, alumni, grandparents, fellow trustees, faculty, staff, and friends of MA who so generously supported our mission through your philanthropic support, I send a heartfelt thank you. You have ensured that MA continues to operate on sound financial footing today as we prepare to envision our tomorrows.

Marin Academy is a school in which we can all take great pride. We benefit from the good work and generosity of those who came before us and work together today to make our school successful and relevant. Our eyes are also on the future and preserving all that an MA education means to our children…and their children.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the members of our Board of Trustees who have completed their terms of service. Their work on behalf of MA during their respective tenures on the Board has been invaluable: Jeff Chanin (Seth ’05, Julia ’11), Ann Mathieson (Tory ’10, Becca ’13), Braden More ’91, MAPA President Sara Howard (Olivia ’11, Amelia ’14), and faculty trustee Mary Collie. And a note of special appreciation to Barry Neal (Brendan ’09, Cara ’11, Evan ’14, and Alec ’14), who led our Board as Chair for the past two years. I am honored to follow in the path that he so adeptly carved for MA’s future. Of course, our tremendous success in the Annual Fund would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Parent Fund Co-Chairs, Tom and Susan Reinhart (Kendall ’12, Trevor ’15, and Cooper ’15) nor without the support of all of you whose names grace the pages of this Annual Report of Donors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dell
(Berk Norman ’12 and Ben Norman ’14)
Chair, Marin Academy Board of Trustees
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New Board Members

Joan Dea, parent of three (including Chloe ’15), is Managing Partner of Beckwith Investments and is a corporate director for Torstar Corporation, Cineplex Inc., and Charles Schwab Bank. Until 2008, Joan was Executive Vice President responsible for strategic management, corporate development, corporate marketing, and all major change initiatives at BMO Financial Group. Prior to BMO, she was Partner and Director at Boston Consulting Group, where she consulted to Fortune 500 organizations on issues of global competitiveness, strategy, and organizational change and held several global leadership positions. Joan sits on the board of the nonprofits Women’s Initiative and The Pecaut Centre for Social Impact and served as Vice Chair of the National Ballet of Canada and Director of Civic Action in Toronto before moving to the Bay Area. She is an alumna of Yale and the London School of Economics.

Sue Diamond, parent of three (including Sandy Schenker ’15), has her own law firm that advises nonprofits on strategic and other issues related to real estate entitlement, development, acquisition, and disposition. Since 2006, she has served as Adjunct Professor at Stanford Law School, co-teaching a class on land use law. Her community leadership experience includes serving on the University High School Board and the Jewish Community Center Board. She is an alumna of Stanford University, MIT, and Harvard Law School.

Liz Kind, parent of Joseph ’12 and Emily ’15, is Senior Case Writer/Researcher for the Harvard Business School California Research Center, where she is responsible for projects focused on West Coast companies. Her experience includes running Community Partners, a program of the Harvard Business School Alumni Association of Northern California that provides pro bono consulting advice to Bay Area nonprofits through the efforts of HBS alumni volunteers, and several years in the investment banking and financial consulting industry. She received her undergraduate degree from Mt. Holyoke College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Stephanie Mellin, parent of three (including Kevin ’15), has worked at General Electric and Kaiser Permanente as an industrial engineer. Her interest in education and philanthropy began with her son’s learning disability diagnosis, which led her to form her own small home school program for him and several other children with similar needs. Stephanie is a trustee on the Marin Primary and Middle School Board as well as the National Governing Board of Women’s Initiative for Self Employment. Since 2009, she has served on the Board of Governors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco. Stephanie, along with her husband Bill, founded the Philanthropy Initiative at Lick Wilmerding High School, which is part of Lick’s Center for Civic Engagement. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Betsy Muir begins her ninth year as a history teacher at MA this year. She received her undergraduate degree at Denison University and graduate degree at the Stanford School of Education.

Paige Thomas, parent of Lauren ’11 and Bradley ’15, is serving a one-year term on the Board in her capacity as MAPA President. She is an active community volunteer and serves on the UC Berkeley Library Advisory Board. She has a professional background in marketing and communications and enjoys writing and editing. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley.
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Marin Academy 2011–2012 Fundraising Summary

Pledges and Contributions Received

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Marin Academy has been so much more than an outstanding school for our children—MA has been an enriching experience for our entire family. The MA community is truly inclusive, and the depth, diversity, and talent of this community rely on all of us doing what we can to support it.

Maria Warton Bennett ’79 and Patrick Bennett, MA parents (with Celine ’16, Rosario ’12, Philip ’16)

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Zach Zeff ’12

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Trevor Reinhardt ’15
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Ron Zeff
Zach Zeff ’12

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Cailyn Coghlan ’13
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Trevor Cohen ’08
Keegan Cohen ’12
Brodie Cohen ’16
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Chloe Conacher ’15
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Lizzy Elliott ’12
Howard and Carol Fine
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Lillian Fine ’07
Ezekiel Fine ’09
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Spencer Janney ’16
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Marshall Leversohn ’12
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Devron Martin ’14
Aislinn Martin ’15
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Kevin Mellin ’15
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Alex Neal ’14
Evan Neal ’14
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Win Pomerantz ’10
Leigh Pomerantz ’15
Thomas Porter and A. Christine Baron
Spencer Porter ’01
Ross Porter ’09
Chase Porter ’13
Wells Fargo Educational Foundation
(match)
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Ella Weissinger ’15
Stephen Williamson and
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Daisy Williamson ’13

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Josh Chermer ’01
Eli Chermer ’06
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Rosemary Kallstrom (T)
Megan Kallstrom ’11
Julia Kallstrom ’14
Braden More ’91 (T)
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Berk Norman ’12
Ben Norman ’14
Eric (T) and Kelley Warner
Anne Warner ’13
Patrick Warner ’16

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($5,000 to $7,499)

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Sanny Barish ’14
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Rosario Bennett ’12
Philip Bennett ’15
Celine Bennett ’16
Skip and Brenda Berg
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I give to the MA Annual Fund because I see the direct benefit to the students and teachers every day. I co-chaired the faculty/staff annual fund campaign this year, and the only thing better than making my own gift to the annual fund was rewarding faculty/staff donors with my homemade truffles.
Marin Academy gives such a great rounded education. It is a pleasure to make a contribution. One granddaughter has graduated and the other has just started. And they both have made a LOT of great friends, too.

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Bill Katz and Beth Kramer
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Mitch and Kristen Levine
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Caleb Norton ’15
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Adrian West ’93
Tammy White
Tori White ’12
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Casey Williams ’03
Adam Willner (T) and Marta Benson
Aidan Willner ’13
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in honor of Malcolm Skall
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($250 to $499)

Derek Anderson (FS)
in honor of Mary Anne McGahan
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Mark Battat ’79
in honor of Travis Brownley
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Jennifer Blake (FS) and Ned White
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Herb and Ann Boll
Holland Boll ’15
Moira Buckbbaum
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Andrew Bourhis ’13
I could not attend Marin Academy because of the financial aid I received. I give to MA now because I want to help others have the same opportunity today.

Christian Rogers ’00
Why We Give...

As parents of three children who have been fortunate enough to attend MA, we make MA a giving priority each and every year. MA is such a special place for kids to learn and develop as students and individuals. The caring and passionate faculty, the intelligent and diverse student body, the combination of outstanding academics along with strong athletic and arts programs, the unequalled wilderness outings program, and the various community service opportunities all add up to offer our children an outstanding education. The depth and richness of an MA education makes it one of the best gifts we can possibly give our children. Since tuition alone does not cover all the expenses of an MA education, we give so that our children can enjoy the many aspects of MA that make it such a unique high school experience.

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Mimi Katz
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Daniel Kehoe
Walker Kehoe ’12
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Kathleen Kinney (GP)
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Leigh Kinney ’12
James Kinney ’14
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in honor of Jane Mead
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The Sequoia Circle is a recognition society that honors founders, alumni, parents, and grandparents who have expressed their commitment to the excellence and mission of Marin Academy by naming Marin Academy as a beneficiary of a planned gift or bequest.

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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 ensures financial permanence for Marin Academy’s outreach program and sustains our institutional 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 overdependence on tuition revenue.

McEvoy Fund for Sabbatical Development
This endowment fund was established in 2005 by The McEvoy Family and provides paid sabbatical leave for a member of the Marin Academy faculty on an annual basis.

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The Henry David Thoreau Endowed Faculty Chair was established in 2005 by Peter and Mimi Buckley to enable a Marin Academy faculty member to develop mission-directed curriculum related to the furthering and deepening of ecological understanding.

Endowment for Student Financial Aid: Class of 2016 Fund
This endowment helps increase access to a Marin Academy education and advances 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 would not otherwise be able to attend Marin Academy. The scholarship is named in honor of the MA faculty, whose passion for teaching and commitment to student life is central to Marin Academy’s excellence.

Bodie Brizendine Scholarship Fund
This endowment was established in 2003 by a Marin Academy family and provides tuition assistance for a student with demonstrated financial need. The scholarship is named for Bodie Brizendine, in honor of her leadership as Marin Academy’s Head of School from 1995 to 2007.

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 2008. As an enduring tribute to Carol, her husband and children established the Carol L. Morse Scholarship Trust at Marin Academy. This scholarship provides need-based tuition assistance to an underrepresented student who would not otherwise be able to attend Marin Academy.

Bruce Morse
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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 a prominent cultural, political, academic, or social leader to the campus each year.

Endowment for the Conference on Democracy
This fund was established in 2010 to begin to ensure the future financial viability of the Conference on Democracy.

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This endowment was established in 2007 in honor of Bodie Brizendine’s accomplishments as Head of School from 1995 to 2007. The income from the Brizendine Visiting Scholar’s Endowment underwrites a Brizendine Visiting Scholar-in-Residence annually at Marin Academy.

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Beginning in 2008, the changing economic landscape impacted a number of currently enrolled families who had experienced financial reversals. In response, the School put forward the Here and Now initiative to accommodate unmet financial need among our families. Over a period of three months, $500,000 was raised, thus enabling MA to extend its financial reach and provide need-based financial aid to current families who would not otherwise be able to remain at the school.

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With teachers like John Hicks at the helm, science has been a dynamic part of an MA education for 40 years. Do you know the identity of these budding scientists? Please let us know by emailing alumni@ma.org.

Thanks to everyone who wrote in last time and helped us identify the archival photo from the 2011 Nexus—the adventurous lad is Kent Dayton ’80!

2012–2013 Calendar of Events

November
8–10 Fall Theater Production
16 Chamber Music Concert
21 Grandparents and Special Friends Day
Young Alumni Thanksgiving Event
30 December Music Concert

December
1 December Music Concert
28 Alumni Holiday Party

January
10 Alumni Music Concert
17–19 January Music Concert

February
7–9 Winter Theater Production
12–15 Literary Festival

April
20 40th Anniversary Celebration
25–27 Dance/Theater Production
30 Math Night

May
3–4 Spring Music Concert
9 Night of the Arts
16–18 Final Music Concert

June
8 Graduation

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