When students started MA's newspaper twenty years ago, they wanted to create a forum free from faculty or administrative censorship. This was a big deal. Not everyone would trust teenagers to make reporting and editing decisions about a school community. Yet a student newspaper is an important culmination of experience and intellectual rigor, requiring that writers and editors have their finger on the pulse of what the community cares about, and often what has henceforth been unspoken.

It is appropriate, then, that it was called The Voice. Now twenty years later, this award-winning paper has represented hundreds of student voices. As The Voice begins year 21, people everywhere will be able comment on www.mavoice.org. It’s an exciting challenge for our current and future students: their voices can reach a vocal, global audience through the web.

Our school is also approaching a big milestone: a 40th birthday. To prepare for our future, we have launched Vision 2030 a campus master plan that is grounded in the needs of our 2009 strategic plan. Though not a construction blueprint, it will serve as a backdrop to our long-term goals of providing a 21st century learning and teaching environment. View the details online at www.ma.org/aboutma/vision2030.aspx.

But the world is always changing. We need people like you—students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff—to continue to support and challenge us. A special thank you to all of our donors and volunteers listed in the Annual Report. As you read this latest edition of Nexus, keep our past, present, and future in mind. And let me know what you think.

A. Travis Brownley, Head of School

PS: If you’d like to hear more of my reflections, check out my blog Heads and Tales (www.travisma.wordpress.com). Like our students, I’m committed to participating in discussions in the online sphere, and will share my thoughts on MA, education, independent schools, adolescent development, and whatever else is percolating in our classrooms and hallways. I will also share the voices and the spirit of MA. I invite your feedback and participation—the comment function is on!
Let’s all close our eyes for a minute and remember. Picture your time in high school flying by your eyes like slide reels. Experiences whiz by. Before they are even processed, they’re yet another figment of the past. Each frame a vividly tinted shrapnel of emotion, a choice, a regret, a success. Remember how long four years seemed back then, and how quick the time has come and gone.

—INTRO TO THE GRADUATION WELCOME FROM ISAAC POLLAN ’11
What I knew of high school was mostly from movies... But of course, high school didn’t happen the way I’d thought it would at all. My experience was better than anything I could have imagined. I would never have thought that I would feel so connected to a school, or have made such amazing friends. How could I predict that I would one day sing in a reggae band, or that I would have an unnatural connection to a huge sequoia? There was nothing to prepare me for what MA would be like because there is nothing like MA anywhere else. Where else do teachers hug you when you’re having a bad day? Where else are you encouraged to go outside and be a unique and independent person?

—EXCERPT FROM GRADUATION SPEECH BY ZIA GROSSMAN-VENDRILLO ’11
When I was thinking about what to speak about today, I was browsing through this website called “1000 Most Awesome Things.” I began thinking of all the awesome things about MA, and I’ve compiled a list of the top 11, for the class of one, one. Here goes:

1. The chocolate milk: there’s nothing like scoring the last chocolate milk during break or Chambers. Thirst quenching, delicious, a true treat.

2. The dancing: on stage, circle parties, swing dancing at prom, or shuffling or jerking around campus. Students are not shy to throw caution to the wind and just dance.

3. The teachers: When I first arrived at MA, I was shocked to see students and teachers high-fiving each other and having voluntary conversations. After four years, my admiration for the teachers here as multifaceted, incredible people has grown immensely.

4. The funky clothing around campus: fun hats, vests, sweaters, sweater vests. All are unique additions to campus that cause passing cars to drive a little slower to see what kids are wearing each day.

5. Watching people who are new to driving around campus take the wheel. Whether it’s someone driving down Cottage not realizing it’s a one-way, or a sophomore with her permit, trading places with her parent and accidentally bumping against the sidewalk in the circle, it never gets old. And hey, we were there once, too.

6. The fact that everyone checks themselves out in the glass pane of the doors between the BBLC and the upstairs library building. Don’t deny it.

7. The random ice cream around campus. And most of the time, it’s free! Shout out to all the MAPA parent volunteers. Don’t think your time and effort has gone unnoticed.

8. Lunchtime entertainment, be it poetry slams or improv shows.

9. When people surprise you. When you go to a music show and find out the kid who has been sitting beside you all semester in English class is actually the best pianist you’ve ever seen, or you find out one of your friends was born in a foreign country. The people at MA are full of fascinating surprises that have helped teach me that everyone has something super interesting to offer. And you can’t just judge people immediately.

10. The garden. May it continue to grow and stay MA’s hidden heaven.

11. At the end of the day, everyone’s down to play a little ball, in addition to all the successful sports. From kickball to four square to dodgeball, no matter what age or gender, everyone gets on their game faces, plays, and has a good time.

May MA, and all of us graduates, keep our ability to stop our busy schedules to dance, play ball, visit the garden, eat ice cream, drink chocolate milk, wear funky clothing, and learn from experiences and the people around us. But may we learn not to drive down one-way streets and hit the curb.
A national and international honor society, Cum Laude recognizes scholastic achievement and excellence at the high school level. This year Jeremy Franklin ’05, a Silicon Valley product designer, addressed the twenty inducted seniors.

And They’re Off...

American University • Arizona State University • Barnard College • Brandeis University • Brown University • Bryn Mawr College • California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (3) • California State University, Northridge (2) • Chapman University • Claremont McKenna College (2) • Colby College (3) • Colgate University • Colorado College (2) • Columbia University (3) • Cornell University • Duke University • Elon University • Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts • Hamilton College • Hampshire College • Harvard University (2) • Kenyon College (2) • Loyola Marymount University • Massachusetts Institute of Technology • Middlebury College (3) • New York University • Northeastern University • Northwestern University • Occidental College (4) • Pitzer College (3) • Princeton University • Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology • San Diego State University • San José State University • Scripps College (2) • Stanford University • The American University of Paris • Tufts University (3) • University of California at Berkeley (6) • University of California at Los Angeles • University of California at Riverside • University of California at Santa Barbara • University of California at Santa Cruz (3) • University of Chicago • University of Colorado at Boulder (3) • University of Oregon • University of Pennsylvania • University of Puget Sound (2) • University of Redlands • University of Southern California (5) • University of Washington (6) • Vassar College • Wellesley College • Wesleyan University (5) • Western Washington University • Whitman College • Xavier University of Louisiana
What I love most about MA is how many of you embrace your individuality and dare to be different. You’re not cowed by tradition, you’re not afraid to be all of who you are. Don’t ever change that, though it might get harder for a bit once you get to college and want so much to fit in. But try not to worry about others; just be yourself.

—EXCERPT FROM ENGLISH TEACHER (NOW DEAN OF FACULTY) NICOLE STANTON’S FACULTY ADDRESS
People have always told me I’m different. They typically use the word “different” because it’s a nicer way of saying “weird.” But I’ll admit, I am a pretty weird person, and it never really surprises me when people tell me this. After all, I am a white, straight, teenage guy, but when I think of the standard white, straight, teenage guy, I’ve never immediately pictured myself. I barely fit the stereotypes of a white, straight, teenage guy, except for the fact that I’m…well, white, straight, a teenager, and a guy.

Let’s take the color of my skin, for example. In the spectrum of white people, you really can’t get much whiter than me—literally. If I were caught in a snowstorm wearing no clothes, you’d only see a floating toupee. But either way, regardless of the fact that I’m one shade away from paper, I’m not your typical white guy. I like music, like everybody, but specifically, I like hip-hop. Now, every time I tell people this, they scrunch up their faces like I am literally blinding them with my whiteness. But I’m serious! Turn the radio dial to 94.9 or 106.1, and chances are I know nearly every lyric to the song playing. You can’t get much whiter than me, and if you could, you’d have some strange skin disorder and you should probably be concerned for your health, but just because I’m white doesn’t mean I can’t appreciate hip-hop.

I’m also a guy—hopefully that’s pretty obvious. Now, there are some people who believe that being a teenage guy means you spend all your time playing sports and corrupting innocent young women. Now, I’m happy to say that neither of these apply to me. I spend all my time in the theater, which provides an explanation for my ghostlike whiteness. How does he get his PE credits, you may ask? I tap dance. That’s right, you can’t get much more masculine than that.

But even among my own, the theater kids, who by definition qualify for the description of “weird,” I harbor a tragic secret: I like math. If theater were my lawfully wedded wife, math would be the mistress I rendezvous with on the weekend. Now, when I tell my theater friends this, they give me looks as if I’ve violated a treasured religious custom. And they proceed to tell me, “Gosh A.J., you really are weird.”

And then, there is the topic of my sexual orientation. You know, there was a time when I actually believed that I was gay. I already loved musical theater, I already didn’t play a sport—I thought I would probably end up gay as well. I was just looking for a quick, easy explanation of why I was so different. And then I came to a grand realization: I like women. I find the idea of being romantic with another guy simply unappealing. It’s as plain as that. But I came to the conclusion that I “had to” be gay because, for once, I didn’t want to be weird. I forgot the basic definition of sexual orientation and defined it using a stereotype, all out of a desire to fit into a label, to not be “weird.”

Now, being gay isn’t wrong, and if I had been gay, things would’ve turned out fine. All I’m saying is that sometimes it’s easier to fit a stereotype and be who people expect you to be than to be who you want to be. I don’t mind being different, but sometimes being different can be hard, and sometimes people don’t want you to be different. Have I ever been accused of being gay? Yes. Have I ever been insulted by gay slurs? Yes. But that is the price of being who I am, and it’s a price many people pay to be who they truly are, especially if they don’t fit into a stereotype.

And when people immediately assume that my hobbies indicate that I’m automatically gay, I don’t feel like denying them. If they wanna believe that I’m gay, if they believe it’s easier to live their lives categorizing people with labels, I don’t care. Whether people call me a man or woman, I know who I am. Whether people call me white or black, they can’t get change my ivory tone. And whether people call me gay or straight, it doesn’t change who I am as a person. Because the truth is, either way, I’m gonna go watch Glee later that night with my girlfriend, then blast some Ludacris on the way home, and that’s that.

It’s true; I am a white, straight, teenage guy. But in reality, I am so much more than that. Because what I am is entirely defined by who I am. I may be different, I may be “weird”—but it sure does feel better than being somebody I’m not.

A.J. Roy recently began his freshman year at Northwestern University.
The Voice turns 20

In the fall of 1990, Chris Ballard ’91 and Matt Weisbecker ’91, along with advisor Timi Shays Workman, created The Voice. While The Voice wasn’t the first student publication—that honor goes to The Fiasco Press and Marin Academy Newsletter both produced during the 1973–1974 school year—it’s surely the school’s longest-running. With over 160 issues created, printed, and distributed, much of MA’s own history can be found in the pages of The Voice.

Today, The Voice continues its tradition of excellence both with the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. The staff has grown to 30 students. The paper itself has gone full-color and is also available online at www.mavoice.org. While much has changed, the original intentions of the paper remain: give the students a place where they can express their voices free from censorship or prior review.

As The Voice heads into its third decade, a look back by some of its founding members at the issues raised shows us all that while much of life changes from graduating class to graduating class, many of the questions raised by current students are the same.

I just dug out my box of old Voice issues—I have been carrying them around from place to place for 20 years! I was a staff writer on the first staff, and was lucky enough to serve as the second Editor-in-Chief. The war in Iraq, Clarence Thomas’ hearings, student representation on the school’s Board of Trustees, the new schedule and lunch program were issues of the day. And we had BAD 80s hair still! The Voice was controversial at the time: the editorial page proclaimed us ‘free from faculty or administrative censorship.’ We worked hard, often late into the night, and had a ton of fun. It was a great opportunity to work with kids from outside your usual social circle and with kids from different grades. I haven’t seen a recent issue of The Voice, but I am so gratified to know that what we started so long ago still thrives in MA’s vibrant community.


WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

“The experience propelled me into a career in journalism, and I’ll always thank Timi and the school for that. I went to UCSB and worked at the Daily Nexus, then to Pomona College where I was sports editor of the 5-college paper. I ended up graduating from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and have worked at Sports Illustrated for 11 years now. My fourth book comes out next spring. Hard to top that first year, though.” —Chris Ballard ’91

“After MA, I attended Drew University in New Jersey, and then got a Master of Public Health from Columbia University. I worked for a bunch of years in international women’s health and then in adolescent health. Now I am running a women’s health research study at UCSF.” —Rana Barar ’92
In the Garden

Under the care of the Garden Stewardship class, the Garden Club, the Beekeeping Club, the Composting Angels, and continued support of faculty, staff and parents, the Marin Academy garden continues to thrive. All students have the opportunity to observe, experience, and work with nature’s processes—most notably composting our food waste into nutrients for crops that will augment the next round of meals prepared in the MA Café—and integrate their understanding of how we sustain ourselves through sustaining our environment.

Many MA teachers have embraced the garden’s natural setting to enhance teaching and learning. Last year, freshmen biology students experimented with organic fertilizers and, in collaboration with the History Department, integrated the concept of Victory Gardens into their understanding of World War II. Students who read The Grapes of Wrath in sophomore English took advantage of the garden’s resources to better understand the nature and management of topsoil in the context of the 1930s Dust Bowl. New developments in the garden this year include an education shed with a whiteboard that allows for almost any class to be taught outdoors, and an upgraded composting system. The most recent addition is a spacious greenhouse, designed and built as part of a senior project, which allows us to germinate our own seeds and expand our diversity of crops.

Conference on Democracy

Since its inception in 2004, Marin Academy’s Conference on Democracy has provided diverse perspectives, presentations, and workshops on political, social, economic, and environmental issues. This year’s keynote speaker was Mark Mathabane, author of Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth’s Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa, which is required reading at many colleges and high schools, including MA. Mathabane told his audience that the response he hopes to elicit from Kaffir Boy is not guilt “but gratitude that consciousness will make you more determined to make a difference, and protect our common humanity.”

The Conference also featured an evening event with Nina Simons and Kenny Ausubel of Bioneers, a nonprofit promoting practical and innovative solutions to environmental and social problems. Other special guests included actor and reporter Dan Hoyle; Robyn Allen ’03, co-founder of the Vehicle Design Summit; and California State Senator Mark Leno. In addition Chris Alexander’s Ethics course, Liz Gottlieb’s Environmental Science course, and Pam Maffei’s Justice in America course gave presentations to the MA community.
Arts on Display

Marin Academy students continue to excel in music, drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, dance, and theater. More than a dozen students achieved local and national recognition for their work in the visual arts, and MA's musicians performed in more than two-dozen chorus, jazz, rock, roots, soul, and world music concerts throughout the year. Performance highlights included Gone Awry, an original MA play based on interviews conducted by the cast; the spring dance concert, “Cost of Freedom,” which combined dance, Taiko drumming, spoken word, and live song performed by the MA Chorus; and the Taiko benefit concert after the tsunami in Japan.

Literary Festival

Marin Academy’s English department assembled an outstanding array of acclaimed authors for the 19th Annual Marin Academy Literary Festival, a weeklong celebration of the oral and written word. This year’s special guests included Barry Lopez, winner of the National Book Award for Arctic Dreams and described as “the nation’s premier nature writer” by The San Francisco Chronicle; award-winning poet Marie Howe, author of The Good Thief, What the Living Do, and The Kingdom of the Ordinary; Sara Houghteling, former MA faculty and author of Pictures at an Exhibition, who read from her current novel-in-progress, Concerto for the Left Hand Alone; Daniel Mason, author of the international bestseller The Piano Tuner, who read a selection from his upcoming novel The Night Swimmer; Holly Payne, author of Kingdom of Simplicity, which was written as a response to a drunk driver who left Payne unable to walk for a year; poet Eric Leigh, author of Harm’s Way; and Frances Lefkowitz, author of To Have Not, a memoir about growing up in San Francisco in the 1970s.

Trevor Calvert, MA’s Assistant Librarian and author of Rarer and More Wonderful, offered a poetry workshop, while Annie Elias, Chair of MA’s Performing Arts Department, offered improvisational exercises for writers. Head Librarian and history teacher Derek Anderson hosted “The Oral Tradition: Storytelling,” which was followed by a community reading given by MA faculty and seniors. MA students shared their original poetry and prose and participated in a lively poetry slam.
MA athletics continued to garner a number of accolades program-wide. Six teams won league championships, along with eight individual league champions. Seven teams finished in second place in the league. Sixteen Wildcat athletic programs sent representatives to the 2010–11 North Coast Section tournaments. Four student-athletes were named All-Marin County Players of the Year in their respective sports. Three teams sent representatives to the CIF State Championships. Over one hundred MA athletes received all-league recognition for outstanding athletic performances.

Boys Soccer set the tone for a strong year, marching to an unprecedented fourth NCS championship in five years and its sixth since 2000. Led by striker Mason McDowell ’11, the team completed a 20–2–1 season, outscoring opponents 26–1 in tournament play. Coach Josh Kalkstein also saw his Girls Soccer team advance to NCS play for the third time in four seasons after defeating Urban in penalty kicks during the Bay Counties League-West tournament.

Boys Cross Country had their highest achieving season yet. With a strong showing in both the BAC and NCS championships, the team qualified for state for the first time. James Kinney ’14 led the team to a thirteenth place finish.

Girls Cross Country continued their winning ways, with a fifth place finish in the CIF Championships, led by Lucy McCullough ’11 and her second consecutive individual state championship.

Water polo had another big fall, with both teams qualifying for the NCS Division 2 Championships. Boys Water Polo won their second consecutive Redwood Empire League title, and the Girls Polo team finished a strong second in league as well.

Boys Basketball also reached sectionals for its fourth consecutive year under head coach Michael Coffino. The boys defeated Hoopa Valley for their third first-round NCS victory in as many tries. Girls Basketball, led by new head coach Steve Tillson, had a strong league season, reaching the semifinals of the BCL-West tournament. With all of their top players returning this winter, the team looks to have a strong nucleus heading into the 11–12 season.

Baseball continued its success, returning to the BCL-West finals once again. Led by pitchers Miles McCreary ’11 and Andrew Hove ’11, the team also participated again in the NCS Division 5 Championships. Softball, led by BCL-West Co-MVP Olivia Wilson ’12, finished a strong 2011 season by making it to the BCL-West finals and moving on to compete in the NCS Division 5 Championships.
The rivalry with University High School grew to a fever pitch in Boys Lacrosse, as the Cats lost both regular season matches by one-goal margins. A 14–3 record was enough to set up a rematch in NCS play, in which the Wildcats erased a 5–1 deficit after the first period to grind out a 15–13 win. Their trek to the semifinals marked the Cats’ second consecutive NCS trip. In true Marin Academy fashion, Elliot Plant ‘11 and Gabe Beaudoin ‘11 were Academic All-America selections.

Not to be outdone, the Boys and Girls Track and Field teams featured many strong individual efforts, launching the runners and jumpers to postseason action. The two teams combined for five first-place finishes at the league championship meet. For her two wins in the tournament, Devon Martin ‘14 earned meet MVP honors. Six individuals and one relay team represented the Wildcats at the NCS tournament, and Martin’s performance brought her a state tournament berth in the triple jump.

All-Marin selection Jamie Grossman ‘11 helped usher the Boys Tennis team to a breakthrough season as the team achieved its first NCS title after finishing second the past two years. The team also posted its third consecutive undefeated league record. Jamie captured the BCL-West Singles title, with David Fisher ‘12 and Marshall Levensohn ‘12 defeating Chet Kristy ‘11 and Shayan Shooshtarian ‘12 for the BCL-West Doubles title. Girls Tennis finished second in the BCL-West and competed in the NCS Division 2 championships. The team was led by the duo of Emily Bogen ‘12 and Jo Ubben ‘11, who also made the NCS Division 2 doubles finals.

Boys and Girls Swim teams posted impressive results, with both squads finishing undefeated and claiming BCL-West championships. The boys also captured the combined BAC title, and the teams combined to swim in five individual events and six relays in NCS competition.

With BCL West First Team selection Alex Hartzell ‘12 at the helm, Boys Golf earned its second consecutive BCL West Championship and NCS berth.

In what has become a regular occurrence, many Wildcat teams dominated their leagues on the shoulders of impressive individual efforts. Through the tireless work of the coaches and players, a strong athletic tradition continues to flourish at Marin Academy.
There is a low hum that bounces around a ballpark. It’s the collective conversations of thousands of people. And in one moment, one clutch run scored, one bad call, the hum erupts and the voices unite. This is baseball at its best. Some people say the game is slowly fading from the American landscape. Soccer and lacrosse at the youth level and football and basketball at the professional level are replacing it. Ticket prices are driving people away. But visit the major cities of the Midwest and ask those thousands of fans if baseball is dying, and the resounding roar is no. Not even close.
Minneapolis
Dawn and Brian are two local Minnesotans who had never seen the Twins play at home. They ponied up for some fabulous seats in the new stadium as a treat for their years of dedication. They are fans because “it’s what you do; it’s the team to root for.” Yet when I asked them how they became fans, they had no idea. I have the same response when people ask me why I’m a Yankees fan. Team loyalty seems to be passed on from one die-hard to the next.

Chicago
Baseball in the twenty-first century is all about the Jumbotron, entertainment between innings, keeping the fans happy in those intermingling moments when the players are taking or leaving the field. We’ve seen the Blue Bunny Ice Cream Scoop toss, the magical kiss cam (God forbid you go to a game with your sibling!), races to the ballpark, t-shirt launchers, and more. Modern ballparks have all the amenities of a first-class airliner, but old Wrigley Field, wedged into the city like a sausage into its casing, does little more than offer up its players and the game to the fans. Funny enough, Cubs fans and those who visit the stadium don’t complain about the minimalist menu or the lack of instant replay. I have to wonder, are all of the games played in and around the baseball really needed?

Detroit
Downtown Detroit is filled with high-rise office buildings, art deco gems reminding each visitor of America’s past. But when the sun sets, the city slips into the gritty darkness created by the decay of a failed industry and housing market. Comerica Park, finished for the 2000 season, is a beacon of hope in a time of despair. The Tigers are no perennial powerhouse, but they clinched their division convincingly. Even with dwindling attendance, there are still fans that cheer and roar and look forward to each and every game.

Would Dave, usher and section 133 guardian, let in some die-hard fans to watch the end of the game after a 2-hour rain delay? Absolutely not. I was shocked by Dave’s cold-hearted conviction to his job description. But then he told me more about ushering than I ever wanted to know: details of being under video surveillance to ensure that he was checking tickets, hoping he would get his own section instead of being a fill-in and floater (it takes about 15 years before that happens), missing Gallaraga’s near perfect game because he didn’t work on Tuesdays. He oozed Detroit pride with every request to see a ticket, even when people gave him crap just for doing his job. He’s truly the most devout fan I’ve met.

Cleveland
Dollar hotdog night is a sight to be seen. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness something so American, so gluttonous it’s awesome. My husband (and fellow MA teacher) Jamie and I are thankful for $1 dog night because it added some spice to an otherwise vanilla stadium and team. Sure, the Indians are doing well this season, but the Indians from Major League, the team with a little bit of Hollywood spice and fun, is nowhere to be found. But the hotdog stats, now those are amazing:

- 18,031 sold by middle of the 1st
- 35,642 by middle of 4th
- 49,499 by middle of 6th
- 54,190 by middle of 7th
- 60,153 by end of game

MLB game average is 15,000.

Pittsburgh
We’re going to retire to Pittsburgh. For $35 a ticket, you can sit three rows back from the visiting dugout. When you’re that close, the glorious game of baseball is even better. And the people you sit around undoubtedly love the game as much as you do. They know the names of the players, they know the right ways to chastise the umps, and they know the possibilities the field and players present. It’s an addictive area, an area I’d pay to sit in for every game for the rest of my life.

George and his son Hank live 150 miles from Pittsburgh, yet they are lifelong Pirates fans. Sure, they’d love the Pirates to reclaim some of their glory from the early 70s, but that’s not really the point. “ Heck, baseball is American,” George explained. Hank even has dreams of marrying his girlfriend at the ballpark. For the Pirates, a team who has struggled with its identity for the last 40 years, these guys are its lifeline. They are there to ooh and aah at every great play, to hang their heads when the team suffers, to shout “Go Bucs!” no matter what.

Cincinnati
This is the biggest game of the trip because it’s finally my chance to see my team, the Yankees. But what I’m experiencing for the first time ever is the Yankees’ fan base that exists in the most obscure locations. The family of five from Indiana. The husband and wife from Ohio. How are these people Yankees fans? And what are they fans of? Jamie says they are probably fans of what the Yankees represent (dynasty, legacy, history). I can get behind that.
The Cincinnati Reds know how to preserve their traditions and with the largest Hall of Fame outside of Cooperstown. From players such as Johnny Bench (all-star catcher) to Pete Rose (all-time hit leader) to Sam Crawford (famous barnstormer Wahoo Sam), each of these men’s stories are told and passed on. Cruise the halls with a bowl of Skyline Chili or a Cheese Coney; and you’d have yourself a perfect Cinci experience. And if you don’t know what a cheese coney is, Google it. It’s quite impressive, and Jamie had two!

St. Louis & Kansas City
St. Louis and Kansas City sit in the heart of baseball lore. The St. Louis Cardinals are among the oldest baseball franchises around, and the Kansas City Royals hold fast to their roots in the Negro leagues (even if they denied them until more recently). It’s also in these cities where baseball seems to seep from the people, the streets, the culture. St. Louis passes on its history with statues memorializing Cool Papa Bell, Stan Musial, Mark McGwire, and more. While the Royals have not been around as long as the Reds or the Cardinals, their Hall of Fame sings with pride for the former players and for the game.

Omaha: College World Series
Bases loaded. One out. The University of Florida was already up 1–0, and the University of South Carolina knew this was the moment to either stay in the game or cash it in. With bases loaded, the force-out was at the plate, but that counted on an infield ball that could easily find its way home. And that’s exactly what happened. Twice. In the most fantastic baseball game I’ve ever seen, SC closed the inning with three Gators left on base and not a single run scored. SC then came back to win the first game of the World Series 2–1 in an 11-inning battle. As I looked over the shoulder of the fan sitting in front of me, I noticed the conversation on his smartphone: “What’s going on at the game?” someone had asked him. “Destiny,” he replied. See, the game is magic.

Anchorage
“All the way from San Francisco to watch baseball? This is for a class? There are classes on baseball? And you chose Alaska?”

Yes, yes, and more yes. It was at the Alaska Baseball League’s all-star game that we were welcomed into the pack of MLB scouts with excitement and glee. Before I knew it I was shooting radar behind home plate with the Cubs’ scout, laughing with the Diamondbacks scout about how much he loves to fish (that’s the real reason the scouts enjoy coming to Alaska), trying to convince the Red Sox scout that my red rain coat didn’t mean I was a fan, and listening to the Central Scouting agent explain how MLB looks under every rock and in every town for players.

Newer scouts actually go to scout school; I just went to Alaska. It’s all a numbers game: 4.3 seconds from home to first for a right handed batter (4.2 for a lefty), 2 seconds to make the throw from home to second, 1.2 seconds for a pitcher’s delivery in the stretch, 87 mph average for all pitches. Size and bulk matter, but speed rules. Get out of the batter’s box quickly, and you’re a threat no matter how or where you hit the ball. It was behind home plate at Mullaly Stadium that I saw the game not as a fan or as a teacher or even as a former player, but as a business woman looking for a new employee.

Oakland & San Francisco
What would a summer of baseball be without some local flavor? I have thrown my regional support and love wholeheartedly to the A’s. Yes, the Giants are the most recent winner of the World Series, but with dynamic pricing and horrible traffic, the stadium is sending me a clear signal to stay away. So it is in Oakland where I’ve found a little bit of the Midwest here on the coast. Though attendance was low, I got to experience Godzilla in Matsuliland, Jemile Weeks lay out for some amazing plays, and Coco Crisp swing for the fences. I even got a personal wave from Tampa Bay’s Johnny Damon; I was that close.

Best of all I got to walk barefoot on the Coliseum’s outfield grass before an amazing fireworks show. Like that moment in W.P. Kinsella’s Shoeless Joe when Dr. Archibald Graham steps onto the field for the first time, I too was transported back to a time of my youth. A time when I would leap and bound, sprint onto the field for the first time, I too was transported back to a

Field of Dreams: The literature of baseball
Mary’s course asks students to look at American baseball culture through the lens of gender and masculinity. How has baseball become the national pastime, and how does that manifest itself in our literary and cultural history? Using baseball as a backdrop, the class looks at the meaning of myth, the importance of the game in relation to our culture, and the role of heroes. Students read three primary texts: We Are the Ship, Shoeless Joe, and The Natural. They watch excerpts of Ken Burns’ baseball documentary and A League of Their Own, and read selected essays and poems to supplement their course of study.

Mary Collie teaches English, advises The Voice student newspaper, and coaches girls water polo. At MA since 2006, she teaches the English elective “Field of Dreams: The literature of baseball.” She received an E.E. Ford Foundation Fellowship to support her baseball trip this summer. Mary’s husband Jamie, a math teacher at MA and her favorite travel companion, accompanied her on her trip.
Class Notes

1974 Hilary Lang Greenebaum writes from her home in New Zealand: “I encourage anyone interested in New Zealand to come and visit. It’s fabulous, gorgeous, and liberal with opportunity. It is similar to Northern Marin, in a British sort of way.” Leslie Shelton Tognazzini lives in San Anselmo with her husband of 14 years. “I really enjoy small town living and the access to all of Marin’s wonderful outdoor opportunities, just as I did growing up.” She hosted a small dinner last November with Perry McKelroy King ’75, Lisa Kent ’76, and Teri Cardinal Mendelson ’75 to surprise her sister Anita Shelton ’76. “It was like time stood still, and was a highlight of my autumn.” The event inspired Leslie to visit Maria White Southworth ’75 in Maine to sample the blueberries and lobster.

1975 Darby Grayson Sutherland moved from Texas to California’s northern central valley, where her husband Bruce owns a produce packing and shipping company. Her daughter Lauren was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and celiac disease. “The last three and a half years have been filled with medical research, nurturing, and learning to manage insulin, blood glucose and carb ratios.” Now that Lauren’s diabetes is more manageable, Darby is working as a stylist for Stella & Dot Jewelry. Andrew McNeil writes, “With a son at Cal Tech and a daughter going to USF in the fall you may see me more of me over the next thirty years.” In Baltimore, Lucia Sedwick Cluster attended the college graduation of Maria White Southworth’s daughter Hannah and helped move her out of her dorm room. “Lucia’s smile and enthusiasm made the task a breeze,” writes Maria. Ted Wilson recently moved to Sausalito.

1976 Julie Chase Baldocchi writes that she is loving life and working hard at “balancing being in the sandwich generation.” Chris Conrad is enjoying more of a country life in Santa Rosa with his wife. “Who would have thought I’d be removing bees for a living after 22 years as a real estate agent, and 3-1/2 as a cab driver?” His business, Bee Conscious, provides a unique method of safely removing and relocating honey bees from walls. Betsey Kaufman moved to NYC in 1980 after graduating from Rhode Island School of Design. Since then, she has worked as a painter and is represented by Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects in Chelsea. Ruth Mayer Garland writes that she has a full house again with her two sons at home. The highlight of her year was a trip to Egypt with her husband, Glenn, and a group of sound healers. “It was richer and more interesting than I could have imagined.” Melodie Ubuntu Gellman moved last summer with her mother and husband to Stafford, Virginia. “We’re now living in the woods and loving every minute of it (although we’re still making city-folk mistakes like not knowing that the snake near the kitchen door is a poisonous copperhead).” She works at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg helping uninsured patients with Medicaid and disability applications and has also started a website, www.aninstrumentofpeace.com.

1977 Alexander (Sandy) Brebner left Bumble and Bumble and is creating a company, Isle of Roses, that will revolutionize the use of personal care products by “stemming the tide of plastic that threatens to drown, bury, or poison us.” He looks forward to attending his 30th reunion at Rhode Island School of Design this fall, and enjoying his 50s. Jayney Sharpe moved to Oahu with her daughter, Becca, and recently made the Top 21 List for Century 21 Real Estate All Islands. She is also studying to add a Colorado realtors license. Mother and daughter spend their time outtrigger canoeing. Becca was part of the only Hawaiian crew invited to race in Papeete and Mo’orea Tahiti, “quite an honor as the Tahitians are considered the kings of this sport.” Jayney’s oldest daughter, Teddy, lives on the Big Island with her son and father.

Mark Redor ’75 writes that his son is headed to UCLA as a freshman. “I recommended UC Davis (my alma mater) but he didn’t want to go to a ‘cow town.’” His twin daughters just turned 16 this summer. “Driving is imminent! I’m very busy at work trying to figure out how to pay for all this college education! The empty nest is looming...”
Kyle Newell ’79 writes, “After moving to Portland, OR, in 2007 to be closer to my daughter, I got married last June, and started a new job in April, where I get to use all the Spanish I learned in my classes with Madeline and Carol! Que una buena vida!”

Carol Bach-y-Rita ’80 lives in LA and does voiceovers, recently for Pirates of the Caribbean, The Good Wife, and Mater’s Tall Tales. “More excitingly, I learned how to build websites. Check out http://jazzbliss.com.” She celebrated her grandmother’s 95th birthday this year: “May we all be rockin’ at that age!”

Jackie Bach-y-Rita ’79 celebrated her 50th with family and friends. “This is the year that the Class of ’79 turns 50, so happy birthday to all of us!”

Cheryl Malat ’79 lives in New York with her son Spencer (7). For the past 24 years she has worked as a script supervisor on commercials.

Mark Battat lives in SF and Sonoma County, and has joined Krauter & Company to start their private client services division for the west. “It’s a nice move from working for a large publicly held brokerage to a small, privately held environment where you can really make a difference for your clients and colleagues.” Dan Davidson lives in Miami Beach in the Temple House, a former de-consecrated synagogue and the largest single home on the island. He started a new company, OneNews, which creates social networks.

Chet Laws has enjoyed a great career as an insurance broker and works at Wells Fargo Insurance Services in Novato. Carla Stern lives in Boise, ID (since 1994). She has two 4th-graders and one 8th-grader, and works as a Spanish and French medical interpreter at St. Alphonsus Hospital. “Believe it or not, there are many African refugees from the Congo, Rwanda and Burundi who have been resettled in Boise, some of whom I work with at the hospital. I love the work, which is always challenging and never routine.”

Gordon Clute works for the shipping company Maersk Line, and is now in Laguna Beach, CA, with his wife and two girls, ages 5 and 8. He’s been doing lots of sailing, skiing, kiteboarding, and preparing for a 22-mile swim across the Catalina Channel. Deirdre Richards is celebrating 10 years as a standup comic. “May this year be my year!” Her daughter is now a freshman in college. Karen Rose recently won first prize in a nationally juried painting show. She has taken up plein air painting (painting outside) and has painted in the major gardens in Raleigh/Durham as well as the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens and Manhattan’s High Line. Check out http://www.karenrosepaintings.com. She also teaches art in a Catholic school (pre-K through 8). Her son starts high school this year and her daughter is in 4th grade. Karen Taggart DeLeon writes that life is good in Miami. Her windsurfing, kayaking, and paddle boarding business is doing well, and her daughter is a high school freshman at New World School of the Arts. “Wish I could easily drop in for a reunion!” Charles Watson moved to the UK last summer with his wife Susi and his two daughters Catherine (13) and Sidney (10). “We moved so that we could have a unique experience as a family, and we moved to the UK to be close to my cousins and other extended family members. We don’t have a plan to return, so we’re really enjoying immersing ourselves in England, which has lots of humor along with the small pains of getting used to a new place.”

Richard Clements launched International Solutions Network, a financial services consulting company, last year. He is helping create solutions for the next generation of transparency for the markets following the financial crisis. Richard is engaged to Julie Cane. “With my daughter and her two daughters, we are half of the Brady Bunch, which definitely keeps me on my toes! So now I have three wonderful girls: Natalie (6), Cooper (9), and Isabelle (11). Luckily the other male in the household—Henri the dog—and I can cower in the corner together.” Rob de Haan designs and makes slot machines for International Game Technology in Nevada. He and his wife Kristen have two kids: Irene (11) and Ryes (7). “My biggest recent milestone was completing a 100-mile bike ride, The Wine Country Century, this past May.” Dave Ellinger writes, “After moving to Seattle in 1982, I found that, indeed, moss has its appeal, and I’ve stayed put. After a philosophy degree and some post-college wanderings, I stumbled into foster care and group home work, got the youth services bug, and picked up a teaching degree. A final accident put me in a private school, Seattle Prep, where I’ve been teaching math and coaching chess the past 16 years. With my wife Lisa, and my kids (11 and 6), I live in West Seattle with three wonderful girls: Natalie (6), Cooper (9), and Isabelle (11). Luckily the other male in the household—Henri the dog—and I can cower in the corner together.” Rob de Haan designs and makes slot machines for International Game Technology in Nevada. He and his wife Kristen have two kids: Irene (11) and Ryes (7). “My biggest recent milestone was completing a 100-mile bike ride, The Wine Country Century, this past May.” Dave Ellinger writes, “After moving to Seattle in 1982, I found that, indeed, moss has its appeal, and I’ve stayed put. After a philosophy degree and some post-college wanderings, I stumbled into foster care and group home work, got the youth services bug, and picked up a teaching degree. A final accident put me in a private school, Seattle Prep, where I’ve been teaching math and coaching chess the past 16 years. With my wife Lisa, and my kids (11 and 6), I live in West Seattle with three wonderful girls: Natalie (6), Cooper (9), and Isabelle (11). Luckily the other male in the household—Henri the dog—and I can cower in the corner together.”
talented and engaged team and absolutely loving it. Looking forward to some home repairs and paid vacations at last! Walter (11) and Hugo (10) are Minecrafting their way to Nirvana. Anyone with boys in the general range will know what that means. Bainbridge Island continues to delight.”

Jessica Harris Leon sold her coffee shop on Whidbey Island, WA, to pursue various goals, including a Chinese sword workshop at Amherst with her husband Simon, and a kayaking trip to the Wrangell Narrows, Alaska, this August with her mom Josephine. She also spent time this summer at her family’s beach house on Whidbey with sisters Cybele ’82 and Josie as well as her in-laws from England. “We still have our place in Sinston so I go down to Marin occasionally. Saw former teacher Annie Clark last time I visited there. Had a nice visit with former teacher John Morris when I was in Asheville, NC.”

Janos Libor lives in Gibraltar and he travels all around Europe for work. He is involved in an investment project, but much of his time is dedicated to building playgrounds for charity. “This is obviously right up my alley, and it will be more of an adventure park when it is all done.” His latest recreational travel took him to Easter Island and Northern Chile. His offer still stands for any ’84 alum who wants to visit Southern Spain: “Come and say hello and I will show you the monkeys on the rock. Not quite Mt. Tam, but it has its charm. Best wishes to all.”

Megan Matson lives in Bolinas with her husband Leo and their three rowdy kids. Leo is the principal of the local school, while Megan continues to work in political organizing. Last year, her nonprofit Mainstreet Moms helped launch Marin Clean Energy. She then campaigned to defeat CA Prop 16 and Prop 23. She’s launching the nonprofit LEAN Energy US to help communities create local clean energy agencies like Marin’s. “Get good farm visits with Dana Hoey in New York, enjoyed visiting with Jeannine Fox and her family in Bolinas (in a big ol’ rented RV), and love having Catherine Schram back in range.”

Kathy Poore-Cisneros finished the Medical Assisting Program at The College of Marin and is preparing to enter the nursing program. She has two middle school children and a second grader. “Time not only flies, it seems to escape me.”

Mari Stanley writes, “2011 has been a bit of a roller coaster. Good news is my husband who was an investment advisor for 17 years went back to school, got his nursing degree and got a job working in a local hospital ER. They normally refuse to take new grads but he’s exceptional in working with people in those situations.”

Julie Dickerson ’82 lives in Portola Valley, CA, with her husband Andy Byrne and sons John Max (7) and Roman (8). She runs most mornings, volunteers at her kids’ schools, and co-manages a vineyard in St. Helena with her sister.

Julie Ebert ’86 lives in Southern California with her husband Ian and son Danyon (7). She has been busy celebrating family successes: her niece Holly’s graduation from high school and her stepson James’s graduation from college. Her mother just purchased a new home right down the street. “It will be nice to finally have a relative nearby.”

Julie works at Allergan Pharmaceuticals as a global project manager in research and development.

Samantha Foster ’86 is enjoying her new home on six acres in Petaluma. “Flanked by vineyards on both sides of our property, we feel that we are truly living our dream of a wine country lifestyle.” She has settled into her new position in commercial lending at Umpqua Bank’s North Bay Region, and her husband Dan still enjoys his position as the F & B Director at Google. Evan is in kindergarten at Harvest Christian School.

Daniel Herzberg ’86 lives in Antioch, CA, with his girlfriend and Boston terrier. He is enjoying his 18th year in educational, accelerated personal development, and small business consulting with offices in Antioch and Walnut Creek. He is completing his first two books this summer, one on SAT prep, and another on goal setting for powerful results.
1985 Will Noble lives in SF with his wife Danice and children Charlotte (8) and William (4), and owns a consumer products manufacturing company in San Mateo. He enjoys spending free time with his family and volunteering with Town School for Boys. The Guardsmen, and local nonprofits that support at-risk youth in the Bay Area. “Over the last year I have enjoyed connecting with fellow classmates JD Swartz, Mike Gibson, Ken Redwine, Ali Rezaian, Stephanie Selin, and Dianna Verrue.”

1986 Rebecca Cowlin lives in San Rafael and has been married for 14 years. She is self-employed as a graphic designer and has two daughters: Daphne (7) and Phoebe (4).

1987 Caleb Fitzpatrick is living in Indiana while his wife Anna finishes her PhD. He completed an MEd in School Counseling and is the proud daddy of Huon (7).

1989 Michael Gibson lives in Lucas Valley "between the headbangers and the Ewoks." He and his wife Vanessa welcomed their second child in August. Their son Atticus (2) is "playing in the creeks and hills of Marin—catching bugs and frogs (or at least watching me catch them). Had a film in Sundance and another at Cannes last year, but I’m taking time off from producing movies (10 is enough of a legacy for now) to help out with my young family at least through early 2012. Minding kids is a lot harder than wrangling a set of cast and crew, so I definitely don’t feel like it’s a step down!" Stephanie King Selin left Microsoft to follow her passion for kids and community. She is Annual Gifts Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snotomish County (north of Seattle). "A culture shift to say the least, but I love the change and knowledge that I’m making a difference for 17,000 kids and their families. Aside from work, my husband and I have been busy preparing for both kindergarten and college (5-year-old twins and teenage stepdaughters)!" Denise Morris Kipnis moved to Singapore with her husband last year, "At long last realizing our dream of living and working overseas. We’ve managed to travel (on a budget) to a few other countries over long weekends but there is still so much to explore in Singapore itself." She is collaborating with a company based in Shanghai and continuing work with her business partner in the US, but looking for opportunities to expand her organization development consulting practice into multinationals.

1990 Jake Donham moved back to the Bay Area in 2007 after eight years in NYC and then Pittsburgh. He married Kit Hodge in 2008 and their son Easley is now two years old.

1991 Aaron Chan is Marketing Director for Global Vision International, a company that sends people all over the world to work on community development and environmental sustainability projects. He lives and works from his home in Mal Pais, Costa Rica. Christian Summers is enjoying coaching his eight-year-old son Luke’s baseball team and being a dad. John Walsh married Marilyn Ciaccio last year and just bought a house in Westwood Park in SF. His marketing/design agency Iron Creative Communication is doing great: "We’ve been working for Levi’s, Dockers, The North Face and a bunch of other cool brands.”

1992 Katie Brazenell lives in Sausalito with her “super-duper” boyfriend and works in SF as a senior designer for the interior design firm Martha Angus Inc. She has also designed furniture and lighting on a freelance basis. "My free time includes riding horses for Hugh White Training Stables (a hunter/jumper barn in Petaluma), hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and enjoying all the wonderful things the Bay Area has to offer. Children consist of one fuzzy orange cat, horses, and an unbelievably cute Boston terrier." Celia Day Russo lives in Seattle (15 years and counting). This is her ninth year as a teacher, and she currently teaches 5th grade at Epiphany, an independent elementary school. She’s been married to David for 11 years and their daughter Johanna is a crazy toddler. She and Chanda Martin have been in the
same book club for eight years. Chelsea Ingram is a project manager and designer for a boutique builder in Houston. “Tough time to be a builder, but it is the most rewarding thing I have ever done. I feel like I’m imposing my art on the world one acre at a time. I am in the process of designing my own home, and making an offer on a lot.” Jodi Klugman-Rabb lives in Novato and has a private psychotherapy practice in Kentfield. She’s working on a book, raising two kids, and celebrating 12 years with her husband. Tenaya Lafore’s daughter, Anya Madeleina, was born November 3, 2010. She and her partner Adrian live in SF. She’s completing an MEd at UC Berkeley, doing union organizing, and is “keeping up the working class fight!” Thessaly Lerner lives in Venice Beach with The Ukulad, and is The Ukulady, “an entertainer for kids and humans.” Her record for kids will be out in the fall. She’s developing a Ukulady kids tv show, producing, casting, and doing voiceover. “This year I had the joy of visiting Rose Gowen and her two genius kids in Rochester, NY, meeting Brook Notary’s ’90 daughter in Brooklyn, and working 30 days in a row with Jeff Wiesen ’98.” Sasha Levinson recently moved to New York with her husband and baby girl. She is a screen writer and director. The Bad Penny just won the Golden Palm at the Beverly Hills International Film Festival and Best Feature at the Soho International Film Festival (She co-wrote the screenplay with her husband, and he directed the film). She also directs TV commercials for clients like JC Penney, Target, Diet Coke, K-Swiss. “I really love my work, which has been my main focus since I was about 20. But I am thrilled to be a new mom!” Peter Nachtrieb lives in SF and had two new plays open in early 2011: BOB: A Life in Five Acts at the Humana Festival for New American Plays at Actors Theatre of Louisville and Litter: The True Story of the Framingham Dodecutuplets at American Conservatory Theater (written for the 2011 MFA Class). “Both were pretty funny. I’m still trying to be funny.” Claire Ptak lives in London with her husband of six years and owns a bakery café. “It’s hard as hell but exciting too. I have just finished my 4th cookbook about cake and desserts. We just got a puppy! Maybe we will have kids one day but the puppy is pretty rad. He is a whippet named Shuggie.” Russel Scarola writes, “Life in Santa Rosa still a lovely balance between part-time graduate student and stay-at-home papa to my wonderful two-year-old son, Jenner.” He hosts a series of art/science/design workshops with homeschoolers geared toward imagining and constructing their own recycled materials mini-golf course. “We began with crafting Rube Goldberg machines and larger than life paper mache and now moving on to hopefully ‘reclaiming’ an abandoned piece of urban landscape.” Caitlyn Toropova works with The Nature Conservancy on coral reefs and climate change. She moved to San Diego from Washington, DC, and enjoys being on the water and close to family and friends. She gave birth to her first child this summer. “I have reconnected with Kelly Moewe ’93 here in San Diego and would love to hear from more MA alumni!”

1994 Gail Carriger is busy writing the first book for a new young adult series. She had two New York Times bestsellers in the last series, with number four out this summer and number five out next March. “I have given up most archaeology as a result, but I still get to travel for book promotion reasons.” Casey Knudsen Dominguez was promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of San Diego, and is enjoying her first sabbatical with her daughters Erin (7) and Claire (2). Megan Sampson married Cruz Carlos in May 2010.

1995 Alison Bellach Sonderegger writes, “Having kids has introduced a beautiful chaos to my world, which I cherish immensely.” Josh Knox recently saw Willow Horne ’96 and Ben Hartshorne on a trip visiting California from his home in Holyoke, MA, where he lives with his wife Brita Dempsey and his daughter Caliandra (1). Josh works for the nation’s oldest land trust as a superintendent for seven properties in western Massachusetts. Jesse Rosencranz-Engelmann is a director of Tutor Corps and has expanded the foundation work to offer more grants and scholarships, including a fund to support young female Bay Area students in honor of his mother. “My mother died in January and it was wonderful to see old friends from MA come out to the memorial service and offer their support. I have enjoyed visiting with friends from MA at dinners and poker parties in Marin and SF.” Kristina Salin Doxon lives in Brooklyn. “We had an early heat wave this summer, but we all enjoyed ice cream in the backyard with my son, Felix, on his second birthday.” Gabriel Telles Solmer spent an “exhausting and exhilarating” eight months filling in as Executive Director for the environmental nonprofit San Diego Coastkeeper, and is happy to step back into her role of Legal Director leading advocacy efforts to protect San Diego’s waters. “There’s chaos of another sort at home with two-year-old twins Milo and Torin. It’s been great to arrange playdates for the boys with Casey Knudsen Dominguez’s ’94 two girls and to see them explore the world.” Mike Wheeler ended seven years
Danielle Colombo ’97 returned to the Bay Area last year from LA where she worked for United Talent Agency in Beverly Hills. She is an attorney for the Creative Industry Law Group, focusing on film development, production, and distribution. “I have enjoyed spending time with former MA schoolmates and teachers. I traveled with Kim and Nicole Colombo ’95 to New Orleans last November, and in February, she explored beautiful Buenos Aires, Argentina with Kim and Kendra MacLeod.” Danielle and Kendra have also enjoyed working together as lawyer and producer. Kendra lives in Brooklyn and is Co-Executive Producer on MTV’s “Teen Mom 2.”

Rosie Sharp Clark ’98 married Ryan Clark in May 2011 in a small ceremony in Hartwick State Park, MI. “So now it’s Rosie Clark. I tried to petition for us to make a conglomerate name, so we’d be The Shark Family. But he wouldn’t go for it. Oh well, Clark is OK.”

Christa Jennette Leupen ’97 and her husband Brad had their first child, Hank, on May 24, 2010. “Motherhood has been an unparalleled experience. Between working as a freelance writer and a full-time mother, and still making time for running and horses, I am never lacking for things to do. Sure do miss all my MA folk. I look forward to the next reunion!”

1996
Ellie Argilla Vargas lives and works in the East Bay. She and her husband and new dog have been exploring the parks, trails, beaches, and campsites of Northern California together. “It’s been fun seeing MA friends again around town. I saw Lauren Bloom, Caroline Maroten, and Melissa Arrig at an MA event last fall and recently also shared meals with Laurie Lubeck and Paul Simpson ’97. Lauren Bloom’s massage therapy private practice has been in operation for one year. She is also teaching for a few theater companies while still pursuing work as an actor. This September she married her boyfriend of almost ten years on the Sonoma Coast. Jaclyn Mayer ’98 was the maid of honor. Adriana Baer ’00 was a bridesmaid, and Patricia Swander was a bridesmaid-in-absentia. Sophie Dixon Dillo lives in Crestone, CO, with her husband Christian at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center. She raised nearly $6,000 for a large-scale fishing line installation at the Ice Cube Gallery in Denver through Kickstarter.com. Alyssa Epstein works as a clinical psychologist in a community hospital in Turlock. She and her husband Alex will celebrate their 5-year anniversary this year, and their son will be two in October. “We enjoy our frequent trips back to Marin to see old friends from MA!” Laura Gambis Irvin celebrated ten years of marriage to her husband George in December. They recently moved to San Diego with their children Alice, Claire, and Teddy. Adam Jaffe married Maren Iansmith on October 9, 2010 in Memphis, and now lives in Larkspur. Wayan Kaufman and her husband, Eddie Uliasz, had their baby boy, Mesa Uliasz, in Corona Del Mar, CA, on May 30, 2011. Anna Lane Heyman is touring the United States with the comedy trio The Queens of Tart. She also shot a promo for Bravo in which she spoofs Real Housewives. She lives in LA with her husband. “Honestly, if you’d asked me when I was at MA what I would be doing 15 years later, I never in my wildest imagination would’ve come up with the life I live: I get to travel to exotic places (like Wyoming), I get to meet new people (some of whom do not have teeth), and I get paid to be laughed at. Or fruit gets thrown at me. Either way, it’s pretty amazing.” Carolene Maroten Olney and her husband Nick welcomed a son, Richard Knox Olney, on May 11, 2011. Luke Notary recently returned from touring Europe as percussionist with Cirque du Soleil’s Varekai, and is now working with his band, House of Waters. “If anyone is in New York, give me a shout.” Molly Steinberg Mussman lives in Homer, AK, while her husband Jonathan completes his three year tour as the captain of the US Coast Guard Cutter Hickory. They welcomed a son, Daniel Gerard Mussman, on March 24. “I am taking a hiatus from being a small animal vet and bonding at home with our new baby.” Adam Webber completed a Master of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington. Last October he and his wife Angelina welcomed a daughter, Isaib. Though they loved Seattle, they returned to Stockholm this summer. Rachel Young and her husband Duffie Cooley added a daughter, Aviva, to the family in March of this year. “There’s less time for it now, but I’m still doing work in the book repair department of the Stanford University library, and making the odd bit of jewelry here and there. You can see some of it at shoprubyblackbird.com.” Joy Zimmerman Walker lives in Kentfield with her husband and daughters, ages 1 and 3, who recently started preschool. “We spend lots of time on our Madsen bike, which is fun for everyone and can fit up to 4 kids.”

1997
Max Baumhefner is a lawyer at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Check out his blog: http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/mbaumhefner. Carly Brydon teaches for the LA Unified School District in one of its lowest performing schools. “I love it and still believe that I can change the world one kid at a time.” She married Robert Anderson, a professional musician and a professor in the music department at USC, this July. Marie Dabyl lives in El Cerrito, having returned to CA in 2008 after an 11-year stint on the East Coast. She is the Manager of Content Architecture at Inking, an SF-based tech start-up
that creates interactive digital textbooks for mobile devices. In August of this year, she married Tobi Szuts (pronounced “sootch”), who is a neuroscientist. “MA’s beloved Derek Anderson officiated our wedding!” Raj Ojha writes, “I am drumming in two really cool bands, East Bay Grease and Howlin Rain. We toured Europe last year.” Alison Walsh moved to DC and works as Senior Producer, Digital Media for the National Geographic Channel. She was a bridesmaid at Zahra Khosrovi Sowder’s wedding in the fall of 2009. Zahra married Ed Sowder, and they live in Manhattan where she is an attorney for Debevoise and Plimpton.

1999

Helene Crowell spent four months in Doha, Qatar, developing the online department for the Doha Tribeca Film Festival. She now lives in the West Village in NYC and is Director of Online Global Communications at Estée Lauder. Kristin Henderson recently became engaged to her boyfriend of three years, Laurenti Honey. “We’re taking our time; setting the date for 2013 so he can finish his nursing degree. We just moved into a beautiful house in Lucas Valley and mountain bike on Sundays. I currently do design work for two interior designers and a furniture company, and have just started indoor rock climbing, thanks to Nina Dreyer!” Danielle Katz writes, “In between stints as a massage therapist in LA, my nomadic tendencies are in full swing. In April I paddled in Baja with the dolphins and the whales. In May I learned about the pressing issues surrounding my home water supply by paddling down the Tuolumne River from just outside Yosemite to SF. In June I guided two rafting trips on the Rogue River in Oregon. And so it goes. Combining my love of the outdoors with the pressing need for water awareness, I am gearing up to do twelve rivers in 2012 corresponding to critical California watersheds. Check out www.daniellekatz.com. Jennifer Lee and her husband welcomed their second son, Tucker, into their family. “Big brother Landon is thrilled! We are still living in Alabama.” Heather Murphy moved from LA to New York this May, where she is learning to dominate Manhattan bike lanes. After a few years at NPR and a gig with MSNBC, I recently took a job as a photo editor for Slate Magazine. My obsession with lemon bars has inspired a new line of vegan lemon treats in southern California, and though I won’t be profiting from the product, I’d like to take credit for it.”

2000

Adriana Baer graduated last year with her MFA in theater directing from Columbia University. She is now a freelance theater director based in NYC. Besides her directing work, she founded Central Coaching, which provides coaching for actors pursuing admission into MFA, BFA, arts magnet high schools and professional training programs. She runs the NYC branch and Lauren Bloom ’96 is Head of Programs for the Bay Area. Andrea Bouch-Diamondstein writes, “I am loving the European lifestyle and weekend getaways with fellow MA grads (Jo Bigman makes a wonderful London tour guide), but am excited to relocate back to the Bay Area soon.” Josephine Brassey lives in East London and creates and produces TV shows. This year she has several new shows coming out on different UK networks including “Holding Out for a Hero” (ITV), “The Sorority” (C4), and "Perfection" (BBC). “With all this work, divorce and social exclusion is imminent, yet I am clinging onto my friends and husband by the skin of my teeth.” Amanda Caldwell lives in SF. She graduated in 2009 with her Master of Gerontology, and works at the Institute on Aging. She got married in November 2010: “In attendance were MA loved ones Alexis Petty, Kelli Jew, Leah King, Cara Lampton, and Litta Angstenberger. Kevin O’Connor was in stupid Antarctica, and so could not attend, but his beautiful wife Lisa was there to represent. Photography was provided by the talented JP Dobrin—it was truly a family affair! I am dying to see Keeley Valentino perform locally and will be at a show or two soon for sure! Kevin Darmody was recently promoted to be the lead fire protection engineer and anti-terrorism/force protection guru for an ARRA project to build a new, state-of-the-art hospital at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton. “Between the new-found responsibilities and on-going military duties, I have little time to pursue my passions of working on my Jeep and brewing beer for Bad News Brewery.” James Hetland and his wife Mimi can’t say enough good things about their daughter Hannah, born September 2, 2010. James loves working part time and being a part-time stay at home dad, and recommends parenthood to all. Della Huff finished her MBA at Berkeley and has returned to Apple as a product marketing manager in the photo apps team. Matt Radcliffe still enjoys board games and works as a web developer for Kosada in Columbus, OH. “I ran into Kate Miller this March at DrupalCon Chicago, and after that I spent most of this spring working on a web site project for new clients, Highlights For Children and Zaner-Bloser.” Ruby Roth just completed her second children’s book, Vegan Is Love, and designed Legends of Hip Hop,
and works as a senior planner at the Regional Plan Association in NYC in the energy policy program. She’s working on cleantech, smart cities planning and policy, high speed rail planning and advocacy, and carbon cap and trade policy. She’s also dancing with her company—VaBang! Dance Company—which she started four years ago. They just performed on Governor’s Island, looking at the effects of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef.

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Laura Arriaza writes, “I've signed up for a nomadic life, but with my interest in international human rights and international criminal law, I’m thrilled for what’s to come!” Matt Lewis has three things to report: “(1) I’ve come full circle and I’m living literally across the street from MA; (2) I’m working as a labor and employment attorney at Meyers Nave, a public agency law firm in Oakland; and (3) I got married in September (my wedding party consisted of 6 MA guys; my brothers, Daniel ’03 and Adam Lewis ’06, Dave Herman, Ryan Haworth, Ryan Spies and Josh Cherney).” Mara Plotkin performed this summer with the National Academy Orchestra in Hamilton, Ontario. “I have recently become an avid yogi, experimental jogger, and enjoy sampling the diverse cuisine that Toronto has to offer such as shawarma and izakaya.” Jill Schneider graduated this year with her Master of Photojournalism. For her thesis project, she spent 9 months documenting life in Nepal, India, Kashmir, Bhutan, and Tibet. She now is a freelance photographer working for The San Francisco Chronicle and various travel companies. She will be spending this summer and fall in Southeast Asia leading photojournalism tours for teenagers, photographing for marketing purposes, and editing brochures. Her photography is represented by the National Geographic Image Collection.

2002

Kendra Berenson is starting her fifth year teaching English at San Rafael High School. This year she is piloting an interdisciplinary, project-based, community-oriented program for freshmen called Banyan. “I’m happy to have one foot in Marin and the other in SF after her recent move to the city. Another highlight of the year was reconnecting with James and Beau and other Vision Questers. Falling in love with the desert again...” Ali Blaufarb lives in Berkeley and will graduate this December from Samuel Merritt University with a Master of Science in Nursing and will be a family nurse practitioner. Liza Cherny recently moved to Boston to pursue an MBA at Boston College. “Even though I am sad to leave the Bay Area for a few years, I am really looking forward to this next stage in my life!” Masie Ganz lives in Nevada City, CA, running Soil Sisters Farm, a small organic vegetable and flower farm; raising pastured lamb and chicken; and marketing mainly through a community supported agriculture program, in addition to farmers market and some local restaurants. “I’m also collaborating with other farmers, through our nonprofit Living Lands Agrarian Network, to help train new farmers, establish farm-to-school programs, and teach home-gardening workshops in our community. I’m also lucky enough to see Andrea Jergesen a lot, who is studying away for her medical board exams and continues to amaze me with the passion and wisdom she brings to everything she does.” Ryan Giesen graduated from Northeastern University with a business degree in Entrepreneurship and Management Information Systems. He moved back to Marin County and works at Autodesk Inc. as a metrics and reporting analyst. “I am considering graduate school to continue my education in Business Administration. I also have been hard at work for the last 10+ years at steadily dominating Aaron Mandel in our friendly MA fantasy baseball league. Contrary to
Aaron’s belief, this year will conclude in yet another loss for the Mandel Franchise.” Aaron Mandel is the Teen Program Coordinator at Camp Tawonga, spending the school year in SF and the summer months working with high schoolers near Yosemite and leading international trips. He also leads alternative break trips for college students with American Jewish World Service and plays in an ultimate frisbee league and has limped to the finish of two half marathons. **Avery Monson** just published his third book, *I Feel Relatively Neutral About New York: His previous book, All My Friends Are Dead, was a national bestseller. His first book, *Pirate’s Log,* ‘was sort of a dud. You win some, you lose some.’ **Pepper Nevins** attended the New School in NYC (and lived with **Matt Mimiaga** in the East Village). After graduation she lived in Mumbai, India, for a year writing for *Business India* magazine. She pursued masters degrees in Global Communications at the London School of Economics and USC. She worked at the PR agency Weber Shandwick in LA for a year before transferring to the SF office this past February. “Hard to believe that our ten-year reunion is coming up.” **Nikole Yinger** recently left her job of four years at Bloomberg Television for a new gig producing a show at MSNBC and is happier than ever with that change. Last year, she also started her own production company with a business partner to take on freelance projects in TV development. Her latest project, creating media with green jobs guru, Van Jones, has been particularly exciting. Nikole comes back to the Bay Area every July to help run an alternative music camp for kids, a program that’s grown substantially over the past few years. “If you have kids age 10-15 who’d like to come, let me know! I live in Brooklyn with a house full of fantastic roommates, all friends.” **2003 Nicolle Buckley** writes, “The only MA reunions I’ve had in the past year have been twice with **Sarah Jebrock** and **Ezra Fox**! They were here in London for a weekend and they and **Ashley Gordon** and I met up for some beers and Vietnamese food. And then, lo and behold, the girls and I made a weekend trip to Copenhagen just in time to catch Sarah and Ezra on their last weekend there.” Ashley has returned to SF after two years living in London. A freelance photographer working in portrait, documentary, and editorial photography, some of her accomplishments include being exhibited in the UK’s National Portrait Gallery for their Photographic Portrait Prize, and being featured in National Geographic. Check out http://ashleyjordangordon.com. **Arthur Chan** is in his last year of law school is planning to move to LA afterwards. “**Pat Flemming, Daniel Lewis,** and **Ross Porter** are heading up to Seattle to visit **Daniel Sherman** and see the submarine in July.” **Kirstin Conti** works in SF for an environmental consulting firm. She is also fundraising in order to attend graduate school to study Water Conflict Management in Europe this fall. Check out www.managewaterpeacefully.com. **Piper Crowell** lives in DC and works for the environmental nonprofit Environment America, running our federal clean water program. “**David Herrero** and I went to the MA reception in DC. We had a great time and were shocked by how many MA folks we knew who now live here.” **Owen Drake** has spent the last two years directing an independent feature film, *Messina High*, set in a high school that was “loosely based on MA.” Now near completion, it should be hitting theaters soon. It includes cameo appearances by several ’03 alumni, and the script was helped by **Ezra Fox** and **Jon Alexander. Emily Eliot** writes, “I’ve had visits from **Arthur Chan** (a couple years ago) and **Michael Baron** (this February) since I’ve been in Shanghai, and look forward to **Undine Darney** coming out sometime this year.” **Ezra Fox** graduated from SF State with an MFA in Creative Writing. “I’m now working on getting my first novel published, which needs more vampires to be marketable.” **David Falck** moved from Texas to Mountain View, CA, and works for a small engineering consultancy that specializes in control systems and computational mechanics projects. “It keeps my brain alive! In my spare time, I may be found mountain biking, sleeping or hanging around the Stanford campus despite no longer being a student there.” **Lindsey Herrema** recently graduated from Presidio Graduate School with an MBA in Sustainable Business Management. She is starting her own company: a mobile canning facility for Bay Area craft breweries. **Sarah Janoff** lives in NYC and is half way finished with a graduate degree in social work from Columbia University. She is specializing in clinical social work, focusing on children, youth, and family work and child welfare. “I have had many MA’ers come visit me in the city (Sarah Jebrock, Ezra Fox, Kiyomi Gelber, Julia Mergendoller, Lindsay Meisel, Michelle Mills, and Brian Goldman)” Sarah Jebrock recently graduated from UC Davis Law School and writes, “I am hoping I will pass the California Bar! If all goes well, I will be practicing as an immigration attorney very soon.” **Amanda Machette** lives in NYC and just graduated from Columbia University with a Master of Nurse Midwifery. She is taking board exams now and hopes to move back to the Bay. “I love what I am doing and feel so blessed by every baby I deliver.” **Lindsay Meisel**, her sister **Lauren ’05**, and their parents bought a duplex in SF. She has worked as a copywriter for nonprofits for Underground Advertising for the last three years. **Michelle Mills** lives in SF and works as a game producer for **The Go Game**. She spends most of her time traveling around the globe, creating and producing high-tech adventure games for parties, conventions and corporate events. “When not working, you can find me singing jazz, cooking with friends or, ideally, SCUBA diving in the Caribbean.” **Andrew Nourafshan** just wrapped up his second year of graduate school at Duke University where he’s pursuing degrees in business and environmental management, focusing on renewable energy development. “I’m enjoying student life in North Carolina but look forward to returning to the real world (and hopefully the Bay Area) when I graduate next spring.” **Hannah Springmann** graduated from MIT this spring with a Master of Earth and Planetary Science. “I’ll be sticking around Boston for a bit, but I’m hoping to move back to the Bay Area soon.” **Chloe Roth** released her new album, “The Puppeteer,” which garnered a great review in *The San Francisco Chronicle*. She continues performing as “Chloe Makes Music,” a band that includes **Dylan Flynn ’05** and **Nick Leonard ’05**. “I also write music and arts coverage for SFGate and recently got to interview one of my musical heroes, **Graham Nash**.” Check out chloemakesmusic.com. **Becky Tillson** lives in Jackson, WY, working at the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance doing community planning and outreach. “It’s a really interesting job and I have a lot of diverse responsibilities, so it’s a fun way to learn about nonprofits and work for an organization who’s mission I really believe in—to protect the incredible Jackson Hole portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Small town living is certainly different than anything I’ve experienced but I do love it!” **Haley Toner** lives in SF and loves being back in the Bay Area. “I work for a commercial real estate company in San Mateo and spend my free time commuting, rooting for the Giants and running in the Presidio.” **Robin Wolfthausen** just graduated from the Anake naturalist research on conflict within pastoralist communities in East Africa. “I married my awesome, very Dutch husband Gis in 2009, and we are looking forward to moving somewhere warmer than Boston in the near future.”
training program at the Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, WA, where he studied survival, bird language, wildlife tracking, ethnobotany, cultural mentoring and scout skills. He will be staying another year to apprentice and teach their curriculum. “After that I want to find a piece of land to have a relationship with for the rest of my life and to celebrate that connection with others and their connections.” Robin Young lives in Santo Domingo and is the resident and internship coordinator for Council on International Educational Exchange. He received an MBA from Florida International University and began teaching sociology classes for the undergraduate international business and medical schools at la Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) in Santo Domingo. “A year ago I would not have imagined myself teaching classes at a Dominican university, but it has been a great opportunity and I really enjoy it!”

2004  Emily Hendrick graduated in December from the Monterey Institute of International Studies with a Master of Public Administration. Rachael Konecky lives in Seattle with her dog and is entering her third year of law school at the University of Washington. Zoe Gerry-Bullard moved to Boise, ID, this summer after three years in NYC to join her college boyfriend and their Vizsla puppy, Bear. “I’m so excited to be back west and close to more family and friends!” Emily Golson is in her second year as a graduate student in the Vertebrate Ecology Laboratory of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, just north of Monterey. She has been radio tracking wild sea otters for the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Sea Otter Research and Conservation program for the past couple of years. Her thesis project is focused on Southern Sea Otter (Enhydra lutris nereis) movements. Jhani Griffin has one more year of graduate school at Columbia University where she is pursuing degrees in Early Childhood Education and Deaf Education. “I am loving life in New York, living with my long-time boyfriend and getting to rendezvous with both high school and college friends. I look forward to what life will bring me post-graduation.” US Army First Lieutenant Nicholas Lambert completed a year-long deployment to Iraq, where he served as a Fire Support Officer and Platoon Leader with the US Army 3rd Infantry Division in Fallujah. He married his wife Raquel on June 5, 2010 at Ft. Stewart Georgia, where they are stationed and have a home. He plans on pursuing a Master of Public Administration. Lea Vonk is starting her second year as a fourth and fifth grade teacher at Aurora School in Oakland. She hopes to begin clearing her multiple subject teaching credential in the fall.

2005  Jackie Adlam moved back from NYC to SF where she works at the digital advertising agency AKQA. “I am very happy to be back in the Bay Area and spend my free time working on “a global green committee.” Sara Blair traveled to Turkey and Greece with her sister this summer after finishing her second year as Assistant Resident Director at UCSB, her alma mater. She is pursuing a Master of Higher Education and Student Affairs at the University of Vermont, and is also working as an Assistant Residence Director. Maggie Bronson lives in Washington, DC, and spends her time “working to advance global health policy, refreshing my knowledge of US history, and networking over surprisingly intense games of kickball.” Since graduating from UC Berkeley in 2010, she has traveled and worked in Tanzania and hopes to return soon to further contribute to the global fight to end HIV/AIDS. Rosie Ellis lives in SF and works as a research analyst at a new marketing firm called Cibo Studios. Nick Fehr lives in NYC as a software developer, working for a digital agency where he is primarily responsible for coding and maintaining websites for Patron Tequila, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Tiffany&Co. Jake Forsland is a project manager at Equator, LLC, in Santa Monica. Maxwell Hayman writes, “I still live in Chicago and have now survived six winters here, but also spend a lot of time on airplanes. So far this year I have traveled to many places across Europe and SE Asia, and it’s always exciting to find out where I will end up next.” Greg Keeney recently graduated from Duke University with a Master of Management Studies. He lives in Washington, DC, and is Executive Director of a nonprofit raising money for earthquake reconstruction and business development in Christchurch, New Zealand. Elizabeth Radar graduated...
from Tisch at NYU in 2010 and lives Brooklyn. She works at a music distribution company. Daniel Rhine is pursuing a Master of City Planning with a focus on sustainable development and a Certificate of Real Estate Design and Development given by the Wharton School of Business and Penn Design at the University of Pennsylvania. Molly Riddle works as a trip leader for Backroads, an active travel company based in Berkeley. She leads cycling, walking/hiking and multisport trips domestically and internationally. She was living in Kenmare and recently returned from southwest Ireland, “primarily the lush, wet, hilly, dramatic and WONDERFULLY GREEN counties of Kerry and Cork.” In August she moved to Spain to lead trips that wind across the country from Barcelona to the Mediterranean. Sandra Sears has left the beaches of LA for NYC to pursue a Master of Contemporary Art at Sotheby’s Art Institute. Rachel Wolf lives in Washington, DC, and works in communications at New Partners, a Democratic political consulting firm. “I still hate networking and self- important politics, but love working on healthcare reform, immigration reform and a slew of other progressive issues.” She just ran her first half marathon, and is “doing another in Philadelphia in November if anyone wants to join!” Charles Wollin works for the San Jose Earthquakes, a MLS soccer team, in new business development focusing on cultural theme nights and corporate sales/marketing. He’s also had the chance to become the “junior broadcaster” and commentate a few games, which is still his career goal. Anson Woodring lives in Europe and works as an international correspondent for Variety in Spain, France, and Portugal.

2006 Katie Brush taught English at Escuela Infantil in Cadiz, Spain, last year. She is now back in California and applying to law school. Coleman Buckley lives in Santa Cruz and is attempting to design the next generation of gear for kite surfing. “So far my prototypes significantly outperform the current cutting edge models, so I’m pretty excited. My plan is to get a few kinks worked out and then try and trade my designs for a job as a designer at a company that already has all of its infrastructure set up. Anyway, I’m having a good time, so even if it falls through, I won’t count it as lost time.” Sam Gibbs graduated from UCLA last winter and directed a two-part show of Henry IV, parts 1 and 2, in LA this summer. His previous show was A Midsummer Nights Dream in John Hinkel Park in Berkeley. He also traveled around Europe for a month, seeking theater inspiration in England, France, Poland and Greece. Marc Haumann recently moved to SF, where he works for Zimride, a ridesharing startup. “Our ultimate goal is to create a real-time ridesharing service and help save the environment in the process!” I also design and build digital multimedia projects, including a flickr photo viewer (lightables.net), and write music. Keep your ears open for our new band Days Without Sleep!” Teddy Notides lives in SF and hopes to coach MA lacrosse. Phil Nova graduated from Stanford with a BS in Neurobiology and taught high school biology in LA through Teach for America. He is now designing the science, technology, engineering and math curriculum for a start-up private middle school in Hollywood. “I live in Santa Monica where I enjoy stereotypical Southern California activities like eating burritos and attempting to surf, and not-so-stereotypical activities like collecting dead reptiles.” Mallory Powers worked at the Middlebury Language Academy this summer and now teaches English in Antequera, Spain. Daniel Sheron toured this summer to promote his folk record, “October’s Bite,” by Balto. He was living and working in Moscow. Taylor Tan works in West Marin at the Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN), a nonprofit whose goal is the conservation and rehabilitation of the largest remaining run of endangered Central Coast Coho salmon. “I’ve been doing a lot of stream-side (riparian) habitat restoration, community outreach, and educational work.” He also spent his fourth season coaching triple jump, long jump, and the hurdle events at MA. Lisa Tsubouchi moved to Seattle after her brief teaching stint at MA last fall. Since graduating from Lewis & Clark with a foreign language degree, “I’ve dabbled in Italian, Turkish, and Hindi. I’m still dancing, making jewelry, taking tea-ceremony lessons, and planning my travels for the coming year.

2007 Phillip Balliet graduated from Stanford with a BA in Philosophy. His future plans include “working for SurveyMonkeyContribute, leaving the country to teach theater to children in Bhutan, auditioning for Rob Melrose’s Cutting Ball theater in SF, and/or applying for PhD programs in philosophy. Just got to say, from experiencing a wide variety of professors at the college level, that the Marin Academy faculty is THE BEST hands down.” Natalie Dunn graduated from Skidmore College and is an assistant third grade teacher at San Francisco Day School. Alex Englesbee earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Physics with honors from Johns Hopkins University, and is continuing on to pursue an MA in Mechanical Engineering. This summer he worked as a counselor at a summer camp for children who have undergone organ transplant surgeries. Lindsay Fishkin graduated Magna Cum Laude from the USC with a degree in Theatre and Communications. She lives in LA and is pursuing her acting career. Wyatt Hayman is finishing his degree in Biology at Oberlin, where he received the Andrew’s Family Award for excellence in academics, athletics, and leadership. He recently had surgery on his jaw to fix his bite, and writes in “to clarify for those who might be curious why I suddenly look different.” Kai Hinson graduated with a BA in Global Studies from UC Santa Barbara, where she worked as part of a team designing a middle school that is inquiry driven, systems oriented, and focused on building/making things. She also worked with two teaching and mentoring programs in Santa Barbara: Environmental Education for the Next Generation and Wilderness Youth Project. This summer she moved to Cambodia to work in an orphanage in Phnom Penh. Bart Jackson graduated with a BA in Political Science from Dickinson College. He is an intern at the White House, and hopes to work on the Obama re-election campaign. Ali Jебrock graduated from UC Davis with a BA in Sociology and Spanish. While at Davis, she founded The Youth Empowerment Program, a student run organization that mentors detained undocumented youth in Juvenile Hall. She recently moved to LA, where she lives with Elena Smith and teaches with Teach for America. Rachel Kaplove received a BFA in Acting with honors from NYU. Last year she starred in a short film that won best comedy in a NYC film festival and will be screened at a festival in Hollywood. She also competed in the Bikram Yoga Championships and ran the NYC Marathon. Jason Lee graduated Cum Laude from Claremont McKenna College with BA in Psychology and Government. He works in SF as an executive search consultant at Isaacson, Miller specializing in executive searches for education, nonprofit organizations, research institutes, and other civic organizations. Julia Leonard graduated from Wesleyan University, majoring in Neuroscience and Behavior. She works in Dr. Gabrieli’s lab at MIT. “I’m still hoping to go back to Japan in the future and then possibly
Erin Schrode’s ’09 travels have taken her all over the world in the last year. Highlights include launching The Schoolbag, a new initiative in education and sustainability in Haiti; studying abroad in Israel; speaking to sustainability executives at NYU’s program in Ghana; studying abroad in Haiti; and interning with a French fashion journalist. At Vassar she was a member of the Vassar Repertory Dance Theater where she had the opportunity to perform ballet and modern dance repertory from choreographers such as Tom Gold, David Fernandez and Larry Keigwin.

**James Parrinello** graduated Cum Laude from the University of Rochester and now attends the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, in SF. **Matt Reagan** graduated from USC with a BS in Music Business and a minor in Entrepreneurship. He lives in Beverly Hills and produces and records music for films, games and independent artists.

“I do day-to-day management for several artists and am constantly looking for new projects. In the meantime I’m interviewing for jobs at record labels and artist management companies while considering the possibility of law school in the future.” **Kaila Sanford** graduated from Mills College with a BA in Psychology. “Highlights of the past two years include being an active member of the pre-law society Phi Alpha Delta and the National Society for Collegiate Scholars, playing varsity soccer (although not very well), and serving on the board of the Women’s Health Resource Center of Mills College.” **Hallie Von Ammon** graduated from Occidental College with a degree in Art History. This summer she attended a short business program at Stanford and then moved to New York. “All in all, I’m pleased as punch.” **Ari Weiss** is pursuing a Master of Sociology at Stanford, specifically focusing on education and inequality. He graduated with a BA in international relations from Stanford, with honors through the Center for Development, Democracy and Rule of Law and a minor in Middle Eastern Studies. He lives in the Mississippi Delta as a member of Teach for America.

2008 **Anna Bischoff** is writing her senior thesis about the fractionation of carbon in soil organic matter and its dependence on climate/microbial respiration and soil type. She will graduate in May with a BS in Environmental Sciences from UC Berkeley and will “probably be going directly on to graduate school to study soil science.” **Reilly Brock** and her friend Jordan recently won the Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Prize at Kenyon for their business plan to open a late night food cart at Kenyon, and are starting to make the plan a reality. “Next on our plate is incorporating our company as an LLC, finalizing our menu, and passing health inspection. Wish us luck!”

This summer she interned at Kenyon’s Rural Life center, overseeing a community garden project that grows and distributes vegetables to local seniors. In her last year as a Sociology major, she is “applying Herbert Marcuse’s critical social theory to the nature of health and choice in the US food system, with an eye to viable alternatives to our current practices.” **Trevor Cohen** spent his summer in DC “writing for the abrasively leftist Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), a political think tank on Latin America.” **Mikayla McVey** will graduate this December with a BA in Theater, Film, and Television from UCLA. “When I’m not in studio (tumbling, warbling, weeping, kickboxing, breathing, standing) I take a Human Complex Systems class that makes me wish I had taken calculus at MA.” This summer she acted in Henry IV, parts 1 and 2, produced by the Free Theatre and directed **Sam Gibbs ’06**. **Dylan Hadfield-Menel** studies computer science (specifically, artificial intelligence and robotics research) at MIT. This summer he interned at Facebook.

2009 **Juliana Britto Schwartz** is spending her junior year at UC Santa Cruz in Brazil, studying in Rio for the first six months and then interning with an NGO in the north of the country. She is majoring in Latin American and Latino Studies with a minor in Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies. **Olivia Bronson** is designing her own major within Berkeley’s Interdisciplinary Field Studies program to focus on the obstacles African women encounter in terms of access and quality of health care. “I have loved my classes, am currently living in a coop, playing ultimate Frisbee, leading Berkeley’s chapter of FACEAIDS and am gearing up to WWOOF in the South of France for the summer to
Matt Gibb is most excited about working with his band, Evolfo Doofeht, that started at MA for the production of *Twelfth Night*. He performed at Slim’s this June with Rozzi Crane. The band includes Frank Gibb, Emiliano Flowerman, Benji Dossetter, Joey Upjohn, Sturdy Adams, Julia Chanin, Jonah Nakagawa, Katie Gibb and some Berklee College of Music musicians. Catie Hall is majoring in Anthropology and French at Vassar College. This summer she traveled throughout Norway with her brother Calen Hall ’05, and then taught at a school called Jhamtse Gatsal in Arunchal Pradesh, India. She is now traveling with the IHP Beyond Globalization Program, a comparative, experiential, multidisciplinary program that will take her to Washington, DC, Turkey, Tanzania, India, New Zealand, and Mexico. Marieke Hodge is a Political Science and Arabic major at UC Berkeley. She interned this summer at a public relations firm in Washington, DC, that represents progressive nonprofits and government agencies as part of the Cal in the Capital Program. She is Chief of Staff in the office of Executive Vice President for the Associated Students of the University of California, the largest autonomous student government in the country, and Communications Director for the Cal Berkeley Democrats. Andrew Klein is majoring in Mathematical and Computations Sciences at Stanford, where he is an active member of the Stanford band and also plays club basketball. He plans to study abroad in Florence next spring. Gabi Schneider spent this summer studying Shakespeare at the Globe Theater. She is now a junior at Washington University, studying Drama and Japanese. She performed in *The Threepenny Opera* in the fall and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* in the spring, and also worked backstage. “My acting class this semester was particularly cool, culminating in a collaboratively created performance that was kind of a mashup of found texts, movement, video imitations, etc., reminiscent of some of the Theater 3/4 shows at MA. Though I feel a little nostalgic when I returns to MA to see the spring play and talk to a few teachers, I am really enjoying college (now that I’ve gotten over the culture shock of living in the Midwest!).” Emma Zorensky is majoring in Molecular Biology at Princeton, and is still dancing all the time.

Erin Wilson, a first-year student at Carleton College, was chosen to represent the US at Technos International Week in Tokyo, a program to encourage cultural understanding between guest participants and students and faculty at Technos International College. She became interested in Japan while learning Taiko at Marin Academy. She is studying Japanese at Carleton and is participating in a Taiko performance group at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Erin’s trip was postponed for one year due to the earthquake in Japan.

Beth Sherman ’96 back to MA as Director of Alumni Relations. Beth joins us from the international design and innovation firm IDEO, where she was part of the experience team. Prior to IDEO, she spent 10 years immersed in direct-service health education, working in corporate, university, and community health settings.

Beth holds an MA in Health Education from Columbia University and a BS in Exercise Science from The George Washington University. While at MA, she served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Voice* and as a senior class rep. in the many years since graduation, she has returned often to say hello to faculty and staff, check out campus updates, and watch her brothers Michael ’99, Daniel ’03, and Gabriel ’08 graduate.

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In Memoriam

**Alena Dennison ’14** passed away on July 19, 2011. She was a vibrant and warm young woman who made instant connections at Marin Academy, enriching our community. As a member of the JV soccer and volleyball teams and a talented musician, she embodied the essence of MA. She is survived by her parents, Michael and Kathy, and her sisters Tess ’13 and Larkin, and many loving friends and family.

One of the founders of Marin Academy, **Sylvia Morton Kingsley** passed away on November 12, 2010. Founding headmaster Bill McCluskey and his wife Betsy remember her for her energy and commitment to the school. She is survived by her children Ruthie Hunter, Liza Muhly, Catherine Hunter ’74, and Rob Hunter, and grandchildren, Cody, Taylor, Wagner, Hunter ’11, Cora ’13, Frances ’13, Quincy, and Haley.

**Stephen O’Keefe ’75** passed away on August 28, 2011 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

**Nancy Rogers**, grandmother of Kristi ’11 and Jenny Rodgers, passed away on April 24, 2011. With her husband Harvey, she was the 2010–2011 Chair of the Grandparents Fund, and a dedicated supporter of our community. She is survived by her husband, sons Ken and Steve, granddaughters, brother Robert Bernheim, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**English teacher and outings leader Jack Thompson** passed away on January 8, 2011. Jack came to MA in 1975 and brought a spirit of pioneering justice with him. He was the first openly gay faculty member at MA, and, as an Episcopal minister in the 1960s, fought against segregation as a Freedom Rider. He was also the first faculty member to co-teach (with Diana Cunningham) an environmental studies class at MA. In the words of founding headmaster Bill McCluskey, he was “a wonderful teacher and a man of exceptional kindness.”
Having seen two of our children graduate, with two more entering their sophomore year—each of them different, each of them appreciated as an individual—my wife Cheryl and I know that MA is a school that inspires learning and helps kids grow into their best selves. It strikes me, as I read through these pages, that many feel as we do. This annual report is clear evidence that you place significant value on MA’s mission and show your gratitude with philanthropic and volunteer support.

The story of Marin Academy cannot be told without mentioning inspiring teachers, caring advisors and coaches, strong leaders, and an amazing mix of smart, interesting, and interested students. This is truly a place that fosters the kind of close partnerships between faculty and students that last a lifetime. It was in September 1971, just 40 years ago, that a group of local parents, who valued the high school years as a time for exploration and discovery, founded Marin Academy. They envisioned a vibrant college preparatory program “complemented by rich, challenging opportunities in the arts, athletics, wilderness outings, and community service. A spirit of respect and appreciation for young people was to be central to the educational philosophy of the school’s faculty and the school was to be a happy place.” One year later, the first group of fifty-five students and eleven faculty began. We have grown and flourished and, thanks to you, that will continue.

Because this is also your story. To the many generous parents, alumni, grandparents, fellow trustees, faculty, staff and others, a heartfelt “thank you” for helping to ensure that MA continues to operate on sound financial footing today and tomorrow. The letters of the Founding Trustees that document the beginning of MA use the same language, express the same ardor that parents and students and alumni use today to relate to shared experiences. We are here today because of those who have come before us; we continue to work together to ensure that MA is even stronger in the future.

Thank you for giving so generously of your time and resources during the past year.

Sincerely,

Barry Neal
(Brendan ’09, Cara ’11, Evan ’14 and Alec ’14)
Chair, Marin Academy Board of Trustees

Let me also add special thanks to those members of our Board of Trustees who have completed their terms of service: Seth Barad (Ben ’09), Lawrie Mott (Ruth Reisner ’07, Margot Reisner ’10), JuanCarlos Arauz, Nancy Saarman (Nico ’11), MAPA President Maria Warton Bennett ’79 (Rosario ’12, Philip ’15), Eric Temple, and faculty trustee Nicole Stanton. And our philanthropic success would not be what it is without the tremendous work of Parent Fund Co-Chairs, Laura Cox (Trevor Cohen ’08, Keegan Cohen ’12) and David Elliott (Connor ’09, Lizzy ’12), as well as all our Alumni Challenge Partners. You have each made a difference in the life of our community; we are stronger for your thoughtful and compassionate contributions.
New Board Members:

**Stephen Baldwin** begins his sixth year as a Spanish teacher at MA this year. He earned a BA from Syracuse University and MA from the City University of New York, Lehman College.

**Cregg Baumbaugh**, parent of Ruby ’14, is managing director of Trilogy Equity Partners, a private partnership that invests in early stage technology companies. He received his undergraduate degree and MBA from Indiana University.

**Laura Cox**, parent of Keegan Cohen ’12 and Trevor Cohen ’08, is also a trustee for Bridge the Gap College Prep, a nonprofit that seeks to academically prepare Marin City children for college. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara and her MBA from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

**Dick Drew** served a one-year interim appointment as Head of Marin Academy during the 2007–2008 school year. He is a former Chair of the Board of the National Association of Independent Schools and has led independent schools for 25 years, including fifteen at the Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough. He received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College, MA from Stanford, and Eds from the University of Colorado.

**Sara Howard**, parent of Olivia ’11 and Amelia ’14, is serving a one-year term on the Board in her capacity as MAPA President. She recently worked as a consultant for a family foundation, and is on the executive committees of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth and the Coleman Action Fund. Sara earned a BA in International Relations at the University of Colorado and earned her MA in International Law and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

**Brandon Nicholson ’01** is a social scientist with Social Policy Research Associates. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his PhD in Educational Policy from UC Berkeley.
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Brenda and Skip Berg
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Cecilia Freund
Jessica Gerber
Bridget Goodman
Gwen Graham
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Diana Nelson
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Paula Reynolds
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Tami Schrier
Ilia Sklarin
Beverly Sterry
Maria Spears

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Rebecca Sylia
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Anne Watts
Marjorie Went
Barbara Wilson
Mary Irene Zemanek

2010–2011 Annual Fund Volunteer Leadership

Class of 2014
Kathy Dell, Class Champion
Len Galla
Kip Howard
Susan Swig
Nancy Werthan

Class of 2013
Sarah Moore, Class Champion
Aracely Aguillera
Arline Van Gessel
Rory Little
Jackie Spielberg
Tina Warren

Class of 2012
Erin Elliott, Class Champion
Brenda Berg
Mitch Cohen
Ira Glick
Liz Hale
Steve Kingsley
Laura Marx
Sherry Ramzi

Class of 2011
Petro Jacobson, Class Champion
Jeff Chamin
Ivette Dimas
David Eiserman
Lawrie Mott
Barry Neal
Ruth Noel

Alumni Parent Volunteers
Hillary and Larry Wolf

Alumni Parent Chairs
Jim and Diane Reed

Grandparent Chairs
Harvey and Nancy Rogers (deceased)

Faculty/Staff/Admin Chairs
Nicole Stanton and Mary Collie

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Peggy Haas
Peter E. Haas, jr.

Alumni Challenge Co-Chairs
Jefferson Coombs ’85
Braden More ’91
Paul Simpson ’97
Rebecca Nelson Sylla ’81

Alumni Challenge Steering Committee
Radha Blackman ’88
Patrick Flemming ’03
Eric Gelson ’01
Elaine Howard ’98
Amy Clifford Jones ’86
Preston McCaskill ’01
Christian Rogers ’00

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Leslie Alden ’75
Ben Amen ’04
Ellie Argilla ’96
Anika Backster ’98
Mark Battat ’79
Jonathan Becker ’79
Alexander Bredner ’77
Claire Christopherson Blake ’01
Laura Rossi Colleaux ’78
Sabra Drohan ’78
Simon Edwin James Forder ’85
Ryan Giesen ’02
Damon Gilkerson ’99
Dustin Harder ’97
Della Huff ’00
Nancy Kelly ’89
Rebecca Israel Lady ’94
Katherine Lonergan ’93
Aaron Mandel ’02
Erika Murdock ’01
Molly Noble ’77
Spencer Porter ’01
Byron Rice ’74
Jesse Roselin ’95
Zachary Scott ’99
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William Spencer ’75
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Gold
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Matthew and Janice Barger
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Neville and Lila Rich
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John Atwater and Diana Nelson
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David Begler and Sarah Moore
Patrick and Maria Warton Bennett ’78
Stuart Bewley and Donna Motluk
James and Holly Bogin
Lester and Jean Brockett
Alan and Kim Brune
Dave and Sue Campagne
Dave and Cathy Capper
Mark Cavagnero and Elizabeth Byers
Jeff Chanin and Karen Lovdahl
Kenneth and Betsey Cheithin
David and Anne Claman
William Cobb and Patrice Paul
Bill and Eliza Cummings
Ralph and Joan Dauria
John and Sheri DeShano
Michael and Kathy Dennison
Eldan Eichbaum and Geetinder Chatha
Jay and Judy Ferguson
Bob and Randi Fields
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Bridget Goodman
Alan and Susie Greinetz
Tom and Liz Hale
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Michael and Robin Jacks
Peter Joseph and Marcy Levine
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Chris and Karla Kelly
Steve and Julie Kimball
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Christopher and Christina Kitz
David and Teresa Korol
Ken and Jennifer Krone
Doug Kyle and Sharon Reynolds-Kyle
Brad and Dena Lakritz
Brian Lewis and Bobbie Head
Julie Utewin and Shelley Sella
Marshall and Jennifer Livingston
Tom and Marie Lyons
Lori Mathe
K. Ira Polcy McEvoy
Tom and Susie Miller
Braden More ’91
Lawrie Mott
Roger Smith and Lynne Oberlander
Jim Pickrel and Carolyn Woolley
Michael Pollan and Judith Belzer
Jim and Diane Reed
Julian and Lois Rhine
Lynn Roy
Peter Scheer and Cater Morrow
Karl and Ida Schmetz
Patrick and Jill Sherwood
Renny and Lisa Slatkin
Harold Sogard and Susan Bolle
David and Beverly Sterry
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James and Lisa Suennen
Tom and Rebecca ’81 Sylla
Ted and Paige Thomas
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Catherine Hunter
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Jaimie Sanford
Jeff Saake
Kyung Swanson
Pat Sherwood
Paige Thomas
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Kelley Warner
Richard Watkins
Karen Zeff
## 2010–2011 Fundraising Summary

### Marin Academy 2010–2011 Fundraising Summary

**Pledges and Contributions Received**

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### Marin Academy Operating Fund Summary

**Revenue and Support**

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**Expenses**

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* Represents gifts for current operations only and does not include any gifts for capital improvements or endowment.
To us, Marin Academy is much more than a school. It is a vibrant, caring community where thinking, questioning, and creating are a way of life, where students and teachers form unparalleled bonds, where the joy of learning radiates throughout the campus, and where civic engagement, both locally and globally, is an everyday occurrence. As parents, we could not ask for a better high school for our children. Both of our daughters will use the immeasurable gifts they receive today in the future. That is why we make MA a philanthropic priority each year.

Rosemary Morgan, MA Board of Trustees
From left: Ward Kallstrom, Rosemary Morgan, Julia Kallstrom ’14, and Megan Kallstrom ’11

2010–2011 Annual Fund

Thacher Circle
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John Atwater and Daina Nelson
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Eli Kranebuss ’15
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Andreas Freund ’13

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Lawrie Mott (T)
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Brendan Neal ’09
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Alex Neal ’14
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Nick Ogden ’15

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Becca Mathieson ’13
Doug and Emile Ogden (T)
Toh Ogden ’13
Nick Ogden ’15

Toh Ogden ’13

Anonymous (2)

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Meredith Parish ’12

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Seth Channing ’05
Julia Channing ’11

Jay Cohen and Laura Cox
Trevor Cohen ’08
Keegan Cohen ’12

Bill Donohoe and Kris Klein (T)
Kelly Donohoe ’13
Grace Donohoe ’15
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Lizzy Elliott ’12

Howard and Carol Fine
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Jennifer Haas ’90
Daniel Haas ’93
Bradley Haas ’99

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Ryan Kroner ’12

Nion T. McEvoy
Nion McEvoy ’07
Helen McEvoy ’08
Heidi McEvoy ’11

Ira Polcyn McEvoy
Nion McEvoy ’07
Helen McEvoy ’08
Heidi McEvoy ’11

Lawrie Mott (T)
Ruth Reisinger ’07
Margot Reisinger ’10

Barry Neal (T) and Cheryl Finley
Brendan Neal ’09
Cara Neal ’11

Anonymous (2)

Platinum Circle
($7,500 to $9,999)

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Michael Jacks ’13

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Megan Kallstrom ’11
Julia Kallstrom ’14

Bradem More ’91 (T)
David Norman and Kathy Dell (T)
Berk Norman ’12
Ben Norman ’14

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Annie Warner ’13

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and Maria Waron Bennett ’79 (T)
Rosario Bennett ’12
Phillip Bennett ’15
Stuart Bewley and Donna Motuk
Tyler Bewley ’02
Erin Bewley ’11
Will Bewley ’15

Owesley Brown and Victoire Reynal
Chiara Brown ’14
Mick and Kay Cooke
Alex Cooke ’12
Ella Cooke ’13
Harry Cooke ’13

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Geetinder Chatha
Yasmine Eichbaum ’13
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Laura Gambits Irvin ’14
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Matt Herrero ’13

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Jayne McCaw ’01
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Coria Swanson ’13

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Kate Kimball ’11
Kurland Family Foundation
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Elodie LaHorque ’11
Joe LaHorque ’14

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Bobby Lehmann ’12
Kate Lehmann ’14

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Amanda Levenson ’10
Marshall Levenson ’12
Rory and Jan Little
Patrick Little ’13

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Jamie Muresanu ’12

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Chelsea Parish ’10
Meredith Parish ’12

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Kitch Rayant ’14
Mark Rayant ’15
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Austin Reid ’13

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Cooper Reinhart ’15
Trevor Reinhart ’15

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Julia Reynolds ’07
Charlie Reynolds ’11

Susa Swig
Nick Watkins ’14

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T = trustee  GP = grandparent  FS = faculty/staff
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Amelia Howard ’14
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Mollie Vitale ’10
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Page Spears ’13
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Adam Willner ’13
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Courtlandt and Natalie Gates
Will Gates ’13
Phil and Cathy Goldstein
Ari Goldstein ’14
Eric Golson ’01
Gabe and Liz Kind
Joseph Kind ’12
Emily Kind ’15
David and Teresa Korol
Sam Korol ’13
Mark and Heidi Krahling
Talia Krahling ’14
Timothy McCann and Paula Weber
Dan McCann ’13
Mark and Stacy Nelson
Aiden Nelson ’14
NORCAL Mutual Insurance Co. (match)
Jeremy Norman
Max Norman ’13
Lynne Oberlander and
Roger Allen Smith
Walker Kehoe ’12
Laurence Pulgram and Kelli Murray
Daniel Pulgram ’11
James and Diane Reed
Daniel Reed ’05
Lucas Reed ’13
Peter Scheer and Morry Cater
Mac Scheer ’06
Silas Scheer ’09
Maddy Scheer ’11
Challenger’s Club
($750 to $1,499)
Barry Family Fund
Zachary Noble ’09
Paul and Carolyn Bednarz
Tessa Bednarz ’14
Mr. and Mrs. Norton Belknap (GP)
Peter Reynolds ’04
Julia Reynolds ’07
Charlie Reynolds ’11
Tom Bliska and Gray Boyce
Thomas Bliska ’08
Bryn Bliska ’10
Nick and Joan Boodrookas
Alex Boodrookas ’06
Diane Boodrookas ’10
Warren and Jackie Burks
Ryan Burks ’12
Chas and Kris Cardall
Anna Cardall ’14
David and Carla Crane
Alexander Crane ’07
Rozi Crane ’09
Thomas Dawson and Jean Loo
Anna Dawson ’14
Patrick and Donna Dell’Era
Jessica Dell’Era ’02
John and Susan Feder
Allison Feder ’04
David Feder ’07
Matt Feder ’13
in honor of Travis Brownley
Steve Ginsburg and Kathy Fukami
Madeleine Ginsburg ’14
Dennis and Sheila Hartzell
Alex Hartzell ’12
Mark Henderson and Laura Tauber
Dyan Henderson ’13
Mike (FS) and Martha Joyce
Peter Kiess and Elizabeth Fugate
Ryan Fugate ’11
Eugenie Kilgore and
Regina Coorea-Kilgore
Francisco Kilgore ’13
Katherine Gambs Knickerbocker ’93
Dean and Laurie Kristy
Chet Kristy ’11
Lena Kristy ’12
I give to MA because I feel it is a unique environment that nurtures individuals and their distinct skills and provides the supports and encouragement to help them develop into dynamic individuals.

Clare Christoferson Blake ’01

From Left: Callan Coghan ’13,
Keamy Coghan ’10,
Clare Christoferson Blake ’01

Why I Give...

T = trustee  GP = grandparent  FS = faculty/staff
I give to the annual fund because by being surrounded by MA’s talented students, I too am constantly learning and growing; I give to help keep MA vital.

**Derek Anderson, Head Librarian and History Teacher**
Why I Give...

We are immensely grateful to MA’s community of educators, parent volunteers, and amazing students who challenged our daughter to grow, accept personal responsibility, and lead. Our annual gifts help to sustain and strengthen that community. That is why we are proud to support MA each year.

Stuart and Pat Lum, parents of Cat Lum ’08

Wildcat Club
($100 to $249)

- Allen Family Fund
- Juan Carlos Arauz (T) and Kristie Moore-Arauz
- Joseph E. Arleo, Jr. ’84 in memory of Donald M. Lamson ’84
- Sonia Atalla
- Jon Mei ’12
- The Kenneth S. Baron Family
- Michael Baron ’03
- Frank and Lee Battat
- Mark Battat ’79
- Will Baylis ’80
- Brian Beaudoin and Lisa Brussell Beaudoin
- Manel Beaudoin ’07
- Gabe Beaudoin ’11
- Jonathan Becker ’83
- James ’81 and Margaret Bell
- Doug Benedict ’82
- Ashleigh Benton ’85
- Alexander Berson ’92
- John Bertoni (GP)
- Benjamin Epstein ’14
- In honor of Mary Bertoni
- Stanley and Lois Bier (GP)
- Sari Bier ’58
- Cailyn Bier ’12
- Radha Blackman ’88
- Andrea Bloom ’84
- Sarah de Vito Brown ’85
- Anne K. Brush
- Kathryn Brush ’06
- Alex Brush ’09
- Sadelle Brussell Birnbaum (GP)
- Manel Beaudoin ’07
- Gabe Beaudoin ’11
- Buck Institute for Education (match)
- Moira Buxbaum
- Matthew Boursin ’09
- Andrew Boursin ’13
- Thomas Calhoun ’74 and Emilie Calhoun ’76
- Michael Carabotta and Karen Smith
- Elisnore Carabotta ’07
- Bendix Carabotta ’10
- Omar and Erin Carrah
- Cami Carrah ’14
- Arthur Chan ’03
- Jonathan and Gaynell Chase
- Christina Chase ’04
- Rob Chase ’82
- Lauren Cheng ’01
- Jerom Chin ’01
- Jennifer Christensen (FS)
- David Claman and Anne Clark Claman
- Alexander Claman ’13
- Kate Claman ’15
- Lucia Sedwick Claster ’75
- In honor of Bill Spencer ’75
- Rick Cobb and Patrice Paul
- Kenia Cobb ’13
- Hilary Colwell ’85 and David Thomas
- Bruce Conklin and Bonnie Preston
- Dylan Conklin ’11
- Jefferson Coombs ’85 (T)
- Bud and Peggy Cope
- Ellie Cope ’14
- Edmund Coyne ’03
- The Dagher Family
- Bekka Dagher ’12
- Andrew D’Anneo ’75
- Adam Davis and Sara Pearson
- Eleanor Davis ’08
- Olivia Davis ’12
- Jack and Mary De Shadarevian
- Melanie De Shadarevian ’10

- Doug and Noel Degnan
- Brian Degnan ’10
- Nancy Degnan ’11
- Michael and Kathy Dennison
- Tess Dennison ’13
- Alena Dennison ’14 (deceased)
- Beverly Derish (GP)
- Mitchel Scott ’08
- Isaac Scott ’12
- Mario Diaz and Mayra Hidalgo
- Mario Diaz ’13
- Matthew Donham ’92
- Dick and Sandy Drew
- The Ebke Family
- Brian Ebke ’05
- Patrick Ebke ’10
- Karen Hyde Edgarly ’79
- Jane Eiseman (GP)
- Samuel Eiseman ’09
- Katie Eiseman ’11
- Ken Ellingsbo (FS)
- Lena Ellingsbo ’09
- Lydia Ellison ’98
- Drs. Charles and Hiroko Felton (GP)
- Peter Felton ’09
- Lena Felton ’13
- Jeremy and Lorraine Fisher-Smith
- Ruby Fisher-Smith ’13
- Dora Fleming (GP)
- Wescott Owen ’14
- Jordan Forsland ’05
- Rob and Mitzi Forsland
- Jordan Forsland ’05
- Richard and Sydney Funumara (GP)
- Aidan Nelson ’14
- Colin Galassi ’04
- Eric Galassi ’02
- Len and Tracy Gall
- Taylor Gall ’14
- Ken Gallegos and Melanie Joshua
- Dezi Gallegos ’13
- Ernesto and Patricia Garcia
- Ed Garcia ’12
- Gian Garriga and Jayshree Desai
- Meera Garriga ’12
- Maria Barton Gobbi (T)
- Dirk and Sarah Godsey
- Olivia Godsey ’08
- Michael Gold ’81
- Enrique and Jovi Goldenberg (GP)
- Silvan Marcus ’11
- Laura Golson Goldman ’04
- Emily Golson ’04
- Bridget Goodman
- Elibeax Harrison ’13
- In honor of Anetha Franklin
- Mary Gratiot ’94
- Carolyn Hacker (GP)
- Andrew Klein ’09
- Emily Klein ’12
- Amanda Klein ’14
- Thomas Haddad ’90
- Janie Har ’89
- Joe (FS) and Amanda Harvey
- John Haskins ’87
- Maxwell Hayman ’05
- Lindsay Herman ’94
- Anne Haring-Hocking
- Cale Hal ’05
- Catie Hal ’09
- Grant and Catherine Hoffman
- Ben Hoffman ’13
- Claire Holton-Basaldua ’05
- Lauren Howey ’04
- Della Huff ’00
- James Hurwitz
- Becca Hurwitz ’14
I support the annual fund because I hope to provide the same opportunities to other students that my kids received. By donating to the Annual Fund I know I am contributing to every aspect of the school, including teachers, the maintenance of exceptional campus facilities, and most importantly to the students that make up the Marin Academy community.

Aracely Aguilera, parent of Amanda Aguilera ‘13 (pictured above)
Jamie (FS) and Mary Collie (T, FS)
David Colwell ‘84
Augusto Conde and Loretta Farley
Nacti Conde Farley ‘10
Deborah Johnson Cornet ‘90
Jennifer Cote (FS)
Rebecca Jonk Cowlin ‘86
in memory of Barbara Gardner
Sue Crowther (FS)
Alex Dangles ‘04
Sophia Dauria ‘11
Aubyn Demian (FS)
Charis Denison (FS)
Betsy Dimas ‘11
Noah Dobbs ‘11
Vanja Douglas ‘94
Sabra Drohan ‘78
Kate Dworkin ‘05
Peter Dworkin and Sylvia Raab
Dworkin
Kate Dworkin ‘05
Ebay Foundation (match)
David Sinaklo (FS) and Annie Elias (FS)
Maia Sinaklo ‘13
Bess Ellinger ‘80
Luke Esterkyn ‘90
Elizabeth Ezell ‘11
Jessica Fairchild ‘82
Francine Feder (GP)
Cynthia Feder ‘78
Allison Fedor ‘04
David Feder ‘07
Matt Feder ‘13
Julie Feldman
Danielle Feldman ‘96
Greer Barta Flax ‘90
Emma Franklin ‘08
Daniel Frederick and Susan McKeenan
Katrina Frederick ‘06
Guadalupe and Maria Gallardo
Marno Gallardo ‘12
Kyomi Gelber ‘03
Vanessa Gerber ‘11
Susan German-Zec ‘80
Zoe Gerry-Bullard ‘04
Gary and Laurie Giesen (FS)
Ryan Giesen ‘02
Ryan Giesen ‘02
Matthew Gill ‘96
Miyi Golshi and Dara Schur
Kazuo Hoffman ‘05
Constance (FS) and Paul Goldsmith
Ashley Goldsmith ‘01
Pilar Gongora (FS)
MariLou Graham (FS)
Zia Grossman-Vendrillo ‘11
Robert and Nancy Guibault (GP)
Sarah Guibault ‘13
David Gutierrez (FS)
Thomas Haim ‘91
Maya Halstein ‘11
Steve and Lynne Hansen (FS)
Lauren Hansen ‘13
Dashon Harris ‘11
Hailey Hayman ‘10
Erika Heiniken ‘04
Lindsey Herrema ‘03
John (FS) and Karen Hicks
Tom Hicks ‘04
Alicia Hicks ‘01
Alejandro Higareda (FS)
Leo Higareda (FS)
Catherine Hils ‘85
Catherine Hodel ‘95
Elisabeth Hodges (FS)
Terry Hove
Andrew Hove ‘11
Olivia Howard ‘11
Denise Hulett
Jasmine Hulett ‘11
Joshua Israel ‘91
Stephen and
Charlotte Iverson
Nolan Phillips ‘12
Karen Jacobsen (FS)
Adam Jaffe ‘96
Nicolette Jensen (FS)
Eric Johanson ‘11
Bryn Kahn ‘01
Megan Kallstrom ‘11
Daniel Kelhoe
Walker Kohn ‘12
Kate Kimball ‘11
David Kline and
Laura Taub
Daniel Kline ‘97
Alan Klize ‘03
Lisa Rossi Koblietz ‘75
Haruo and Hiroko Komatsu
Hayako Komatsu ‘13
Talia Krahling ‘11
Clay Krebs ‘11
Chet Kristy ‘11
Joao (FS) and
Bruce Lacey
Grant Lacey ‘06
Caitlin Lacey ‘06
Savanah Leaf ‘11
David LeCount (FS)
Alexis LeCount ‘98
Jason Lee ‘07
Greg Lentz (FS)
Caroline Levin ‘05
Adam Lewis ‘06
in honor of John Morris
and Class of ‘06
Daniel Lewis ‘03
Emily Lewis ‘11
Matthew Lewis ‘01
Matthew MacLean ‘90
Allie Magis ‘11
Dhruv Maheshwari ‘11
Julia Malkin ‘02
Aaron Mandel ‘02
Joe and Cilla Marcus (GP)
Sivan Marcus ‘11
James Marks and Edna Warneke
Heslon Marks ‘05
Caroline Maroten Olney ‘96
Dave Marshall (FS)
Grant Martin ‘05
Randi Martin (FS)
Laura Marx
Charlotta Marx ‘12
Tony Mathieson ‘10
Laura Mazza ‘04
Miles McCready ‘11
Natra McCdermott ‘89
Paul and Claire McDowell
Mason McDowell ‘11
Avery McDowell ‘14
Teri Cardinal Mendelson ‘75
Max Meyers ‘08
Cynthia Michael ‘89
Aya Mizoroki ‘07
Michael Morris (FS) and Vickie Hecht
Sean Morris ‘86
in memory of Matthew C. Clifford
Sanjil Moses (FS)
Alexandra Moulton ‘11
Susan Neuworth
in memory of Dick Warton,
GP of Rosario Bennett ‘14
Nakeba Nibbs
Destinee Bailey-Nibbs ‘14
Zakayla Bailey-Nibbs ‘14
Brandon Nicholson ‘01
David Noble ‘94
Andrew Nourafshon ‘03
Kevin O’Hehir ‘11
J O’Malley (FS)
Chloe Ouyang ‘11
Ron Paris (FS)
Heather Parker ‘82
James Pinnellino and
Cotele Wel Pinnellino
Marissa Pinnellino ‘04
James Pinnellino ‘07
Michael Perlstein ‘10
John Petrovsky (FS)
Jim Phillips and Jana Volejnikova
Nolan Phillips ‘12
Matthew Pier ‘10
Larisa Pier ‘04
Spencer Porter ‘01
Beth Rader
Eleanor Rader ‘05
Julie Ramseier ‘11
Kevin Rees (FS)
Jason Rezaian ‘94
Leonard Richardson ‘78
In honor of
Danielle Plum ‘79
Mary Riddle ‘05
Laurel Roberts-Meesa ‘04
Alvaro and Lidia Rodriguez
Alvaro Rodriguez ‘10
Kristi Rogers ‘11
Nico Saarman ‘11
Trixie Sabundayo (FS) and Josh
Frechette (FS)
Lai Saechoa ‘11
Eric Sanford ‘78
Gary and Ann Sangervasi
Sebastian Sangervasi ‘10
Alda Schafer (FS)
Alexander Schafgans ‘00
Maddy Scheer ‘11
Bob Schleeter (FS) and Julie Block
Ryan Schleeter ‘09
Andrew Schleeter ‘12
Jeff Schneider and Jane Denton
Ben Denton-Schneider ‘07
Jonathan Denton-Schneider ‘08
Maria Servello ‘91
Hannah Shang ‘11
Taylor Shell ‘04
Allen Shepard and
Carola Sullam Shepard
Victoria Shepard ‘04
James Singer ‘07
Jeanne Marie Sinnott ‘02
Burton G. Sklarin, M.D. and
Ann Sklarin (GP)
Emma Sklarin ‘14
Alessandria
Springmarin ‘03
Nicole Stanton (T, FS)
Rachel Stewart
Noah Genon-Zesiger ‘07
Will Zesiger ‘13
Katie Zesiger ‘14
Jiahzen Zhang (FS)
Anonymous (S)
**Endowed Funds**

**Unrestricted Endowment**
Unrestricted endowment gifts provide the most flexibility and enable the school to apply resources where they are most needed. We gratefully acknowledge gifts from the following individuals and foundations:

- Katie Blum Berryhill ’86
- Anne K. Brush
- Ken and Betsey Cheitlin
- David and Erin Elliott
- The Joanne and Peter E. Haas, Jr. Fund of the Marin Community Foundation
- The Josephine B. Haas Fund of the Marin Community Foundation
- The Margaret E. Haas Fund of the Marin Community Foundation

**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.

- Stuart Bewley and Donna Moltuk

**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.

**H. D. Thoreau Chair**
The Henry David Thoreau Endowed Faculty Chair was established in 2006 by Peter and Mimi Buckey 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**
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.

- Jan Benes and Vera Houdek-Benes

**Carol L. Morse Scholarship Fund**
Carol L. Morse served on the Board of Trustees of Marin Academy for five years and was a devoted member of the MA community. She passed away in June 2006. As an 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
- The Brindley Family

**James F. Thacher Endowment**
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 by a generous Marin Academy family to begin to ensure the future financial viability of the Conference on Democracy.

**The Bodie Brizendine Visiting Scholars Fund**
This endowment was established in 2007 in honor of Bodie Brizendine’s accomplishments as head of School from 1995 to 2007. The income from the Brizendine Visiting Scholar-in-Residence annually at Marin Academy.

- Len Gensburg and Debbie Thai
- Mrs. Roselyne C. Swig

**Special Gifts**

**Here and Now Initiative**
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.

- 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.
- We are deeply grateful to the following donors to the Here and Now initiative for their generous support during the 2010–2011 fiscal year.

- The Hellman Family Foundation, at the request of Richard and Tricia Gibbs
- Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Hellman
- Robert and Jennifer Leathers
- Patte McDowell
- Anonymous (2)

**Restricted Financial Aid**

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  - Making Waves Foundation
  - Jeff and Laurie Ubben
  - Anonymous

**Program Support**

- Richard and Judith Burns
  - In memory of Bea Heim
- David Claman and Anne Clark Claman
  - In memory of Bea Heim
- Dr. Maria Cooper
  - In memory of John Cooper
- John and Christine Foote
  - In memory of Bea Heim
- Dixon Long
- James Shipman
- Tamalpais Aquatic Master
- Ron Zeff
- Anonymous (2)

**Crossroads Program**
Robert and Jennifer Leathers

**Gifts-in-Kind**
Michael and Anne Parish

**The Sequoia Circle**
The Sequoia Circle is a recognition society that honors founders, parents, alumni parents, alumni, 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.

- Mark Battat ’79
- Nancy and David Cherney
- Chris and Penny Jay
- Timothy Johnson
- The Keon-Vitale Family
- Brenda and Don MacLean
- Robert McCaskill
- William and Peggy Spencer

**Library**

- Harvey and Linda Abernethy
  - Beverly Alexander
  - Don Babior and Lucy Puls
  - Gregg and Jerilyn Baumbbaugh
  - Patrick Bennett and Maria Warton Bennett ’79
  - Don Blasky and Pamela Meyer
  - Jeff Chasin and Karen Lovdahl
  - Ken and Betsey Cheitlin
  - Robin Crabill and Sandra Soklin
  - Jeff Chanin and Karen Lovdahl
  - Don Blasky and Pamela Meyer
  - Maria Warton Bennett ’79

- Michael Pollan and Judith Belzer
- James and Diane Reed
- Alan and Janine Reid
- Tom and Susan Reinhart
- Edward Rich and Laurie Miller
- Kent Rowett and Sandra Young Rowett
- John and Donna Schneider
- Gordon and Marilyn Shank
- Larry Smith and Susan Boman-Smith
- Ray St. Francis and Susan Peterson
- Bill Whistler and Natalie Wilson

**Annual Report**
The Annual Report reflects gifts received between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. The Office of Institutional Advancement makes every effort to check the accuracy of this report. We sincerely regret any errors or omissions that may have escaped our scrutiny. Every contribution to Marin Academy makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.
Before the Corte Madera shopping center was built, MA students were exploring the local terrain. This photograph is one of Derek Anderson’s favorites from the MA archives. Do you know the identity of this adventurous lad? Please let us know!

2011-2012
Calendar of Events

November
18  Chamber Music Concert
23  Grandparents and Special Friends Day
   Young Alumni Luncheon

December
1–3  Chorus/Roots/World Music Concert

January
9  MA Music Alums Concert
12–14  Rock/Soul/Acoustic/Jazz Concert

February
1–4  Winter Theater Production
7–10  Literary Festival

March
17  MAarket Night, Spring Fundraiser
22–24  Spring Theater Production

April
19–21  Chorus/Roots/ World Music Concert
24  Math Night

May
3–5  Jazz/Rock Concert
3–7  MA Art Show
11  Dance Concert
18  Chamber Music Concert

June
2  Graduation

TBD  Thirteenth Annual Thacher Lecture
Members of the Marin Academy Beekeeping Club learn best practices in organic beekeeping by managing three hives on campus. The removable frame allows students to see inside the hive and experience the colony at close range. Students use veils, suits, gloves, and boots for full protection from stings, as well as the tools of the trade: a hive tool and a smoker.