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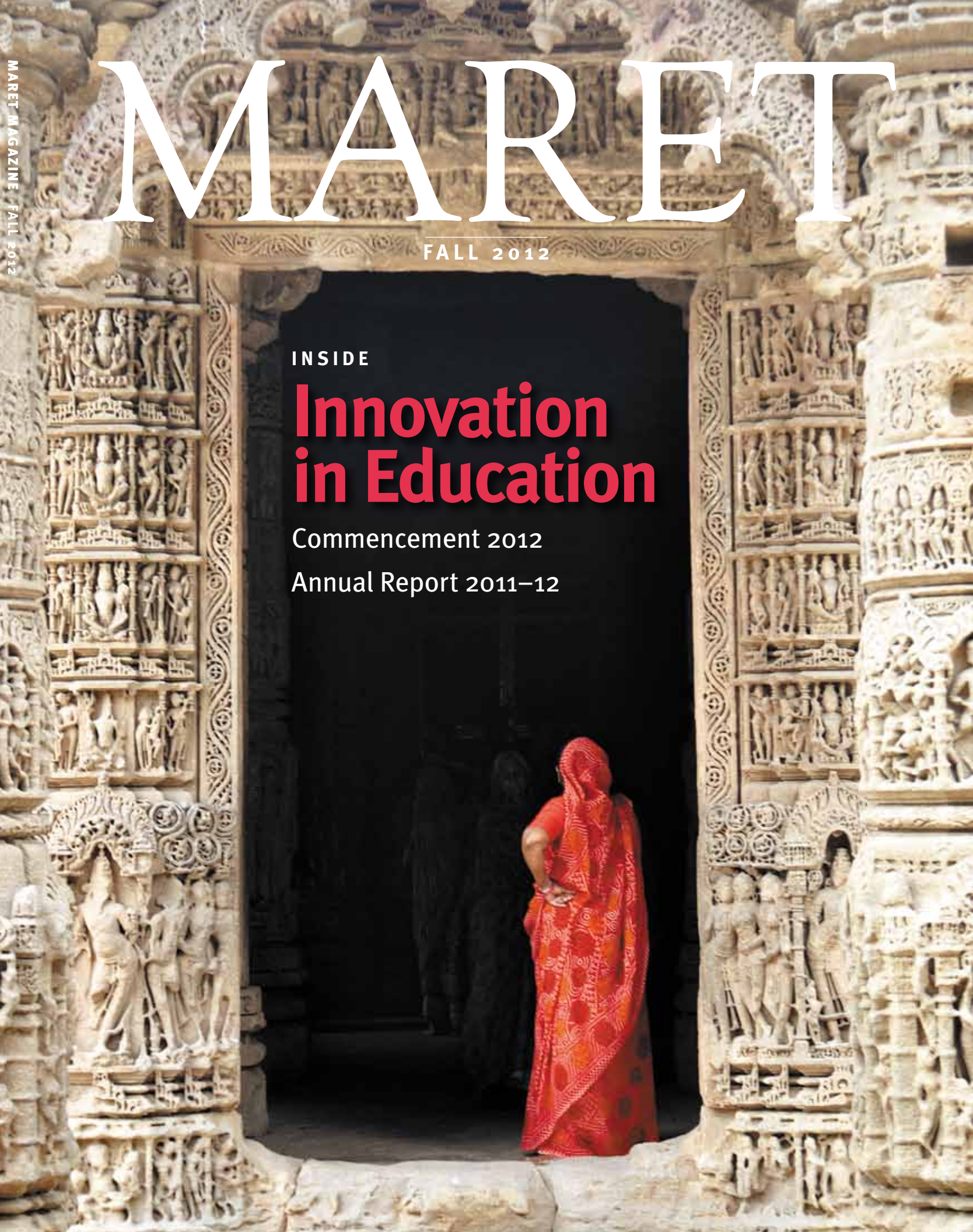
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Front cover: The Modhera Sun Temple is in Gujarat in Western India. This photo was taken by student Naomi Shroff-Mehta '14 during Maret's inaugural summer trip to India. Students also traveled to France and Sanibel, Florida. (See p. 23.)



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Head's Greeting

The quiet of summer has given way to the excitement of the first weeks of school. The pulse of anticipation and expectation is palpable. When I came onto campus for my initial interview nearly 20 years ago, it was this very energy that drew me so strongly to Maret.

Innovation in education is the theme of this issue's feature article. Innovation is second nature at Maret. Responding to the evolving educational landscape fuels the creative spirit, allowing teachers to thrive. In return, our students are exposed to new ideas, new methods of inquiry, and a substantive curriculum.

In just three years, we have increased our faculty of color to 25%. We also created a Case Institute initiative called "Deepening the Discussion on Race"; fifteen faculty participated this summer—with a waiting list for next year. Again, through summer institute initiatives, our Math Department revamped the sixth through eleventh grade math curriculum to more effectively teach creative problem solving. The Centennial brought our community together, celebrated our history, and secured Maret's continued success by doubling the endowment and solidifying a culture of philanthropy. The Annual Report in this issue of *Maret Magazine* highlights

your generosity as it celebrates another record-breaking year for the Annual Fund and the Scholarship Auction.

Sometimes we evaluate such markers of progress with numbers or by comparisons to our peer schools. By these measures, Maret fares exceptionally well. Mere numbers, however, do not explain how we manage to serve our students so uniquely; they don't account for our ethos and the way in which we define excellence. Excellent programs are authentic and we measure success in terms of student experiences. Excellence is defined by the progressive acquisition of skills and summation of achievement in *all* of our core values. We provide each student with plentiful opportunities to experience success and discover his or her personal level of excellence.

From a tiny French-language school in 1911, Maret has matured into an extraordinary institution that rightly claims its place among the nation's strongest independent schools. We will continue to ask, "Where are we going?" With our sixth Playbook as a blueprint, we are ready to develop strategies to direct our journey and ensure excellence—in all the ways we define it—so that our school will continue to be relevant and viable throughout its second century.



PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN

Our current Strategic Plan—*Framework for the Future*—articulates the School's vision through 2017. While such documents often gather dust on a shelf, Maret's plan inspires action. The Administrative Team and the Board of Trustees annually evaluate progress on strategic goals and objectives to better plan for the coming year. The results are documented in an annual Strategic Plan Playbook—now on version six.

In the coming months, we will assess our progress at the halfway point, in order to better set our priorities for the next five years. This summer, while looking out at the misty harbor in Port Clyde, Maine, I sketched out the long and varied list of what has been accomplished over the past five years. That list truly speaks to Maret's culture of engagement.

May's 2016



Lower school students look at the different stages of bird egg development and hatching during a Lifecycles project. Pictured here (l. to r.): Nia Lewis '22, Jose Merino '22, Robbie Engelberg '22, and Ro Barrett '22.

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Innovation IN EDUCATION

MARET SOARS
BEYOND THE
TRADITIONAL
CLASSROOM

BY SARAH VALENTE

It's safe to say that since the earliest days of formal education, no era has seen such tremendous change, in such rapid succession, as has the 21st century. Today's classroom is constantly evolving; greater insights into the human intellect, rapidly changing technology, and ever-expanding access to information continually transform the way teachers teach and students learn.

Beyond Paper and Chalk

HUMANITIES AT MARET

More than any other subject, humanities is most closely associated with books and lectures. Humanities at Maret soar well beyond the printed page and blackboard. At any given moment a class may be incorporating words, pictures, and music in digital storytelling... generating a graphic novel in comic book format...creating a state-of-the-art Prezi presentation... tapping out a 140-character Twitter novella in the style of *Wuthering Heights*...placing a novel in its historical setting with the use of technology research and electronic note cards...filming a persuasive documentary to change public habit or opinion...writing a civil liberties handbook...registering voters for the upcoming elections...using Google Maps and Google World to delve deeply into the study of other countries. With state-of-the-art technology, teachers who are motivated to experiment, and students who are eager to probe, the experiential aspects of literature, writing, history, and world events are richer than ever at Maret.



PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN

▲ Humanities teacher Bill Bravman works with students Naiya Speight-Leggett '15, Alex Peltier '15, and Lina Freeman '15 in history class.

Did you know? STEM is in the classroom...

Problem-solving, discovery, and exploratory learning are the springboards for the way science and mathematics are taught at Maret. This type of teaching, which melds Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, is commonly referred to as STEM. The ideas behind STEM are to encourage students to actively engage in a situation in order to find its solution and to find relationships between the science in the classroom and real-world applications. At Maret this starts in the primary grades and is the focus of the students' exploration in science and mathematics, K–12.



A leader in education innovation, Maret is not content to merely keep pace with the “21st-century classroom”; Maret aims to pioneer improvements in the way schools approach schooling, developing cutting-edge advancements that will positively affect young learners and the faculty who mentor them from kindergarten through graduation.

Innovations in education begin with teachers who are willing to think beyond the “tried and true.” Maret’s groundbreaking Case Institute for Curricular Innovation and



Maret sixth graders in partnership with the Washington Middle School for Girls volunteer at So Others Might Eat in Washington, DC, as part of their service learning program.

Excellence was founded in 2008 to nurture creativity and collaboration among teachers, enabling them to integrate the best educational research and practices with boundary-breaking originality so that students acquire the essential skills to succeed in tomorrow's world. A vibrant program that capitalizes on Maret's passion to transform traditional curriculum, the Case Institute provides time and resources for faculty to work in tandem over the summer, drawing on their collective wisdom and imagination to create new

programs—or enhance existing ones. To be selected, applicants must submit a detailed proposal about the areas they want to explore and the outcomes they want to achieve. If selected, teachers receive a summer salary and significant support from Maret's leadership. "It's really a novel program," says Director of Academic Affairs **Kathy Sweeney-Hammond**. "I can't think of another school that actively incentivizes teachers to think outside the box in this manner." Ms. Sweeney-Hammond stresses that the Institute is not a think tank.

PHOTO BY ELIZA ALEXANDER

▼ Faculty members participated in a "Deepening the Discussion on Diversity" workshop during the summer as part of the Case Institute for Curriculum Innovation and Excellence.



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Not Just a Think Tank IDEAS AT WORK

Now in its fifth summer, the Case Institute for Curricular Innovation and Excellence has produced many impressive initiatives that stimulate Maret students at all grade levels. One program studied ways in which lower school resource and homeroom teachers could connect more closely with one another—and their curriculum—for a richer, more cohesive classroom experience. The second grade "Lifecycles" project, which melds science, art, and writing, is just one outcome of this institute initiative's recommendations.

Math institute initiatives began by making an in-depth examination of the sixth grade math curriculum and have advanced by grade level. The recently concluded fourth math institute initiative studied improvements to Maret's Algebra 2 & Trigonometry and Precalculus courses. Over the years, teams of math teachers have collaborated to align Maret's core program with evolving national standards. They've also reordered and resequenced classroom topics to include complex problem-solving. The overarching goal of the ongoing math institute initiatives is to develop analytical thinkers who are capable of solving open-ended problems and to encourage students to take risks and learn from their mistakes. Kathy Sweeney-Hammond is particularly impressed with the results: "They have been transformative in the way mathematics is approached at Maret."

► Upper school students study in the Kendall Room in the Library and Center for Inquiry.

“TODAY’S CLASSROOM IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING. MARET IS POISED TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THAT EVOLUTION.”

—Head of School Marjo Talbott

PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN



“The work must be product-focused. We want programs and projects that we can actually take into the classroom and implement.”

Older students are particularly keen on innovations that give them greater academic independence, allowing them to pursue a particular interest at a pace or a depth not accommodated in a typical classroom setting. One example is the Java programming class, taught by math teacher and Eighth Grade Dean **Nigel Cosh**; the idea evolved during Mr. Cosh’s Case Institute experience. “I researched, compiled, and edited online instruction from leading universities, such as Stanford, then de-

veloped a yearlong curriculum that students master at their own speed.” Mr. Cosh meets with his students on a weekly basis to answer their questions, clarify their assumptions, and check their progress. It’s a college-level approach to teaching: not quite an independent study, but far from a traditional high school experience. Mr. Cosh foresees ways in which similar “blended learning” classes could be introduced in other departments at Maret. “It has the potential to allow us to offer more courses than we normally could, given the reality of most teachers’ schedules. Classes with relevant but limited appeal could be offered



Did you know? Frogbotics helps senior citizens...

Inspired by their seventh grade robotics class, students continue their enthusiasm through the “Frogbotics” robotic team, which competes in the First Lego League robotics challenge. This year’s project focused on using robots to help senior citizens become more independent, engaged, and connected in the modern world, and the team won first place in the Division II tournament.

without having to carve time from the already full academic roster.”

The past several years have seen a tremendous sea change in the many progressive ways Maret integrates technology inside the classroom and out. Nowhere is this more evident than in the new Library and Center for Inquiry, designed to infuse the latest technology, research, and methodology into all aspects of the school’s middle and upper school curriculum. The Center supports Maret’s commitment to the holistic development of every student by nurturing intellectual inquiry, exploration, and critical thinking. With the

help of Instructional Technology Coordinator **Erika Eason**, teachers are trained to use technology to generate new programs and breathe new life into long-standing lessons. “Really good ideas that have worked for years have suddenly become *fantastic* ideas,” exclaims Humanities Department Chair **Claire Pettengill**. “It’s thrilling to see traditional humanities projects take on new life.” Ms. Pettengill is particularly impressed by the myriad ways in which Haiku—an electronic learning management system—has transformed classrooms schoolwide. Haiku takes the online classroom resource, Blackboard,

Innovation HINGES ON CREATIVITY

Ingenuity and creativity go hand-in-hand. That’s one reason why Maret’s deep commitment to the arts is so important. Maret was one of the first and only schools in the area to require all students from kindergarten through ninth grade to take both a yearly performing arts and fine arts class. Students K–7 focus on instruments and vocal skills; in addition, fifth graders are offered a course in playwriting. Seventh grade drama is a required class; by eighth and ninth grade, students may opt to study acting and stagecraft in lieu of music. From K–12, Maret offers instruction in the widest range of multidimensional media: drawing, painting, collage, sculpting, portraiture, photography, and public art installations, to name a few. Maret students have earned numerous national art awards and are recognized consistently as some of the best young artists in the country.

► Science teacher and Assistant Director of the Lower School Chris Appleby '80 sits in with the fourth grade last spring on Science Day as the fourth graders present their science projects.

“THE CASE INSTITUTE ALLOWS TEACHERS TO TAKE IDEAS AND MOLD THEM INTO ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES THAT TRANSFORM THEIR WORK IN THE CLASSROOM.”

—Director of College Counseling
Blake Spraggins



PHOTO BY CADE MARTIN

a huge leap forward, allowing teachers and students to design content in an interactive, visually dynamic format. Blogs, videos, Wikispaces, and discussion forums are just a few of the ways students can tackle assignments via the ever-expanding arena of teacher-student and student-student discourse. Haiku has a profound teacher-to-teacher benefit as well: colleagues are able to share the content of their class curriculum, allowing one another to build upon the work that has already been accomplished and enhance the skills being taught from class to class or grade to grade.

Relevance—it’s a benchmark when it comes to effective innovations in teaching: can students apply knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world/real-life settings? Among

local independent schools, Maret was a pioneer in developing a particularly meaningful offshoot of experiential learning, the Service Learning curriculum. Service Learning meshes in-school academics and off-campus service experiences. In 2002, seed money from a generous Edward E. Ford Foundation grant helped Director of Service Learning **Eliza Alexander** and her colleagues develop the prototype for Maret’s Service Learning program. It’s predicated on *Relationships* (deepened through the experience), *Reciprocity* (real community needs must be met), *Rigor* (the work must reflect Maret’s high academic standards), and *Relevance* (the services performed must be connected to the subject matter studied in the classroom).



Did you know? Project Zero makes learning visible...

Eight Maret humanities teachers from across divisions have participated in Harvard University's renowned "Project Zero," which looks at ways to improve education. The "Making Learning Visible" program tracks student progress by giving young learners a tangible routine for analyzing problems and measuring results.

From kindergarten through freshman year, every Maret student is engaged in collaborative grade-wide or division-wide Service Learning projects. Starting in tenth grade, Service Learning is embedded in numerous electives. A recent example is the collaboration between science teacher **Jeanne Deslich**'s Environmental Science class and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting. Eager to add a "Youth Voices" segment to the PCCR program, the Center developed an extraordinary research and reporting project based on the theme of water. Leading journalists met with the class in person or via Skype, sharing tips and insights on environmental news coverage and investigative reporting. Meanwhile, Maret students took

their lab and textbook learning to the streets of Washington, DC to study water quality, pollution, storm water, and drain runoff. After analyzing their samples, the young scientists donned their journalists' hats, reporting via video on their findings and the implications DC water quality might have locally, nationally, and internationally. "Students were challenged to integrate a huge range of skill sets," enthused Ms. Alexander. "They conducted original research and honed their reflection, reporting, presentation, videography, and technology skills." Of primary importance was the "a-ha" moment when students grasped the cause and effect between their hometown water supply and that in Charleston or Calcutta.

Hands-On Learning

HEADS ABOVE THE REST

Experiential learning is not unique to Maret; what is unique is the many imaginative ways it is introduced at all grade levels. "Maret has students from kindergarten through high school all on one campus, which allows us to approach experiential learning in a truly innovative manner," explains Head of School **Marjo Talbott**. One example is the popular "shad project," which teams lower school students with members of the upper school Chemistry in the Community class. Together they maintain a shad-friendly water environment, harvest shad eggs, and release the maturing fish into the Anacostia River with the Anacostia Watershed Society, helping to replenish the city's dwindling shad population. The collaboration allows both grades to bring their own special curiosity and skill sets to the project, learning from one another in a manner that's not only informative, but *relevant* to the world around them.

► Middle schoolers work with clay during art class.

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Charting New Territories

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Global learning is another area where Maret is charting new territory. Among the many travel/study options—some choices recently have included Honduras, France, Spain, China, and Ethiopia—Maret's first-ever trip to India over the summer was truly groundbreaking. Maret parent **Preeti Shroff-Mehta** introduced members of the Maret Humanities team to the Shreyas Foundation, whose vision is to "create an ecosystem for learning that enables its student to explore their heritage, discover their true potential, understand their responsibility as global citizens, ignite in them creativity and curiosity to question boundaries, and instills in them the desire, capability, and self-confidence to pursue excellence," goals closely aligned with Maret's. This year, a group of seven students and three faculty members spent more than four weeks in India, staying with local residents and working primarily at the Shreyas School, a K-12 learning environment grounded in Gandhian philosophy. Students partnered with Shreyas students to work collaboratively on the preparation and filming of the school's annual cultural festival. In addition to their time on campus, the Maret team spent three days at an ashram founded by Mahatma Gandhi, immersed in the study of Gandhian philosophy. Students also experienced a more challenging side of Indian life, shadowing—and residing with—families in poverty-stricken Ahmedabad, a city of more than six million residents. In addition, they participated in projects sponsored by the Self-Employed Women's Organization and Eklazyia, an NGO that protects the rights of indigenous craftspeople. The trip was certainly eye-opening; Maret students reflected on their experience through blogs and digital storytelling. Humanities teacher **Bill Bravman** was part of the India trip. When asked about his aspirations he replied, "I hope the experience makes students more reflective and influences how they act in their own lives and communities, starting with Maret."



Being exposed to imaginative learning strategies has led many Maret students to become pioneers in their own right, charting new territories and pushing traditional boundaries. The School's Senior Project program encourages soon-to-be-graduates to spread their wings and test their intellect in remarkable ways. Often, a student's entrepreneurial efforts benefit the entire school community; in other instances, this can-do spirit has led enterprising high school students to start their own businesses or non-profit organizations. **Gawan Fiore '12** founded Color My World, a non-profit that

collects crayons from restaurants and recycles/redistributes them to kids in need. Self-taught in iPhone programming, **Nick Troccoli '12** has been developing a new Maret School app that could potentially replace the daily school bulletin. Some enterprising students, like **Max Kanefield '15**, who recently started a business selling subscriptions to sports crossword puzzles and word searches, turn their innovations into money-makers. Best of all, the inquisitiveness, ingenuity, and independent thinking fostered at Maret serve alumni through college—and beyond. Class of 2004 graduate



Financial Stability FUELED BY INGENUITY

More often than not, a sound fiscal policy is a conservative fiscal policy; “creativity” and “money matters” are often seen as mutually exclusive. Not at Maret, where responsible yet innovative financial planning and management helps assure the School’s stability. In spring 2008—prior to the nationwide recession—Maret’s Board of Trustees formed a Fiscal Sustainability Task Force. The Board of Trustees adopted several goals for Financial Sustainability and a working five-year financial model that guides financial management each year. The goals are:

- Bring tuition increases in line with COLA over time
- Increase financial aid and maintain competitive faculty compensation
- Focus on core mission priorities and enforce rigorous cost management
- Reduce rate of tuition increases
- Review key program and cost performance metrics regularly

When the economy slumped, Maret was ahead of its peers, ready to engage in thoughtful cost-cutting measures and to implement income-optimizing creativity. Today, while most independent schools rely on “expense-based budgeting,” Maret establishes its annual budget based on its Mission and Strategic Goals. Over the past four years, Maret has reduced the average annual tuition increase from 6% to 3.4% by consciously and prudently examining how income is allocated. In addition, during this time, we have increased financial aid, ensured increasingly competitive faculty compensation, and created additional meaningful programs reinforcing excellence in our curriculum.

None of this would have been possible without forward-thinking on the part of the School’s leadership—and the generosity of Maret’s donors. Maret’s Annual Fund and Scholarship Auction are widely recognized to be two of the most successful fundraising initiatives among independent day schools. Special campaigns, such as the Centennial Second Century Campaign, ingeniously motivated alumni and generations of Maret parents and friends to double the size of the School’s endowment.

Annie Hirschhorn sums up her experience with enthusiasm, “Maret taught me how to be an open-minded, risk-taking student, person, and teacher, and I will be grateful to Maret for that always! My Yale peers were blown away that I had already taken classes like African American Literature, Civil Liberties, and History of Asia, and I felt both knowledgeable and excited to share all I had learned.”

Sarah Valente is a freelance copywriter and creative director. She is the mother of Clair Kettler ’05 and Brooke Kettler ’10.

Did you know? iPads teach biology...



In the Case Institute this summer, science teacher Paula Cuello wrote an interactive textbook for the iPad to be used in the ninth grade Biology curriculum, offering video tutorials on how to use the School’s cutting-edge digital microscopes.

Alumni Profiles

BY ESER OZDEGER

JESSE M. PINES '91



Jesse M. Pines '91

PHOTO BY LORI USCHER-PINES

In looking at the path that **Jesse Pines '91** has taken since leaving Maret, one thing is clear: he is driven. It's not just the impressive and extensive accomplishments he has achieved since graduation, for there are many, but it's the passion for and depth of his work that is remarkable.

Jesse's love of science, in his own words, came from, "an early exposure to applied science on Sanibel VIII with **John Peterson**, [which] planted an early seed for a career in science and medicine." After Jesse graduated from Maret,

he continued on to the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Biological Basis of Behavior. Although he decided to attend medical school during college, Jesse took a year off to work in several different jobs, starting that summer as a teaching assistant for Maret's Sanibel program.

Jesse's other internships that year included working in the U.S. Senate with Joseph Lieberman, at the White House in the Domestic Policy Council on healthcare issues, and as a research assistant at Schering-Plough Research Institute on drug development related to eating and metabolism. With a busy and experienced-filled year behind him, Jesse entered Georgetown University's medical school in 1996, ready for the rigor and challenges that lay ahead.

Once in medical school, Jesse applied for the MBA program as well and completed his MD-MBA in 2001. An interesting path, Jesse explains, "I chose the combined degree because of my interest in business of medicine and entrepreneurship, and at the urging of my father, **Wayne Pines**, and brother, **Noah Pines '89**, both of whom are involved in health care. In those five years, I had several opportunities that shaped my future career, including working on cost-effectiveness research and helping form a biotechnology venture capital fund."

Towards the end of those years, Jesse discovered an interest in emergency medicine. "During my clinical rotations, I really loved the fast-paced environment of the ED and the variety. There was never a dull moment," he recalls. So, Jesse was off to University of Virginia where his next adventures in a three-year internship and residency program in emergency medicine awaited him. During his time at U.Va., Jesse continued to nurture his passion for research, founding and directing an undergraduate course on clinical research in emergency medicine.

Jesse knew his next steps would need to involve a "robust research environment," which led him to the University of Pennsylvania. He

worked as a research fellow in the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics and completed a Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology in 2007. During this period, Jesse worked as an attending emergency physician and eventually became an assistant professor in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Epidemiology. He also began writing for Slate.com on healthcare issues. This foray into publishing was just the beginning of an extensive writing career that continues today. Jesse has written a number of papers, both in academic peer-reviewed literature and mainstream media; he continues to write a regular column for Time.com, and is currently working on his third book, which focuses on the intersection between emergency medicine and public health. His other two books also focus on emergency care, one on visual diagnosis and the other on diagnostic testing and clinical decision rules. Jesse credits his love for writing to "a great education in writing by Maret's English teachers (like **Bob Caiola**), [who] helped me learn how to communicate and frame arguments."

In 2010, Jesse, and his wife, Lori Uscher-Pines, moved back to the DC area to be closer to family, which they value greatly with their three young children. Jesse is now an associate professor in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Health Policy at George Washington University and Director of the Center for Health Care Quality. He is the principal investigator of Urgent Matters (funded by RWJF), a project aimed at improving emergency department crowding and quality of care. In addition to continuing to work as an attending physician and conduct research at GW, Jesse joined the newly formed Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (part of the federal government) as a senior advisor in the Rapid-Cycle Evaluation Unit to explore changes in payment and delivery system reform related to emergency care. He also serves as a part-time consultant for the National Quality Forum working on national measures for patient safety and quality.

Jesse is passionate about creating better, safer systems for the acutely ill and injured. He says, "Emergency department crowding has affected most of us who have been to the ED as patients, or with family members. My long-term vision for the future is a much more patient-centered care system where people don't have to wait for long periods before getting care in the ED or their doctor's office." Jesse believes his drive and commitment stem from lessons learned at Maret. He remembers meeting Coach **Nick Markoff** on his first day of third grade in 1981. "[He] coached me over the years in football, wrestling, and baseball. The two major lessons he gave me are the importance of teamwork to success on the field and in life, and the importance of perseverance." Jesse's perseverance has certainly paid off and will continue to benefit the greater good for years to come.

SUVI GEZARI STOCK '95

When most of us look up at a clear, beautiful night sky, we see the stars and the moon, but **Suvi Gezari Stock '95** is trained to see something more. With a Ph.D. in astronomy, Suvi has spent the past seven years searching for black holes caught in the act of ripping apart and consuming a star.

Suvi's path to a career in science began early with her love of math and science classes at Maret. After graduation, she went to Brown University and decided to become a math and physics major. However, Suvi reflects, "it was my first exposure to astronomy research during a summer NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates program at the Maria Mitchell Observatory on Nantucket that got me hooked on becoming a professional research scientist. Astronomy research was appealing to me because it involved technical and mathematical skills, and addressed big questions about the nature of the universe and its contents."

After graduating from Brown with honors, Suvi moved out west to pursue her love of the stars at UCLA where she completed her master's in astronomy. Suvi was not destined to stay in California long term, and after finishing her studies at UCLA, she moved back east to work on her Ph.D. in astronomy at Columbia University. She did circle back to Caltech, however, as a Voluntary International Postdoctoral Fellow. Suvi returned to Baltimore as a Hubble Fellow at Johns Hopkins and has remained in the area since.

Suvi is now an assistant professor at University of Maryland continuing her research on black holes and the consumption of stars. She enthusiastically explains, "Such an event is exciting, because detailed observations of the flare of radiation that results from the black hole consuming the star can be used to weigh black holes in distant galaxies, which are otherwise undetectable. An unlucky star only rarely passes close enough to a black hole to be torn apart by its gravitational forces, thus we must monitor hundreds of thousands of galaxies to be lucky enough to catch one of these events."

Suvi leads the team that uses the ultraviolet NASA space telescope, GALEX, to detect these rare occurrences in space. It takes several years of surveying the sky to discover the black holes interacting with the stars in this remarkable way. Suvi has been fortunate enough to discover four events so far, the most recent one reported in the May 2012 issue of *Nature* magazine.



Suvi Gezari Stock '95

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUVI GEZARI STOCK '95

"Maret was a wonderful environment to learn science and the humanities."

The nature of Suvi's work takes patience and confidence. She attributes her skills in these areas to many classes and teachers at Maret. Suvi acknowledges, "Maret was a wonderful environment to learn science and the humanities. My first exposure to physics was at Maret, and was critical in giving me the confidence to become a physics major at Brown. The wonderful array of courses available at Maret was very similar to the many choices available in the open curriculum at Brown, and definitely prepared me for the more advanced specialty courses."

She also credits her most influential teachers and mentors at Maret. Suvi mentions humanities teacher and former college counselor **Leonard King**, who she felt took great care of her and her classmates to ensure their success and help them find the right path to college. Not surprisingly, she lauds former science department chair and Director of Academic Affairs **Kathy Sweeney-Hammond** for her "chemistry class, which was demanding, but taught so effectively, that even those not destined for a career in science excelled in the class."

Suvi juggles her challenging career with the equally demanding job of raising her one-year-old son, who she brags, as proud mothers are wont to do, "is the cutest, sweetest, and smartest person I know." When asked what she sees herself doing in the future, she quips "[I hope to] send my son to Brown, and in 30 years help in his election campaign for Senator!" In terms of her own future, Suvi is over the moon, pun intended, to be a professor at University of Maryland. She looks forward to continuing her astronomy research in the coming years and working towards, she hopes, tenure. "It has been my dream to become a professor, and I am so thrilled that my dream has come true."

With the vast universe before her, Suvi will continue to search the depths of the sky, making discoveries along the way that were, at one time, only found in dreams.

Alumni Profiles

SETH CARMICHAEL '92

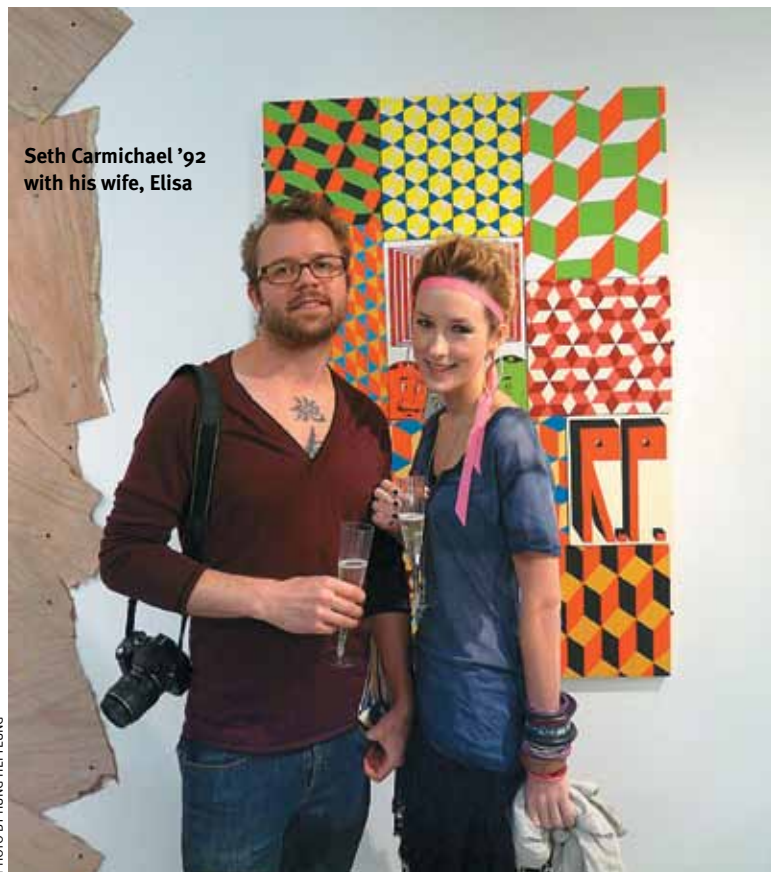
Gallery owner, curator and magazine publisher, former independent film producer and publicist, dot-com entrepreneur and never-ending adventurer, **Seth Carmichael '92** is a creative and dynamic individual who has spent his life taking risks others would never take. By following an unorthodox path, Seth's life has taken twists and turns that have been at times unexpected, but always fulfilling and ultimately successful.

Seth credits Maret for helping him develop a “multifaceted skillset [that he has] used again and again to adapt and survive,” particularly during ninth grade. “Three people really helped me stay at Maret and, more importantly, get my life together that year,” he recalls. “**Bob Caiola** (then assistant headmaster), **Nick Markoff** (then head of the Athletics Department) and my classmate **Anne Clinton '92**.” While Mr. Caiola fostered Seth's love for the outdoors, with Coach Markoff, he developed a passion for sports: “[Coach Markoff] empowered me in a way that few others have done in my life, and enabled me to find a strength I never knew I had, which has helped me to overcome many challenges in years since.”

After graduating from Maret, Seth ventured to the West Coast to attend Evergreen State College in Washington State; while he enjoyed the time he spent there, it made him realize that the education he wanted could only come from experience. He spent time traveling, taking workshops, going to seminars, and working various jobs around the U.S. until 1995, when his pioneering activity online led to a position at the Global Business Network (GBN), a think tank in Emeryville, California that had a well-known history of being at the cutting edge of technology. Seth explains, “I got very excited about the way the World Wide Web was changing our lives and I started sharing that excitement with everyone I met.”

In 1996, Seth moved back to DC and started his first dot-com company. He rode out the early wave with several start ups, but decided to radically change his life again in 1999, just as everyone seemed to be getting in. An adventurer at heart, Seth spent all of his free time exploring, including mountain climbing in Ecuador, learning Brazilian Capoeira, studying homeopathy, and practicing sky diving before discovering his interest in independent filmmaking, a passion that was to take over his life for many years. He headed up to New York University in 1999, took some classes, and “did everything I could to open doors: spammed out my resume, drove trucks on commercial shoots, worked as a grip on industrial videos, served coffee and waited countless hours in the cold telling people to keep quiet. It's a hard business to break into and you have to be willing to say yes to anything, but I quickly discovered I had a knack for the production side of things and my career actually took off very fast.”

From 2000–2005, Seth production managed, co-produced, and produced a number of independent feature films, including the 2004 Sundance Special Jury Prize winner, *Brother to Brother*, and the 2005



Seth Carmichael '92
with his wife, Elisa

Showtime Original, *Shooting Livien*. “I discovered that I loved the film festival circuit as much as I loved making films and founded an independent film PR, sales and marketing company that specialized in helping filmmakers navigate the global festival arena. I represented films at every major film festival from Sundance to Cannes (where I met my wife, Elisa), including numerous prize winners.”

In 2005, Seth moved to Los Angeles with his wife to work for Goldcrest Films International to help re-launch the company's film finance, production, and international sales divisions. In early 2007, Seth was approached by 20th Century Fox to manage acquisitions of independent films for the Home Entertainment division, but his life quickly took one more turn. With Elisa, Seth decided to open an art gallery. He had some previous experience in the art world, having co-run a small gallery in New York in 2001, and had already begun to curate pop-up exhibitions in Los Angeles. This time, however, Seth wanted a place of his own. Today, Carmichael Gallery's program includes a range of artists breaking ground in painting, mixed media, photography, and sculpture. The couple, who will soon welcome their first child, recently opened a New York office/showroom.

In addition to the gallery, Elisa and Seth publish *tasj* magazine, an internationally distributed art journal. Seth will also feature as a guest lecturer at the Smithsonian in 2013. Bringing his experience back to his hometown is an honor, Seth explains. It's been a winding road that Seth has taken from DC and back again, but one full of excitement, discovery, and fulfillment. “So far,” he concludes, “life has been pretty amazing.”

MASAKO IKEGAMI '01

Possessing a natural artistic talent, **Masako Ikegami '01** has a knack for seeing the elements of design in all things. Although her current career as a financial analyst at a boutique investment bank in Manhattan is a far cry from her training as a landscape architect, she explains, “For me, finance begins with design...a highly creative thought process. As with designing the physical environment, the role of a financial advisor is to study precedents, craft a unique and effective perspective, then propose a method of executing on that insight.”

When Masako graduated from Maret, she continued on to University of Toronto to study architecture and soon after receiving her bachelor's degree, she completed her master's degree at Harvard Graduate School of Design. She now works at Environmental Financial Consulting Group (EFCG) with her former professor from graduate school, who still teaches at Harvard and also at Yale School of Architecture. A current and favorite project of hers involves developing the curriculum for classes that teach design students how to “design” their own businesses. Masako's tasks include researching the curriculum, structuring course units and assignments, inviting guest speakers, and organizing lectures.

Every day, Masako thinks about what essential skills a young designer needs in today's world to be successful. She admits, “While in the beginning of the research, I focused on the technical aspects of running a business, I quickly realized how important it is to develop a course in which the ‘whole designer’ is enlivened by useful ideas and tools that help to navigate the business world. In today's highly competitive market, much is required of a designer who desires to be successful and influential. A great designer needs to be a team player, an empathetic listener, and someone with ideas that exceed the requirements and expectations of the client to create a meaningful space.” Masako is thrilled to be able to use her skills as a consultant to help other young aspiring designers to be thoughtful about their approach to their work and their impact on the world and environment.

Masako firmly believes her desire to contribute and “add value to society and grow to be a resource for my community” was a lesson learned during her time at Maret. She comments on how her teachers at Maret demonstrated that you can “live for a calling.” Masako sees this same desire to do “good” reflected in her classmates from Maret as



Masako Ikegami '01
with her brother,
Kentaro Ikegami '04

PHOTO COURTESY OF MASAKO IKEGAMI '01

“Without the teachers, administrators, parents, and the Maret community at large, I would not know the value of kindness and humility that are the foundation to a learned and happy life.”

well. “It seems to me that whenever I come back to campus, or see my Maret friends in New York, we speak about the importance of being purposeful in our work, and in our relationships with our partners, families, and friends.”

One of Masako's favorite memories of Maret includes the outside speakers who would come to Maret to share their wisdom and experience during assemblies. She remembers one speaker, a conflict mediator, who was particularly influential in his discussion of peaceful negotiations. “He taught us about the difference between seeing problems as ‘you against me,’ versus the more helpful alternative, ‘us against this problem that we can solve together.’ It struck a chord in me, and it helps me to see the world in a non-competitive way.”

Another life lesson that Masako learned at Maret was to never hesitate to ask questions. She wasn't afraid to ask questions when presented with a challenge including everything from “a difficult paper assignment, a high note in chorus, to a poor backhand in tennis.” She emphasizes that “without the teachers, administrators, parents, and the Maret community at large, I would not know the value of kindness and humility that are the foundation to a learned and happy life...attending a high school that provides an educational experience that is difficult to be matched in college or graduate school is a pretty good head start in life!” As a consultant, asking the right questions, and not being afraid to get to the truth and heart of the matter, are valuable assets for Masako.

Masako hopes to pass on these beneficial lessons through her consulting, particularly through the work she is doing to create a curriculum to guide young design students as they enter the world of business. Masako works to create a solid foundation for future architects and designers to build upon and stretch their creative capacity. She is giving back something to the larger community and making her own impact in the world of design.

Board Profiles

New Maret Trustees 2012–2013

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Maret extends its appreciation to all its trustees for continuing to devote their time and share their wisdom with the community. The Board's role is an important one, giving the School support and guidance as it moves into its second century. The Maret Board of Trustees is excited to welcome its four new members, who bring with them knowledge and expertise in a wide variety of disciplines.

ALISON ARNOLD-SIMMONS

Alison Arnold-Simmons joins the Board this year through her role as president of the Maret Parents Association. She and her husband, **Chris**, are the parents of **Anderson '14**, **Walter '10** (a junior at Cornell University), and Christopher. Ms. Arnold-Simmons has been an active volunteer at Maret since her sons entered in 2008. She became immediately engaged in MPA activities and graciously accepted leadership roles early on. She has served as class representative facilitating classroom activities and coordinating parent volunteers. As MPA upper school vice president, Ms. Arnold-Simmons coordinated the class representatives, facilitating communication and



Alison Arnold-Simmons

promoting and supporting the various activities of the school. Her creative input has brought fresh ideas and successful changes to the MPA's fundraising initiatives.

After graduating from Harvard-Radcliffe College, Ms. Arnold-Simmons received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. She practiced corporate law in Boston and in Atlanta. Later she became a tenured professor of business law at Kennesaw State University outside Atlanta.

Ms. Arnold-Simmons enjoys her many volunteer positions including being a member of the board of the Washington Performing Arts Society and the treasurer of her Jack and Jill chapter. She also enjoys travelling with her family, tutoring children, and cheering for the Maret sports teams.

M. JAMES BARRETT

Jim Barrett is the grandfather of **Anjali '18**, **Ishaan '22**, **Rohit '22**, **Eleanor '24**, and Liam, age 3. He and his wife, **April**, are longtime residents of Potomac, Maryland. Since his eldest grandchild began attending Maret seven years ago, Dr. Barrett has truly enjoyed becoming part



M. James (Jim) Barrett

of the community and looks forward to serving in this new role as trustee.

He is a general partner at New Enterprise Associates (NEA), one of the world's largest venture capital firms, where he focuses on investing in healthcare technologies and therapeutics. Over the last decade, Dr. Barrett's portfolio has been among the most successful in the industry, with investments in companies like Amicus Therapeutics, Clovis Oncology, CoGenesys, Inhibitex, Pharmion, and Targacept, landing him on the 2012 *Forbes* Midas List. His role at NEA is the capstone in a long career as a pioneering figure in the field of biotechnology, during which he founded Sensors for Medicine and Science, developer of a revolutionary chemical sensing technology; served on the board of biotechnology giant MedImmune for 18 years until its acquisition by AstraZeneca in 2006 in one of the industry's largest M&A transactions; and helmed a string of successful startups including Genetic Therapy, Life Technologies, and Bethesda Research Labs.

Early in his career, Dr. Barrett worked in various divisions of SmithKline. He holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Tennessee, an M.B.A. from the University of Santa Clara, and a B.S. in chemistry from Boston College. Dr. Barrett enjoys travel, hiking, and long weekends at the family's home on Deep Creek Lake.

ARI FITZGERALD

Ari Fitzgerald and his wife, **Maria Carmona**, have two daughters (**Isel '14** and **Lourdes '19**) currently at Maret, and another daughter (**Pilar '11**) who is an alumna of Maret and currently a student at Harvard College. Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Carmona have supported Maret as volunteers in a variety of roles since joining the Maret community in 2005.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a partner at the law firm of Hogan Lovells in Washington, DC, where he practices communications law. He joined the firm in 2001 after serving for several years as legal advisor to the FCC's former chairman William Kennard. Mr. Fitzgerald also served as an attorney advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, as legal counsel to former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, and as a law clerk to U.S. Judge H. Lee Sarokin. He currently serves on the board of directors of Crown Castle International, on the executive board of the Federal Communications Bar Association, on the executive boards of various communications policy advocacy organizations, and on the advisory boards of several private communications and technology companies. He is also a board member and former vice president of the Duke Ellington Fund, the fundraising arm of Washington, DC's public high school for the performing arts.

He graduated, *magna cum laude*, with a degree in Social Studies from Harvard College, was a Henry Luce Scholar in the Philippines, and earned his law degree from Yale University. Mr. Fitzgerald enjoys running, tennis, and backyard barbecues (even when he has to do the cooking).



Ari Fitzgerald



Andrea E. Reid

ANDREA E. REID

Andrea Reid is the mother of **Drew '13**, **Miles '18**, and **Jasmine Reid**, a senior at Yale University. She and her family joined the Maret community in 2009 after relocating to Washington, DC from Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Reid has been an active member of the Maret family, cheering loudly at Maret sporting events and concerts, volunteering on the decorating committee for the Scholarship Auction, and serving as co-chair and then chair of the Maret Parents Association Diversity Committee (MPAD). She is an active member of the Washington, DC chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc., and Reid Temple AME Church in Silver Spring, MD.

Dr. Reid obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Brown University, MD degree from Harvard Medical School, and Master's in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Reid is a gastroenterologist and hepatologist (liver disease specialist) at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center where she serves as Program Director for Gastroenterology Training. Her clinical and research interests are hepatitis C virus infection, racial disparities in liver disease and liver transplantation, and medical education. Before moving to Washington, DC, she was the Program Director in Gastroenterology and Associate Director of the Multicultural Affairs Office at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, where she continues to teach.

Dr. Reid is a member of the Accreditation

Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine, the National Committee for Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, and is immediate past-chair of the national GI Training Examination. Dr. Reid has served on numerous committees for her subspecialty societies, and is a frequent speaker at local, regional, and national meetings on liver-related topics and medical education.

Dr. Reid enjoys reading, cooking, attending her sons' sporting events, singing, mentoring, watching NFL games (Go Patriots!), and traveling with her family.

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◀ Lena Jones '12 and Khalil Edley '12 process down the front stairs of Woodley during Graduation.



▶ Christian Celeste Tate '12 is chosen by his classmates to speak at Graduation.

Commencement 2012

On June 11, a beautiful spring morning, the first graduating class in Maret's second century processed along the front lawn under the Woodley Oaks. The faculty and their families celebrated the many accomplishments of the graduates, while student speakers, Head of School **Marjo Talbott**, and Maret parent and Presidential Historian **Michael Beschloss** shared their words of wisdom.

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▲ Parent and Presidential Historian Michael Beschloss speaks to the class of 2012 during Commencement Ceremonies.



◀ Valedictorian Kara Matsumoto '12 addresses the class of 2012 during Commencement Ceremonies.



▼ Maret “Lifers” from the class of 2012 attended Maret from kindergarten through graduation. Front row (l. to r.) Sophie Aron, Kara Matsumoto, Elena Dowling, Lilly Mudge; Back row (l. to r.) Nick Francisci, Christian Celeste Tate, Austin Mitchell, Lewis Piccone, and Eric Schwartz

▲ Maret alumni parents with their 2012 graduates: (l. to r.) Patrick Dowling '79, Elena Dowling, Julie Adler Clevenger '83, Tyler Clevenger, Karen Lieberman Troccoli '82, Nick Troccoli, Olivia Adamstein-Demetriou '75, Alexi Adamstein, Coco Kimelman, and John Kimelman '75 (not pictured Jeanne O'Donnell '75)



▲ Zach Dinte '12 is chosen by his classmates to don the traditional “pink suit” at Graduation.



Graduation 2012

Class of 2012 Colleges Attending*

Beimnet Abebe	Northwestern University
Alexi Adamstein	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Jannette Alston	Swarthmore College
Sophie Aron	Hamilton College
Ben Atkins	University of Toronto
Eve Barnett	Princeton University
Michael Bauman	Emory University
Alex Beschloss	Williams College
Ella Blanchon	Bowdoin College
Annie Carroll	Pratt Institute
Christian Celeste Tate	Bowdoin College
Madison Centenari	Skidmore College
Mason Chow	Cornell College
Ariel Ciccone	Wesleyan University
Tyler Clevenger	Colby College
James Cohan	Brown University
Greer Cohen	Skidmore College
Pablo Das	Boston University
Lauren Davis	Boston University
Sean Davis	University of Maryland
Evan Deyak	Oberlin College
Zach Dinte	Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Elena Dowling	Eugene Lang College
Kahlil Edley	Muhlenberg College
Billy Edwards	Oberlin College
Gawan Fiore	Stanford University
Laura Flint	Emory University
Avonda Fogan	George Washington University
Nick Francisci	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Naomi Giddings	Washington University in St. Louis
Dillon Gorsen	Wofford College
Kasya O'Connor Grant	Kenyon College
Mason Hart	Samford University
Tre' Henderson	Franklin & Marshall College
Shannon Johnson	Oberlin College
Lena Jones	Rhodes College
Quiana Jones	Sarah Lawrence College
David Kalter	Skidmore College
David Kaufman	Harvard University
Rachel Keitelman	Tulane University
Coco Kimelman	New York University
Andy Klein	University of Pittsburgh
Jessie Kohlman	New York University
Emily Lambert-Gittis	Tulane University



Members of the class of 2012

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Stephan Leeds	Cornell University
Jessie Libow	Haverford College
Kara Matsumoto	Stanford University
Olivia Mendelson	Swarthmore College
Austin Mitchell	Boston College
Lilly Mudge	Barnard College
Gugii Munh-Orgil	New York University
Martin Niemczewski	Tulane University
Kathryn Petkevich	Syracuse University
Lewis Piccone	Colby College
Jeremy Quartner	Cornell University
Taylor Reffe	Pomona College
Chase Renfroe	Yale University
Emma Reznick	Colorado College
Allie Savramis	New York University
Eric Schwartz	Wittenburg University
Kathleen Shriver	Boston College
Skylar Shuman	Franklin & Marshall College
Nick Sloan	Georgetown University
Cameron Sprenger	Occidental College
Matt Steinwurtzel	Franklin & Marshall College
Marty Strauss	Brown University
Madeline Tank	Skidmore College
Azania Touré	Sarah Lawrence College
Nick Troccoli	Stanford University
Will Vandenburg	Case Western Reserve University
Monica Villegas	Skidmore College
Clarke Wheeler	Barnard College
Charles York	McGill University

*as of 6/12/12

Senior Awards 2012

Leadership Awards

Virginia Crawford School Service Award

Taylor Reffe and
Clarke Wheeler

Community Service Award

Gawan Fiore

Alumni Spirit Award

Austin Mitchell and
Kathryn Petkevich

The Socrates Award

Nick Francisci

The J.P. Dowd Leadership Award

Tre' Henderson

The Head's Award

Christian Celeste
Tate

Cum Laude Society

Jannette Alston
Eve Barnett
James Cohan
Gawan Fiore
Laura Flint
Nick Francisci
David Kaufman

Kara Matsumoto
Olivia Mendelson
Taylor Reffe
Chase Renfroe
Marty Strauss
Nick Troccoli
Charles York

Departmental Honors

Art

Annie Carroll

Athletics

Sean Davis

Jessie Libow

Humanities

Olivia Mendelson
(*English*)

Eve Barnett
(*History*)

Languages

Jannette Alston
(*Classics*)

Ben Atkins
(*French*)

Kara Matsumoto
(*Spanish*)

Olivia Mendelson
(*Chinese*)

Mathematics

Marty Strauss

Performing Arts

Evan Deyak

(*Instrumental*)

Marty Strauss

(*Stage Performance*)

Nick Francisci

(*Technical*)

Lilly Mudge

(*Vocal*)

Science

David Kaufman

Technology

Nick Troccoli

Senior Art Show Jurors' Awards for Excellence

Jurors selected artwork to receive Jurors' Awards For Excellence in the categories below. These awards include a cash prize, and the piece receiving the Purchase Award becomes a part of the permanent art collection at Maret.

Art Show Purchase Award

Nick Sloan

Photography and Digital Media

Nick Sloan

Two-Dimensional Art

Ariel Ciccone

Three-Dimensional Art

Will Vandenburg

Mixed Media

Ella Blanchon



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Members of the Class of 2012 were inducted into the Cum Laude Society last April.

Highlights

School Happenings

Maret was one of six schools that earned “Recycling Champion” status by earning 90 points or more during the 2012 Green Cup RECYCLE Challenge, a national student-driven recycling competition for K–12 schools sponsored by the non-profit Green Schools Alliance (GSA).

Maret middle and upper school students had a phenomenal showing in the National Latin Exam earning 88 awards.

Congratulations to **Pippa Dobbryn '15** who was chosen as a finalist in the Parkmont Poetry Festival for the second year in a row.

Laurence Olivieri '15 won one of five Honorable Mention Awards given at the 3rd Annual First Amendment Cartoon Contest sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. The

PHOTO BY ZAW LYN



Upper schoolers play tug-of-war during Field Day, a fun afternoon of activities organized by the Student Council in the spring.



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▲ Shannon Johnson '12 looks through a “closet” of stories set up during the Day of Silence that shares experiences of people silenced because of their sexual orientation.



Maret students and faculty
with members of the Shreyas
School in Ahmedabad, India

contest was open to students nationwide and the topic of the cartoons centered around the right to assemble and petition.

Congratulations to **Jasper Prouvost '15**, who was selected, out of 9,000 entries, as the recipient of an Honorable Mention Award in the 2012 DuPont Challenge® Science Essay Competition.

In Landon's 2012 Best of Independent Schools Art Competition, **Ella Blanchon '12** received First Place in Mixed Media, **Alexandra Savramis '12** received First Place in Painting, and **Ariel Ciccone '12** received Honorable Mention in Painting. Alexandra was also recognized with a 2012 National YoungArts award in Cinematic Arts.

Alex Beschloss '12, **David Kaufman '12**, and **Jay Wilson '13** were selected to participate in the NIH summer research program—a highly selective eight-week internship. **Kumari Devarajan '13** and **Alex Spigler '13** worked on a research project in Maret parent and professor of pharmacology **Robert Yasuda's** lab at Georgetown University.

Peace Essay Winner

Emily Fox-Penner '13 was named the national first place winner in the United States Institute of Peace Essay Contest. Her essay, "Awakening Witness and Empowering Engagement: Leveraging New Media for Human Connections," addressed the essay topic of new media and peacebuilding by examining its role in Egypt in 2011 and Kenya in 2007. As the national winner, Emily received a \$10,000 academic scholarship. Over 1,100 students nationwide submitted entries.

Summer Programs

Maret students explored the world this summer with trips to India and France, in addition to the Sanibel Program.

The inaugural trip to India had a strong experiential focus, giving students exposure to Indian and Gujarat culture and heritage. Students gained understanding and appreciation of the Shreyas School, including its focus on Gandhian values. (See page 10.)

The France trip offered students outstanding academic and intellectual enrichment. Cultural and linguistic immersion, as well as the study of art, were staples of this program.

The Sanibel Subtropical Zone Ecology Program spent four weeks on Sanibel Island on the Gulf Coast and two weeks on Pigeon Key in the Florida Keys and celebrated its 25th anniversary trip. The City of Sanibel publicly recognized the Maret Sanibel program for its excellence in education with an official proclamation from the mayor.



▲ Maret students on the France summer program

Students and faculty
on Sanibel XXV



Highlights



▲ Radhika Barrett with her sister Deepika (left) and Natalie Ludaway peruse the many student books during the Lower School Publishing Party.

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▼ Eliana Rosenthal '17, CJ Lainoff '17, and Ola Faleye '17 share their research on Spain with Gigi Sigal '19, Emma Kreisberg '19, and Niara Mondie Sapp '19 during Multicultural Day.



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Junior Awards

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD

Audrey Crane

To the junior with the highest academic record in science and who demonstrates superior intellectual promise in the field of science

LEO S. BLEICHER PRIZE

Richard Fuisz

*For outstanding performance in science, named for **Leo Bleicher '87** and established by Mrs. Bleicher in appreciation for the superb scientific training her son received at Maret. The criteria for the award include grades, creativity, and strong interest in a career in science.*

RACHEL CARSON AWARD

Evan Siegel

In honor of author Rachel Carson to that member of the junior class who has exhibited exceptional achievement and interest in science and humanities

THE CENTENNIAL AWARD

Emily Marsteller

To the junior who exemplifies the core values of the school and the principles of the founding Maret sisters

WOODLEY BOOK AWARD

Eliana Kanefield

To the student who positively contributes to the school and broader community

BOWDOIN COLLEGE AWARD

Jay Wilson

To the junior demonstrating an unusual passion for inquiry, discovery, and innovative thinking

DARTMOUTH BOOK AWARD

Drew Reid

To a junior who demonstrates intellectual leadership and a positive contribution to the life of the school

HARVARD BOOK AWARD

Caroline Malin-Mayor

To the junior who combines excellence in scholarship and high character with achievement in other fields

PENN AWARD

Lauren Balbus

To a junior who best exemplifies the qualities and characteristics of Benjamin Franklin: a scholar, innovator, and community servant

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AWARD

Rachel Waldman

To the junior who has displayed outstanding promise in the fields of mathematics and science

FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD

Emily Fox-Penner

In honor of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, recognizes a junior who demonstrates excellence in the humanities and social sciences as well as awareness of and commitment to addressing difficult social issues

SMITH COLLEGE AWARD

Christine Khoury

Presented to an outstanding young woman in the junior class who exemplifies academic achievement, especially in science and mathematics, leadership qualities, and concern for others

WELLESLEY BOOK AWARD

Amy Fifer

Presented to a young woman in the junior class for exceptional character, solid academic record, and significant personal contribution to school and community

Sports

Highlights

BASEBALL

The baseball team arguably had their best season of all time. They once again earned a share of the MAC banner, their eleventh in fourteen years. The team wrapped up the season with 22 wins and capped it off by winning the DC High School Baseball Classic City Championship at Nationals Park by defeating St. Albans and Woodrow Wilson for the title. Four players earned All-League honors: **Austen Maggin '13**, **Andrew Culp '13**, **Drew Reid '13** and **Nick Leonard '13**. Austen was also a *Washington Post* Honorable Mention All-Met selection. In recognition of the big win, Maret parent and Councilmember **Jack Evans** presented to the team a congratulatory resolution on behalf of the District of Columbia.

TENNIS

The tennis team wrapped up the season with a record of 10-7 (7-5 MAC) and finished third in the league. Led by seniors **Pablo Das**, **Taylor Reffe**, **Nick Sloan**, and **Lewis Piccone**, the

team had a very strong showing at the MAC Tournament at St. James securing a team win, and winning six out of the seven flights in the championship finals. Special congratulations to Taylor and **Luke Tercek '14**, who were selected to the All-MAC team. Luke was also selected as a *Washington Post* All-Met Honorable Mention.

BOYS LACROSSE

This was a season of transition for the boys lacrosse team. Led by a solid group of senior captains **Kahlil Edley**, **Zach Dinte**, and **Matt Steinwurtzel**, the young team had a strong showing. The team's spring break trip to Richmond and Charlottesville, as well as the Wakefield School Tournament, provided game experience while bonding as a team. The future looks bright for the program with many returning players.

TRACK AND FIELD

The track team set the stage for a breakout season, doubling in size this year. School records were broken this year in the boys triple jump and the

Angela Marsh-Coan '14 on the Track and Field team



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girls 4x400m relay. **Michael Greene '13**, **Adam Reid '13**, **Jay Wilson '13**, **Ture Lawrence '13**, **Maurice Hicks '14**, **Alex Peltier '15**, and **Zach Popkin '15** all earned points for the boys at the MAC championships, while **Katie Case '13**, **Alex Rosenthal '13**, **Angela Marsh-Coan '14**, and **Molly Minnig '14** scored on the girls side at ISLs.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The varsity girls lacrosse team finished the season with a record of 7-6. **Jessie Libow '12** led the team in scoring, **Ella Blanchon '12** controlled the goal circle, and **Caroline Malin-Mayor '13** excelled in draw controls and ground ball controls. **Madison Centenari '12** and **Eve Barnett '12** were also pivotal influences on the field.

SOFTBALL

The softball team suffered some early season injuries, but persevered and had a great win against Potomac in the AA division. **Samantha Roy '15** did a great job as a freshman pitcher and the team was led by **Sophie Aron '12**.

The Maret Varsity Baseball team wins the DC High School Baseball Classic City Championship at Nationals Park in May.

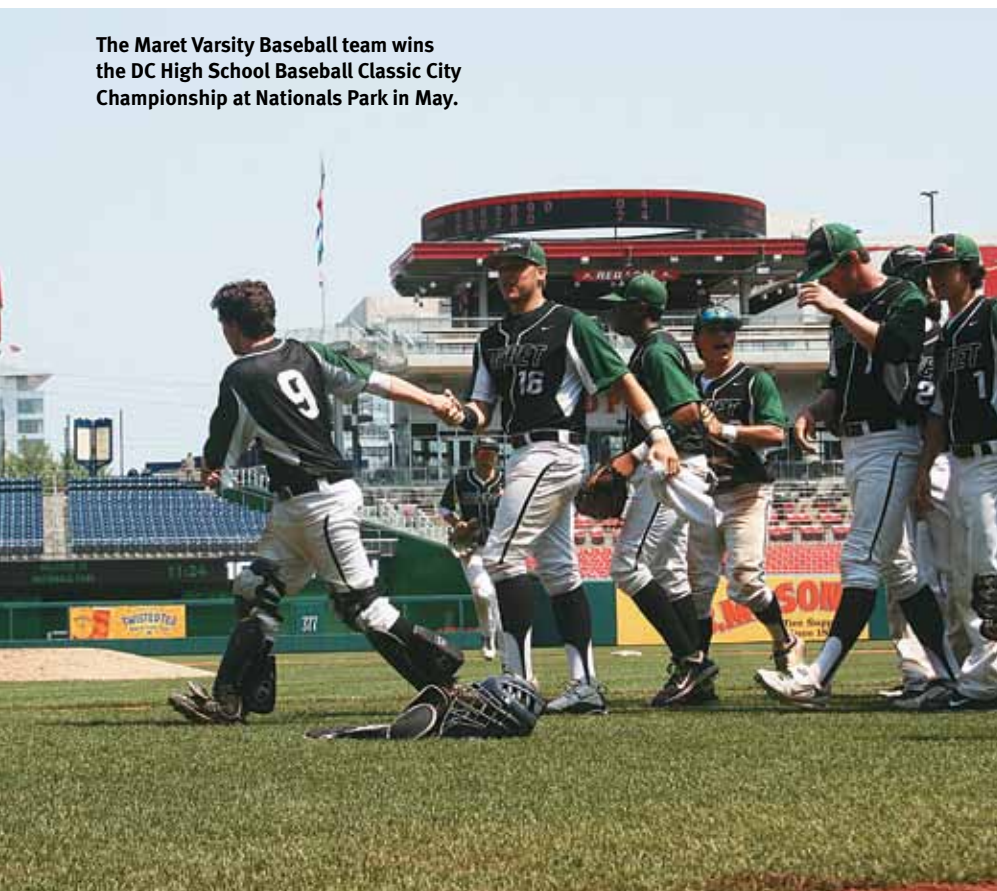


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Highlights



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► The Seventh and Eighth Grade Band performs at their spring concert.

◀ The upper school musical cast performs *Legally Blonde* in April.



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Performances

Members of the Concert Choir enjoy their last performance of the year at the spring upper school choral concert.



PHOTO BY ESER OZDEGER

► Josie Blanchon '16 and Yetunde Mondie Sapp '17 perform at the Middle School Variety Show.



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Highlights



► The ninth grade Woodley Singers perform at the spring upper school choral concert.



▼ The Delta Nu girls from the cast of *Legally Blonde*

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▼ The fourth grade sings and dances during their self-written play *The Odyssey 2012* at the end of May.

▼ Lower schoolers sing at their concert in June.



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Speakers and Assemblies

PHOTOS BY ZAW LYN



◀ Deborah Fallows, author of *Dreaming in Chinese: Mandarin Lessons in Life, Love, and Language*, spoke to Leonard King's Asia and the West class. Ms. Fallows talked about her book, which is based on her three-year sojourn in China.



▲ Maret parent Tim Shriver and Loretta Claiborne from Special Olympics came to speak to Leonard King's History and Theory of Non-Violence class.

► Each spring humanities teacher Al Kilborne hosts his Woodley seminar series featuring a wide array of notable guest speakers over the course of three weeks. This year, Maret welcomed a number of fascinating speakers. Pictured here: John Gibson speaks on the Clinton and Bush presidencies.



► Author and illustrator Holly Sedgwick reads her book *Little Chick's Moonlight Spin* to lower school students in May.



◀ Daniel Solomon '78, who helped establish DC Vote, an educational and advocacy organization whose mission is to secure full voting representation in Congress and full democracy for the residents of the DC, came to speak to the sixth grade about voting rights as part of their Service Learning program. (See p. 35.)

Special Events

Alumni Reunion 2012 and Sanibel 25th Trip Reunion

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▲ Page Benham Langley '87, Marin Hagen '87, Alison Spokany Dagnes '87, and Charles Kehler '87 reconnect at the Reunion.



▲ Over 150 alumni attended the Reunion 2012 celebration dinner on May 19. The Classes of 1972 and 2007 led all the Reunion classes with over 30% of their classmates returning for the festivities. Pictured here: Ethan Baldwin '02, Rachel Andersson '02, Alexandra Verville '02, Danni Byam '02, and Becca Gourley '02.



▲ Alumni and friends also gathered before Reunion to celebrate 25 trips to Sanibel Island. Alumni were treated to speeches by John Peterson, Bob Caiola, and David Walker, a special slideshow of photos, and all the T-shirts from the last 30 years. Pictured here: Former faculty who directed the Sanibel program Bob Caiola, Tim Schaffer '89, John Peterson, and current director David Walker (second from right).



▲ Yvette Kraft '62, Sandra Strauss Myers '62, Bettina Ponsart, Andre Ponsart '62, Claudia Strauss, and John Strauss '67 at the Reunion



▲ Jim Caiola, Deborah Caiola '86, Bob Caiola, Sally Collier, Paul Caiola '83, and Chris Appleby '80 gathered with their family at the Reunion after the Sanibel presentation.

Highlights



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MPA Arts Night

◀ Parents gather to celebrate the beautiful artwork made by students K–12 and to thank all the volunteers of the Maret Parents Association for their efforts throughout the year.

Fête Champêtre



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▲ Bella Lorenzo-Giguere '18, Ella Jones '18, and Elliot Whitney '18 at the Fête Champêtre

▼ Fête Champêtre Co-Chairs Leila Austin and Susie Wertheimer



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Parents run the Planet Maret booth at the Fête Champêtre with delicious food enjoyed by all.

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◀ Head of School Marjo Talbott and Board Chair Nancy Casey thank retiring board members Jennifer Howard, Leslie Morgan Steiner '83, Joanne Barker, and Malva Reid at the Annual Board Meeting.

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Annual Board Meeting and Erwin Farewell Reception

◀ Parent of alumni Catherine Osius, parent of alumni Betty Berger, Nathan Berger '00, Jim Erwin, Susana Berger '04, and parent of alumni and former trustee Fred Berger at the Erwin Farewell Party

PHOTO BY LINDA JOHNSON

▼ Parent of alumni Bob Eccles, former Performing Arts Department Chair Jim Erwin, former Registrar Donna Erwin, and performing arts teacher and Associate Director of Communications Eser Ozdeger listen to tributes in honor of the Erwins as they depart for New Orleans.



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▲ Board member Ari Fitzgerald, Liza Danello '10, former trustee and grandparent Richard Thompson, current parent Marguerite Thompson '95, former Performing Arts Department Chair Jim Erwin, and parents of alumni Ilene and Jerry Block gather to say goodbye to the Erwins.

Faculty Notes

► Middle and upper school librarian **Annie Schutte** receives the Thomas Prize for New Teachers.



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Art teacher **Carlotta Hester** and chair of the Language Department **Jaime Estrada** were honored at Closing Ceremony as the 2012 Maret Fellows, an award supported through the Fishman Fellowship Fund, which honors exceptional faculty members who have devoted much of their career to the School.

The Thomas Prize for new teachers, named for former Humanities Chair **Puckie Thomas** was awarded at Closing Ceremony to Middle and Upper School Librarian **Annie Schutte**. The prize is awarded to outstanding faculty members who have joined the teaching profession in the past five years and demonstrate great ability and dedication.

Director of Constituent Relations **Marilyn Potts** received the Exceptional Service Award, which acknowledges and celebrates the many contributions to the School made by non-teaching faculty.

Faculty Farewells

Kenneth Ackerman
Jennifer Bessey
Stephanie Borges
Yao-Xie Chui
Donna Erwin
James Erwin*
Marilyn Horrom*
Matthew Koerner
Julia Lipton '99
Mike Leonard

**Denotes faculty who taught at Maret for 20 years or more.*

Head of School **Marjo Talbott** is on the National Leadership Council of the Polaris Project, which combats human trafficking.

Christine Heiler, **Shani Mott**, **Kara Kling**, **Chloe Beizer '03**, and **Tom Moore** attended Project Zero Classroom at the Harvard School of Education and **Bryan Jones**, **Carol Hogue**, **Cynthia Hutnyan**, and **Chris Appleby '80** attended the Future of Learning Conference at the Harvard School of Education this past summer.

Also this summer, Language teacher **Trish Heatherman** studied in Spain, **Molly Taylor** studied in China, and language teacher **Marsha Cohan** took a workshop in Chinese at Middlebury College. College Counselor **Stephan Golas** attended the Stanley King Counseling Institute in Colorado Springs and the NAIS workshop on diversity at the Taft School in Connecticut.

Humanities teacher **Carol Rhees** and Humanities Department Chair **Claire Pettengill** worked in Ethiopia in August at Hope for Children International, a non-profit that provides support and a variety of programs for 800 AIDS orphans in Addis Ababa. Ms. Rhees is the president of Hope for Children U.S., a non-profit that funds the Youth Center in Ethiopia and has partnered with Maret's ninth grade as part of their hunger-related service learning.

◄ Art teacher **Carlotta Hester '86**, Head of School **Marjo Talbott**, and Language Department Chair **Jaime Estrada** at Closing Ceremonies where Ms. Hester and Mr. Estrada received the Fishman Fellowship Award.



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◀ **Director of
Constituent Relations
Marilyn Potts receives
the Exceptional
Service Award from
Head of School Marjo
Talbott.**

PHOTO BY OPEYEMI LANYONU

▶ **Lower school
teachers Kate
Skivington and Ashby
Thoeni participate in a
Case Institute focusing
on developing field
trips and projects that
involve nature and the
environment.**



The Case Institute for Curricular Innovation and Excellence

In its fifth summer, the Case Institute for Curricular Innovation and Excellence was going strong with 11 institute initiatives running and 48 teachers participating, the most institute initiatives and largest number of faculty of any year.

Institute initiatives that ran this summer also included some faculty new to Maret this fall and focused on a variety of topics. One initiative looked at deepening the discussion on race. The math department furthered their review of the math core curriculum, specifically Algebra 2 and Precalculus. The lower school science faculty joined by new chair of the Science Department, **Laurel Reitman**, looked at the scope and sequence of the lower school science program to see the effects of the K–4 integration which was developed in the last four institute initiatives.

The Bridging Lower and Middle Literacy Curriculum institute initiative looked at the transition from the reading workshop program in grades K–4 and to the English and history curriculum in grade five. Four institute initiatives focused on technology including Research and Media Literacy in the third and fourth grades, continuing development of a Java Blended Learning course and extending programming options in the Upper School, and integrating technology into the curriculum across divisions by developing projects utilizing new technologies such as iPads.

Other institute initiatives delved into seventh grade humanities, nature in the Lower School, scope and sequence of the lower school Spanish program, and focused on pedagogy, creating a practical structure to support teachers at all levels at Maret.

Highlights

Summer 2012

Horizons Greater Washington

PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH JOHNSON



Students soak in books whenever they have a few minutes between activities.

What's green and white and busy all summer? Maret's campus during Horizons! 128 students embarked on a life-changing summer experience intended to mitigate the academic decline experienced by low-income students in the summer and help them reach their potential.

Over 230 low-income students in rising grades first through ninth participated in Horizons across three sites in the greater Washington region. Maret enthusiastically hosted first through ninth grade students from partner public schools HD Cooke and Bancroft Elementary Schools while Horizons partners St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School and Norwood School hosted 58 and 45 students, respectively. Those sites will grow each year until they host all nine grades similar to Maret.

On par with their previous summers at Horizons, students exceeded their teachers' expectations not only combating summer learning loss but, on average, the students experienced gains in both reading and math over the six-week summer program. On average, students improved their reading and math levels by three months!

Under the leadership of Horizons Site Director and Maret Fifth Grade Dean, **Kiki Sweigart**, Horizons carried over several traditions from

► **Maret teacher Ayo Harrison participates in Horizons Career Day sharing his experiences as a teacher, mentor, and coach.**

Maret's school year. All grades participated in a summer Green Recycling Challenge. Horizons third grade students, along with their teacher and Maret PE teacher **Emily Beckwith**, served as official investigators inspecting each grade's recycling bins once a week and tallying results.

Maret's partnership with Martha's Table continued over the summer as students incorporated community service into their weekly schedule by preparing sandwiches for the local non-profit to distribute to area homeless citizens.

Playing off the excitement surrounding the Summer Olympic Games, Horizons teachers challenged their students to exhibit five positive qualities: determination, excellence, integrity, perseverance, and respect. Each quality was outlined within a colorful Olympic ring and each time a student exhibited the quality, their class was rewarded with a ring. The sixth grade was declared the Olympic Gold Medal Team having demonstrated the five qualities more often than any other class.

The final challenge of the summer centered on a science experiment to build a person-floating boat out of recycled plastic bottles! Density and design were at the forefront of the challenge, which culminated with a tie between the fifth and sixth grades.

We could not have had such a successful thirteenth summer at Horizons without our dedicated teachers and assistant teachers (HATs), including Maret faculty members **Emily Beckwith, Eve King, Angel Nash, Lisa Triggs, Kiki Sweigart** and **Jason Velez**. As well



Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that Horizons Greater Washington has been chosen by reviewers for the 2012–13 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington. Selected from a field of 220 applicants the Catalogue calls Horizons Greater Washington “one of the best small charities in the Washington, DC Region.”

as Maret current students **Grace Carroll '13, Jack Christman '13, Matthew Dittersdorf '15, Grace Fuisz '15, Sophie Pietrantonio '13, and Ramsey Tomasi-Carr '15**, and Maret alumni **Claire Brown '11, Marta Del Cid '11, and Nina Khoury '11**.

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support of Horizons, especially the incredible volunteers, who helped out during last school year and the summer.

Look on our website: www.horizonsgreaterwashington.org for ways to get involved and dates of our upcoming events.



Alumni News

Maret's Inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award

Daniel Solomon '78

The Distinguished Alumni Award was created by the Maret Alumni Council in 2011 to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our former students. This award was established to share with the entire Maret community, especially our current students, the noteworthy achievements of our alumni. True to our mission, we recognize alumni who are taking an active role in improving the world or who have made significant contributions in the arts, sciences, medicine, industry, government, academia, or service to humanity. We seek to recognize outstanding leadership and accomplishments at the local, national, or global level.

Maret School was thrilled to select **Daniel Solomon '78** as the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award winner. The award was presented at the Reunion Dinner on Saturday, May 19, by Head of School **Marjo Talbott**.

Daniel entered Maret School as a sixth grader in 1970, and graduated in 1978. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Berkeley and then earned a J.D. from Northeastern University. He later worked for the Labor Department promoting worker rights and discouraging child labor through international trade agreements. His work at the Labor Department took him to five African nations, but he wrote in the Fall 2002 issue of *Maret Magazine*, "DC always called me back. After years of meeting with local activists in countries around the world, I yearned to make a difference at home. When I learned of the renewed efforts to win voting rights for DC, I could feel all of my academic and activist training being brought to bear on an issue that resonated with me personally." He continued, "At Maret we were instilled with a belief that we can be leaders in society, that we can do anything if we set our minds to it, and that we have a responsibility to make the world a better place. **Bob Caiola, Barry Rosenberg, and Leonard King** were all whispering in the back of my head, 'Do it, make a difference, take action!'"

And so he did. In 1998, Daniel helped establish DC Vote, an educational and advocacy organization whose mission is to secure full voting representation in Congress and full democracy for the residents of the District of Columbia. As the stalwart voice behind DC Vote, he has brought the organization's message back to Maret many times, including last year during the Alumni Panels and last spring to the sixth grade. Daniel also participated in two summer service learning institutes and worked with **Lynn Levinson's** Civil Liberties class.



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Daniel Solomon '78 with his wife, Jane (right), and Holly O'Donnell '92 at the Alumni Reunion where he was presented with the first Distinguished Alumni Award.

As classmate **Michael Sloss '78** noted, "Daniel Solomon is the District of Columbia's Angel Investor. He has invested in his city, Maret's city, so that all citizens of Washington, DC will stand next to, not in back of, the citizens of all 50 states to decide the big issues of the most democratic nation on earth."

Daniel was selected by the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area as a recipient of the Community Human Rights Award in 2010. He is vice-president of The Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation, vice-chair of the University of the District of Columbia School of Law Foundation Board of Directors, and a board member for the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers. In addition, Daniel has been active in raising over \$1 million for a program of The Jewish Funds For Justice, which pools Jewish investments to support low-income communities in the DC area.

As an alumnus, Daniel has served Maret on the Board of Trustees, as a Class Agent, and as a Class Reunion Chair. He also participated on two Strategic Planning Committees.

For his tireless efforts to bring voting rights to Washington and for his continued engagement with his alma mater, we were pleased to present Daniel with Maret's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. He truly lives Maret's mission by working through challenges and taking an active role in improving the world. Daniel's terrific dedication to DC Vote inspires our community and embodies our aspirations for our students.

Any member of the Maret community can make a nomination for the Distinguished Alumni Award. To nominate a fellow alumnus, please send a paragraph statement on the nominee's accomplishments and/or reason for nomination. You may also send specific distinctions or publications. We will keep your nomination confidential. Please send your nomination to Director of Alumni Programs **Kelli Austin** at kaustin@maret.org or call 202-939-8810.

Alumni currently employed at Maret will not be eligible for the award, nor will current alumni members of the Maret Board of Trustees or Alumni Council.

Save the Date!

Alumni Soccer and
Basketball Games
November 23

Alumni
Holiday Party
December 22

Alumni Weekend
and Fête
Champêtre
May 18

Visit maret.org/alumni for more information about these events and our regional events tentatively scheduled for New York, Boston, and Los Angeles.

From the Alumni Council President

DEAR MARET ALUMNI,

The Maret Alumni Association enjoyed a fun and successful year beginning with the Maret Centennial Celebration weekend last October. Over 200 alumni attended the festivities and we were especially proud to see **Doug Fieldhouse '77** represented on the Symposium panel discussing the dynamics of change and his experiences in the business world. The momentum of the Centennial carried over to alumni events throughout the year, culminating in attendance of over 25% by five Reunion classes at this year's Reunion Weekend. We hope to keep the momentum going for years to come, and especially encourage classes ending in 3s and 8s to save-the-date for **Reunion 2013 on May 18**. We are also proud to present **Daniel Solomon '78** with our inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. You can read more about Daniel and the award on page 35.

We extend a special thank you to the following alumni who concluded their terms on the Alumni Council: **Michele Dreyfuss '83**, Annual Fund Chair, **Travis Allen '93**, Nominations Chair, **Jared Greenstein '96**, **Justin Wasfy '01**, and **Adam Greenstone '81**. Additionally, we thank **Sophie Aron '12** for serving as our student representative this year. We welcome new members **Sarah Greenberg Bowman '91**, **Joe Howard '07**, **Christina Kalavritinos '72**, **David Kieve '96**, and **J.P. Dowd '82**, Nominations Chair.

On behalf of the Maret Alumni Council, I am pleased to present on the next page the Maret Alumni Association Strategic Plan for 2012–2017. This plan is an



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updated version of the one created in 2008 that guided our alumni program for the last five years. These ambitious goals were developed after year-long meetings of three sub-committees of the Council chaired by **Alexis Serfaty '98** (Communications), **Billy Maloni '00** (Events), and **Michele Dreyfuss '83** (Fiscal Health). This plan aligns with the Maret School Strategic Plan: *Framework for the Future*. It is intended to guide how the Council and the School can better meet the needs of alumni, and how we can encourage further alumni engagement with Maret. We hope you feel as excited by the plan as we do and that it energizes you to become more involved with our alma mater. The Alumni Council will work hard in 2012–13 to turn these goals into actions and we welcome your comments and ideas.

Adam Schwartz '91, *President*
Alumni Council

Maret School Alumni Association Strategic Plan 2012–2017

MISSION STATEMENT

The Maret Alumni Association promotes and fosters relationships, communication, and lifelong bonds among Maret's alumni and with the school community. Working in partnership with the Alumni and Development Office, the Alumni Association designs and implements programs and activities that nurture a strong school spirit and sense of connectedness and shared community while advancing Maret's mission, core values, and strategic goals.

ALUMNI EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Goal: To foster meaningful personal relationships between alumni and Maret by cultivating alumni participation and involvement through local and regional events and programs.

Objectives

- 1) Celebrate reunions as a focal point of reconnection for alumni to Maret and maintain attendance above 30% for all Reunion classes. Continue to invite former faculty members to events.
- 2) Continue to build vibrant alumni communities and alumni leadership in key cities outside the Washington, D.C. region.
- 3) Seek opportunities to develop greater interaction between the alumni community and current students and faculty.
- 4) Encourage alumni involvement in Maret's school-wide activities to build connections among our constituency groups.
- 5) Create targeted events to attract different affinity groups and appeal to a broad spectrum of alumni.

ALUMNI COMMUNICATIONS

Goal: Strengthen communication channels between alumni and Maret to enhance awareness of alumni events and activities, and to encourage a greater sense of connectedness among Maret alumni and with the school community.

Objectives

- 1) Foster meaningful relationships with alumni through personal contacts.
- 2) Use available communication vehicles to foster a sense of pride in alumni achievements and to enhance the visibility of alumni as vibrant partners in the Maret community by highlighting alumni volunteers, speakers, events, and activities.
- 3) Ensure the alumni website encourages alumni to connect with the School and one another frequently and serves as an effective resource for sharing information.
- 4) Leverage social networking tools to connect alumni and foster a deeper level of engagement with Maret.
- 5) Continue to showcase *Maret Magazine* as an important publication for communicating with alumni and highlighting alumni leaders and events.
- 6) Maintain current and complete alumni contact information to ensure the broad delivery of alumni communications.

ALUMNI SUPPORT OF MARET'S FISCAL HEALTH

Goal: To establish and maintain alumni as strong and enthusiastic partners in sustaining and improving the ongoing fiscal health of Maret through targeted and personal outreach.

Objectives

- 1) Continue to build a culture of giving by creating the Maret Alumni Fund to give alumni a greater sense of the impact and value of their contributions on school life.
- 2) Continue to focus on a vibrant reunion giving program for new and increased gifts.
- 3) Increase number of volunteers to grow the class agent program and increase peer solicitations.
- 4) Build on the success of the Second Century Club and encourage alumni support of the endowment and other capital projects.

On Tuesday, May 1, alumni from five decades gathered to dedicate the Alumni Second Century Club Wall in the Activities Building. Led by **Leslie Morgan Steiner '83**, the Second Century Club surpassed its goals and is a tangible reminder of how our alumni are invested in the students of today. Over 100 alumni and alumni families made meaningful endowment gifts that will help Maret continue to be a leader among independent schools as we begin our second century. At the dedication, **Leslie, Kay Kendall, J.P. Dowd '82, Doug Fieldhouse '77**, and Head of School **Marjo Talbott** spoke about the important roles alumni play in the Maret community.

The Alumni Office gives special thanks to our volunteers: Second Century Club Chair **Leslie Morgan Steiner '83**, Centennial Chair **Kay Kendall, Travis Allen '93, Paul Broches '63, Jennifer Brown '82, Bob Davis '64, Ingrid Davis '64, J.P. Dowd '82, Maria Freeman Mulvehill '97, Ken Glassman '90, Lauson Green '84, Marissa Román Griffith '86, Edward Hull '79, John Kimelman '75, JoJo Michaels Kreisel '98, Emily Lenzner '88, Billy Maloni '00, and Devin Talbott '94.**

Maret alumni joined alumni from several DC-area independent schools for two networking events this winter: a presentation by Pamela Meyer (SFS '76), author of *Liespotting*; and a speed networking event, where participants rotated through brief discussions. We look forward to hosting two similar events this winter.

For photos from the 2012 Reunion and Sanibel Reunion, see p. 29.

▼ **John Moffett '06** recruited **Sam Neel '04, Willie Leibner '06, Matt Gittleman '06, and Amanda Thayer '06** as volunteers for President Obama's Advance Team.



▲ **Doug Fieldhouse '77** came back to Maret from the West Coast to speak at the Alumni Second Century Club Wall dedication.

▼ **Fritz Finley '93 and Keith Beverly '98** at the DC-area independent schools alumni networking event held at Sidwell Friends School



▲ **Leslie Morgan Steiner '83** with her husband, Perry, and their children, Max '15, Morgan '17, and Tallie '20 at the Alumni Second Century Club Wall dedication in May

Class Notes Fall 2012

'56 John Spitzberg writes, "I celebrated my 74th birthday and feel an exuberance and excitement about life and living that most of my colleagues (those still alive) do not feel. I have my third book at the publishers. It is entitled *Kelly House* and is about elderly people living together in a commune in Asheville, North Carolina. Gracie, my wife, and I are very involved in the Occupy movement and just hosted a large group of caravaners from California and other states en route to a national gathering in Philadelphia. I am passionate about veterans and homeless people and helping them to achieve fullness and happiness. As the president of the local chapter of the Veterans for Peace and the Asheville Homeless Network, I am constantly working for their welfare. Lastly, I am beginning my dissertation toward a PhD in Human Services. I think that the formula for long life is living and being there for others. I saw this clearly at Maret with some of my teachers and friends."

'60 ELLEN KOLANSKY kalandek@mac.com
Kal and I (Ellen) have been on a trip to Israel, our first, traveling from north to south. We saw first-hand the Golan Heights, stayed at a kibbutz, visited Safed with its historic synagogues, swam in the Red Sea with friendly pink jelly fish, took a cable car to the top of Masada in 110°F heat, floated in the Dead Sea, and at this writing are exploring Jerusalem.
Patrick Moretti and his wife, Anne, stopped by Maret in April for a campus tour. Julie Mangis writes, "Replying from Albuquerque. We are on our way to Santa Fe for a few days, then over to Sedona, AZ for a week. Attending opening weekend at Santa Fe Opera."

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▲ 50th reunion: Members of the Class of 1962 at their 50th Reunion: Andre Ponsart, Yvette Kraft, Sandra Strauss Myers, Paul Mitchell, Calvin Zon with John Strauss '67.

'63 50th Reunion
May 18, 2013

'66 SHEILA MUNSON shlmunson@yahoo.com
Chris and John Davison's son, Ryan, graduated from Whitman HS. He will attend UNCG in the fall, and daughter, Kelly, got married on March 3. Kate is a ballet teacher and Sean is studying Law Enforcement at Montgomery College.

From Stancy Merwin, "I headed to Boston at the end of August to attend a cousin's wedding and a family reunion as well. Love Boston (where I went to college with Tom McCall) and went to the Aquarium and the Museum of Fine Arts. Working on getting my website up. I was lucky enough to get the name stancymerwin.com for my website!"

Barney Connelly became a grandfather. His daughter Kate had a baby in July. He writes, "I am basically retired from teaching and coaching after 33 years. Now I dabble in property management."

Richard Dove writes, "I am an associate professor of technology at McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas. I have been teaching here for most of the last 20 years in a unique bachelors program for antique auto restoration. I became interested in auto restoration shortly after graduating from Maret. Our program is well known in restoration circles and has enabled me to meet collectors like Jay Leno, Dennis Gage from the "My Classic Car" TV show, and Wayne Carini, host of the "Chasing Classic

Cars" show. I own a 1935 Auburn Convertible Sedan that I restored. In 2010, I took the car to the annual show in Auburn, Indiana, and won Best Owner-restored Auburn, Cord or Duesenberg of the 300 ACD cars at the show. I've been married to Janet for over 30 years. I never thought I would be a college professor when I gazed out the window of the Mansion and day-dreamed about where I would be in 46 years!"

I, Sheila, started a new job in NYC in June. And that's all the news that's fit to print.

'68 45th Reunion
May 18, 2013

COCO STRAUSS
cocoinkwest@gmail.com

So it's official! Jay Korner finally retired this year and he and Connie are moving with the dogs to Arden, North Carolina, where they bought a home a few years ago. He writes, "I bought a 42-foot Travel Supreme RV. Now I have to learn how to drive it!" It's been a longtime dream of Jay's to travel by RV around the country so I wish them both Happy RV-ing!

Two years ago, Nelly Charbonneau Bonneville's son, Christophe, came to Maret two years in a row for two weeks. She writes "His double visit to Maret was so inspiring that it made him want to apply to

▼ Scott Udall '67 at the Wupatki Ruins in northern Arizona





▲ **Ana Livingston Paddock '68 (right)** and her partner, **Carlotta Boettcher**

the school of political science in international affairs! He stayed with two seniors named **Ben** and **Marty** and we hope they will come visit us in France. I can't think of anything more enjoyable than having shared even briefly the experience of going to the school I loved so much and discovering the family life of these two very impressive students. Christophe was very impressed by the energy, vitality, and creativity of Maret. Maret isn't just about learning from school books and classes. It's also about growing in a generous, positive environment, full of respect for others who are different. We are thankful to Head of School **Marjo Talbott**, language teacher **Pascale Heimonet**, and you too, Coco!"

Now some news from someone we haven't heard from since 1968! **Ana Livingston Paddock** writes "Greetings from Mexico where I live with my partner Carlotta. Every so often a *Maret Magazine* gets to me and I see you are holding the communications for our class. How great! Several years ago we moved from Santa Fe where I had a jewelry design business and Carlotta ran the Native American Artisans program at the museums. We moved to the village of Mata Ortiz and renovated Don Jose's old gas station into a home and studios. Most of my neighbors are pottery artists and I'm currently writing books about their history and culture. Read more about my work as a photographer and writer at www.casaaurorapublications.com. I spend six months in Mexico and six in Guatemala with time in the U.S. to give lectures."

As for me, **Coco**, I'm loving Fort Lauderdale while showing my latest artwork "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" in Key West. I am doing much better with the myositis I acquired last year. Although an

alternative kinda gal at heart, I wouldn't be writing this letter or painting without the help of prednisone! I am confident it will continue to stir my body's own defenses so they can take over by the end of the two-year projected timeframe. Please feel free to send your news... especially those of you who never have! Namaste'.

'71 Michele Buhrman Colburn received her MFA in Studio Art from American University in Washington, DC in May. Most recently, her work was shown nationally at the Women's Caucus for Art's 40th Anniversary exhibition in Los Angeles in February, and Michele's work was one of 32 graduate and undergraduate art students whose work was chosen for April's "On Loan" exhibition of Mid-Atlantic student artists at Area 405 in Baltimore. Michele continues to produce work and is an adjunct professor and instructor locally.

From **Nigel Moorhouse '72**: A number of years ago someone said to me that one reaches a point in life when it seems to stop giving and starts taking away. In the past couple of years, I have lost both my parents, followed hard on its heels by my friend from Maret, **Neill Monaghan**.

Neill was at the school, along with his brother Graham, from 1961–64. He was a gifted child. The staff undoubtedly recognized this, as they put him in a class that was a year ahead of the rest of us who were a similar age. He and I both loved it there and became close



Neill Monaghan '71 at Maret in 2006



▲ **The Class of 1972 at Reunion: (back row) Christina Kalavritinos, Hara Li-ya Viner, Nigel Moorhouse, Georges Delaume, (front row) Beth Lowenstein, former faculty member Marie-Therese Madoui, Lucy Galliher-Sidey, Kyaw Thin, Joe Kennedy, and Tracy Kolker**

friends.

Though neither of us wanted to leave, we both had parents who worked for the British Government and our families returned to England in the summer of 1964. As we lived in different parts of the country, we parted ways and that might easily have been the end of it.

Fast forward thirty seven years, I am spending an idle evening at my parents' place, casually perusing their book collection when I come across a 1964 Woodley Oaks Yearbook—a dark green coloured one 'affectionately dedicated to **Dexter Davison**.' Names and memories buried deep in rustic quiet immediately started to come flooding back.

Contacting the school was easy and within a relatively short period of time, Neill and I were in touch

again. In the intervening decades he had become a Barrister practicing criminal law in the City of London. He had also married, had a child, followed some years later by a divorce. Then, in his mid-forties, he met Terri, an American lady from Tennessee. They fell in love, married and moved to the U.S. Neill took the Tennessee bar exams and started practicing family law at a small firm in the town of Maryville. I can vividly recall him telling me that the bar exams were quite hard and that he wasn't going to take another exam ever again in his entire life!

For the following decade, we were in regular contact via phone and e-mail. We would fondly recall the times and teachers that we had at the school eg. **Mme Picard**, **Dexter Davison**, **Dorothy Snyder** and others. I found his memory of those years to be little short of astonishing, far better than my own in fact.

Then, in December 2008, I received an email that knocked me sideways. He had Stage 4 cancer of the esophagus along with a tumor in the liver. For three years he fought it valiantly without ever losing his wonderful humour, combined with a fierce determination to beat it. Regrettably by 2011, there was irreversible liver damage and his condition started to worsen. He passed away peacefully on November 13, 2011. If you wish to contact his wife, Terri, she would love to hear from you. Her e-mail address is: terri9033@att.net.

'72 From **Christina Kalavritinos**: "The class of 1972 had a great 40th reunion at Maret in May. Everyone enjoyed catching up with one another. Congratulations to **Tracy Kolker** and **Bruce Ochsmann '75** who were married on July 7."

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'78 35th Reunion
May 18, 2013

'79 **MIKE ZANGWILL**
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Sarah Beechler moved from Pittsburgh to Vero Beach, Florida in August of 2011. "I moved because I don't do winters. Now daily activities include boating, fishing, beach bumming and reading by the pool, golfing and cooking with my significant other, Todd. We enjoy eating fresh fish. We spend the hot summer in Maine. Our blueberry farm, Wyman's in Maine is doing well and our wild blueberry juice is sold in grocery stores nationwide. My daughter, Stephanie (19) is attending the University of Alabama. On June 16 we gathered in Washington at the Omni Shoreham to celebrate my brother, **Nick Doudoumopoulos '80** 50th birthday. Maret alumni in attendance included **Mary Beth Colvill '80**, **Peter McAdams '80**, **Mike Zangwill '79**, and **Tym Schelling '80**. If you are coming to



▲ **Samson (L.) and Trevor (r.), sons of Suzanne Hilleary '79**

Florida look me up." **Suzanne Hilleary** writes, "Dear Class of '79, Hello from the Catskills! I am still working closely with Andrew Warner here at www.wacbiz.com as he continues on the tech front with companies like Seed.com. In August, the girls celebrate their 50th birthdays as **Betsy Mueller**, **Sidra Goff-Michon**, our dear friend Terrie Koles, and I venture to the Provence area of France to Terrie's house to celebrate. On the family front, Trevor Stannus (19) just finished his freshman year in journalism at Bennington College and had an internship at Global TV Vancouver. Samson (17) heads to McGill University for a BSC Computer Software Engineering degree. I ask you all, did any of you know as much as this generation about what we wanted to do professionally? It is so inspiring to me to see this trend! My husband, Jeffrey Cameron, and I are working hard on the music licensing front. We had feature films at Tribeca film

festival last month that we music supervised and are managing the Gov't Mule side band Planet of the Abts...look for us as the band is touring the U.S., Poland, Brazil, Sweden this year! I still see the Ashe gals, **Susie Monagan**, **Dana McEnroe** and **Betsy Hilkert-McTaggart**. We mourn the loss of **Mrs. Hilkert** who passed away in May."

From the Alumni Office: **Polly Brewer Beyer** writes, "Living on the North Shore of Boston. Hard to believe my eldest has just finished his freshman year in college. My youngest daughter is 16, learning to drive and is still in high school. They get older and hard to think we do too. Still working a few days a week as a clinical social worker. I'm in private practice that keeps me busy. Would love to catch up with classmates. Be in touch if you come to Boston."

going to try and dig up some news on people we haven't heard from in awhile.

Jonathan Arnold (with the crisp if slightly impersonal efficiency we all remember so well) reports that he left Analysis Group at the end of last April to become chief economist at New York State's Office of the Attorney General.

Mary Beth Colvill writes: "I was in DC in June attending **Nick Doudoumopoulos' 50th** birthday party. It was a very nice evening. **Pete McAdams**, Beth and **Mike Zangwill '79**, and **Tym Shelling '79** and his wife were all there along with **Sarah Doudoumopoulos '79**. We all stayed at the Omni Shoreham Hotel where the party was held. I celebrated my 50th in January. Hard to believe. I finished my English as a Second Language (ESL) certificate so I am now certified to teach English to ESL



▲ **Ruth Heller Catan '80 celebrating Kati Tanner's ('80) 50th birthday.**



▼ **Celebrating Nick's 50th Birthday (front row) Mary Beth Colvill '80, Sarah Doudoumopoulos Beechler '79, Mike Zangwill '79, (back row) Nick Doudoumopoulos '80, Tym Schelling '80, and Peter McAdams '80.**

'80 **PTOLEMY TOMPKINS**
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For a couple of years I (**Ptolemy**) have had the idea of helping Betsy as class correspondent. After all, is it really fair that she keep up this job all the way to the 75th reunion? So last Christmas, when my fiancée Colleen and I were having dinner with her and her partner Ziad in their beautiful house in New Orleans, I brought the matter up. It did not take much begging. As the class's new correspondent, I'm

students. I will wait a little while before I pursue that career. We are having a great summer. Loving this weather! **Susan**, **Grace**, **Ernie** and I are all meeting up in Chicago in September."

George Harrop continues to work in small business lending for CapitalSource Bank. "A year ago Lori and I moved the family closer to Maret onto Garfield Terrace. In fact, right next door to **Mary Beth Colvill's (Akins)** childhood home. **Will Harrop** is a senior, graduating in 2013, and **Meg Harrop** is a tenth



▲ **Members of the Classes of 1982 and 1983 with Bob Caiola at Reunion in May**

grader. Both attend Maret. Will is going to be studying 20th Century Europe with **Leonard King** next year, which makes his father feel just a bit old!”

Ruth Heller Catan writes: “My family (my husband Mark, our kids Carolyn and Helen and my sister, Susan Heller) and I traveled to Helsinki, Finland, where we celebrated midsummer with **Kati Tanner** as she rang in 50 on June 29. Kati attended Maret from 1975–1977 until the Finnish government promoted her father to the position of Ambassador to Lebanon. We have stayed in touch ever since. Some of our favorite memories involve **John Blee**’s art class, which we touched on briefly during this trip. Generally, my visits abroad to see Kati and her family were laced with fabulous pomp and circumstance and local food. She on the other hand had to settle for my parents’ 1950s colonial. I have enclosed a photo of Kati and me from our most recent visit. I will next be celebrating with **Lynn Mallios Lailas** in July and will send updates. Hope everyone in the class of 1980 is staying cool in this already torrentially hot summer and having great celebrations as the year progresses. Cannot believe we are (must accept it now and not gasp) turning 50.”

Sidra Michon writes: “My daughter Corey just graduated from LHS and will be attending Williams this fall. She will be playing LAX/goalie for the purple cows. Casey is now a junior and just starting to think about college.

Me, I’m still at KAYAK.com doing product management, design and usability studies. Hubby Brian is VP at Abine.com; an online privacy company that provides plug-ins and services to block your clicks and movements from being recorded on the web, as well as delete content that refers to you. In August I joined **Betsy Mueller** and **Suzanne Hilleary ’79** on a trip to Avignon to celebrate the big 50. Other than that, I’m just trying to slow down and enjoy the moment, keep in shape, eat good food & wine and spend more time with friends.”

Rick Simmons writes: “News in my life: my second grandson was born in the early hours of June 30, in the middle of the derecho; and I spoke on franchise agreements at the International Franchise Association’s Annual Legal Symposium in Washington, DC in May.”

’83 30th Reunion May 18, 2013

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Not too many takers this time around, but we had a few folks write in about their activities. **Marita Martiney**, who clearly has a letter “M” fetish, writes that she is “preparing for my youngest daughter’s (Marialyse) high school graduation party. My big news is that James and I are empty nesters! Marielle is a junior at Princeton, and Marialyse is a freshman at Connecticut College. We will be busy many weekends shuttling

between the two campuses to watch the girls dance with their respective dance companies, and bring them whatever they can’t possibly live without that didn’t fit in the car the last time we visited. She goes on to say “I continue to enjoy my job in the pharmaceutical industry—forecasting production demand and new product opportunities. I’m learning a lot about marketing analytics.” Thanks for the update Marketing Marita Martiney and Marialyse, Marielle and more!

Meg Edson graciously offered to salvage our notes section this time around and says, “I have nothing new going on but I’ll say something so our year doesn’t look so pathetic. I’m still teaching at The Lab School and live in Bethesda. I’m going on my seventh year there and I still love it. My husband and I have a goal to do 25 half marathons in 25 states so we have been busy with that and it’s been fun exploring different cities on foot.” Very ambitious! My goal is to try to stave off extra weight until hockey season comes back around in August.

Leslie Morgan Steiner wrote in as well. She tells me “Although I did not do Sanibel, I went to the 25th reunion to see **Mr. Caiola** and **Mr. Peterson** and reflect on how much the Sanibel program has added to the Maret community.” Leslie added that she went to her Harvard reunion recently and is writing a book on infertility! I always wished I had done the

▼ **Julia and Marston, children of Phil Scher ’83, in front of their favorite ice cream place in Barbados.**



Sanibel trip too. I guess I am trying to make up for it by working in the Caribbean.

I, **Phil**, returned from six weeks in Barbados this past spring. The whole family went and had a great time reconnecting with our friends and the kids’ classmates. I am finishing up research and starting to write a book on cultural heritage tourism in the Caribbean.

’86 DAVID TRUMAN dtruman@yahoo.com

Tim McNicholl and his family (wife Susan and sons Xavier (5) and Jack (3.5)) have relocated from Texas to Ames, Iowa, where Tim has joined the math faculty at Iowa State University. “I am in charge of redesigning the precalculus curriculum (ohhh the ironies!),” writes Tim. “We spent Fall 2010 in Ames while I was on sabbatical and we fell in love with it. Returning on a permanent basis is a dream come true for all of us.”

Barton Clark wrote in with a news-filled update. “In the ‘stuff I never would have predicted while at Maret’ category, both my sons (8th and 10th grade this fall) go to Landon. The older one plays football (interior lineman) while the younger has a quiet passion for art.” Barton and family live in Vienna, and he works in D.C., where he is partner at Latham & Watkins LLP, focusing on private equity fund formation and operations. (Barton claims this is “not at all as dry as it sounds.”) Speaking for many of us with kids, he observes “watching my kids cycle towards/through high school, I’m amazed how quickly time goes by. Ferris Bueller was right.”

Also wrestling with the passage of time is **Paul Podolsky**, who wrote in from Westport, Conn. “Kids just turned 18 (gasp) and 12. The 18 year old is in the maws of the college selection process. I am having vivid thoughts of **Leonard King** advising me not that long ago.” Paul reports that “the two kids are completely opposite in temperament and bizarrely complimentary, i.e. they get along.” Paul’s wife Marina is now in graduate school, in the process of switching from a teaching career to family and marriage counseling. “Westport is a pretty town but with age particularly I miss living in a city



▲ Members of the Class of 1987 celebrate their 25th Reunion.

and recall fondly the fun nights in Washington, D.C. doing things like riding around in **Mitchell Tartt's** convertible and—gasp again, when the drinking age was 18—drinking cold beers on a warm summer night.”

'88 25th Reunion
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'89 REBECCA LIEBLICH WEISS
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I (**Rebecca**) am very happy to be the new correspondent for the class of 1989. I've enjoyed hearing

from my classmates, and finding out what's going on in their lives. I look forward to hearing from more people as I continue in this role. Please email me!

When I was afraid that no one was going to send me any updates I contacted my dear friend **Sarah Rivkin**, and she was kind enough to send me a report on her family's recent move—all of five blocks—to a new home in Brooklyn that offers the “pseudo-suburban pleasures of the backyard.” She says, “We're really getting into grilling and gardening, and loving being able to tell

our very energetic children to ‘Take it outside.’” Her younger child will be starting kindergarten, and Sarah says she's looking forward to having both kids in the same school. Also in the fall, Sarah will start teaching qi gong, in addition to her private Chinese-medicine practice and magazine advisory board duties.

Jennifer Seedyke Edelson got in touch from Charlottesville, VA, where her three boys attend the Waldorf School, and she works in the main office. Jenny will be starting a course in the fall to learn more about Waldorf education, while her husband, Max, is still at UVA writing about colonial history and maps, and biking the hills of C-ville. She had a great time catching up with fellow '89ers at the Sanibel reunion this spring: **Kristen Fischer Holden**, **Tim Schaffer**, **Nat Reid**, and **Beth Porterfield Frattali**, and is looking forward to seeing **Raechel Adams** while oceanside this summer.

Jasper Hopper has very happy news to report, with the birth of his and wife Michelle's first child—a girl. Making things even more hectic for their family was the recent purchase of a new home in San Diego, and Michelle adjusting to life away from the circus—literally! She was a performer with Cirque du Soleil for seven years—while Jasper is still grinding away in Executive Search.

Noah Pines lives with his wife, Kristina, and daughter, Ruthie, in Philadelphia. About two and a half years ago Noah and Kristina started their own company, which provides commercial analysis for specialty biopharmaceutical companies. They're both passionate about cooking and running, in fact their first date was the Baltimore 10-miler. Noah also mentions that his brother **Jesse '91**, lives in Fairfax and is an ER doctor at GW Hospital. (see alumni profile on p. 12) He and his wife just had their third child.

Patrick McGuinn is still teaching at Drew University in Madison, NJ, where he just received the Faculty Leadership in Civic Engagement award and became chair of the political science department. He's also happily and busily parenting four girls: a pre-schooler (Payton), two elementary schoolers (Haven and Carigan), and a middle schooler (Bailey). He recently had dinner with **Sam Baldwin** and his wife Rebecca,



▲ Daniel Yost '90, Paul Brody, and their two children in San Francisco

who just moved to Northern Jersey and welcomed a baby girl!

I, **Rebecca**, am also a New Jerseyan (Jerseyite?), and have lived here for about six years. I have worked at Swann Auction Galleries, a rare book and fine art auction house in Manhattan for the past nine years, and was promoted to director of communications in 2011. My husband Mike and I have two very curly-haired kids, four-year-old Franklin and a two-year-old Valerie. We are looking forward to many summer weekends at our family beach house on the Jersey Shore, which is nothing like the MTV show. I was thrilled to get back in touch and actually hang out with the ever-lovely **Kaija Knorr** at a recent art event in the city. Other '89 classmates, please drop me a line!

'91 JESSE M. PINES
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Thanks again to the Class of 1991 for all the great updates in the last two issues of the *Maret Magazine*, along with the wonderful pictures. **Michael Mountford** reports that he, his wife, and daughter are settling well in Bergen, Norway and now he is working for a Norwegian company, which he describes as a “breath of fresh air.” As for me, **Jesse**, my big news is that we welcomed our third baby, Oren Pines, on May 24. Oren joins big brother and sister Asher, 4, and Molly, 2.

From the Alumni Office: **Syd Butler**, founder of Frenchkiss Records, announced the formation of the Frenchkiss Label Group, and the first nine labels to join the group.

See **Jesse Pines's** Alumni Profile on p. 12.

'92 COURTNEY CARLSON
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Our 20th reunion kicked off on Friday night with a cocktail party (at



▼ Franklin (4) and Valerie (2), children of Rebecca Liebllich Weiss '89

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▲ Members of the Class of 1992 celebrate their 20th Reunion.

my house) on one of the most beautiful spring evenings of the year.

Matt Cloud traveled the shortest distance—a walk over from Morrison Street, and **Britta Zimmer** the farthest—Hawaii. Britta and **Julia Mitric** truly deserved their Mo-ret-jitos (I thought our reunion needed a happy green drink) after each made the cross-country-trek with their two little children solo. **Anthony Preston** came down from Portland, Maine after folding under the continuous Carlson/Lipson full-court press (so glad he did). **Andrew Broadstone** and his wife, Meghan Terry, live in Boston and got a lot of bang for their trip buck by bouncing between our festivities and her Sidwell '92 reunion.

The Northeasterners should have carpooled, **Paul Lipson** and his wife, Nicole, (one of the only spouses to endure two nights of the Maret-fest, kudos to you, Mrs. Carmichael,

▼ **Maddie (5) and Thea (5 weeks), daughters of Julie Lanoff '92**



and my sainted husband) brought sweet Lulu from Boston to help get the party started. **Holly O'Donnell** turnpiked from Pittsburgh with her daughter, Sloan. **Seth Carmichael** and his wife, Elisa, have been traveling constantly around the country and the world but took a pit-stop to re-visit the Carmichael homeland. See Seth's Alumni Profile on p. 14.

DC locals who really made no special effort at all to come: **Michelle Loser Schafer, Andrew Meltzer, Nikki Sims, Howard Stewart, Zena Bleicher Carmel-Jessup, Matt Cloud, Alan Adler, Robyn Wechsler, and David Kaufmann.** Best (and only two legitimate) excuses for not coming: **Julie Lanoff** and **Gordy Lewis.** Julie gave birth to Thea Eliot Stein a mere three weeks later on June 6. Julie lives in Oakland and therefore could not have made it back to the hospital from Woodley Park. Gordy Lewis and his wife recently welcomed twin girls also in CA. Those of you who couldn't make it, be forewarned, Paul, Holly, and I are going to start harassing you soon to save the date for #25.

'93 20th Reunion
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Congratulations to **Doug Rohlf**s who married Alexandra Smyshlyeva in Moscow on April 14. Doug and Alexandra went on their honeymoon to Rome, Florence, Venice, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Doug works at an investment bank in Moscow. Congratulations also to **Peggy**

Bennett Mejia and her husband Carlos who welcomed their son, Carlos, on February 6. And one more congratulations to **Liz Kraut**, who was married on August 19. She lives in Venice Beach, CA.

Jamie Myer reports that his "Architecture Studio is doing well—we've just finished filming as designers for an episode of a new upcoming HGTV series 'House Hunters Renovation.'" Jamie also just got a new sailboat for the first time since he was on the Maret Sailing Team, which he has been racing with a few times a week. **Alwyn**

"an electronics kit called "Scrapyard Challenge Jr." with Katherine Moriwaki. The kit teaches kids about electronics by making digital and analog musical instruments from recycled materials. Jonah has held 54 workshops in 14 countries on five continents since 2003.

Charlie Dunham is working as a full-time professional librarian and living in Corvallis, a college town south of Portland, OR where he enjoys cycling and participating in community supported agriculture.

Amy Blum Alamar writes that life in San Francisco "is really



▲ Carlos, son of Peggy Bennett Mejia '93

Reuther's mother, **Marilyn Horrom**, retired this year from teaching art at Maret for 20 years. Marilyn will now focus on her painting and spending more time with family, including the week of the 4th of July in St. Michael's with Alwyn's grandmother and Alwyn's growing family. Alwyn and husband Sam have two boys, Ben, 4, and Luke, almost 2.

Jonah Brucker Cohen's son, Adrian, turned two this summer. Jonah is teaching at Parsons School of Design, MFA/Design and Technology and is also co-developing

good—kids are happily engaged in summertime activities and we are enjoying lots of time together. My work is going well and [husband **Ben '92**] is happily crunching numbers" for the Thunder, which came in second place in the NBA finals this year.

I, **Amy**, am enjoying being Mom to my baby girl, Mira, and am back at work as General Counsel at the DC Office of Risk Management. Keep in touch classmates, and start planning now for our 20th Reunion next year!

▼ **Jamie Myer '93** aboard his new sailboat





Laura Nolan Michael '96 with her husband, Jeff, daughter, Keira, and son, Kai

'94 **CARRIE HORN DOOHER**
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I (Carrie) was reminded that I had to write this update with the lovely surprise of running into one of our fellow classmates last weekend, sitting outside having brunch with my husband, Chris, and my 100-year-old grandmother! **Leila Putzel Fitzpatrick** just happened to be walking down the street to a nearby toy store. What a lovely surprise! It was so nice to hear that she and her family are all doing well. And hopefully I'll run into her again soon since we seem to be in the same neighborhoods often.

This edition is going to be short and sweet—I think many of you all were already on summer trips and out of the office—lucky! But I did hear from a few folks and I'm happy to share that everyone is doing very well.

Alexa Lowe and I were able to catch up, which has been far too long since we live close to one another. She is doing well.

Devin Talbott continues to build the private debt and equity firm he recently started, focusing on the aerospace and defense sector. He and his family are well, and amazingly (time flies!), his daughter, **Loretta** starts in the Maret kindie cottage in the fall. For us Maret lifers, that brings back some wonderful memories!

Congratulations to **Michael Schreiber** on his recent engagement! I couldn't be more thrilled and look forward to visiting with Mike and Jenny when I'm next out in LA.

Erin Fagan Silber is still having fun exploring Brooklyn with Gary and her two boys, Noah and Max. Noah is entering the second grade and Max just turned four! Erin's photography business is still thriving and she has a busy summer

planned with hopefully an even more busy fall capturing beautiful moments of family.

And **Rebecca Horn** is finishing up the last few months of her anesthesiology program, as well as being a supermom with three kids under three! I visit them in Philly as often as possible (as well as to Seattle to see **Juli Horn Cook '91** and **Olivia Leland** and their families!) and oh my, the things kids say! They're just adorable, and my nephews Ryan (Becca's son), Max and Zander (Juli's sons) have me rolling in laughter with their cuteness!

And, as I always end, as for me, I made a great decision coming over here to Ogilvy Washington and I love my work focusing on positive behavior change through social marketing—which isn't social media, but rather the application of marketing and communication principles to create social good. Fancy, right! Actually, it's pretty simple—I primarily focus on promoting public health. Chris and I are still loving being in D.C. and I really do enjoy running into friends and classmates, so keep the Maret surprises coming! Enjoy the summer, stay cool (as I write this on a day breaking 100 degrees!), and keep in touch!

'95 **NORA MELTZER**
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I was thrilled to get some news from folks from the Class of 1995 I haven't heard from in a while. **Tom Pisciotta** had many, many accomplishments to report. Not only did he recently obtain a degree in radiography (making him an RT(R) or registered technologist in radiography), but, in doing so, he received his school's highest honor, the "Harrison Award" from Chesapeake College in Maryland. As described

in an article in a local newspaper profiling Tom, the award is given to the school's graduate who best combines outstanding characteristics of scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. Tom sent me a YouTube link to the "speech" he gave at commencement when he received the award, which was an incredibly impressive rap! In addition to his academic accomplishments, Tom has become a celebrity of sorts as a result of the entertaining he does as "Tommy Buckets" playing music on recycled buckets and other containers on the streets of Baltimore and beyond. He has traveled to a number of countries to teach kids how to play music on buckets, combining a love of music with a message of sustainability. He also sent me a link to a local news story about his work as Tommy Buckets and it too is incredibly impressive. Tom wants everyone to know that he is "available for all manner of social functions" and can be contacted at tommybuckets@gmail.com.

In other news, **Erica Lutzker Rich** reports that she is working in online media at a company called DECA, curating video content for women and moms who need a time-out, and otherwise perfecting the art of being an aunt and enjoying life in LA. She encourages everyone to look for the website "Momversation" to catch up on the best videos on the web. And (**Katherine**) **Kramer** is headed to U.C. Davis in the fall to start a PhD in economics at the same time that her son, Nate, will be entering kindergarten, so as she puts, they are both off to "big" school!

Dana Kirkpatrick recently completed a three-month painting residency in Brittany, France and now is back painting states-side. She continues to advocate for the Silverlake Conservatory of Music, partnering of late with LAFCO New York (www.lafco.com) by creating artwork featured on a limited edition candle to benefit the Conservatory's scholarship program. That's it for this issue.

See **Suvi Gezari's** Alumni Profile on p. 13.

'96 **SIMONE GRIFFIN**
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CORRECTION: In the last Class Notes, it was noted that **Liddy Parlato** was a bridesmaid in **Ingrid Lund's** recent wedding. In fact, it

was **Avery Campaigne Libby**. Apologies for the error!

Laura Nolan Michael writes: My husband Jeff and I welcomed our son Kai into the world on October 19, 2011. His big sister Keira is now two and a half and loving having a little brother to play with. I am still happily working for Booz Allen Hamilton, doing strategic communications and branding work, and we're living in Annandale, Virginia.

Thea Nelson's husband Hengky recently suffered a very bad car accident in their hometown of Bali. With the resulting shake-up they have decided to relocate to Java, Indonesia. We're sorry to hear of the accident but glad they're okay and wish the family the best in their new hometown!

Sidney Catlett is still a police officer in Southeast DC. He has three kids, ages 11, 4, and 2, and is "working on getting engaged," of which he will keep us posted.

Aline Varre Haidara gave birth to her second child, son Idriss, at the end of February. The family is enjoying maternity leave in Senegal.

Matthew Egbert writes: I'm living in Brighton, UK, where I'm lecturing graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Sussex. My wife, Alison, and I welcomed our daughter, Anneke Isabelle, on August 27. We're very excited!

Aden Glassman writes: I moved back to the DC area about a year and a half ago from Los Angeles where I worked in film/TV production for four years, two of which I worked for the director Oliver Stone. I now work at Discovery in Silver Spring where I am the talent manager for Investigation Discovery, Destination America, and Military Channel.

As for me, **Simone**, I am getting used to being back in DC. I'm preparing for a half marathon later this year so if any of you want to join me on my morning runs along the National Mall, email or find me on Facebook.

'97 **JASON WASFY**
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Mike White writes: "I will be heading back to Chile at the end of the year and putting in paperwork to become a Foreign Area Officer, essentially the diplomats of the Navy. One thousand ninety-six days of being a chief engineer has left me



▲ Members of the Class of 1997 celebrate their 15th Reunion.

pretty wiped out.”

Maria Freeman Mulvehill writes: “My husband James and I still live in Manhattan, and have Adelaide (2 years) and Eleanor (5 months). We are having a great (and crazy) summer of traveling every weekend and contemplating a move to Connecticut at some point in the next couple years.”

Martha Margetis writes: “After nearly 12 years and 5 moves in the City we have finally settled down now that our family is complete on the Upper West Side.” She and her husband are the proud parents of two sons, Spyros and Alexandros.

Christine van den Toorn writes from Iraq: “I am still really enjoying teaching Middle East History over at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani. I’ve got the summer off so I am doing some preliminary PhD research on Bashiqa, a town near Mosul and will be back in DC for a month.”

I (**Jason**) enjoyed seeing so many of you at the reunion and hope we can catch up more often! Nine months of marriage has been delightful although there have been many, many misdirected pages at Mass General now that there are two cardiologists named Wasfy.

'98 15th Reunion May 18, 2013

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As always, classmates, you provide plenty of exciting and happy news to share—even when it’s just those of you whose name begins with the letter A! **Alexa Kleinman**

Rabinowitz writes “I would love to announce that I had a second daughter, Mia Rose Rabinowitz. She was born March 25. My oldest, Zoe Danielle Rabinowitz, turned three on July 29.” **Adrian Talbott** said hello from New York City, where he is entering his second year at Columbia Business School and his wife Sandra works as an attorney. **Alexis Serfaty** shared, “I recently proposed to my girlfriend of two years, Sunlen Miller. We’ll be getting married next year. I was also recently named inaugural Fellow to the Brussels-based, Transatlantic Policy Network and am a Policy & Research Fellow with Organizing for America Virginia.” And, finally, this past May **Alec De Reitzes** and Krista Maloney were married in a fantastic

▼ Members of the class of '99 Jamie Poist, Steve Brown, Ben Lazarus, and Phil Kowalczyk enjoyed a rafting trip on the 4th of July.



▲ Shooter Starr '99 married Sarah Murphy on May 12 in Charlottesville.

ceremony here in San Francisco. Among the guests were many Maret graduates, including **Lowell Fox**, **Robert Shanklin**, **Michael Wittie**, **Nora Friedman '00**, and myself (**Nicholas Breznay**). Special kudos go to Alec and Krista, Lowell and Komal Kapoor Fox, and **Laura** and **Foster De Reitzes** for occupying and shredding the dance floor all evening; they were unstoppable!

Thanks to everyone who wrote to say hello and share—I can’t wait to hear from the B’s next time.

'99 JAMIE POIST james.poist@gmail.com

After enjoying a few days without power at both my office and apartment following the “derecho” storm that wreaked havoc on the

DC area things returned to normal on America’s birthday, July 4th when I was able to go rafting with classmates **Steve Brown**, **Ben Lazarus**, and **Phil Kowalczyk**.

Having only heard from three members of the Class of 1999 I am hopeful that more will share news about where they are and what they are doing for the next issue of the *Maret Magazine*! After calling out my classmates for submissions onto those who did send updates: **Kelley Hubbell** has big news from Louisiana involving one of the most beloved members of the Maret faculty, “Things in New Orleans are going great. Our school just graduated our first class and sent 95% of our scholars to college, 91% of whom are first generation college students. **Ben Marcovitz** and I are excited to have **Jim Erwin** join the Collegiate Academies staff. I feel incredibly thankful to have such a powerful educator join our team.”

Josh Levit writes “In May, my union, SEIU Local 888, settled and overwhelmingly ratified our contract with the City of Boston. I had the opportunity serve as chief negotiator for the union for this contract, which covers 1100 members. It took over a year and a half, but our members will end up with one of the best compensation packages in Massachusetts. In much lighter news, I recently caught up with **Jason Livingood**, **Stelios Xenakis**, and **Cate Gogol** at **Sean Wolridge’s** birthday party, which was a blast. Finally, I served as best man in the **Robert Eccles**–Colleen Moore nuptials in July, with **Todd Martin** as my



▲ Spyros and Alexandros, sons of Martha Margetis '97

sidekick in the wedding party."

Rachel Block writes "I just finished up my first year of law school at the University of Chicago, and am spending my summer working at a boutique law firm in Seattle and enjoying the extremely long summer days. In June, I had the great pleasure of seeing Gwyn Fries get married, and was struck by how much we've all grown up since goofing off and sneaking into a boys-only tent on the eighth-grade camping trip. (I'm pretty sure the statute of limitations on that has run, so Mr. Mulholland can't get me now!). Congrats (condolences?) to all of us for now officially being 'thirty-something.'"

I couldn't have said it better myself Rachel! Congrats AND Condolences are in order as we are all now solidly out of our 20s...Cheers.

From the Alumni Office: Shooter

Starr married Sarah Murphy on May 12 in Charlottesville. Stephen Brown, Phil Kowalczyk, and Ben Lazarus were in the wedding party. They live in New York City, but hope to eventually return to the DC area.

'00 SETH HELLER
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Matt Fromboluti reports that he has successfully earned his master's in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis. Matt has since accepted a job at a small architecture firm in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he is living with his fiancée, a PhD candidate in the University of Michigan's Cognitive Science program, and is working on obtaining his architecture license.

In other news, Evan Smith is returning to DC after earning his MBA at UVA. In October 2012, Evan plans to start his new job as a con-



▲ Molly Palmer '01 married Lee Cowan on April 14.

sultant. However, before starting his new job, Evan will have spent three months in Categena, Colombia to improve his Spanish. Finally, Evan reports that he spent time in LA with Chris Dally and Drew Chafetz as they congregated to celebrate a "trifecta party" for Max Greenberg. Max turned 30, graduated with his PhD, and is moving to Paris for his post-doctoral studies. Evan said that "a great time was had by all."

Finally, Peter Lund and his wife, Brooke, were in town recently with their new daughter, Ellie Grace Lund. I had the pleasure of hosting the Lund family and Billy Maloni for a little gathering in my apartment. See the picture of "three men and a baby" as well as a picture of Ellie. Peter has updated that Ellie is now 5 months old and is "doing great." She's definitely cute, good thing she takes after Mom, right Peter?

'01 ELEANOR TERRY
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The class of 2001 is very proud of our classmates who are earning degrees, taking vows, changing diapers, and serving our country!

Joe Griffith recently graduated from University of Miami Medical School and is working for one year at Howard University Hospital before starting ophthalmology residency next summer at the Cleveland Clinic. He recently became engaged and is getting married in May.

Kevin Bale graduated from University of Pennsylvania Law School and is now working as an associate in the corporate department at WilmerHale in Washington, DC.

Seth Shaffer lives in Long Beach, CA and just earned his Doctorate in Psychology!

The alumni network of 2001 welcomes three new additions to our class: Truman Thomas Osborn, Molly Cowan, and Rebecca Growe! Truman Thomas Osborn was born April 9 and welcomed by happy parents Lelah Baker-Rabe and Dylan Osborn.



▲ Rebecca Wittie '01 married Jason Growe on April 28.

Molly Palmer Cowan shares, "Two and a half years after our romance ignited (while covering the infamous 'Balloon Boy' story for the TODAY Show), I got to marry my better half, Lee Cowan. We were married on April 14 at St. Alban's Parish and were thrilled to be able to share our big day with many wonderful friends from Maret."

▼ Billy Maloni '00, Peter Lund '00 holding Ellie Grace, and Seth Heller '00



Class Notes



▲ Abby Kohlman '05, Gary Kohlman, Jake Kohlman '01, Jessie Kohlman '12, Becca Kohlman '04, and Lesley Zork celebrate Jessie's graduation from Maret with a cut-out Jake.

On April 28, **Rebecca Wittie** married her best friend, Jason Growe. She shares that it was her favorite day ever and was delighted to get to share it with so many wonderful friends, including and especially **Jessica Gage, Briana Nichols, Stephanie Davis, Eleanor Terry, Jessica Kleinman, Charlotte Aukamp, Bergen Cooper** and **Edrian Wenger**.

First Lieutenant **Jake Kohlman** is currently deployed in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. However, never one to miss out on some Maret and family fun, he was turned into a life-size cut out for the Maret graduation of Jessie, his

youngest sister. His life-size cut out stood patiently through the whole graduation ceremony holding a sign to congratulate the fourth Kohlman to graduate Maret. Jake certainly was busy throughout the week-end of celebration. **Ms. Levinson** stopped by to say hello and **Mr. Emerson** took a picture with the Jake-look-alike. Jake's cut out even had drinks with his fiancé, Melissa Oliver and Jessica Kleinman. Although the life-size cut out was fun, the real Jake is certainly missed by both his family and the Maret community and we cannot wait for his safe return!

▼ **Billy Maloni '00, Monica Wasfy, Justin Wasfy '01, Evan Smith '00, and Jason Wasfy '97** at Monica and Justin's wedding in June.



I, Eleanor, received a Fund for Teachers research grant to spend the summer developing a statistics curriculum based on the 2012 Presidential Election. I will be traveling through Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, and Colorado working with pollsters in these swing states. I look forward to meeting up with **Julia Wilkinson** in Miami!

See **Masako Ikegami's** Alumni Profile on p. 15.

'02 **LIZZIE OSIUS**
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The Maret Class of 2002 officially celebrated our first decade out of high school in May of this year, and it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces back in Maret's New Gym for our 10-year reunion. While

her registered nursing degree in San Francisco, and will be spending the summer in Guatemala delivering babies in preparation for her mid-wifery program, to begin in the Fall. In addition, **Cristina Duncan Evans** will be doing an exciting cross-country train/road-trip during the summer, spending much of her time in the southwest and California.

Writing in from very far away, **Kathryn Hannah** continues happily living and working based in Abu Dhabi, UAE, where she has now been residing for over three years, and has recently moved companies to CyberPoint International. **Dan Smith** just finished three years working in Honduras with Agua Clara (<http://aguclara.cornell.edu>—philanthropic investors and donors



▲ **Members of the Class of 2002 celebrate their 10th Reunion.**

many of our classmates had understandable reasons for not being there, none was more exciting than that of **Susan Fleishman Haese**, who gave birth to her beautiful daughter, Penelope Elizabeth Haese, on May 2, 2012. Susan and her husband are ecstatic...a big congratulations from us all!

Over on the west coast, **Anna Greenberg** will be spending the summer in northern New Mexico, working with local children to encourage them both to explore and appreciate their environment. She is looking forward to spending time with classmate **Thea Stanford**, who will be living nearby in Durango, Colorado! **Mara Fox** finished an intense year of schooling to earn

are welcome!), and will now remain on the company's Board as he pursues a master's degree in Water, Sanitation, & Health Engineering at the University of Leeds in the UK. **Stefanie Williams**, who will soon be starting her consulting job at Accenture in human resources and human capital strategy, will first be spending a month in Ghana teaching volleyball, followed by a visit to London for the Olympics and a vacation in Italy.

Closer to home, **Vlad Barash**, having completed his Ph.D. last year, is now working for a social media startup in Boston, focusing on exciting work around Facebook and Twitter. **Andrew Goodman** continues to enjoy all Philadelphia has

to offer, including the opportunity to spend time with fellow alum **Jamaar Joseph**, as well as time to enjoy having his own yard and horseshoe pit. I, **Lizzie**, remain in New York City, having completed my master's in health policy from NYU in May and recently started working as a health policy consultant at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips. Joining me in New York City is **Katie Pergola**, who has continued her work at MAC cosmetics, and is currently training both for a certification that will allow her to do makeup for New York Fashion Week, as well as for a 10-mile run in Disney World in September.

Congratulations to all our classmates—those who had time to write in or come to the reunion and those who did not—for all of the many accomplishments you've managed in the 10 years since graduating from Maret!

'03 10th Reunion May 18, 2013

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As we approach our 10th year out of Maret, the class of 2003 continues to soar in school, careers or whatever folks are choosing to pursue.

Alex Yergin is enjoying his time on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. However, he is soon leaving the Committee to go to graduate school. He will be doing the joint Harvard Kennedy School-Harvard Business School MPP-MBA program next year. Though sad to leave DC, he's really excited for the program. Also leaving the District is **Sam Kaplan** who graduated from law school in May and his heading to London to work for a law firm.

Nellie Thompson is also finishing grad school—her master's in Public Health Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She is heading to New York in the fall. **Tim Arling** graduated from University of Maryland School of Medicine last month and has since moved up to Vermont for his residency in Internal Medicine. **Andrea Fishman** is still at law school in Boston.

Some of our other classmates entering into graduate programs including **Margaret Bryer** who writes, "After a summer that included field work in Uganda, I will

start a PhD program in biological anthropology at CUNY/New York Consortium in Evolutionary Primatology." **Bronwyn Huggins** spent the summer traveling to Southeast Asia before starting med school at SUNY Downstate. **Ashley Riegle** is relocating to Los Angeles where she will be pursuing a master's in journalism at USC Annenberg. Ashley is extremely excited to join '03 classmate, **Carter Palmer** in the city of Angels and her sister **Allison '10** who will return to southern CA after fall semester in Florence. Ashley continues to run SingleForaReason.com, which was featured in the July issue of Australian fashion magazine, *CLEO*.

Mike Hammond writes from beautiful San Diego, "I just finished my first year of grad school—literally a few hours ago—and loved it. Exhausting but loved it, loving being able to study acting all day long and really get into it and not worry about much else. I'm coming back to DC for the summer and am performing in *All's Well That Ends Well* at the Shakespeare Theatre in August and September. Then, I'm back at UCSD for my second year in September." **Eliza Meltzer** spent her summer off from Tulane Law School in Chicago working for the Federal Defender Program. She loved running into **Allie Goodwin** who continues to study at Northwestern Medical School. Also in Chicago is **Daniel Strauss** who writes, "I am still touring with the Second City and recently wrapped shooting my first indie movie in Chicago. The film is called 'In Between Engagements,'

▼ **Christine Stuckey '04, Terrill Keiner '04, Ari Hershey '04, Tanny Mohammadi '04, and Abby Kohlman '05**



▲ **Raiyah Hussein '04 and Hollis Bowe '04 in Jordan**

and people can check it out online at anengagingfilm.com."

Brooke Smith writes, "I just finished my second of three years in a dual MA/MS program at Tufts Fletcher and Friedman schools, focusing on development economics and agriculture, food, and environment. I am very sad that **Alex Leipziger '02** has just graduated; there will be no more echoes of *Noscere Vivere Est* in the hallways of Fletcher. This summer I am interning at Stonyfield, where I get daily access to a fridge full of yogurt."

Vanessa Hoffman is beginning a job as a Program Coordinator, Research and Education, at the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network.

In New York City, **Liza Eaton** continues to enjoy her job at NBC News and living in New York. She often runs into me (**Becca**) where I still work for Google in Communications and Public Affairs.

'04 JOHN KESTER johnkester@mac.com

Many exciting things are happening with the Class of 2004. **Carlos Aguilar** is still in Boston working for Kiva Systems. They make orange robots and were just purchased by Amazon.com.



Jillian Knox '04 and her fiancé, Elvis Santoyo

In May, **Hollis Bowe** graduated from Tufts University with a M.A. in history and museum studies and has moved back to DC. She spent most of June traveling in Europe and the Middle East, and met an old friend and classmate, **Raiyah Hussein**, while in Jordan!

Hayley Henderson is a registered nurse in the traumatic brain injury and stroke program at National Rehabilitation Hospital in DC.

Jillian Knox moved from Chicago to Noe Valley, San Francisco. On April 11, after descending the Eiffel Tower, she got engaged to her fiancé, Elvis Santoyo. She has been working on expanding her ever-

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▲ **Langley Bowers '04, Sam Madison '04, Eric Black '04, and Carlos Aguilar '04**

growing online vintage store Joules Jewels Vintage, which she opened on Etsy.com back in 2009.

Brian Kennedy just finished his first year of law school at the University of Virginia. This summer he is working at the Department of Justice, as is **Ben Davis**.

I (John) spent the summer studying in Paris, after which I began my final year at Georgetown Law.

Taylor Lavender is living in Connecticut, working as deputy communications director for Representative Chris Murphy's Senate campaign.

MiMi Levine is still working

in New York City in public relations and marketing at Ted Baker London. She planned the opening of the Ted Baker flagship store on 5th Avenue in August. She has a seventy-pound English Bulldog Bowzer, who definitely owns her neighborhood!

Sam Madison is working at KIPP DC: WILL Academy teaching middle school special education.

Tanny Mohammadi is still living and working in DC. She recently started a new job as an investor relations analyst at Walker & Dunlop in Bethesda. She has also joined a summer lacrosse league that plays games at Maret.

Caroline Raclin is back in DC, working in the United States Department of State in the Population, Refugees, and Migration bureau. She says that the sweltering summer heat is a nice homecoming gift.

Laura Smith is still running her yogurt shop (Yola, in Dupont Circle) with her father. In November, she is marrying a fellow UVA graduate and then plans to travel for eight months. Their destinations are yet to be determined but Asia and South America are high on their list!

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2004 on their continued success!

'07 **CLAIRE ECCLES**
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The Class of 2007 celebrated its five-year reunion this spring! Many thanks to everyone who attended!

Joe Howard has finished his first year of teaching in DC! During his summer break, he is working on education policy and reform at Education Testing Services. In August, Joe will be teaching math and coaching the boys' soccer team at Eastern Senior High School.

Sarah Sloan is living in New Orleans and getting ready to start her second year as a high-school algebra teacher. **Melissa Walsh** is teaching eighth and ninth grade math in the Mississippi Delta through Teach for America. In addition, at school, she enjoys coaching cheerleading!

Annick Banoun also just completed her first year of Teach for America. Annick taught Language Arts in a sixth grade special education classroom at a middle school in the Southeast Bronx. This summer, she will continue to take classes for a master's in adolescent special and general education. **Naeemah Munir** moved to Ndola, Zambia for an internship with the Rwanda Zambia HIV Research Group. Naeemah will be a managerial intern for the laboratory as well as in the departments

of couples' voluntary counseling and testing.

'08 **5th Reunion**
May 18, 2013

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Zahra Dawson just took it easy and enjoyed her summer. This August, she was excited to start medical school at the University of Michigan. She'll be in Ann Arbor for the next four years (at least). She also was invited to the White House in late June to celebrate the advances of women in athletics since the advent of Title IX. Dawson ended her Emory career as the program's all-time leader in doubles victories with 105, and second in school history with 86 singles victories. The four-time all-American recently recorded her second-career runner-up finish in the doubles draw at the NCAA Division III Championships, and helped the Eagles to a third-place finish in the team championships.

This fall **Peter Minnig** will start his senior year at school. He took last year off and spent three months in Italy walking on medieval pilgrimage routes while doing research for his senior thesis. When he returned to the States, he worked at Sebring International Raceway in Florida, helping the racetrack to prepare for the 60th Anniversary 12 Hours of Sebring—a famous sportscar race. After the race in March, he started working for the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) in Atlanta. ALMS is a sportscar racing series that holds races across the country and in Canada and he's enjoyed traveling to some of the country's most famous racetracks. At Sebring and with ALMS, he's been working on new ways to promote motorsport in the US and to help companies make the most of their investments in racing by connecting with fans in fun and innovative ways.

Over the summer, **Marilyn Dorn** finished up her BA from CU Boulder on an art history study abroad program in Madrid, Spain. She then stayed in Europe to travel and looked forward to meeting up with some Maret friends while abroad.

Emily Harrop loved her four years at Bates, and was very sad to be leaving! Over the summer she

▼ **Members of the Class of 2007 celebrate their 5th Reunion.**



moved to Boston to work at the New England Center for Children, a renowned school for children with autism. She eventually plans to apply to graduate school for a master's in occupational therapy, in order to work with young children with developmental disorders.

Sasha Taskier was in DC for some of the summer but moved to NYC in August to start a marketing management rotational program at L'Oréal. She worked there last summer so was happy to be headed back!

Kara Kaufman graduated from Brown and spent the summer interning at *Moment* magazine in DC. In August, she went to Boston to begin a year-long job as a community organizer with the organization Green Corps. Her job will take her all over the country, so she may just find herself in a town near you!

In June, **Rachel Rosen** graduated from Northwestern after finishing her thesis on a research project in Peru last summer titled, "Artisans in Lima's pueblos juvenes: Problems of Implementation in Current Development Approaches." She recently started a job with the Centers for Disease Control through their Public Health Associates Program (PHAP) in which they place recent college graduates for two years in health agencies across the U.S. Her placement is at the Missouri Department of Health in the Environmental Health Department, which means she currently lives in Jackson City, MO!

This summer, **Mallory McDonagh** did some light job searching for design jobs in the DC area as well as in Boston and New York. In July, she and **Anjuli George** went on an adventure to Turkey for 10 days, splitting their time between Istanbul and a wonderful eco-lodge called Yuva (in the Southwestern area, on the coast of the Mediterranean and Aegean). She then met one of her favorite professors in Istanbul to act as the TA for a summer-study abroad studio for interior design and architecture students. She spent the end of her summer relaxing in Boston and spending some time on Martha's Vineyard.

In late May, **Kendra Mitchell** wrapped up her role as producer for the musical *City of Angels* at

Stanford. Producing *City of Angels* was one of the most rewarding experiences of her four years of college. Ram's Head Theatrical Society, the group through which she produced the show, won one of Stanford's most prestigious awards for its work in the university community this year, and she was proud to have been part of the team. She graduated on June 17, and interned at The Public Theater in New York City for the summer. She's not sure what comes next, but is looking forward to catching up with Maret friends while back on the East Coast!

Susannah Emerson moved to Spain over the summer to begin a job teaching art at the American School of Madrid. She is so excited, but also regretting never having learned Spanish. As an art teacher, she is thrilled that playing dress up is almost part of the job description. She is also looking forward to commuting to work in a school bus with her students, which might end up being a little more than she bargained for.

Jesse Lawrence was a first-team All-NCAC selection in lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan.

During the summer, **Julia Rosenthal** worked as an office manager at a clinical psychologist's office in downtown Manhattan, where she also dabbled in commercial real estate management. She then got ready to start applications for physical therapy school, which she hopes to be starting in Fall 2013.

Brenno Valerio will be in NYC for some time doing research and taking classes, then coming back down to DC and maybe working on the Hill.

Sofia Selowsky graduated from Harvard with a BA in history and will be attending the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati next year, where she will be getting her master of music in vocal performance.

In May, **Victoria Strickland** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in public health and health care management. She will head to New York City in August, where she will be a healthcare consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Also, after finishing as an NCAA Quarterfinalist in the 800m the last two

years, she can be asked to join the New Jersey New York Track Club in hopes of remaining competitive. Victoria has future aspirations of returning to school to complete her MBA/MPH.

Emily Boland also graduated from University of Pennsylvania in May. This summer she passed her boards for nursing and officially became a registered nurse. In July she started working at Georgetown Hospital in the Pediatric Intensive Care Ward.

This summer **Jack Schneider** moved to San Antonio, TX to start a year-long fellowship with City Year. City Year is non-profit that works on educational reform by partnering highly qualified young adults with at-risk public schools. The organization focuses on ideals of leadership, diversity, and community service.

'09 ANNA FABER
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Sarah Haselkorn spent the summer in St. Louis where she's interned for a college-focused mobile app called Bonfyre and worked on growing and expanding Green Bean. She's getting excited for senior year whatever else may be coming ahead!

Ally Martella writes that her year has been "pretty normal." She was captain of the Hamilton volleyball team and is finishing a semester abroad in Sydney, Australia. Ally says, "Australia has been a BLAST. I learned to surf, snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef, got a nice tan, and met some really cool Aussies."

Margot Sidman returned from a semester abroad in Budapest where she studied mathematics. Margot loved meeting awesome people and getting to travel around Europe, seeing Maret friends along the way.

Sounds like the Maret Class of 2009 is as busy as ever! Congrats to our Freshman Buddies in the Class of 2012!

'10 ANNA PIETRANTONIO
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Tess Sneeringer feels lucky to have been invited back to the beautiful Sanibel Island for the program's 25th trip this past summer and headed back to Middlebury

soon after to coordinate outdoor orientation trips for incoming first years. She will also be going abroad to Tanzania this coming spring semester.

Alex Moreno reports that things at Penn are going really well! He wrote, "It's opened up a lot of exciting new opportunities for me and allowed me to explore so many different things." After a lot of thinking, he has decided to major in biology with a minor in consumer psychology. He hopes to also fit in a nutrition minor, as well. Last summer, Alex took classes at Penn and worked for a sales/marketing company. Additionally, he took a bartending class and hopes to put it to good use soon. He's looking forward to junior year and being social chair for his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, as well as a peer advisor for incoming freshmen.

Alison Cross had a fantastic second semester at Mount Holyoke College. She choreographed a dance for her Spring Student Dance Showcase and continued to serve on the board of the Association of Pan African Unity. She has decided to double major in African American studies and sociology. Last summer she interned at Maret's Development Office and had a job working for DC's Department of the Environment. Alison was a supervisor for a group of youth that traveled around the city completing beautification projects. She's still in denial about entering into her junior year, but excited for what's to come!

Liza Danello came back to DC for the summer to work for The Shakespeare Theatre Company as an education intern. This fall, she will return to Maine for her third year at Bates College. Sophomore year turned out to be amply busy. The spring was capped off by the challenge of stage managing a production of Alan Ball's *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* and singing several performances of Handel's *Messiah* with the Bates College Choir in the same weekend. She is looking forward to working on a two-man production of Margulies's *Collected Stories* with the Theater Department this fall in addition to her double major in English and theater. In her free moments, Liza is tackling

Rory Schwartz 1992–2012

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of **Rory Schwartz '11**. We at Maret grieve for the loss of this wonderful young man, but remember fondly his warmth and kind spirit. He lived his school experiences to the fullest and was known for his playful spirit and his intellectual precision. Rory had a passion for ballet and was a standout dancer with the Washington School of Ballet, performing in every production of *The Nutcracker* since 2003. He was a beloved student and friend to all who knew him at Maret.

The Maret community extends their deepest sympathy to Rory's entire family. We all miss him greatly.



(l. to r.) Marta Del Cid '11, Rory Schwartz '11, and Yasmin Wheeler '11 at Maret's graduation in June 2011

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honors. Last summer, I came home to DC for an internship with Teach For America, and I accomplished my long-time goal of completing the 4.4 mile Chesapeake Bay swim in June. I am a resident counselor in a first-year dorm and enjoyed heading up to Amherst early to start training!

'11 PILAR FITZGERALD
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The first year out of Maret has come and gone, and while it may feel like time is flying by at lightning speed, for most of us in the Class of 2011, the excitement is just beginning. **Julia Thayer**, who plans on declaring biology major at Dickinson College this year, traveled to England at the end of the summer with the Dickinson Women's Varsity Soccer Team. She has since then started her second season with the team, tearing up the field as a star forward. **Wiley Marsteller** has also taken the ability to do what he loves with him into his sophomore year at Elon University. When he is not singing with his a cappella group, Rip_Chord (Their newest CD, *Baby Back Rips* is on sale now!), he mans his position as a writer for the up-and-coming sports blog (started by all Maret graduates), Love Boat Sports.

Asha Anderson, studying at the University of Southern California LA, spent her summer working as an engineering intern at the biomedical company Abbott Laboratories. She sends her love to the Maret community as she begins her pursuits in the field of environmental studies this fall. **Tia Watkins**, at Stanford University, took a leap of faith last year and joined the school's Women's Rugby team, which eventually held a spot

in this year's National Women's Rugby Championships in May. She spent the remainder of her summer recalling high school memories as she returned to Sanibel, Florida on Maret's Subtropical Zone Ecology program, this time as a teaching assistant.

Sylvia Leith also spent her summer revisiting a passion of her own, participating in different Opera Scenes programs, both in Washington, DC and in New York. She sends the Maret community her best wishes and is looking forward to the future as she embarks on a new chapter of her life: her first year at Yale University. At Swarthmore College, **Preston Cooper** is embracing his position as the (you guessed it) opinions editor for the campus newspaper, *The Phoenix*. His love of the theater still remains undaunted, as he hopes to direct the iconic swordfight scene from *Romeo and Juliet* for the Swarthmore Shakespeare Company's "Night of Scenes" this fall.

Yong-Uk Kim began his Expeditionary Survival and Evasion training (ESET) and Jump Training this past summer at the United States Air Force Academy. As an ESET trainee, Yong-Uk mastered advanced combat skills, and, in order to earn his "Jump Wings," he got to jump out of some airplanes! I, **Pilar**, have remained happily on the ground at Harvard University, working as the music director for my a cappella group, The Harvard Opportunes. I hope to declare a major in English with a minor in visual and environmental studies this spring.

On a more serious note, we were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of **Rory Schwartz's** sudden passing. We mourn the loss of our classmate and will miss him greatly.

some basic Italian before traveling to Florence, Italy for the spring semester!

Emma Mlyniec continues to love her time at UPenn. She is majoring in modern Middle East studies and sociology and will spend next semester in Morocco. This summer she is interning at the State Department in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

Jake Genachowski is transferring to Kenyon College in the fall and is excited to play football there!

Briana Pegado received the University of Edinburgh's first ever Global Student Star Award in the spring! She spent the last month working with French Mountain goats and rescued factory farm chickens on an urban farm in Milwaukee called Growing Power, as well as their aquaponics and composting/vermicomposting systems. Briana spent the rest of the summer in DC at the National Education Association (NEA) Foundation and returned to the beautiful United Kingdom in September.

This past year **Marika O'Connor Grant** transferred from the University of Michigan to Carleton College, where she is majoring in political science (international relations). When she's not study-

ing, Marika plays lacrosse and lifeguards. She spent the summer working at a consulting firm and taking intensive Arabic courses. This fall Marika heads off to the West Bank to study human rights and Arabic at the University of Al-Quds.

Allison Riegler spent her summer in New York City as an intern for two of her favorite art and media companies. She served as a photography and music intern at *Bullett* magazine and an art intern at 20x200. She is off to Italy for the fall semester and looks forward to returning to Scripps College in the spring!

Allie Leonard started her second year at NYU Tisch School of the Arts Playwrights Horizons Theater School this fall. She's studying acting, directing, and playwriting as well as design. In the spring she directed a scene from Leslye Headland's *Bachelorette* and she played Martha from *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and Lee in *Marvin's Room*. She's looking forward to being back in the big city and sends her best to her fellow class of 2010 graduates!

Contrary to my last note, I, **Anna**, declared a chemistry major this spring and wrapped up my swimming season by earning All-NESAC

In Memoriam

The Maret community extends its deepest sympathies to our alumni on the loss of their parents.

Peter Ehrenhaft, father of **Elizabeth Ehrenhaft Rankin '80** and father-in-law of **Kirk Rankin '81**

Margaret Hilkert, mother of **Elizabeth Hilkert McTaggart '79**

Lael Holland, mother of **Amanda Holland '03**

Loretta Krouk, mother of **Daniel Krouk '86** and **Marlene Krouk '89**

Ralph Ochsman, father of **Sharon Ochsman '66**, **Michael Ochsman**,

Jeffrey Ochsman '70, father of the late **Wendy Ochsman '72**, and

Bruce Ochsman '75, father-in-law of **Tracy Kolker '72**

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