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What's Inside



Lower School students celebrate a victory in an obstacle course relay on Field Day, one of the annual highlights on the school calendar.

On the Cover:

Miss Daphne Willard, who taught Kindergarten at The Hartridge School and The Wardlaw-Hartridge School from 1956-1989, received the Distinguished Faculty Award at the Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception on October 15, 2011. Many of Miss Willard's former students and colleagues attended the ceremony.

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A Letter from

Andrew Webster, Head of School

Dear Wardlaw-Hartridge Community,

Fall Fair is already behind us, and the school year is in top gear. The beginning of the year is always hectic and energetic, and this year perhaps more so than ever. Our opening enrollment of 446 students is the largest we have had in recent years. The Upper School is just shy of 200 students, and the Lower School also enjoyed a nice boost in enrollment. I am happy to report that we had waiting lists in both divisions.

It is always exciting to bring new, enthusiastic children and families into our community, and it is gratifying to see that families are recognizing the excellence of a Wardlaw-Hartridge education. We continue to pursue a global focus in our curriculum and programs, are investing heavily in the increased use of technology within our classes, and continue to elevate the quality of our athletic and arts programs.

With these new families, we always discuss the benefits of having a school that serves Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, and then continues to offer a community that stretches across generations. Such a community relies on its members to stay in touch, whether through our Facebook pages, alumni/ae notes in this magazine, visits to campus, attendance at reunions or alumni/ae events, presentations at our Career Day, or even just through a quick note to the Development and Alumni Office to update us on new developments in their lives.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School continues to be a vibrant place to learn and grow, a place where positive community values thrive. We hope this magazine sparks some memories for our alumni/ae and informs all readers of some interesting aspect of our school of which they were unaware.

I look forward to communicating with you in more detail throughout the year.

With thanks,



Andrew Webster
Head of School
awebster@whschool.org



A Letter from

Ted Osborne '71, President of the Board of Trustees



Excerpts from Mr. Osborne's remarks at the 129th Convocation Ceremony

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to welcome back all of the W-H family and send greetings to the new students, new faculty and new staff among us. As the new Board President, a freshman if you will, I am embarking on a new adventure just as all the new members of the W-H community.

In the spirit of education and understanding, we on the Board want to be as open and approachable as possible. We want to ensure that all recognize why we exist. We exist to support Mr. Webster and all of the faculty and staff to ensure that the students get the best education possible. W-H families have entrusted the education of their children to a very capable and dedicated group of faculty, staff and administrators. The

Board is committed to providing the resources for them to accomplish their goal.

As I welcome you back to the campus to begin the year, I think you will see and enjoy a lot of new and exciting changes. Indeed much has changed since the days when I walked these halls as a student of The Wardlaw Country Day School. I started at Wardlaw in 1965, and the world has changed in ways that no one could have imagined. I would submit that few, if any, today can possibly imagine what the world will look like in 2060 when one of today's students may be standing before the student body, welcoming the incoming classes.

While so much has changed, a great many things have remained constant and endured the test of time. Those things that have remained constant are the core values that are the essence of Wardlaw-Hartridge. This is a place of honor,

integrity, opportunity, diversity and community, just as it has been for almost 130 years. And so, as we begin a new year, I challenge you all to take the time to focus on understanding these values. Take the time to see them and to sense them, and your experience here at W-H will be far richer for doing so.

W-H can feel like a big community, but it is small enough for all of our students to have the opportunity to come to know each of their classmates, to form friendships and to create bonds that will endure for a lifetime. You are all now a part of this place, this community and it will be a part of you, forever.

Sincerely,

Ted Osborne '71
President, Board of Trustees
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2011 Graduates Matriculate to College



Katina Alamo
Kean University
Mathematics
Education



Elizabeth D'Arcy
Monmouth University
Undeclared



Raymond Iglesias
Seton Hall University
Political Science



Sara Alkhalili
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts
Graphic Design



Angad Dhindsa
George Washington University
International Relations



Juan Ignacio
Rutgers University
Biology



Samantha Barbeito
The College of New Jersey
Early Childhood Education



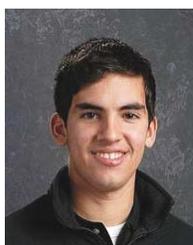
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The Catholic University of America
Music Education



Kayla Kluse
Susquehanna University
Pre-Law



Jian Bland
Rutgers University
Cell Biology/
Neuroscience



Thomas Haborak
Seton Hall University
Pre-Business



Hannah Lipper
Bennington College
Art History and Psychology



Samuel Brukman
Westminster Choir College
Music Education



Kelsey Hart
Misericordia University
Speech Pathology



Patrick Liu
University of California, Berkeley
Statistics



Ashley DaCosta
George Washington University
International Business



Sabeela Ibrabeem
Harvard University
Neurobiology



Monal Mehta
Arcadia University
Psychology



Roshni Mehta
Rutgers University
Undecided



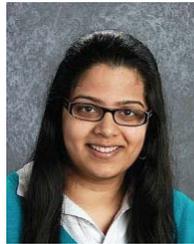
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Boston University
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Benjamin Stoddard
Ringling College of Art and Design
Illustration



Sanam Merchant
Rider University
Psychology



Sweta Patel
Undecided
Undecided



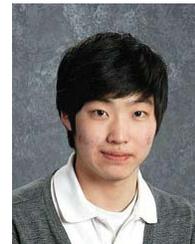
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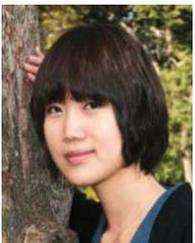
Peter Minnium
Pitzer College
Undecided



Adina Pearlman
Smith College
Government



Shiwoo Yu
Cornell University,
College of Architecture
Architecture



Suk Kyung Mun
St. John's University, College of Pharmacy
Pharmacy



David Pinkowski
Columbia College of Chicago
Film and Video Production



Pamela Yulo
Boston University, Sargent College
Nutrition



Seung Hwan Oh
Emory University
Economics



Neba Prasad
Franklin & Marshall College
Undecided



Manan Patel
New York University
Neuroscience



Zachary Rauch
Elon University
Exercise Science



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2011 Commencement Awards

W-H Pin

While Maintaining Own Academic Level, Has Exhibited Loyalty, Generosity, Dedication and Helpfulness To Promote the Spirit and Philosophy of the School

Kelsey Hart

The Alumni Association Cup

For High Academic Achievement and Outstanding Participation in School Life

Patrick Liu

The Parents' Association Award

For Significant Contributions to the Extracurricular Life of the School

Ian English

The Stevenson Award

For Highest Academic Achievement In the Class

Sabeela Ibraheem

The Headmaster's Cup

For Demonstrating Leadership and Dedication to the Life of the School

Jian Bland

The Upper School Head's Award

For Dedication and Generosity of Spirit In Service to the School Community

Kayla Kluse

The Wardlaw-Hartridge Scholar-Athlete Award

For Excellence in Athletics and Academics

Kelsey Hart
Manan Patel

The Robert B. Victor Award

For Outstanding Commitment, Dedication And Loyalty to the Athletic Program

Kelsey Hart

The Chambliss Trophy

To the Most Outstanding Male Athlete

Ian English

The Wigton Cup

To the Most Outstanding Female Athlete

Samantha Barbeito

The Hawley-Katrausky Mathematics Prize

For Interest and Excellence in Mathematics

Sabeela Ibraheem
Patrick Liu

The Hartridge Class of 1953 Prize

For Excellence in the Study of English

Sabeela Ibraheem

The Elaine W. Bart Science Award

For Outstanding Performance in Science

Sabeela Ibraheem

Mary B. Wells Prize

For Accomplishment and Excellence In the Study of History

Sabeela Ibraheem
Patrick Liu

The Americas Society Certificate of Merit

For Excellence in the Study of the Spanish Language

Sabeela Ibraheem

The Lewis B. Timberlake Award

For Contributions to Publications

Adina Pearlman

The Photography Award

For Skill, Creativity and Productivity In the Photographic Arts

Shiwoo Yu

The John Philip Sousa Band Award

For Interest, Achievement and Leadership in the Band

Ian English

The National School Choral Award

For Interest, Achievement and Contributions to the Vocal Music Program

Samuel Brukman

Orpheus Prize for Music

For Performance Excellence and Service To the School in Music

Ashley DaCosta

The Patricia West Art Prize

For Excellence and Pleasure In Art

Sara Alkhalili
Benjamin Stoddard

The Charles H. Detwiller, Jr. Award

For Involvement and Achievement In the Arts

Hannah Lipper

Rensselaer Medal Award

For Outstanding Academic Achievement In the Study of Mathematics and Science

Aneesa Sonawalla

Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award

Recognizes a junior who demonstrates strong character, has made a positive contribution to the school community and excelled both academically and in at least one non-academic area

Aneesa Sonawalla



Rhona Eserner, Upper School Head, presents the W-H Pin to Kelsey Hart '11.



Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Alumni Relations, presents the Alumni Association Award to Patrick Liu '11.



Andrew Webster, Head of School, presents the Headmaster's Cup to Jian Bland '11.

2011 Highlights



Saheela Ibraheem '11 Featured on TV News!

Saheela Ibraheem '11, who is a freshman at Harvard University, received major media attention during the first week of May, one month before her graduation from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

The flurry of coverage began with a May 3 feature article in the local section of *The Star-Ledger* newspaper and continued with three television stations - CBS 2, NBC 4 and Fox 5 - visiting campus to cover Saheela's story on May 4, 2011.

Below are links to the coverage Saheela received during a very exciting 24 hours on the W-H campus:

NBC News:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXbyOTs_UrU

Fox News:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kypG2gdBs>

Star-Ledger Article:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/piscataway_15-year-old_girl_he.html

Middle School Students, Cheerleaders Took Lead on Japan Relief Effort

In a special presentation during Middle School lunch on June 1, the students handed a check to Corinna Krauskopf, Development and Marketing Officer of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross located in Plainfield.

The students in the Middle School and the Upper School cheerleading team presented a check in the amount of \$2,640 to support Japanese relief efforts after the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Ms. Krauskopf thanked the students and said the funds will help provide blankets, food and shelter for the many victims of this tragedy who are in temporary housing. She reminded them the Red Cross responds to all types of disasters, close to home and all over the world and commended the students for understanding the importance of giving to those in need.



Mrs. Nancy Duddy, Middle School history teacher and Student Council advisor, described how individual students held fundraising drives. During Spring Break, Rida Aziz '15 reached out to Middle School Head Ann Hergenrother and proposed a plan to begin a school wide relief effort to raise funds for Japan. Also, the Middle School Student Council held a week long "raffle basket" sale and solicited donations before the three school concerts this spring.

"I am so proud of our students," Mrs. Duddy said soon after the check presentation. "They do understand the importance of giving to those in need and the response from so many who attended the concerts and participated in the raffle sale was tremendous."

The Upper School cheerleaders also participated in the relief efforts. Upper School Cheerleading Coach and Middle School Art Teacher Miss Tanda Tucker was impressed.

"One thing for certain about the students at W-H is how compassionate they are toward others," Miss Tucker said.

Over the spring holiday, the cheerleading team had planned to do a fundraiser to help defray the expense of traveling to summer camp when Japan was struck by the tsunami.

"No sooner had I learned of the devastation than I received a text message from one of my captains, Skyla Choi '12, asking if it would be all right if we used half of what we would raise to help the people of Japan."

When the team had counted up the monies raised they were not satisfied with the amount that would go to Japan. With no urging from their coach, the cheerleaders decided that helping people who had lost everything was more important than having it go toward their own expenses and decided to donate all the money they had raised during the spring break fundraiser.

"It is truly moments like this that I realize how much our school does for helping to develop the whole student, not just the academic or athletic side but the side that cares for and is concerned about others. I have a wonderful cheerleading squad and this situation made me more proud than I already was of each and every one of them," Miss Tucker said.

Tom Gilbert Wins Jeopardy Grand Prize

Call it beginner's luck. Middle School Science Teacher Tom Gilbert had never seen Jeopardy! on television but he was the grand prize winner in the classroom Jeopardy! game show at the ISTE 2011 Conference in Philadelphia. Mr. Gilbert won a



StarBoard WT-1 Wireless Tablet, a StarBoardLink Interactive Whiteboard and two StarBoard TRIO Interactive Whiteboards at the HITACHI Booth.

Middle School Latin teacher Lilah Terwilliger is using one of the

whiteboards to workshop sentences, while history teacher Nancy Duddy is finding hers useful for images and maps in history. Ann Hergenrother, Middle School Head, is using the third whiteboard to teach math to sixth graders. Mr. Gilbert also won a starboard tablet, which allows him to control his interactive whiteboard from anywhere in the science classroom.



World Language Department Inducts New Members into National Honor Societies

The Wardlaw-Hartridge World Language Department held its annual Induction Ceremony for the Language National Honor Societies in the Oakwood Room on Monday, May 23.

The 2011 inductees were joined by current society members, parents and faculty and staff members. Yolanda Reyes, World Language Department Chairperson and Upper School Spanish teacher, welcomed the attendees and **Macada Brandl '87**, Upper School Latin teacher, introduced the presenters. Also representing the World Language Department were: Hua Liu (Upper School Chinese), Gayle Fredericks (Middle and Upper School French) and Linda Kouril (Upper School Spanish).

The introduction to the Honor Societies was presented by Mrs. Liu (Chinese), **Jessica Clarke '12** (French), **Catherine Badalamenti '12** (Latin) and **Aneesha Sonawalla '12** (Spanish). The program continued with the candle ceremony as current members Sonawalla, **Saheela Ibraheem '11**, **Billy Buchbinder '12**, **Brian Downing '12** and **Milika Griffiths '12** explained the characteristics of knowledge, scholarship, character, service and leadership. Fellow current members **Ernest Afflu '12**, **Jeanine Gill '12**, **Abigail Rogers '12** and **Sonya Sinha '12** joined the group in the front of the room.

The following students took their Honor Society oaths:

Chinese National Honor Society

Kelsey Hart '11

Ben Stoddard '11

French National Honor Society

(La Societe Honoraire de Francais)

Charlotte Greaney '13

Kimberly Son '13

Latin National Honor Society

Daniel Andronov '13

Alyssa Kennedy '13

Daniel Marques '13

Ali Naqvi '13

Haley Needle '13

Stephanie Smyczek '13

Spanish National Honor Society

(Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica)

Katie Buchbinder '13

Ashni Mehta '13

Kush Mody '13

Dan Moran '13

Pranali Soni '13

Seniors, who are already members of a National Honor Society, were presented with honor chords to wear with their robes during Commencement on June 10. Those members are: **Saheela Ibraheem '11** (Spanish), **Ben Stoddard '11** (Chinese) and **Kelsey Hart '11** (Chinese).

The program was followed with light refreshments that represented foods from different parts of the world in conjunction with the world language theme.



Professor Bill Rodgers Explores Future of Labor Market in Presentation

On the evening of April 7, the Wardlaw-Hartridge Parents' Association offered an evening meeting followed by "Hot Topics at Night" presentation. Linda Colman, Director of Admission, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Bill Rodgers, a professor of Public Policy and Chief Economist at the Heldrich Center

for Workforce and Development at Rutgers University.

Professor Rodgers began the evening by saying he also is a parent and that he and his family have the same issues with their children. He also is looking ahead and considering the best directions to steer his children for the future job market.

In a very engaging delivery, Mr. Rodgers walked into the audience encouraging and receiving participation on "Aspirations" that parents have for their children and what future college students have for themselves. Topics discussed included: family vs. work, upward mobility, being independent and need vs. want.

Professor Rodgers also shared his fundamental principles that one needs to be well-prepared for the future:

- Lifelong Learner
- Independent Thinker
- Responsible Citizen



Lifers Enjoy Hill House Barbecue

Five seniors who have been a part of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School since Kindergarten started a new tradition.

Tommy Haborak '11, **Kelsey Hart '11**, **Ian English '11**, **Ben Stoddard '11** and **Pam Yulo '11** attended the inaugural Lifers Barbecue at Hill House on June 9. Andrew Webster, Head of School, invited the "lifers" to Hill House on the eve of commencement to enjoy good food and conversation and reflect on their years at W-H.

After dinner, Mr. Webster jotted down sizes for sweatshirts that were ordered by the school for each of the lifers. The five lifers from the Class of 2011 are the first to receive attire commemorating their lifetime of education at Wardlaw-Hartridge.

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Students Share Summer Experiences

by Patricia Turner Kavanaugh '63



Emily Wexler '14

Emily Wexler, 15, is a W-H sophomore from Scotch Plains and a school "lifer."

This summer she took part in the Spoleto Study Abroad program "Art and Ideas" in Spoleto in the Umbra region of Italy. An oil painter since early childhood, Emily has tried "a little bit of everything" in the arts. She learned of this summer opportunity from longtime W-H art teacher Gale Goldman. Emily said the art instruction and the academic program at W-H are good and her favorite part is that classes are small.

Spoleto Study Abroad is committed to bringing an integrated style of learning to those students interested in pursuing their academic and artistic interests in an inspiring European setting. Emily had to apply for the summer offering and submit a recommendation from Ms. Goldman.

Thirty-four youngsters were chosen, only seven in visual arts. The students took Italian lessons, an art and architecture course and a class in art philosophy. For that they read Dante and saw art pieces to see how "art and literature have been affected through time."

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Caroline McNamara '14

Caroline McNamara, 15, a sophomore from Westfield, joined W-H last year.

She joined students her age from all over the country at Georgetown University to attend a broadcasting journalism program, after garnering a recommendation from her W-H journalism instructor Rudy Brandl. Caroline feels the experience has sharpened her skills because, in broadcasting, "you must always be prepared for anything that comes your way."

Caroline was already a well-rounded teen before participating in the summer program. She plays volleyball and competes as a cheerleader for W-H, takes part in school drama productions, is a member of choir as both an alto and soprano, plays the flute in the school band and the piano for the W-H jazz band.





Brianna Gutierrez '13

Sixteen-year-old Brianna Gutierrez, a junior from Metuchen, arrived at W-H as a freshman. Last summer she was selected for the Temple University Women's Engineering Program.

"I wanted to confirm my interest in the concentration of mechanical engineering. Luckily, this program allowed me to do just that as well as become exposed to several other types of engineering such as bioengineering, civil, electrical and chemical engineering," she said.

Brianna was able to work directly with professors at the college of engineering as well as graduate students that come from as far as Iran. She wanted to explore a city college campus, and Temple University's location in the middle of the cultural Philadelphia provided the perfect opportunity.

Brianna likes science yet admits "I've never been challenged so much in my life" as in AP chemistry. She also plays soccer and cheers, sings for the choir and select choir and belongs to "a multitude of clubs" here at W-H.

Although her father came from Peru and she has visited that country, Brianna acknowledges most of her Spanish knowledge comes from her freshman year at W-H.

In addition to her engineering training at Temple, Brianna said it "strengthened my time management skills. I had to learn quickly about how to use my free time effectively."

Aryaman Nichani '12

Aryaman Nichani, a 17-year-old W-H student from Scotch Plains, enjoyed his summer stint in the Morgan Stanley office in Mumbai, India.

As Aryaman explains, "My field of study was Private Wealth Management, the area of Morgan Stanley that provides highly customized financial advice, investment solutions and brokerage services to individuals, families and foundations with \$20 million or more in investable assets."

Aryaman started at W-H in Pre-K but left in sixth grade to study in India for four years in Bangalore. He returned as a junior, plans to study economics in an American college and make his career in the U.S., probably with an international emphasis.

"I was born here, and am most comfortable here," Aryaman said.

He plays varsity soccer and golf for W-H, but his "passion" is raising funds for a home in India, which treats orthopedically handicapped children. He has volunteered there since he was young, during family visits to India.

Last year Aryaman took "Intro to Business" at W-H. He finds this year's "Global Forces" course even more helpful because the course "connects a lot of things."

Aryaman's younger sister Uditi is a W-H freshman.





Alyssa Kennedy '13

Alyssa Kennedy, 16 and a junior from Elizabeth, learned of a chance to study at Oxford University from Susan Swenson, Director of College Counseling.

Although she has traveled with her family to Spain and Italy, Alyssa said, "I really, really begged my parents to take me to England" when she was 13, and enthralled by the Harry Potter books.

Alyssa's mother Maria is from Madrid, and Alyssa has spent time in Spain with family. She was bilingual from a young age. Both her parents are lawyers, but law is not for Alyssa. She studied neuropsychology as her major and photography as her minor in Oxford.

"I did my own laundry, budgeted my spending money, did food shopping, and learned to overcome my shyness," said Alyssa, who "had lots of fun exploring the city and parks of Oxford and looking at things in a new way through my camera lens."

A competitive swimmer for the girls' A team at the Summit Area YMCA, and for the W-H varsity swim team, Alyssa works part-time as a lifeguard and swim instructor and also volunteers to teach disabled children to swim.

At W-H, she takes "all the advanced placement science I can."

Aneesa Sonawalla '12

Aneesa Sonawalla, 17, a senior from Edison, enrolled at W-H in first grade. In fifth and sixth grades she doubled up in math, so she "has run out of math classes" in the Upper School.

Her interest is astro-physics and her first choice for next year is the University of Chicago. Aneesa's summer was spent in a residential program in California studying astronomy, physics, math and programming with 35 other students her age from all over the world. Only about 10 percent of the students who applied were accepted.

"I learned more academically in those five weeks than I could ever hope to learn in an entire semester of school. The program's goal is to push students to their limits, and they certainly succeeded with us," Aneesa said.

In addition to all that knowledge, a brand-new skill (programming) and some "incredible friends," Aneesa also came away "feeling much more confident in what I wish to study in college. I know now that I can happily pursue astrophysics as a career, and, more importantly, I know that I can succeed in that field."

But it's not all science for this well-rounded young lady. Aneesa is a cheerleader, president of the student council, co-editor of the yearbook, active in drama productions, runs blood drives and volunteers at her mosque.

Why astrophysics?

"We can see things that happened billions of years ago. When you look up at the sky you wonder where it comes from."





Pranali Soni '13

For junior Pranali Soni of Edison, 16, “everything leads back to medicine.”

Whether it’s volunteering for the United Passaic Organization or the Office of Passaic Mayor Alex Blanco (her dad Parag works in Passaic and Pranali feels she can “make a difference” in this low-income city), serving at Clara Barton First Aid Squad in Edison, or helping out in the stroke unit at JFK Medical Center, Pranali is extremely active in this field.

In the spring and summer this year, Pranali attended “Mini Med School” for four hours every Wednesday evening at UMDNJ in Newark. This included lectures by practicing doctors in many specialties, as well as seminars conducted by medical students. She also chose three electives: basic life support, cardiopulmonary physiology and medical librarianship.

Pranali plays varsity tennis for W-H and is a cheerleader. She is president of the Math and Science Society and active with the Spanish Club among others. Outside school she has studied Latin dance, specifically salsa, for four years.

Kush Mody '13

A W-H student since kindergarten, junior Kush Mody, 16, spent six weeks in a medical internship program at St. Michael’s Medical Center in Newark.

He also serves on the Edison First Aid Squad 2. In addition to over 300 hours spent with the squad, Kush volunteered for Operation Walk, where he observed the first robotic total hip replacement in New Jersey, at St. Michael’s, and with Waves of Health in Kearny.

Through the latter group, Kush will join 20 doctors, residents, nurses and other medical professionals on a mission to the Dominican Republic this fall. There he will be responsible for taking vital signs for the doctors.

Kush plays varsity tennis and basketball, is vice-president of the Student Council executive board, serves as a student ambassador and plays percussion in the school band. He has also been chosen as a safety ambassador to learn about such things as seat belt use and teach them to Lower School students.

Working for Squad 2, Kush said, has given him “vast amounts of medical and practical knowledge,” and also taught him how to work both independently and as part of a team. He has also learned that emergency medical service requires not just medical knowledge, but also “a lot of creativity and a lot of street smarts.”



In the Spotlight

by Patricia Turner Kavanaugh '63



Jerry Ganis, Lower School Head

Dr. Jerry Ganis, the new Head of Lower School, brings a wealth of education and experience to W-H. Dr. Ganis has two Masters degrees and a doctorate and experience as a science teacher and administrator in urban Bloomfield and suburban Middletown. Dr. Ganis also worked a four-year stint at a private Jewish day school in California, as a principal and Director of General Studies.

A resident of Metuchen, Ganis said he passed W-H many times, admired “the beautiful setting” and “did some research.” When he found the ad for a Lower School Head in the Sunday newspaper, he leapt at the opportunity.

“It’s the best start of a school year I’ve had in education,” Dr. Ganis said. “I love the faculty. They’re dedicated to the students. There’s a very strong curriculum, and, while it’s academically challenging, it’s nurturing.”

Dr. Ganis is especially impressed by the idea that pre-K through first grade students are working on iPads. The new Lower School Head envisions bringing a lot more science to W-H with “not just the equipment and experiments, but also inquiry-based science.”

Inside and outside of school, Ganis has a passion for photography. He owns three cameras and 12 lenses. He’s also a skier – Steamboat, Colorado ranks first on his list – and a traveler. He and his wife Madeline like to jump in the car and just go.

Marc Spivak, Director of Information Technology

Marc Spivak brings a rich and varied background to W-H as the new Director of Information Technology.

Mr. Spivak spent the last five years as the Director of Technology at Salanter Akiva Academy of Riverdale. His list of accomplishments and tasks included implementing a school-wide network, designing and implementing a school-wide management system, supervising the telephone, printing and copy services and teaching computer classes. He previously worked as the Director of New Media at Yeshiva University in New York.

While his early days have been busy bringing all of the W-H computer technology up-to-date, Mr. Spivak looks forward to working more closely with faculty and students. His expertise goes far beyond rebuilding networks and he’s eager to help enhance the school’s technology curriculum.

Mr. Spivak says W-H has “a friendly and great environment” and he likes the variety of backgrounds on campus. He envisions teaching W-H youngsters to stream live school drama productions and sports events.

“It’s more important to teach the skills I think kids need for the future and how to deal with ever-changing technology,” said Mr. Spivak, who is also an ordained rabbi with a Masters in Public Health from Brooklyn College.

Mr. Spivak also feels the students need to know “how to act responsibly in this world with critical thinking skills,” and understand the concept that “everything matters.”



New Faculty Members Join Us for 2011-2012 School Year

Lower School Faculty



Margaret Carberry is our new Lower School Spanish teacher. Born in Puerto Rico, Señora Carberry earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont, and has completed several graduate courses through Rutgers University's World Language Institute. She has served as a Lower School teacher in two independent schools in New York City and as a Spanish teacher at St. Helena School and St. Matthew School, both in Edison. She is an avid runner and has a black belt in taekwondo.



Noah Kalter, our new teacher of fifth grade math and science, joins us from the Princeton Regional public schools, where he served as a prekindergarten-grade 5 science teacher. He has also taught in the public schools of Verona, Madison, and Millburn, NJ. Mr. Kalter earned his Bachelor's degree at Ramapo College of New Jersey and holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the College of St. Elizabeth.

Middle School Faculty



Kate Meyer joins us as Middle School English teacher in grades 7 and 8. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado and her Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Illinois. She has taught in public and independent schools. For the last six years, she has taught English and US History to middle school students at the Berkshire Country Day School in Massachusetts.



Lilah Terwilliger, our new Latin and Prima Lingua teacher, holds a Bachelor's degree in History and Classical Studies from Dickinson College. She comes to us from the Maine Central Institute, where she taught Latin I-IV. She looks forward to teaching and coaching at Wardlaw-Hartridge and escaping the cold northern woods of Maine.



Esther Faus Sanchez is our new Middle School Spanish teacher. She is fluent in English, Spanish, Catalan, and Italian and has taught in a wide variety of schools, across all proficiency levels scattered around the globe from upstate New York to Italy, Puerto Rico, and New York City. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the Universitat de Valencia in Spain.

Upper School Faculty



Hector Lopez is our new Upper School Physics teacher. As such, he will teach the physics sections of Accelerated Science, the junior physics class, and Advanced Placement Physics. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physics from St. Louis University and his Master's degree in Physics from Adelphi University in New York. He has taught in public and private schools, and most recently was Senior Science Specialist at Rutgers University's Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education. Mr. Lopez, in addition to his Upper School duties, will serve as a Professional Development Coach in the Lower School science program, where he will help Lower School teachers develop inquiry-based approaches to teaching and learning science.



Mark Donaghy joins us to fill the Upper School Mathematics position. He will teach the AP Calculus and Statistics courses, among other assignments. Mr. Donaghy entered the teaching profession after a successful career with Lucent Technologies, Bell Laboratories, and AT&T. He earned Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees from Rutgers, as well an MBA from Rutgers Graduate School of Management. He has taught at Brookdale Community College, Newark Academy and, most recently, at Hillsborough High School, where he taught AP Calculus, Algebra 2 and Honors Geometry.

Athletic Department



Ryan Oliveira comes to the Rams Athletic program after serving one year as the Assistant Athletic Trainer at St. John Vianney in Holmdel. At SJV he designed and implemented an emergency action plan, created proper documentation for injuries and constructed rehabilitation programs for the athletes. The Matawan native did his clinical training at his alma mater working with their football, basketball, wrestling, soccer and track teams. He also completed internships at Blair Academy, Lafayette College and East Stroudsburg University. He received his BS degree in Athletic Training from East Stroudsburg.

Oak and Ivy



Facility Upgrades

by Rudy Brandl '83 and Bill Jenkins

Solar Panels Provide Energy Savings

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has installed a large series of solar panels on the south facing roof surfaces on campus. This exciting project was begun on the advice of the school's energy consultant, The Stone House Group, in an effort to reduce energy costs and the school's carbon footprint. The solar panels were installed at no cost to the school and will provide about 20% of the school's electrical power needs at about 50% of the normal commodity cost. The result will be a savings to the School of about \$20,000 per year. The clean power generated by the system will also result in a significant reduction in the school's carbon footprint.

The school has begun monitoring the performance of the solar array, which was operational in July 2011. Below is a table with results of the first four months (units measured in kilowatt hours):

	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Percentage Variance</u>
July (prorated)	8,165	8,950	109.6%
August	23,577	27,180	115.3%
September	20,549	18,637	90.7%
October (prorated)	12,083	13,321	110.2%
TOTALS	64,374	68,088	105.8%



Leaford Thompson, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, inspects the newly installed solar panels.

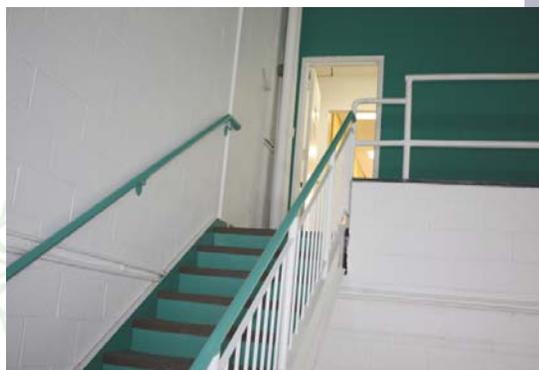


To view daily, weekly and monthly energy savings, see the link below:
<http://siteapp.fatspaniel.net/siteapp/simpleView.jsf?eid=697738>

You can also view these charts with your smartphone by scanning the QR code to the left.

Girls' Locker Room / New Pool Entrance Enhanced

Two necessary projects were completed together last summer when the creation of a separate outdoor entrance to the pool was combined with upgrades to the girls' locker room. As this entrance and separate hallway were created, the girls' locker room was updated and new lockers, showers, vanities and bathroom facilities were installed. Swimming fans no longer need to enter the viewing deck through the band room. Visitors and spectators will have easier access to the pool from the rear entrance to the building.



A more convenient entrance for pool spectators (left) and new girls' locker room facilities were completed last summer.

Oak and Ivy



Students attend a class in the new 21st century classroom on A Deck.

Lecture Hall Converted to 21st Century Classroom

The A Deck Lecture Hall renovation has been completed. It is now a student centered classroom that supports multiple learning styles and facilitates technology integration. The new furniture allows for mobility, flexibility and easy transitions to different room configurations. Research shows learning is enhanced when it is not confined to a lecture style. The new classroom setup allows for more interactive and collaborative learning.

Other enhancements include energy saving lighting and air conditioning units.

Media:Scape Videoconferencing Center

A new media:scape videoconferencing center with two 55-inch screens was installed in Upper Snowdon prior to the 2011-2012 school year. The media:scape setting boosts collaboration across the table or across the globe – by transforming meeting rooms, connecting classmates, colleagues and other partners, and sharing information seamlessly in dynamic new ways. With media:scape, students will be able to generate their own content, discover new concepts and create their own knowledge instead of simply memorizing facts.



Students make use of the media:scape videoconferencing center in Upper Snowdon.



Green Club members show off the water bottle and one of the new filling stations.

10,000+ Bottles and Counting Saved

The Wardlaw-Hartridge Green Club initiated a school-wide campaign to reduce the use of plastic bottles at W-H and reduce carbon emissions by selling BPA free stainless steel water bottles. Plastics are made from oil, which has been known to be harmful to human health. By buying a bottle, you are not only investing in your health, school community and future, you are also saving money and helping the environment.

Profits from the sale of these water bottles were directed to Pure Water for the World, a non-profit organization that provides people in developing countries with water filtration systems, sanitation and hygiene education. The Wardlaw-Hartridge community also made a donation to Pure Water for the World to provide help after the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January 2010.

After one new filling station was installed near the main entrance, three more were added shortly afterward around the school. These water fountains contain a filter, a chiller, an automatic sensor, and a counter, which determines how many 8-ounce plastic bottles have been conserved. The students, faculty and the community are guaranteed fresh, chilled and good-tasting water without having to produce waste.

Reflections from The Barclays Golf Tournament

From Tournament Liaison Bill Jenkins

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School Trustees and Headmaster Andrew Webster consented to accommodate the PGA by allowing the use of school property for the staging and behind the scenes operations of the 2011 Barclays Golf Tournament, which was held August 23-28, 2011 at the Plainfield Country Club. The school agreed to help with four aspects of the operations:



The Barclays marquis at the first tee greeted thousands of fans who attended the tournament in August.

- A temporary road was constructed between the soccer fields connecting the back parking lot of the school to the PCC. This served initially as the roadway for delivery of materials for the construction of all of the spectator bleachers and vendor tents.
- The back parking lot served as the compound for CBS Sports, The Golf Channel, ShotLink tracking operations, XM Radio, and the catering from Prom Catering.
- Six Lower School classrooms were used as the location for the daycare center for the golfers' children, ages infant to 6 years old.
- Parking for more than 200 employees for the various companies in the compound housed on the back parking lot.

As early as April 2011, meetings began with the PGA. Mr. Peter Mele and Mr. Justin Ostiguy were the main contacts with the school from the PGA. They visited campus and described the layout of the tents, trucks, cabling and other logistics. As soon as the last fireworks fell from the sky on Fourth of July, Shaffer Sports Tent Company arrived on campus and truckloads of

equipment arrived daily for the spectator stands. As fast as equipment was arriving it was being taken via the new road to the club for the construction to begin. The back lot was off limits for most of the summer due to these deliveries.

I worked with Mr. Cole Lankford from Shaffer Sports Tent Co. and his professionalism along the way made it easy for us to accommodate all of Shaffer's needs and requests.

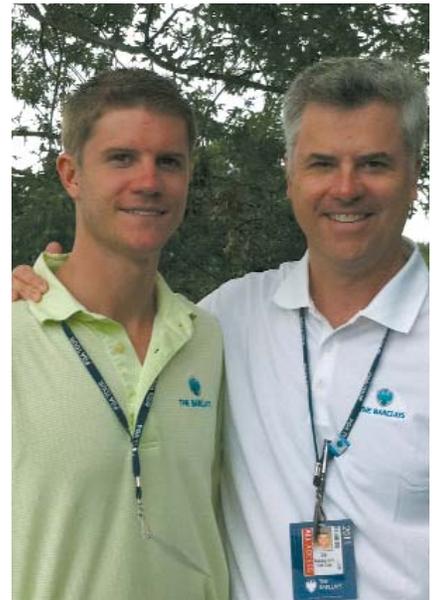
During the setup, the PGA requested Wardlaw-Hartridge students to work for 10 days to help with roping the course, the scoreboard operations and general duties as needed. Mr. Mele wrote that the W-H students "are doing an AWESOME job - I told them all that today...they are one of the best youth groups that we've engaged to work with us in many years."

Then, as the tournament came to an abrupt end on Saturday afternoon because of the cancellation of the final round on Sunday with the arrival of Hurricane Irene, the students rose to the occasion after nine long hard days. Mr. Byron Miller, volunteer

coordinator, wrote in an e-mail: "Kudos to the young adults from Wardlaw-Hartridge whose contributions throughout the event were invaluable to the completion of our mission. He added a special note of thanks "to the closing squad that hustled to breakdown and cleanup the course, finishing in the pouring rain."

I'd like to mention one member of the CBS Sports team, Mr. Bob McGaha, who welcomed our staff to the CBS catering tent for lunch during the tournament and even offered a tour to one of our students, sophomore Chase Levitt.

"Students are our future and it is these students that are interested now in broadcasting and journalism, that will be the next generation of employees making this all possible," Mr. McGaha said.



John Badalamenti '01, a PGA volunteer, and his father Sal Badalamenti, vice chairman of the tournament.

As all of this was going on, summer school and summer camp were still in session. The school was hosting summer rentals and teachers were on campus preparing for school to begin just two days after the tournament was over.

I would like to take a moment and applaud all of the faculty and staff who worked around these conditions, especially the Lower School teachers who did not have access to their rooms until 24 hours before the first day of school. Their patience and understanding during the summer months was most gracious and appreciated.

The partnership had benefits for the school as well. Prior to the tournament, the school received a signed Barclays Golf Flag from Phil Michelson and VIP tent tickets that were auctioned off last spring at the Parents' Association Gala. With the usage of the property and classrooms, plus 75% of tickets sold from the school, a check from the PGA in the amount of \$90,000 will be received in early November. The road was replaced with new sod and plans are in place to repair about one-third of the pavement in the back parking lot.

The school was also given a booth at the tournament entrance where it displayed admission information to thousands of spectators. Thanks to the parent volunteers who did an excellent job manning the booth during the tournament. The gift to Wardlaw-Hartridge is just one of many donations the PGA will make to the local community, not just in Plainfield and Edison. Each week millions of dollars are donated to the various charities in the communities the PGA plays in. They take pride and truly live their motto: *Giving back, the heart of the PGA Tour.*



An overview of the W-H back parking lot just days before the start of the tournament.



The crew is hard at work constructing an access road for easy deliveries between the school and the Plainfield Country Club.



Sophomore Chase Levitt '14 and CBS sports producer Bob McGaha meet outside the network truck.



W-H enjoyed a prime position next to the New York Times in the Expo area.



The view from the 18th grandstand was breathtaking for spectators.

Oak and Ivy

W-H Honors First Responders at

9/11 Commemoration

by Rudy Brandl '83



The N.J. Army National Guard presents the colors at the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony in Laidlaw Gym.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison recognized and paid tribute to heroic first responders in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks with a special assembly on September 9.

Students from all three divisions joined faculty, staff, family and friends in Laidlaw Gym for a flag salute. The New Jersey Army National Guard entered and presented the colors and members of the MadJazz vocal ensemble sang “America the Beautiful” before a series of speakers shared their reflections and experiences. Students and first responders from the New York City Fire Department, New Jersey Army National Guard and Edison Rescue Squad made remarks during an emotional Upper School assembly.

Margaret Basti, a senior from Staten Island who was instrumental in organizing the commemoration ceremony at Wardlaw-Hartridge, recalled being sent to the Lower Snowdon library as a second grade student 10 years ago. She and her classmates were informed that there had been an accident and everyone waited for their parents to arrive to pick them up. Margaret’s parents were in New York City under lockdown and eventually her babysitter arrived. The Basti family, with relatives in the NYPD and FDNY, is extremely involved in the First Responder community. Margaret said that she cannot forget that “first responders still risk their lives every day.”

Edison Mayor Antonia Ricigliano delivered inspiring remarks. She said that everyone will always remember the moment they first heard about the event. Mayor Ricigliano added that “the terrorists did not diminish our hope, our spirit and our love of freedom” because we are a nation of survivors.

Lieutenant Dennis O’Berg, a member of FDNY who is now retired after more than 30 years of service, shared his vivid recollections of September 11, 2001. He was at the South Tower when it came down and the street and sidewalk were completely engulfed in smoke and dust. O’Berg’s son was a probationary fire fighter who did not survive the collapse of the South Tower and Lt. O’Berg lifted his uniform hat and showed his son’s picture, which is glued inside.

Chief Michael Gala, who had not discussed 9/11 in public since 2002 and declined all other requests, captivated the audience with his story of that fateful day. His company was directed to respond but the South Tower had already come down so they could not get through the tunnel and as they were crossing the bridge, the North Tower fell. The chief knew they were going to lose many people that day and he stressed the importance of following orders and maintaining discipline in a crisis.

After 24 hours at the site, Chief Gala’s company was told to return to Brooklyn. At that point, responders were digging through rubble trying to locate survivors. When Chief Gala told his men they were leaving, they refused because they needed the sense that they were helping in some way. All joined in digging and they dug until their hands bled.

Despite their best efforts, many men and women lost their lives. The chief, who celebrated 30 years of service last week, said he knew 90 of the 343 firefighters lost.

“We’re still fighting a war on terror,” Chief Gala said. “We’re all in this together.”

Sergeant Pablo Vega, a recruiter for the Army National Guard, did not participate in the 9/11 rescue operations. He had left the service by that time but the events of 9/11 inspired him to rejoin the military.

Captain Neel Mehta, a member of Edison Rescue Squad No. 3, was an 18-year-old in his first day of class as a Rutgers University freshman on 9/11. He had been on the squad for two years and was surprised when his unit was dispatched to the World Trade Center. He was sent to Liberty State Park and later to Giants Stadium, where his unit set up a field hospital. After three days, they found there were very few survivors, which was very frustrating. Captain Mehta stressed the importance of supporting our first responders.

Lian Cancryn, a senior from Plainfield, gave a moving speech about the W-H girls’ soccer team’s

participation in the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run dedicated to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks. She found it extremely difficult to get through the part of the race in the tunnel, but when she emerged into daylight, Lian saw the course lined with bystanders holding up pictures of their loved ones. At that point, Lian realized that she was running for the survivors.

Jackie Godusky, the president of Hands for Hope, described the work of her organization and is thankful that Americans – especially New Jerseyans – always respond to tragedy. She has received calls from people who lost everything as a result of Hurricane Irene, which blasted Central Jersey on August 28. Hands for Hope is able to help due to the generosity of people like the W-H community, which has organized a food drive to support those affected by Hurricane Irene.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School provides assistance to victims of natural disasters, from its own backyard to all the way around the world. In recent years, the school has raised money to support relief efforts in New Orleans, Haiti and Japan.



First responders join W-H students, faculty, staff members in the pledge of allegiance at a very moving ceremony.

Oak and Ivy

Girls' Soccer Team

Runs Tunnel to Towers

by Rudy Brandl '83

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School girls' soccer team is enjoying another impressive season, but this group does some very special things off the field as well. For the third consecutive year, the W-H girls joined their coaches and a group of parents, friends and alumni in The Firefighter Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City.

This event has become a special tradition for the girls and their head coach, Jackie MacLean, who coordinated a trip that began at 5:30 a.m. in the W-H parking lot. The team also donated \$1,350 to the cause through its participation.

"Every year is inspiring, but I think this year being the 10th anniversary it was amazing to see almost 30,000 people there," Coach MacLean said. "You certainly spend most of the run with chills listening to the chants or looking at everyone's T-shirts dedicated to someone. Then you exit the tunnel and you see the faces of all the servicemen and women lost that day and the proud fire fighters holding their pictures. I think the most emotional part is those fire fighters cheering and thanking you as you run by. Certainly, it should be the other way around."

All of the girls, from freshmen experiencing the event for the first time to seniors who have participated in previous years, can't help being overwhelmed by the emotion of the run and everything it signifies.

"Running through the tunnel I saw people from Florida, Maryland, and even England all paying respect to those who lost their lives serving their country," said Jessica Clarke '12, who was running in the race for the third time. "This being my final year running as a W-H student, I really wanted to take the time to absorb all

of the events. Throughout the mile-long tunnel, everyone was chanting 'USA'. The Tunnel to Towers race never fails to touch me emotionally and I will never forget the scenery as you emerge from the tunnel with all of the proud servicemen wearing banners of those who perished for the United States of America."

"Running the race for the third year now still has the same effect as the first time," Nina Pangan '13 added. "It's moving and inspiring. Everybody comes together and I think that's what I love about the race so much. Complete strangers cheering each other on, of every nationality. The most inspiring though, was when a young girl stopped to catch her breath at the end of the tunnel, and a firefighter with a prosthetic leg cheered her on to keep running."

"This was my first year doing the Tunnel to Towers Run and I am very happy that I was able to participate

and complete it with my team," said Neema Liverpool '15, one of the freshmen on the team. "It was a very emotional and breathtaking site as fire fighters and military, both men and women, ran 3.1 miles in full gear. This run showed me that no matter what happened or happens, we are one and we will always stand together as a country."

The run itself is not an easy experience. There are thousands of people moving in a hot tunnel. It can be physically demanding, but the W-H girls have put those obstacles in proper perspective.

"It is just an amazing feeling when you're gathered with 30,000 other people at the starting line and knowing everyone is here for the same reason. Everyone was there in honor of 9/11 victims and survivors. And, even when I felt sore and wanted to stop running, I know I could not. There was something inside of me that would not let me



Samantha Barbeito '11 (right) joined Skylia Choi '12 and many other former W-H soccer teammates in the run for a worthy cause.



Head coach Jackie MacLean caught up with Lieutenant Dennis O'Berg, one of the first responders who attended the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony earlier in September. (See story on pages 20-21.)



Valentina Margiottiello '13, Jessica Clarke '12 and Neema Liverpool '15 were among some 30,000 runners to participate in the race.

long and hot part of the run, and seeing all the firefighters lined up along the exit of the tunnel holding pictures of the 343 that were lost," Mrs. Gerhart said. "They were there to cheer on and shake the hands of the participants and say THANK YOU to us when they were the ones who lost so much."

Tanda Tucker, an art teacher and cheerleading coach at the school, said she felt goose bumps despite sweating profusely as she made her way through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. It was an emotional experience she will never forget.

"I was surrounded by firefighters from across our nation, members of our armed forces, parents with small children, and 22 of our varsity girls' soccer players when the echoing chant 'USA, USA' filled the tunnel," Miss Tucker said. "I had to slow down to take it all in. There were 30,000 people running side-by-side retracing Stephen Stiller's last steps as he responded 10 years ago to the 9-1-1 call at the Twin Towers. Simply put, I am proud to be an American."

The team's participation in the run serves as a lesson on so many levels. It teaches the girls to be united, work hard and be thankful for their freedom.

"As you run through the tunnel you definitely want to stop because it's hot and crowded but the energy of everyone pushes you through. You hear people start to chant 'USA, USA, USA' and somehow your feet move a little quicker," Coach MacLean said. "These girls show enthusiasm and commitment and I'm proud we do this as a team. I feel it has touched these young ladies."

"I would like to thank Coach MacLean for taking the initiative to get the girls involved in this event in the first place," Mrs. Gerhart said. "It is a nice bonding experience and a chance for the girls to understand how significant that day was even though they were probably too young to remember it. I look forward to joining them again next year."

give up. And every time I thought about all the firefighters, police officers, and other people who risked their lives to save the victims of 9/11, it just made me run harder," Valentina Margiottiello '13 said.

"This year's race is one that I will not forget," Stephanie Smyczek '13 said.

"I look forward to it every year, knowing that I am not only making a difference to help financially support families but also making a difference to help emotionally support those who lost loved ones on September 11." Lian Cancryn '12 said. "The experience is eye-opening in so many ways."

"As we ran through the Battery Tunnel, it was overcrowded and hot, but we knew we couldn't stop running," Janissa Delzo '12 added. "In the tunnel, the West Point soldiers chanted 'USA, USA, USA' and we sped up because we thought of the thousands of firefighters, policemen, and other servicemen who didn't stop for us on September 11, 2001, so why would we stop? We continued running, and 3.1 miles later, proudly crossed the finish line together."

Delzo also was running the race for the third time. She had shared her past experiences from the event with her best friend, Lauren Anthony of Middlesex, and told her how it evoked many emotions. Anthony became equally inspired and joined the W-H contingent in this year's run.

"It was a great feeling running beside everyone, and finishing the steps that Stephen Siller lost his life doing 10 years ago," Anthony said.

Other members of the W-H community who are not players on the team joined the run, including assistant coach Brooke Sofield, students Nick Davis '13, Haley Needle '13 and Andrea Buitrago '12 and Mrs. Kathi Gerhart, mother of Taylor Gerhart '14, and her sister, Laura Dziadyk.

"The most memorable part of the day for me was coming out of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, which was a

W-H accepted into

Confucius Classrooms Network

by Rudy Brandl '83

In recognition of its potential as a model Chinese language program for the U.S., strong local leadership, demonstrated commitment to international exchange and collaboration, and global vision for the future, The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has been accepted as a member of the third and final cohort of schools in the Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network.

This national network of 100 exemplary Chinese language programs is being developed over a three-year period. With this third cohort, the Network serves almost 25,000 Chinese language learners in more than 100 schools in 27 states and the District of Columbia; public schools, independent schools, and charter schools; elementary, middle, and high schools; and urban, rural, and suburban schools.

Each Asia Society Confucius Classroom will be matched with a partner school in China to enhance opportunities for language learning and to provide students, teachers, and administrators with opportunities to conduct exchanges and joint projects. The Network is linked through an online community where teachers will share resources and best practices in an effort to build models for the field.

"There are two aspects of this program that I find especially exciting," said Mr. Andrew Webster, Head of School. "The first is the opportunity to forge a partnership with a school in China and the support for travel and learning experiences for faculty and students. The second is the leadership role of developing a model Chinese program and sharing what we learn with other schools. We look forward to working in partnership with the Asia Society and all the members of the Confucius Classrooms Network and believe the benefits to our students and teachers will be tremendous."

"Wardlaw-Hartridge's mission statement and core values clearly convey our desire to prepare students to lead and succeed in a world of global interconnections," added Mrs. Rhona Eserner, Upper School Head. "As students move through our school, they learn about global issues related to poverty, disease, economic development, human rights, and environmental

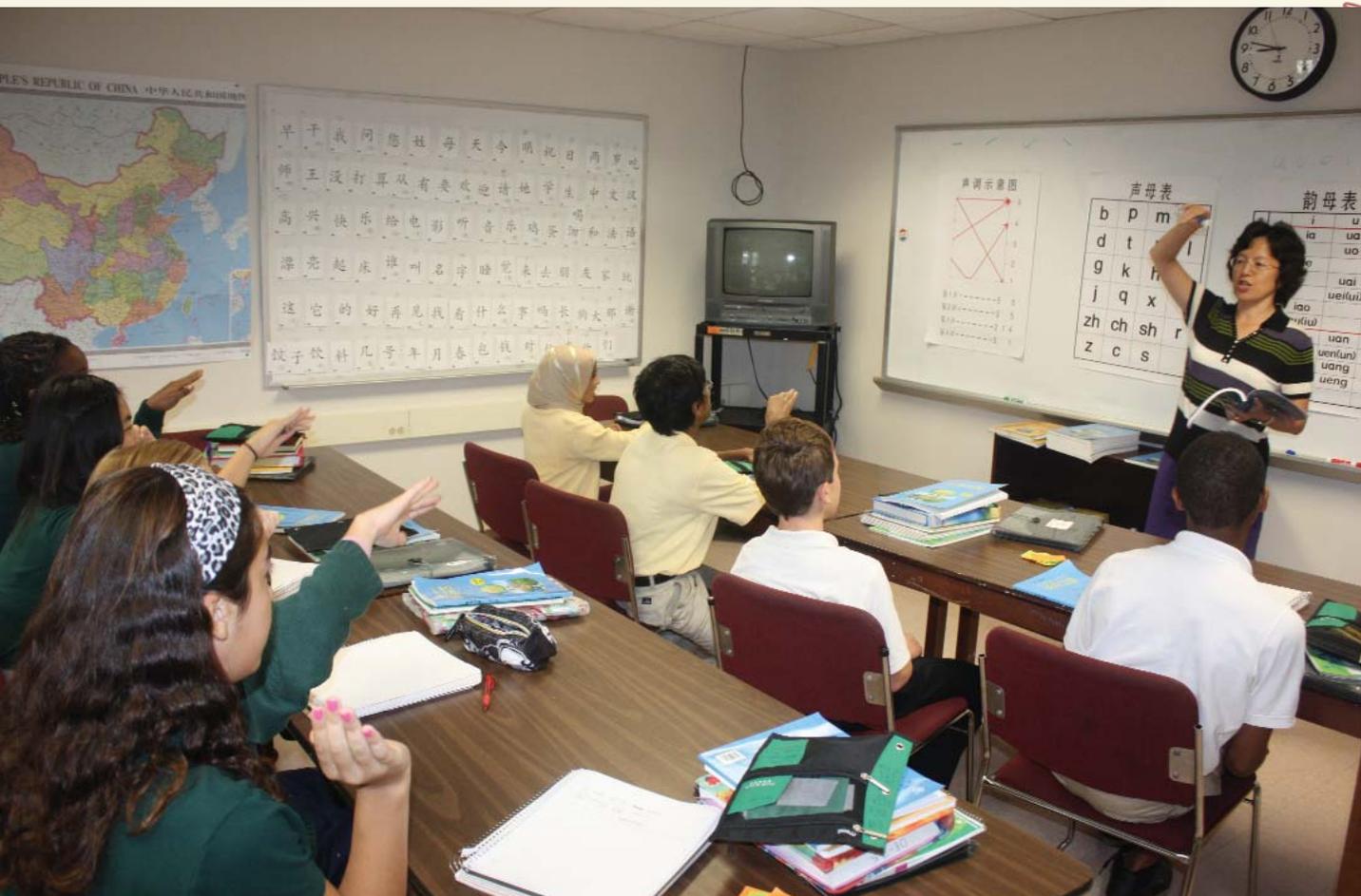
stewardship. Membership in the Confucius Classrooms Network supports our school's mission and will afford us amazing 21st century learning opportunities."

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School already has expanded its Chinese language program from high school to middle school and plans to offer levels up to Advanced Placement. Wardlaw-Hartridge will participate collaboratively with its Chinese partner school in various projects addressing global issues and concerns. One initiative under immediate consideration is a *Green Map* project in which Wardlaw-Hartridge and its partner school will identify and map green living, ecological, social and cultural resources in our communities.

"As a Chinese teacher, I've always been very proud of our students' enthusiasm and energy in learning the language and culture," added Mrs. Hua Liu, who is teaching Chinese classes to students from seventh grade through high school at Wardlaw-Hartridge. "Being accepted into the network will greatly help us to move the program to a higher and more sustainable level."

As part of its continuing effort to help American students become more globally competent, Asia Society has been supporting the development of Chinese language programs in schools across the United States. This work includes the Chinese Language Initiatives e-newsletter, the annual National Chinese Language Conference co-organized with the College Board, which will be held in Washington, DC April 12-14, 2012, and the development of resources for the field, including the "Learning Chinese in American Schools" DVD, the two "Meeting the Challenge" reports on Chinese language teacher preparation and a new initiative on "Chinese Language Learning in the Early Grades."

The Confucius Classrooms Network has been established with the support of an International Expert Advisory Committee and in partnership with Hanban, the affiliate of the Chinese Ministry of Education that supports the teaching and learning of Chinese language and culture in all corners of the world. The Network is more than just an attempt to recognize excellence in Chinese language teaching – it is the beginning of an ongoing process of field building with the goal of establishing high quality, sustainable Chinese language programs in all regions of the U.S., and one important step toward strengthening Americans' understanding of China.



Mrs. Hua Liu, Chinese teacher at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, teaches a class of seventh grade students during an introductory level lesson.

Asia Society designed the selection process for the 100 U.S. schools and districts and will assist them in creating linkages with schools in China. Asia Society also convenes an annual meeting in conjunction with the National Chinese Language Conference, provides support through e-newsletters and professional development seminars and collects data to assess progress.

“As this partnership grows and strengthens, it will give our students and Mrs. Liu many opportunities to form internet-based collaborations on topics and projects of interest to both schools,” Mrs. Eserner said. “As members of this network, our students, teachers, and administrators expect to be visiting China and spending time at our partnership school. We will also be offering our new Chinese friends the opportunity to visit us in Edison.”



Jim O'Halloran, Dean of Students and Upper School History teacher, visited China in the Summer of 2010 on a Study Tour sponsored by the China Institute in America. Mr. O'Halloran was fortunate to experience a three-week itinerary with other American educators traveling to Shanghai, Suzhou, Changsha, Kunming, Lijiang and the Tibetan Plateau. The Study Tour led to the creation of the Development of Modern China course and will help Mr. O'Halloran coordinate future trips by W-H students and faculty members to a sister school assigned by the Confucius Classrooms Network.

Athletics 2010-2011 Highlights & Honors

by Patricia Malizia

Patricia Malizia, Director of Athletics, had many positive things to report after a fantastic spring season by the W-H varsity teams. All five teams posted winning records and many school records, both team and individual, were set during a spring filled with milestones and achievements.

Baseball

The Rams finished the 2011 season with 15 wins and 13 losses. With that mark, the team set the school record for most wins in a season. The previous record of 13 was set by the 2006 team.

W-H baseball won its first ever NJSIAA State Tournament game vs. Wildwood Catholic. The Rams' season ended with a loss to the second-ranked team in the state (defending state champion and eventual 2011 champ) Gloucester Catholic in the quarterfinals of the Non-Public South B State Tournament.

Junior Jordan Del Sol was named team Player of the Year and was also selected as GMC All-Division shortstop. Classmate Vraj Patel was the Rams' Offensive Player of the Year and was selected as GMC All-Division third baseman.



Taylor Gerhart '14 makes solid contact during a home softball game.

Golf

The golf team had a very successful first year in the GMC. The team's final record was 14-6. With a large turnout, the coaches were able to have a Varsity as well as a JV squad. The 17 players represented the largest turnout ever.

The big highlight of the season took place in the Non-Public B South golf tournament where the team finished third and the top two players, freshman Yousaf Razvi and junior Brian Downing, tied for first place, with Yousaf finally winning the play-off on the third extra hole. Yousaf and Brian qualified to play in the Tournament of Champions. Catherine Badalamenti and Abby Siegel also qualified for GMC Girls' Tournament, where Catherine finished ninth in a field of about 50 girls.

Softball

This season was a remarkable turnaround as the team achieved a 19-8 record. There were many reasons for this turnaround, but one of the main ones was the very strong freshman class. Pitcher Ali Yamakaitis, infielders Taylor Gerhart and Kyla Houston, along with center fielder Jess Gural were essential to the improvement.

The team was led by two seniors Kelsey Hart and Hannah Lipper, the latter of whom was named to the Senior All-Star team. Sophomores Danielle Coover and Steph Smyczek covered a lot of ground in the outfield, while junior Abby Rogers led the team offensively and her classmate, catcher Lian Cancryn, anchored the Rams behind home plate. Yamakaitis was a dominant force in the circle. She fired three no-hitters and finished eighth in the county with 7.7 strikeouts per game.

Boys' Tennis

The 2011 boys' tennis season began promisingly with wins over South Amboy and Dunellen. However, the first true test came with the match against prep rival Rutgers Prep. Billy Buchbinder, a junior in his third year at first singles, won in two tight tie-break sets to prevent a shutout by the Argonauts.

The young varsity team, made up of returning players Kush Mody (3rd singles), Ankoor and Raja Patel (1st doubles), in addition to Aditya Dalal (2nd singles) and classmates Alex Barbet and Zubin Mulji (2nd doubles), went on a run of eight straight wins before dueling co-Blue Division leader Highland Park. The Rams lost a close one and finished second in the division.

Track and Field

The track and field season started off with the vision of winning and having fun. The coaches' goals were to provide knowledge about the sport and to compete at a high level. There were some injuries that set the team back, but from those injuries new talents were found, namely in the javelin.

There were some school records broken including Jeanine Gill taking down a 12-year old mark in the 100-meter dash and Katie Buchbinder resetting her own mark in the 3200-meter run. Gill had a great season, making it all the way to the Meet of Champions where she ran against the fastest girls in New Jersey. She did well and was ranked No. 46 in the state, which is a big achievement considering she ran hurt and comes out of a very small program with no cross country or indoor track season to use as a training ground.

Winter 2010-11 Athletics Highlights

Basketball

GMC All-Division Gold Team: Justen Davis, Janissa Delzo
Division Sportsmanship Award: Boys Varsity Basketball Team
GMC Senior All-Star Basketball Team: Ian English
Janissa Delzo scored 1,000th point of career in February

Cheer (at Eastern States Cheerleading Championships the following earned title of Overall Champion)

Val Margiottiello/Yulemni Morel (Double Cheer); Ashley DaCosta/Milika Griffiths (Double Pompom); Shaheen Grajeda, Pranali Soni, Divya Mehta (Triple Pompom); Milika Griffiths, Val Margiottiello, Yulemni Morel (Triple Dance/Drill)

Swimming

GMC All-Division: Catherine Badalamenti, Jeanine Gill, Alyssa Kennedy, Micaela Lyons, Daniel Andronov, Brian Downing, David Pinkowski, Ben Stoddard
GMC White Division Boys' Coach of the Year: Jessica Wilson
All-Prep Star-Ledger: 3rd Team Micaela Lyons (100 free); 200 free relay team (Catherine Badalamenti, Micaela Lyons, Jeanine Gill and Alyssa Kennedy)

GMC Winter All-Academic Team

Samantha Barbeito, Angad Dhindsa, Ian English, Saheela Ibraheem, Juan Ignacio, Monal Mehta, Manan Patel, Ben Stoddard, Shi Wu Yu, Pam Yulo, Catherine Badalamenti, Skyla Choi, Brian Downing, Milika Griffiths, Arturo Martinez, Vraj Patel, Abby Rogers, Aneesa Sonawalla, Liana Valentino, Marie Vlad, Alex Wang, Daniel Andronov, Charlotte Greaney, Brianna Gutierrez, Alyssa Kennedy, Chetna Kewalramani, Valentina Margiottiello, Ashni Mehta, Kush Mody, Haley Needle, Vanessa Santana, Stephanie Smyczek, Kim Son, Pranali Soni, Taylor Gerhart, Shafeeq Ibraheem, Divya Mehta, Michael Olano, Emily Wexler



Ian English '11 fires in one of the many 3-pointers he netted during a basketball career that ended with a selection to the GMC All-Star Team.



The baseball team receives its awards at Rams Recognition Night after making school history with a 15-win season in 2011.

Spring 2011 Athletics Highlights

Baseball

GMC All-Division Gold Team: Jordan Del Sol, Vraj Patel
GMC Senior All-Star Baseball Team: Ray Iglesias
All-Middlesex County by Star-Ledger: Jordan Del Sol 4th team
All-Area HM by Home News Tribune: Jordan Del Sol, Ray Iglesias, Vraj Patel

Golf

GMC All-Division Blue Team: Brian Downing, Yousaf Razvi

Softball

GMC All-Division Gold Team: Taylor Gerhart, Abby Rogers, Ali Yamakaitis
GMC Senior All-Star Softball Team: Hannah Lipper
GMC Gold Division Coach of the Year: Jackie MacLean
All-Prep 1st Team: Taylor Gerhart, Ali Yamakaitis; 2nd Team: Lian Cancryn, Kyla Houston, Abby Rogers; Honorable Mention: Jessica Gural, Stephanie Smyczek

All-Middlesex County by the Star-Ledger: Taylor Gerhart second team, Ali Yamakaitis third team

All-Freshman Team by the Star-Ledger: Taylor Gerhart and Ali Yamakaitis

All-Area by Home News Tribune and Courier News: Ali Yamakaitis third team; Taylor Gerhart and Abby Rogers HM

Ali Yamakaitis finished 8th in the county with 7.7 strikeouts per game

The Star-Ledger named the W-H softball team as the most improved in the County after the Rams increased their win total by 16

Boys' Tennis

GMC All-Division Blue Team: Billy Buchbinder, Aditya Dalal and Kush Mody

GMC All-Conference Team: Billy Buchbinder

GMC Blue Division Coach of the Year: Ron Haynes

All-Middlesex County by the Star-Ledger: Billy Buchbinder second team

The Star-Ledger ranked W-H's boys tennis team 10th in Middlesex County for the season

Track & Field

GMC All-Division: Jeanine Gill (200M); Samantha Barbeito and Katie Buchbinder Honorable Mention

Sam Barbeito 3rd 800M; Ian English 2nd 400H; Jeanine Gill 2nd place 100M and 200M at Prep Championship Meet

Katie Buchbinder WH record for 3200M; Jeanine Gill WH record for 100M

GMC Spring All-Academic Team

Ian English, Kelsey Hart, Saheela Ibraheem, Hannah Lipper, Manan Patel, Ernest Afflu, Billy Buchbinder, Catherine Badalamenti, Lian Cancryn, Brian Downing, Micaela Lyons, Dan Marques, Vraj Patel, Ankoor Patel, Abby Rogers, Katie Buchbinder, Jay Won Choi, Chetna Kewalramani, Kush Mody, Steph Smyczek, Michael Anastasiou, Alex Barbet, Aditya Dalal, Andrew Dumont, Jesse Flood, Mairead Forrest, Taylor Gerhart, Jessica Gural, Zubin Mulji, Michael Olano, Yousaf Razvi, Ali Yamakaitis

GMC Sportsmanship Award: Lian Cancryn '12 and David Pinkowski '11

NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award: Kelsey Hart '11

GMC Scholar-Athlete Award: Kelsey Hart '11 and Manan Patel '11

Class of 2011 Members Playing in College:

Samantha Barbeito – The College of New Jersey; Liz D'Arcy – Monmouth University; Zach Rauch – Elon University

Seniors, Juniors Explore Professional Future on

Career Day

by Rudy Brandl '83

Four alumni and three parents shared their professional wisdom and experience with the seniors and juniors on Career Day on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

The program began with a welcome from Andrew Webster, Head of School, and some motivational words of advice from Ted Davis, father of **Nick Davis '13**. Mr. Davis addressed all of the seniors and juniors in the All-Purpose Room prior to the breakout sessions.

Mr. Davis brings a wealth of experience in a wide variety of fields. He has worked as a commercial beekeeper in his own honey business, a program developer, real estate developer, consultant and entrepreneur. He reminded the students that they can excel in any career path they choose and that their education at Wardlaw-Hartridge is providing wonderful preparation for the future.

"I believe I can do anything if I put my mind to it," Mr. Davis said. "The bottom line is you need to have a belief in your capacity to do anything. You are so well-prepared at this institution, there's nothing you can't achieve."

Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Alumni Relations, introduced the six presenters: current parents Chuck Anastasiou (Finance/Investments) and Dr. Sarafa Ibraheem (Engineering) and alumni **Doug Singleterry '93** (Law/Politics), **J.F. Musial '04** (Advertising/Technology), **Dr. Sonya Patel Youngren '89** (Medicine) and **Dana Jacober Kaye '98** (Business), who was joined by her husband and partner Bayla Kaye.

"I thought it was very interesting," said **Adina Pearlman '11**, who attended the Law/Politics and Advertising/Technology sessions. "It's really nice to get perspective from people who are following their dreams in the career of their choice."

"It was very useful," said **Brian Downing '12**, who attended the Business and Finance/Investment sessions. "They explained where they came from and how they got here. The presentations were very well done. The perspective of a family business from the Kayes was very interesting."

Mr. Anastasiou is the managing director of investments and premier advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors. Dr. Ibraheem is the Vice President of Research and Development for Finance at Mizuho Capital Market Corporation. Mr. Singleterry works as an attorney at Dughi & Hewit. Mr. Musial founded his own company called Tangent-Vector, a small video production firm dedicated to the online automotive space. Dr. Youngren is an OB-GYN doctor in her own practice, Women's First Health Center in West Orange. The Kayes work in a family business, Allen Flavors, which produces

flavoring for such well-known products as Arizona Iced Tea. They brought more than enough samples for all the students to enjoy with their lunch.

If you are interested in being a future presenter for Career Day, please contact Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Communications and Alumni Relations, at 908-754-1882, Ext. 106 or rbrandl@whschool.org.



With plenty samples of the products on display from Allen Flavors, the students learn about running a large family business during a presentation given by Dana Jacober Kaye '98 and Bayla Kaye.



Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Alumni Relations, begins introductions of the presenters.

Fall Fair



Middle School students enjoy their annual tradition of selling and eating French fries at Fall Fair.



Upper School students Nick Davis '13 (throwing) and Billy Nolan '13 were among many who participated in the dunk tank.



Pony rides, face painting and boardwalk style carnival games added a new and exciting flavor to this year's Fall Fair.



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Betsy Cayer

Honored for Many Years of Service

by Bill Jenkins

On the evening of May 20, 2011, during the annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Board of Trustees, there was an opportunity to recognize and thank Betsy Cayer for her many years of service. The former teacher and headmistress of the Hartridge School and 10-year member of the Wardlaw-Hartridge Board of Trustees was honored for her many years of dedication and hard work.

Randy Rogers '81, in his final month as President of the Board of Trustees, thanked Mrs. Cayer on behalf of the school.

"Although we are here to honor Betsy for her distinguished work as a trustee, her service to W-H encompasses much more," Mr. Rogers said.

Mrs. Cayer joined the Hartridge faculty in 1965 as an English teacher. In 1968 she was appointed Head of School and remained in that role through the merger of Hartridge and Wardlaw in 1976, after which she served as Associate Head of W-H. In 2001, Betsy was chosen to be the first recipient of the Robert B. Vietor Distinguished Faculty award. That same year she joined the Board of Trustees.

"For the past decade, Betsy's experience as an educator, a former head of school and a former board chair has been invaluable," Mr. Rogers said.

Mrs. Cayer then took the podium and recalled from her very first day in 1965 at the Hartridge School how she felt and continues to feel very welcomed by the entire community. She recalled her 10 years on the Board with the same warmth and affection she had when she was a teacher. During her remarks, she said, "there is something about schools, about education, that has always captivated me."

Retiring from the Board, however, does not mean Mrs. Cayer is retired. She is currently teaching the works of George Bernard Shaw as a Professor in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute associated with Rutgers University Adult Education Program. Mrs. Cayer recalled a theme she discusses in her class, a theme Shaw calls "the Life Force, that active force that tackles every challenge, that finds a way through the forest, that imposes itself on errant path-takers and revises their route, altogether a creative, entrepreneurial, active and positive force."

She concluded by saying: "To me, this school is an example of that Life Force, a living and breathing creation full of vitality, providing our students with vital elements for their blood streams, providing oxygen for their brains and nourishment for their hearts. This school to me will always be a Life Force, active, not passive, positive, not negative, with vitality that makes this school one to enjoy and be proud to be a part of."



Betsy Cayer admires the memory board that she received as a small token of appreciation for her many years of service to the school.

The Nichani family, from left, Accamma, Uditi '15, Suresh and Aryaman '12, enjoys the Eighth Grade Stepping Up Ceremony at Wardlaw-Hartridge.



Suresh Nichani

Rejoins Board of Trustees

by Bill Jenkins

Mr. Suresh Nichani is not only back in the United States and back at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School as a current parent, he has returned for another term on the Board of Trustees. Suresh and his wife Accamma, senior son Aryaman '12 and freshman daughter Uditi '15 live in Scotch Plains, back in the same house they have owned since 1999.

After graduating from Bangalore University in India, and University of Cincinnati, with his M.S. in Computer Science, he attended various courses in Management and Finance, at MIT Sloan School of Management, and from The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is also half way through the OPM (Owner President Management Program) at Harvard Business School, which he expects to complete by 2013. His initial degrees led to his career in technology, where he specialized in Business Analytics and Systems Integration. In 1995 he founded Exinom Technologies and served as President until its 2003 acquisition by NEC Corporation of America.

After the sale of Exinom to NEC, Mr. Nichani joined his 60 year old family business, The Nichani Group, with offices in Bangalore, Chennai, India and New York City. The business focuses

on fund management, movie financing, information technology and equity investments. Mr. Nichani is also currently Vice Chairman and managing Director of Cordea Nichani Indian Opportunities No. 1. Cordea Nichani, an Indian infrastructure and real estate fund management business, "bringing together a unique set of relationships to offer investors access to the high growth real estate market in India." Cordea Nichani is a joint venture between Savills of London and the Nichani Group in India.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichani felt it was important for their children live in India for a few years to experience the culture and know their own heritage. It was also important for Aryaman and Uditi to be with family and relatives, in particular Mr. Nichani's father, who at age 81 works every day feeding the poor. The Nichanis wanted their children to know the importance of education and also giving back.

Aryaman has worked with Special School for the Severely Orthopedically Handicapped (SSSOH) in Chennai, India. He made a presentation and shared how these students "make the best of the little they have" and reminded his classmates that each of them should step back and think that life is not just about "getting the newest

cell phone or the newest computer" but that it is also about caring and reaching out to those in need and "making a difference." Uditi helped Aryaman in his project with SSSOH, by visiting the handicapped children along with Aryaman and her grandparents. Uditi also is a volunteer at service organizations, and was pictured on the cover of the *Oak & Ivy* Spring 2011 issue volunteering at the New Jersey Food Bank with other students and W-H alumni.

Mr. Nichani initially joined the Board in 1999 and it was his goal to help with technology and enrollment. He's happy to be back at what he calls "home."

"The school has made solid efforts maintaining and now increasing enrollment and is aware of its technology issues and is addressing them now," Mr. Nichani said. "I want to bring some of my expertise in global business ventures to the school and help the school with its focus on global learning. I believe that the current students at Wardlaw-Hartridge will be living and working in a globally focused society, and my hope is that I can contribute some of my experiences with my role on the Board, to help make the relationships and opportunities necessary for our students to learn to work in the global society."

Oak and Ivy

In Memoriam

Robbie Banker Past Parent

Robbie died peacefully, in her sleep on Aug. 17, 2011. Robbie lived in Scotch Plains, N.J., for most of her life. Known for her loving commitment to her large family and group of friends, Robbie spent her life serving others. She was dedicated to her Jewish roots and spent years serving as the Temple Shalom president and was also a member of Hadassah. Robbie had endless enthusiasm and abiding love for her children and grandchildren. Robbie is survived by her husband, Abraham; her mother, Estelle Kraemer; her brother, Ken Kraemer (Doris); her five children, Jonathan '87 (Lauren), Joseph '89 (Jennifer '89), David '93 (Jamie), Sara Levine '94 (Jeremy) and Daniel '03. She also leaves eight grandchildren, Jordan, Madison, Michael, Molly Levine, Elyssa, Harley, Dylan Levine and Sydney.

Marion Horne Dowley '35

Marion Horne Dowley, of Skaneateles, NY, passed away April 1 in her 93rd year, in her home on State Street. She was predeceased by her husband George on January 7, 2011. Marnie was born in Hartford, Conn., on July 15, 1917. She attended The Hartridge School in Plainfield from kindergarten through the 12th grade and graduated from Vassar in 1936. She attended the Columbia School of Social Work from 1939-1940.

She and George were happily married for 70 years and possessed an adventurous and independent spirit, traveled and sailed regularly to their favorite parts of the world. A lover of the outdoors, Marnie loved hiking, birding, canoeing and spending summers in Maine with George and her children and grandchildren. Marnie always found ways to give back to others. She was a breast cancer survivor and worked in hospitals counseling other women dealing with the disease. Marnie was a trustee of Syracuse Memorial Hospital (now Crouse), president of Huntington Family Service Agency, member of the Jr. League of Syracuse, an elder at Park Central Presbyterian Church and a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles, as well as an honorary life member of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church USA. She was also a member of the Portfolio Club and Skaneateles Leisure Hour group. For all her works, she received one of The Post-Standard's Women of the Year Awards.

Jeremiah "Jerry" Forrest Parent

Jeremiah "Jerry" Forrest, age 55 of Parlin, passed away Friday, October 21, 2011 at his home with his loving family. Born in Knockduff Meelin, Co. Cork, Ireland, he had lived in Parlin for the past 20 years. Jerry was a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin as well as St. Francis College in Brooklyn. He was the proud owner and operator of Celtic Carting & Demolition. He was a founding member of the Irish American Building Society and a life long member of the board of directors of the IAB scholarship fund.

Mr. Forrest was an accomplished soccer athlete who never lost his love of the game. He played well into his adult life and then retired to coaching and enjoying his children's soccer successes. He was the director of Sayreville Soccer for many years, coached several teams and assistant coached at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick High School. Jerry Forrest was the type

of man who would not leave a room until he spoke to everyone in it. He was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is predeceased by his parents Jeremiah and Ita Forrest. Surviving are his beloved wife of 18 years, the former Diane Howarth, and his beloved children, including current W-H sophomore Mairead '14.

Magnus Kallner Past Parent

Magnus Kallner, of Plainfield passed away suddenly on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. He was 63 years old. Born in Sweden, he emigrated from Sweden in 1972 and later moved to the United States in 1980. He is survived by his loving family, Britt-Marie, Åsa, Pia, Michael '06 and their families. He was loved by everyone who knew him.

Claire Morton Former Staff Member

Claire Morton, a bursar at Wardlaw Country Day School in the 1970s and 1980s, was born on May 7, 1916 and passed away on Monday, April 11, 2011. Her last known residence was New Hope, Pennsylvania.

Warren E. Gerber, Sr. Emeritus Trustee

Warren E. Gerber, Sr., age 90, of Columbus, Miss., passed away April 20, 2011, at The Windsor Place. Mr. Gerber was born November 14, 1920, in Bloomfield, N.J., to the late Herman and Freda Dunker Gerber. He was the founder and operator of Gerber Metal Supply Company of Readington, N.J., for 23 years, from 1963-1986 until his retirement. Mr. Gerber was a long time member and former president of Suburban Golf Club in Union, N.J. He also was past board president of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, N.J. His love was his family and golf. He and his wife, Doris, moved to Columbus, Miss. from Stuart, Fla. in 2005 and have been residents of Plantation Pointe.

Mr. Gerber is survived by his wife, Doris Francis Gerber of Columbus, Miss., son, Gary L. Gerber and his wife Sandi of Pottsville, Pa., daughter, Gayle G. Peterson and her husband Evan Peterson, former Wardlaw-Hartridge Director of Athletics and Assistant Headmaster, of Ft. Worth, Tex., son, Warren E. "Chip" Gerber, Jr. '82 and his wife Maureen of Columbus, Miss., grandchildren Doris Mitchell, Gary Gerber, Jr., Richard Gerber, Warren E. Gerber, III, Christopher and Emily Peterson, Cory and Olivia Peterson, Hillary and Layne Gerber, five great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Greg R. Hale '77

Greg R. Hale died on March 16, 2011. Greg grew up in Edison, N.J. He graduated from Rutgers University, where he was an avid member of the Glee Club. Shortly after graduation he moved to Dillon, Colo. Greg was a locksmith by profession and a member of the Elizabeth Masonic Lodge. In 2009, he moved to Ranier, Wash., where he continued his locksmith trade and became a member of the Yelm Masonic Lodge. Greg was predeceased by his sister, Susan Belvin, and his father, Richard M. Hale, a former Board of Trustees Chairman at Wardlaw Country Day School and an Emeritus Trustee.

Mr. Hale is survived by his mother, Ruth; brother and sister-in-law, Scott '75 and Dawn Hale; brother and sister-in-law, Robert '68 and Linda Hale; nieces, Bonnie Belvin, Faith, Charlotte and Grace Hale; niece, Allison Sullivan and her husband, Neil and nephews Jerrod Belvin and Ryan and Matt Hale.

Elsa Osborne Past Parent, President of Parents' Association

Elsa Osborne, 98, peacefully passed away on April 3, 2011, at Harrogate Retirement Community in Lakewood, N.J. Elsa was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be greatly missed by all. Elsa was born in 1912 in Orange, N.J., to Herman and Nina Focke. She graduated from Orange High School and spent two years at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts. Married in 1941 to Harry Vivian Osborne Jr., Elsa moved to Cranford, N.J., where they raised their two children.

Her interests included family and volunteer work devoting her time and energy to many non-profit interests such as Muhlenberg Hospital Twig, Cranford League, Cranford Garden Club president, Visiting Nurse Association, Junior League of Elizabeth, Wardlaw Mother's Association president, Wednesday Morning Club, Contact We Care, Bonnie Brae Auxiliary, Bonnie Brae Board of Trustees, and she was a Brae Board Trustee Emeritus. Most recently she was an active member of the Harrogate community including founding the Harrogate General Store. She was well-traveled, interested in sports, politics and avid reader and, most of all, interested in the people she met, always concerned for others. She had a wonderful spirit. She touched so many lives.

Her husband of 43 years, Judge Harry V. Osborne Jr., died in 1985. Mrs. Osborne is survived by her daughter, Susan Orsoni of Paris, France; her son, Harry T. (Ted) '71 and his spouse, Robin, of Plainfield, N.J., and her two grandchildren, Lauren '01 and Harry T. Jr. '14.

Herbert Swain '38

Herbert W. Swain of Barrington, VT died quietly at his home on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. A native of Plainfield, N.J., Herbert is survived by Laura, his beloved and devoted wife of 68 years. One of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Swain of North Plainfield, N.J., Herb graduated from the Wardlaw School in Plainfield and Dartmouth College with the legendary "In with the hurricane, out with the war" Class of 1942.

He enlisted in the Navy becoming an aviation instructor in Pensacola in 1943. It was as a flight trainer in El Toro, Calif. as a Marine where he met Laura Lupton and eventually married "Lolly," rising to rank of Captain and flew in the Pacific flying material to Midway. Herb served as personal pilot and aide to General Holland Smith, former Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, in the Pacific. An avid athlete, Herb was chairman of the tennis programs for the Plainfield Country Club, Orchard Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and co-founder of the former Valley Heights Racquet Club, Walnut Creek, Calif. Herb's love of flying would lead him back to a pilot's license along with an instrument rating, flying his family and grandchildren in his Piper Cherokee. A father, leader, mentor, and always a gentleman, Herb will be missed for his quiet strength.

Class Notes

GEORGE HIS '45

George, who now lives in San Antonio, Tex., reports that it has been 66 years since he walked out of 1130 Central Avenue in Plainfield as a student. He's still willing to contribute to the school in honor of the man who gave him a great start on life's journey – Pop Wardlaw.

LEROY GUNZELMANN III '60

Leroy retired on August 1, 2010 as Director of Emergency Management for Somerset County. He is still active with his local squad and Fire Department. Leroy enjoys spending time with his 10 grandchildren.

ABBY LEVINE RUTTENBERG '62

Abby has noted that her class will be celebrating its 50th reunion next year and would like to plan a special gathering for The Hartridge School Class of 1962.

GARY JOHNSON '80

Gary Johnson '80 and his wife Sophie are proud parents of Jennifer, a 16-month baby girl they adopted from Fuzhou, China. Gary placed first in a national sign design competition, sponsored by the United States Sign Council. Several examples of his work will be featured in the November and December Issues of Sign Builder Illustrated Magazine. Gary has owned the Great American Sign Company for 20 years.

LAMAR MACKSON '87



Lamar Mackson '87 always knew he wanted to be involved in music and TV production. Back in Plainfield after Morehouse College and the Art Institute of Atlanta, he founded his own company in this field, raised two sons, bought an historic house, and

does volunteer work not just for his alma mater, but also as chairman of Plainfield Cable TV and vice-chairman of the YMCA board.

Over the summer, celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay chose a restaurant almost next to the YMCA as his first "Kitchen Nightmare" of the season and Mr. Mackson was the go-to guy. Since then, Chef Ramsay has hired him for two more programs. Mackson also has picked up three more reality shows, shot five national commercials and been chosen for the Directors' Guide of America apprentice program.

GERARD GONNELLA '89

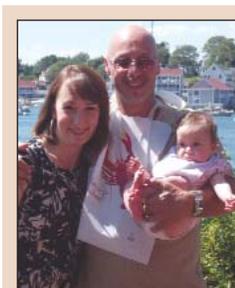


Gerard Gonnella '89, Associate Director of Admission, and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of Julia Mary, born August 7, 2011 at 12:41 a.m.. At birth,

Julia was 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 19-3/4 inches long. Congratulations to the Gonnella family!

JOSEPH BONK JR. '94

Joe and Noel Bonk welcomed their second child, Owen Emerson, on July 8, 2010. Big brother Julian is so happy to have someone like him in the house!



Michelle Daino, former W-H Director of Communications, gave birth to a baby girl, Olivia Ellen Daino, on April 15, 2011. Olivia, pictured here with

parents Michelle and Charlie, weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

MATT HOWARD '01

Matt was unable to attend Homecoming this year but reports that life is good. He is living in Hoboken and working at a law firm in New York City.

JORDAN WEST '04

Jordan West attended the University of Maryland College Park and graduated in 2008 with her B.A. in Psychology. Following UMD, Jordan attended Penn State University for graduate school, where she received her M.Ed. in higher education with a focus on College Student Affairs. Jordan also worked at the University of California Berkeley (Cal) during her time in graduate school for the Summer Bridge Program, where she served as the Resident Director.

After completing graduate school, Jordan received multiple offers from different institutions of higher education to work in their Department of Residence Life and accepted a full-time position at Penn State as a Residence Life Coordinator. Jordan currently supervises 10 Resident Assistants and serves on call for 4,300 first year students at Penn State, handling crisis and conflict situations on a daily basis.



Charlie Streib '71, pictured here with the Streib Cup, visited campus during a long road trip from his home in Colorado to New Hampshire in July.

Named after his parents, the Streib Cup is awarded to the winner of the Middle School Public Speaking Contest.

JOHN HAKALA '07

John has started a fellowship and will pursue a doctorate in theoretical physics at Brown University. He was graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in physics and math. John worked in a lab at the City University of New York and published a paper with his professor. He will be a teaching assistant during his fellowship at Brown.

MATT FORMAN '07

Matt has accepted a position at Epic Systems Medical Software Co. in Madison, Wisconsin. He was graduated from Dartmouth University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the History of Science on Music. Matt will be a project manager who demonstrates software and serves as the liaison between the client and the technical staff.

IAN ENGLISH '11

Ian English, now a freshman at the Catholic University of America, was selected to play at Carnegie Hall with the CUA orchestra on November 2. Ian, who sat first chair as a trumpet player throughout his W-H high school career, is studying music education at Catholic.



Bill Michalski, Upper School History Teacher, hosted a gathering of alumni, faculty and friends at his home in Oxford last summer. Pictured, from left to right, back row: Justine Hinge, Mike Kallner '06, Will Vogt '08, Sydney Heiss '07, Elizabeth Levine '05, Andrew Bellisari '06 and Rudy Brandl '83. Sitting: Howard Freeman, Lloyd Kunar, Bill Michalski and Bob Gould.

Alumni Soccer Game

by Rudy Brandl '83



The two sides pose for a friendly photo before a hard-fought Alumni Soccer Game.

The men from the 80s came out in full force to participate in the annual Alumni Soccer Game on the afternoon of Fall Fair and Homecoming Day. A team of graduates from the 80s challenged an opposing side made up of younger alumni, Board of Trustees members and friends in a competitive match that ended in a 2-2 tie.

Six members of the starting lineup of the W-H 1985 team, a group of 1986 graduates celebrating their 25th reunion, led the Green Team. **Nate Kaplan, David Lomnitz, Bob Sadaty, Peter Colangelo, Mike Gruba** and goalkeeper **Greg Raudelunas**, the game's Most Valuable Player, took the field together. Raudelunas made three point-blank saves late in the first half when the Gold Team briefly took control of the match.

All-80s captain **Alex Helander '83** set up the game's first goal in the 20th minute. **Barry Solondz '80** ripped a hard shot into the corner that gave the 80s team a 1-0 lead. The Green team continued to create chances but ran out of steam late in the first half.

The Gold squad controlled the final 10 minutes of the first half, scoring twice despite brilliant goalkeeping from Raudelunas. Current parent and Board member Anthony D'Amore tied the game in the 26th minute and **Don Sidun '01** rifled a hard shot with one minute remaining in the first 30-minute half to give the Gold a 2-1 lead.

The Green team took charge again in the second half and tied the score on a controversial goal that was disallowed by official Bill Sidun. **David Lomnitz '86** scored on a far post header that videotape clearly showed crossed the goal line and hit the net. Gold team goalkeeper **Max Stevens '04** made a few nice stops, including one on a header from **Mike Gruba '86**, to keep the 80s team off the board.

Other 80s players who competed in the game include **Randy Rogers '81, Greg Casagrande '81, Matt Albano '81, John Penvenne '81, Jeff Callan '84, Doug Powell '86** and **Mark Gruba '89**. The Gold roster also included **Ted Osborne '71**, President of the Board of Trustees, **Joe Palumbo '96, Greg Morgan '04, Joe Schackman '06, David Herman '06**, Board member Simon Lack and Werner Brandl, father of alumni director **Rudy Brandl '83**.



Ted Osborne '71 catches his breath during a break in the action



Referee Bill Sidun gets ready to toss the coin as team captains Don Sidun '01 (left) and Alex Helander '83 receive pre-game instructions.



Inset: Jeff Callan '84 tries to elude David Herman '06 on a rush up the field.



Joe Palumbo '96 looks for an open teammate as Greg Casagrande '81 pursues from the right.



Inset: Greg Morgan '04 tries to out maneuver Bob Sadaty '86 as goalkeeper Greg Raudelunas '86 looks on.

Alumni Awards Ceremony

by Rudy Brandl '83



Daphne Willard proudly displays the Distinguished Faculty Award she received from Betsy Cayer as Andrew Webster (Head of School), Ted Osborne '71 (President, Board of Trustees), Rudy Brandl '83 (Director of Alumni Relations) and Rob Rizzo '89 (Board of Trustees member) look on.

This year's Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception had an old, historic flavor as many alumni, faculty, families and friends from the 1960s, 70s and 80s attended to pay tribute to honorees who distinguished themselves at the time of the merger of Wardlaw Country Day School and The Hartridge School. All of the 2011 award winners made a positive impact on the school during the merger era, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

Greg Casagrande '81, a member of the Board of Trustees who received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, started as an elementary school student at Wardlaw and went through the merger before graduating from Wardlaw-Hartridge in 1981. Mr. Casagrande was presented an engraved silver pewter plate from his sister, fellow W-H graduate Julie Casagrande Murray '83, who made a warm and witty presentation.

"It's really important in life to build a strong foundation," Mr. Casagrande said. "Two important things to a foundation are family and an

education. I've been exceptionally blessed with a great family and I had 11 years of Wardlaw-Hartridge education which really set the stage for me to be here today."

Daphne Willard, a beloved and respected Kindergarten teacher at Hartridge and W-H from 1956-1989, was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award. Miss Willard spent her entire career teaching on the old Hartridge campus in Plainfield but in the last 13 years she taught boys and girls.

Betsy Cayer, Emeritus Trustee and former Headmistress of The Hartridge School, made thoughtful, insightful remarks on Miss Willard's behalf and presented her with an engraved silver pewter plate. Mrs. Cayer said that "students who had Daphne in their lives never forget her" and some of Miss Willard's former students proved that by attending the ceremony.

"When I had that letter saying that I was going to be getting this award, I had to read it several times," Miss Willard said. "I just couldn't believe it

because I had left this school so many years ago and it seemed to me I was part of the past and forgotten about. I'm very surprised, very pleased and very humbled."

The Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed one new individual and its third team. Evan Peterson, who served as Athletic Director from 1974-1979, was inducted as a coach and administrator. Mr. Peterson went on to work in Admission and



Mike Lackland '78 proudly displays his state championship varsity jacket, which still fits after more than three decades.

eventually became Assistant Headmaster before leaving W-H in 1986. Chip Gerber '82, Mr. Peterson's brother-in-law, made introductory remarks and presented him with an engraved silver pewter plate to the first athletic director inducted into the W-H Athletic Hall of Fame.

"It's been a long time since I have coached a team but I have to tell you that my fondest memories of working with children come from Wardlaw and Wardlaw-Hartridge," said Mr. Peterson, who is now the Head of School at Fort Worth Country Day School. "It was here where I got the foundation to be a leader in a school and a leader of children."

Mr. Peterson remained on the podium to introduce the 1977 football team. He was an assistant coach on that squad, which became the newest team inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. It was the first undefeated football team in school history. W-H won a State Prep championship that year.

"Great teams are a culmination of three things; great talent, the players that we had, great coaches, who cared a great deal and the proper culture in which to thrive," said Mike Lackland '80, who accepted a plaque on the team's behalf. "We had all three in 1977."

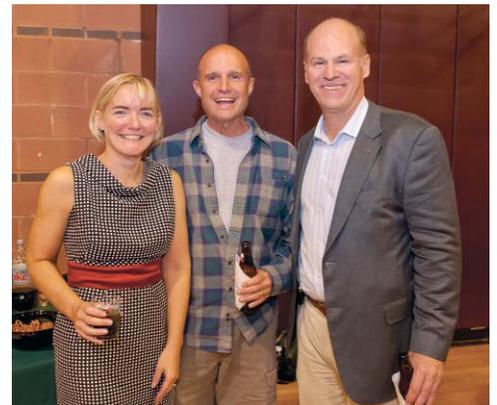
Following the ceremony, more than 100 guests enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres in Plumeri Gym while reconnecting with old friends and classmates. Congratulations to all of this year's worthy honorees!



Greg Casagrande '81 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award from his sister, Julie Casagrande Murray '83, as Rudy Brandl '83 and Rob Rizzo '89 look on.



Evan Peterson, who was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, makes his acceptance remarks.



Macada Brandl '87, John Penvenne '81 and Greg Casagrande '81 catch up at the reception.



The 1977 football team, with team members Richard Guss, Tom Lankey, Brian Roach, Dean DeSantis and Mike Lackland in attendance, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Oak and Ivy



by Rudy Brandl '83

Over 100 who attended the All-1980s Reunion at Plainfield Country Club gather for a group photo.

More than 100 guests attended the first-ever All-1980s Reunion at the Plainfield County Club on October 15, 2011. It was the largest reunion event in the history of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

Event chair Lee Rinaldo Marvosa '85 and a spirited group of class representatives organized the reunion with the help of Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Alumni Relations. The 80s graduates were joined by some of their former teachers, including Howard Freeman, Alice McMullen, Allen Everhart and current faculty member Jim Howard. Evan Peterson, the former W-H athletic director and assistant headmaster who was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame earlier in the day, also attended the reunion.

Andrew Webster, Head of School, and Ted Osborne '71, president of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the guests with brief remarks in the ballroom. Mr. Osborne, who was celebrating his 40th reunion, joked about being a "party crasher" with all of the 80s alumni in the room. Fellow board members and 80s alumni Randy Rogers '81, Greg Casagrande '81 and Rob Rizzo '89 also joined the party.

With 80s music playing, the alumni enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the foyer and a buffet dinner in the ballroom. Many alumni perused yearbooks and enjoyed a few laughs while looking at old pictures. The nametags included each guest's senior portrait.

Many of the alumni had not seen their classmates since graduating from W-H. Alumni traveled from all over the country including California, Colorado, Arizona and Florida for this spectacular event. David Raimondo '87 flew in from Mexico to reconnect with his classmates and friends.

"The All-80s Reunion was an incredible night spent reconnecting with over 100 W-H alumni, spouses, faculty, administrators and trustees," Ms. Marvosa said. "What started as a long-shot idea after our 25th class reunion last year came to life and brought together 1980s classmates from all over the country, many of whom had not seen each other in 20-plus years! Without the dedication of the entire reunion committee and the support of Rudy Brandl, Bill Jenkins and Trustee Rob Rizzo '89, the event would not have been possible. I am proud to have been part of such a wonderful team and I look forward to seeing more of you as we continue to plan alumni gatherings."



Members of the Class of 1985 in attendance included, back row: Claudine Klein Cheetham and Adam Kenny. Front row: Chip Moody, Courtney Barth, Karen Leach, Emilie Rinaldo Marvosa and Michelle Millelot Graboski.



Chip Gerber '82 is joined by classmates Margie Glasser Ticknor '82 and Jayna Gaskell '82.



Macada Brandl '87, Rudy Brandl '83 and Emilie Rinaldo Marvosa '85 enjoyed reconnecting with old friends from the 80s.



Members of the Class of 1988 in attendance included front row: Laurie (Tobin) Molina, Chris Saunders, Kerry Walsh; second row: Gina Mansolino Burnett, Kelly Evans, Daniel Sullivan, Derek Warner; back row: "Nick" Julian Wood, Jason Hall, Sasha Blechinger Slocum, Bill Carrington.



The Class of 1986 had a very good turnout at PCC, including Eric Schifnman, Marc Whitken, Margie Burleson Barbetti, Charlie LeGrand, Greg Raudelunas, Doug Powell, David Lomnitz, Bob Sadaty and Mike Gruba.

Before We Go...

Board of Trustees Shares Parent Satisfaction Survey Results



The Board of Trustees presented the findings from the Parent Satisfaction Survey conducted last spring. The Board made its debut presentation to the faculty, staff and administration on October 6 and offered sessions on October 11, 12 and 13 to share the findings with parents.

Ted Osborne '71, Board President, made opening remarks and introduced the Board members who implemented the survey: Dr. Laura Stevens, Board Secretary, and fellow members Peter Minnium and Sheelagh Clarke. Dr. Stevens, Mr. Minnium and Rev. Clarke made presentations during a very informative session that revealed some very good news.

Dr. Stevens reported "fantastic participation" with 216 families (nearly 70 percent) of eligible respondents participating in the confidential survey. The presentations to parents and faculty gave the Board an opportunity to share the methodology of the survey, its findings and areas of opportunity for improvements in school life, and how these areas will be further highlighted or added to the school's Strategic Plan.

The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive with parents giving very high ratings for their children's overall experience at Wardlaw-Hartridge, feeling that their child is a valued member of the school community, and believing that Wardlaw-Hartridge provides a challenging, well-rounded curriculum that equips our students with the skills that they will need in the 21st century. In addition to the rating system used in the survey, parents offered a total of 1,047 responses to open-ended questions, providing a wealth of material for the Board and school administration.

Mr. Minnium reported that although the results were fantastic, there is always room for improvement. Based on both survey ratings and comments, several areas of opportunity were identified.

Rev. Clarke spoke about how the Strategic Plan is the starting point in taking advantage of these opportunities and continuing to improve the school and parent satisfaction. Strategic Plan Integration includes three-year priorities, detailed action plans, senior management and committees. The strategic priorities will be monitored and refocused annually, based partly on future parent satisfaction surveys.

Special Events

2011-2012 School Calendar

December 1-2	Holiday Boutique
December 3	Admission Information Session
December 7	Upper School Art Show & Concert
December 14	Pre-K and JK Holiday Concert
December 14	Middle School Winter Concert
December 16	Lower School Winter Concert
January 4	Alumni College Day & Pizza Party
January 18-20	Book Fair
January 20	International Family Fun Night
January 21	Booster Club SWHoop-a-Thon
January 28	Admission Information Session
February 15	Admission Information Session
March 3-5	Spring Musical
March 15	Alumni March Madness Party
April 1	Music Recital
April 11	Admission Information Session
April 14	Parents' Association Gala (Alumni invited)
April 21	Summer Programs Information Session
April 28	Booster Club Spring Carnival
May 3	Upper School Art Show & Spring Concert
May 4	Senior Sweatshirt Photo Day & Pizza Party
May 10	Lower School Spring Concert
May 11	Lower School Art Show
May 17	Middle School Art Show & Concert
May 22	Cookin' Cabaret
May 24	Rams Recognition Night
May 25	Lower School Field Day
June 4	Admission New Family Picnic
June 7	Senior Farewell Dinner
June 8	129th Upper School Commencement
June 15	Alumni Summer Kickoff Party

Some dates are tentative. For event starting times and more information, please call the school at 908-754-1882 or visit www.whschool.org.

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