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The Wardlaw-Hartridge School Magazine



Golden Reunion



What's Inside



Above: Members of the Wardlaw Country Day School and Hartridge School classes of 1963, 1964 and 1965 gather for a group photo in the new Center for Global Learning during their 50th reunion lunch on Fall Fair and Homecoming Day.

Left: Peter Pomeroy '65 and Suzanne Loizeaux Price '65 show off their 50th reunion medallions.



On the Cover:

Photos by Bill Jenkins

Above, alumnae from the Hartridge School hold signs of some of their favorite old buildings during their tour of the old Hartridge campus in Plainfield. Below, alumni from Wardlaw Country Day School gather on the porch of the main building on the Plainfield campus they called home in the 1960s.

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A Letter from

Andrew Webster, Head of School



Dear Wardlaw-Hartridge Family,

As the days shorten and we anticipate the first snowflakes, we can look back on a glorious fall. We were favored with wonderful weather and a superb fall athletic season that saw us win three division titles in girls' soccer, boys' soccer, and girls' tennis. In nearly every contest, we are the far smaller school competing against large public or Catholic schools such as Metuchen, Carteret, Spotswood, and Bishop Ahr. In our fall sports, we have experienced success beyond expectations, to the credit of our coaches and student-athletes.

Our fall play, the *Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, was a comedic departure from our typical plays. As usual, our thespians and stage crew devoted long hours and pulled off triumphant performances that left the audience laughing and applauding. Our musicians and singers take the stage next, with the usual array of holiday concerts.

As you will see inside the magazine, Fall Fair and Homecoming Day was a glorious occasion, with record attendance and the largest reunion gatherings we have experienced. Much of my job involves imagining future developments for the school, but homecoming weekend provides an opportunity to emphasize the linkage with the school's heritage and traditions. Wardlaw-Hartridge today is seen as an innovative school that embraces change, but we can do so only because of the strength of our traditions. As the musician Yo-Yo Ma put it, "an innovation, to grow organically from within, has to be based on an intact tradition."

Our alumni/ae represent aspects of school tradition that lend strength to the school today. We enjoy a powerful sense of community, a sense of the value and dignity of each member of our school community that has deep roots in Wardlaw and Hartridge history. It is precisely this strength of community that has allowed us to become incredibly diverse without breeding conflict or disunity.

We in today's Wardlaw-Hartridge owe a great debt to those who came before us and created the conditions in which we can evolve and grow and thrive. Though our school is very different in some ways from the ones that our alumni/ae attended, I heard great admiration from those at reunions for the school we have become. As Victor Hugo instructed, we have changed our leaves but kept intact our roots.

Best regards,

Andrew Webster
Head of School

A Letter from

Ted Osborne '71, Board of Trustees President



Dear Wardlaw-Hartridge Community,

In this issue you will see pictures and stories about the extensive renovations that occurred on our campus this summer. These are the latest improvements as we continue to strive for excellence in our students, our academics and our facilities. Our goal as a school is to be a vital evolving center for 21st century learning.

Learning in the 21st century is not like anything that I remember. The students here at W-H are digital natives – they grew up in a world filled with electronics, gadgets and multi-media entertainment. Television, computers and video games have all contributed to changes in the ways a kid's brain takes in new information and assimilates it. Because of this, our role as educators has changed, our curriculum has been revised and expanded and our teachers have been trained in new approaches to learning.

Not only have systems of education changed, but the methods in which kids learn have changed as well. Students benefit from a collaborative learning environment and group members gain from each other's contribution. There is a power of cooperative learning in the classroom now, students can learn to approach and solve new problems and develop the capability to solve problems together.

In the 21st century Wardlaw-Hartridge has pursued campus improvements in science, technology, engineering, math, the arts, and athletics. Our campus must support the teaching and learning of 21st century skills at a high level. We are not done yet, but we have made enormous progress.

On the following pages, you will see a timeline showing the work we have accomplished over the last 10 years. This is a visual representation of the progress we have made and will continue to make as we go forward. A full scale model of this timeline is on display in our main lobby. These enhancements to our campus would not be possible without the wonderful generosity and support of everyone in the W-H community.

George Bernard Shaw said that "Imagination is the beginning of creation." We keep this in mind as we continue to 'imagine' the 21st century school and look to create the best possible educational experience for all of our students.

I hope you take the opportunity to visit the school to see in person the many wonderful enhancements to our campus. You will be impressed.

Best regards,

Ted Osborne '71

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"Imagination is the beginning of creation"

~ George Bernard Shaw



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NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dedication of New Campus Facilities



W-H proudly unveiled signage for the new Sonawalla Center for Global Learning at a ceremony on November 16.

Dr. Ayesha Sitlani discussed her love for science and the importance of a stimulating educational environment, which led to her family's gift to support the Lower and Middle School STEM labs.



Past parents and Board of Trustees members Noorali Sonawalla and Jeanne Barbet join current parent Swati Shah at the reception.



Noorali Sonawalla, Andrew Webster and Ted Osborne '71 answer questions during an interview for TV Asia.



Noorali Sonawalla, with his wife Azmina, talked about his family's passion for global education during the dedication of the new Sonawalla Center for Global Learning.



Andrew Webster, Head of School, chats with Emeritus Trustee Frank Blatz with his wife Joanne and alumnus Bob Hellerson '63.

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W-H Initiates Partnership with Shishi High School

By Rudy Brandl '83



Chuck and Nina Anastasiou and Dan and Jen Schildge hosted W-H and Shishi students for a farewell dinner at the Anastasiou home.



Five students from Shishi High School and their teacher stand beside the W-H sign welcoming them to our community on a beautiful early autumn day.

The Chinese language program at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has enjoyed impressive growth in recent years, but the partnership with Shishi High School in Chengdu, China and recent visit from its students have elevated the program to an even higher level.

The Shishi students attended classes, participated in extracurricular activities and performed Chinese dances on Confucius Classrooms Day. For a week in early October, they were part of the W-H student body.

"The excitement in the halls and classrooms was palpable as we got to know our visitors well," said Rhona Eserner, Upper School Head. "We look forward to traveling to Chengdu within a year's time to visit with our new friends."

Mrs. Eserner wished to thank the five W-H families who opened their homes to the international visitors – the Schildge, Anastasiou, O'Brien, Chandran and Pyne families.

Back in 2013, Mrs. Eserner was joined by Ms. Hua Liu, Mandarin teacher, and Mr. Jim O'Halloran, Dean of Students, on a trip to China to formalize the partnership. She signed a memo of understanding with Principal Tian of Shishi High School.

"This memo states that Principal Tian and I would both create an exchange program for students and a program that encourages joint projects in a variety of classrooms," Mrs. Eserner explained.

W-H students can look forward to their turn in the exchange program and visiting Chengdu in the near future to expand their global perspectives.

The students from China certainly gained new insight into what it's like to attend an American school. Below are short reflections from each of the five students who visited:

Alice – "I have learned many things at this school. They have more interesting classes and more time for their hobbies."

Echo – "The life in America is really different from our life in China. Students practice more sports and learn more different subjects."

Jack – "The W-H School has a great atmosphere for studying. Thank you to the students, teachers and host families for everything they did for us."

James – "American students have many things to do. They play sports and every evening they do lots of homework."

Cathy – "The teachers and students are really friendly and liked to help us. I really want to thank both of the schools for giving me the opportunity."

W-H Celebrates Confucius Classrooms Day

By Rudy Brandl '83

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School celebrated Confucius Classrooms Day on Thursday, October 2 with a series of Chinese cultural events. Hua Liu, Upper School Mandarin teacher, introduced the day's events at morning meeting. Ms. Liu also thanked everyone in the W-H community who helped with the 2011 application that secured the funding from the Asia Society, which awarded a grant making Wardlaw-Hartridge one of only 100 U.S. schools in the Confucius Classrooms Network.

The schools in this network serve as model sites for developing the field of Chinese language teaching in American schools. Each Confucius Classroom is linked 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.

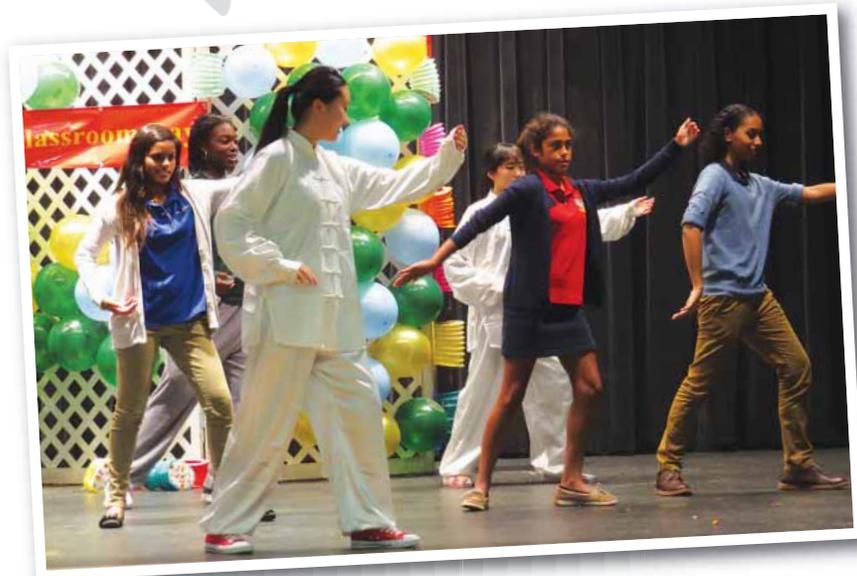
The five student visitors from Shishi High School in Chengdu, China, who were visiting W-H as part of the new exchange partnership, performed for Lower School students in the morning and for students in other divisions during lunch. W-H students, faculty and staff members enjoyed Chinese food at lunchtime. The Wardlaw-Hartridge Chinese language students performed a fan dance in honor of their visitors. A Kung Fu master gave a presentation and led a group dance in Laidlaw Gym to cap the day's festivities.



Lower School students learn native Chinese dances from the Shishi High School students on Confucius Classrooms Day.



Kung Fu pupils prepare for their demonstration to the Upper School student body.



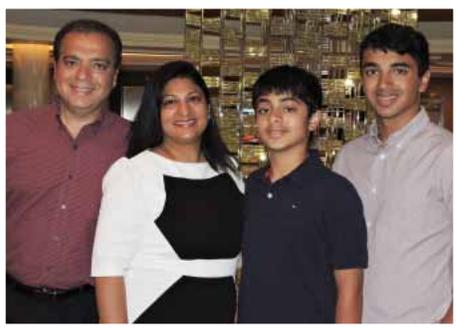
Upper School students participate in a group dance with the students from China.

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Meet Our New Board of Trustees Members

By Rudy Brandl '83

Naushad Mulji



Naushad Mulji was appointed to the Board of Trustees in February 2014. Mr. Mulji, who has served on the Marketing and Communications Committee for the past two years, brings a wealth of information technology and business experience to the Board.

"I am honored to be part of the W-H dedicated team of Trustees," Mr. Mulji said. "I look forward to working with the Board in furthering the mandate of the school."

Naushad and Anisha Mulji have been W-H parents for the last seven years. Older son Zubin graduated in 2014 and younger son Sahil is in seventh grade. The Muljis are happy to be part of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School and community, which provides "360 degrees of development to our kids."

Mr. Mulji earned an MS in Computer Science and a BE in Mechanical Engineering. He began his career as an Information Technology consultant with Cap Gemini America, providing Oracle database related consulting services. In 1995, Mulji was part of a group that started Pioneer Data Systems, Inc. and has been serving as a CEO for the last 10 years.

"Having been exposed to the professional consulting services and employment trends in Technology, Science and Engineering, I can bring a unique perspective in enhancing our academic program in STEM-based education," he said.

Bonnie Nolan



Bonnie Nolan has been an active volunteer for the Parents' Association during many of her 13 years as a Wardlaw-Hartridge parent. She ran International Family Fun Night for many years and served as WHPA president from 2011-2013, a span during which both of her sons, Jimmy '12 and Billy '13, graduated. Now, Bonnie and her husband James have enrolled their youngest child Olivia '29 in Pre-Kindergarten.

"I look forward to serving on the Board of Trustees," she said. "I'd like to contribute to the excellence and growth of W-H. I would also like to explore new ways to help students excel using evidence-based approaches to education."

A psychology professor at Rutgers University, Mrs. Nolan has a PhD in Neuroscience. She possesses a strong understanding of research in learning and memory and believes this can lend new insight into many aspects of school life.

"The outreach aspect of Development excites me; I look forward to meeting many new people in this capacity," said Mrs. Nolan, a member of the Development and Programs committees. "And my experience as an educator and researcher will, I hope, help me to introduce and evaluate present educational programs."

Ayesha Sitlani



Dr. Ayesha Sitlani and her husband Dr. Adrian Looney are beginning their third year as W-H parents. Dr. Sitlani, whose daughter Jini Looney '25 is in second grade, is an Executive Director at Merck and Co., Inc. leading Strategic Operations and externalization of research.

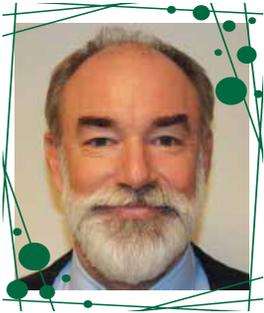
"As a new member of the Board of Trustees I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to support the school's mission of creating a rich multicultural learning environment for the students," she said. "I am also keen on working with the Board to ensure that the school's unique value proposition is clearly communicated to enhance support for the school. I would also like to continue to evaluate our metrics of success to ensure we are meeting our strategic goals."

Dr. Sitlani believes her experience in strategic operations, research and development, working collaboratively with external partners and most importantly passion for educational excellence will be valuable in her role on the Board.

"I bring to the board significant experience as an educator, scientist and executive in the pharmaceutical industry and an understanding of how to work in multidisciplinary organizations," Dr. Sitlani said. "As a scientist I am particularly interested in enhancing the opportunities we have for STEM programs."

W-H Welcomes New Faculty, Staff Members

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY



Pete Golding joined W-H as Chair of the English and History Departments and as Upper School History teacher. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in History at Bowdoin College and his Master's Degree in the Humanities at Wesleyan University. He has taught in international schools in New Delhi, Riyadh, and Hong Kong,

as well as several U.S. independent schools. In June, he concluded his work at the Tesseract School in Phoenix, Arizona and is now a newcomer to New Jersey. Mr. Golding's two children, Priya and Abraham, joined the Upper School in grades 9 and 11, respectively.



Kyle Modes is the new Upper School chemistry teacher. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Lafayette College and earned a Master of Science degree in Organic Chemistry from the University of California Davis as well as a pedagogical certification from Sacramento State University. Prior to coming to

W-H, he taught college level chemistry at schools in California, Illinois and New Jersey.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY



Ian McElroy brings Classical experience to his new position as Middle School Latin teacher. He has a BA from Seton Hall University and is currently completing his MA in Classics at Rutgers University. His passions are NY Mets baseball, Latin and Greek. He is a member of the American Classical League, the American Philological

Association, the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, and the New Jersey Classical League. He has studied Latin for more than 14 years.



Brian Staub joined W-H as a Middle School Mathematics teacher. Mr. Staub earned his Bachelor's Degree from Brandeis University, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He taught mathematics for nine years at Princeton Academy for the Sacred Heart, has run his own independent educational service

company, and served as executive director of a summer camp.

STAFF



Sharon Clark-Lugbauer joined W-H as the administrative assistant in the College Counseling Office. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from American University. Ms. Clark-Lugbauer has worked in a variety of corporate offices, including Aetna Health Plans, Bayer Pharmaceuticals and the National Basketball Association. Her daughter Danielle Lugbauer has enrolled in the Middle School in sixth grade.

Fall Fair and Homecoming Day



A happy tot enjoys the slide in the bouncy house.



Current parent John Sartor mans the Booster Club grill at Fall Fair.

Freshmen enjoy their first Fall Fair as Upper School students.



Alumni mingle at the tent near the turf fields.



Antonia Santangelo '16 and Kirstin Rogers, Middle School English and history teacher, sell popcorn at Fall Fair.

This year's Fall Fair and Homecoming Day was a big success, with beautiful weather outside and plenty of activity inside. W-H families, faculty, friends and alumni enjoyed an Indoor Soup Luncheon hosted by the Class of 2018, great grilled items from the Booster Club, as well as the famous Middle School French Fries. While most of the W-H athletic teams were winning their games on the fields and courts, others participated in a cross country 5K fun run.

Children enjoyed carnival games, pony rides, bounce houses and the petting zoo. Students participated in class, club and team fundraising activities while their parents shopped at various boutiques and took chances on a plethora of raffle baskets. The Wardlaw-Hartridge Parents' Association is thankful for all of the support of the community and many volunteers.

"Without all of our volunteers, none of this would have been possible, so thank you to everyone who gave us any amount of time," said Kevin Kornecki, the vice president of the Parents' Association. "It was truly appreciated and we hope you enjoyed the experience."

A record number of alumni, including special guests from the Wardlaw Country Day School and Hartridge School classes of 1963-1965 who were celebrating a combined 50th reunion, returned to campus. Alumni participated in soccer and softball games and cheered for the W-H soccer teams. Many also toured the school's impressive new facilities.

Attracts Crowd



The community enjoys a fine Fall Fair day, including (inset) Brooke Sutton '16, Tal Sherman '16 and Lara Albrechtski '16.



Karl Miran, Randy Rogers '81, Simon Lack, Howard Freeman and Robin Osborne catch up outside the Alumni Tent.



The Parents' Association raffle baskets were on display at the entrance to the AP Room.



Members of the sophomore class sell items at their penny candy booth.



Ed Partenope '77 joins Alumni Board members Will Vogt '08, Macada Brandl '87 and Eric Lathrop '77 at the Alumni Tent.

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W-H Teams Win Conference

Championships are becoming a way of life for the W-H athletic teams. The Rams captured six Greater Middlesex Conference divisional titles in the past two seasons – three apiece in the spring and fall of 2014.

“Five of the six championships came in sports where we play up one or two divisions from where the GMC would place us based on enrollment,” W-H athletic director Karl Miran said. “Both tennis championships were in the second largest division and the golf and both soccer championships came against schools who are significantly bigger than us.”

In the spring, the softball, boys’ tennis and co-ed golf teams won championships. The softball team, led by captains Taylor Gerhart ’14, Ali Yamakaitis ’14 and Jessica Gural ’14,

also won the school’s first Prep title in the sport in 30 years. The boys’ tennis team was led by singles players Nick D’Amore ’15, Aditya Dalal ’14 and Alex Barbet ’14. Seniors Yousaf Razvi ’14, Andy Dumont ’14 and Harry “T” Osborne ’14 and junior Jack Schildge ’15 propelled the golf team.

The Rams continued their momentum with three more titles in the first season of the 2014-2015 school year, clinching all three within one week in the middle of October.

The boys’ and girls’ soccer teams captured Blue Division championships and the girls’ tennis team repeated as White Division champs. Junior Diogo Ferreira ’16 scored the decisive goal in a 1-0 overtime victory over Middlesex to propel the W-H boys.

Senior captain Neema Liverpool ’15 and junior Alex Garces ’16 each netted hat tricks as the girls rolled to a 7-1 triumph over JFK-Iselin on Fall Fair and Homecoming Day for the division clincher, while senior captain Briana Crawley ’15 stabilized the defense. The girls’ tennis team, led by singles players Cecily D’Amore ’16, Tal Sherman ’16 and Claire Greaney ’16, wrapped up its division crown with a 4-1 win over Woodbridge on October 20.

“We’re showing excellence and participation at the same time,” Miran said. “We added boys’ and girls’ lacrosse in the spring and boys’ and girls’ cross country in the fall and we still won all those championships in other sports. It’s the work of many seasons coming to fruition.”

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Girls' varsity tennis team with head coach Ron Haynes.



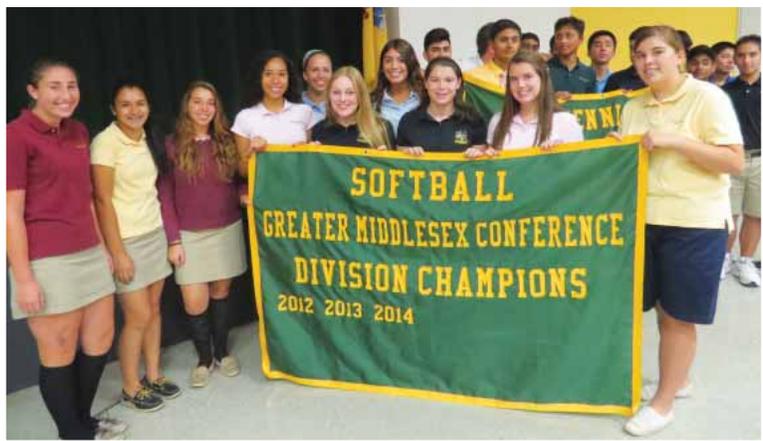
Boys' varsity soccer captains William "Catfish" Garner '15 and Julian Hernandez-Webster '15 proudly display the division championship plaque.



Girls' varsity soccer players Fiorella Doglio '16, Mia Reyes '18, Alex Garces '16 and Carlin Schildge '17 join assistant coach Tandra Tucker in displaying their championship plaque.

Titles

By Rudy Brandl '83



The boys' tennis, softball and golf teams show off their championship banners.



Ferreira proves to be the Real Deal

By Rudy Brandl '83

Diogo Ferreira '16 enjoyed the opportunity of a lifetime, a dream for any young soccer player who aspires to play at the professional level.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge soccer standout was invited to the Adidas National Training Program and spent a week with the **Real Madrid** club team that is widely respected as one of the finest in the world. Diogo was one of 32 players selected to participate in the program.

"It was surreal," Diogo said. "The kids and the talent were just phenomenal. Their ball control is on a completely different level."

Diogo, a center attacking midfielder for the Rams and his Elizabeth Panthers club team, excelled at the same position overseas. He trained and played with players from many nations including Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Portugal, Dubai and the Netherlands.

The players trained, watched videos and received evaluations from the coaches. They practiced with academy players at the beautiful Real Madrid Training Complex. They were split into two 16-player squads and Diogo's team played a 2-2 tie vs. Rayo Vallecano and posted a 1-0 victory over Real Madrid. Diogo recorded assists on all three of his team's goals.

"It was a great experience," Diogo said. "It's my dream to become a professional soccer player and this was a great opportunity for coaches and scouts to see me play."

Diogo led the W-H boys to a fabulous season with 10 goals and 15 assists in 2014. Three of his goals came in a 3-0 upset victory at Moorestown Friends in the South Non-Public B state quarterfinals. Diogo also scored the dramatic game-winning goal in the team's 1-0 overtime triumph over Middlesex that clinched the GMC Blue Division title.

Alumni Travels Span

By Joanne Vogt

Wardlaw-Hartridge alumni traveled to great heights and the farthest reaches of the earth in vacation adventures this past summer. Will Vogt '08 and Andrew Bellisari '06 spent three weeks traveling through Chile in July, Mara Palumbo Capps '02 made the ascent up Mount Kilimanjaro in August and Pat Turner Kavanaugh '63, who died October 4, spent her last vacation in August in the Northwest Territories.

Young alumni Andrew Bellisari '06 and Will Vogt '08, friends since Upper School, travelled the length of Chile over three weeks in July. Although they embarked on their trip in the middle of the South American winter, the two managed to visit many sites throughout the over 2,600 miles between the country's north and south.

In the heart of Chile, Andrew and Will explored the capital, Santiago, to the fullest and enjoyed the city's impressive collection of history and art museums. They also visited the coastal city of Valparaiso, one of Latin America's most iconic cities. In both cities, they visited the homes of the famous Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, and Will remembered fondly how he learned about the great writer from his Spanish classes taught by Yolanda Reyes at W-H. They also had the opportunity to visit several major wineries and learned a great deal about the country's cuisine and unique Spanish dialect.

In the north, the duo visited the Atacama Desert, the world's driest. There, they witnessed the breathtaking natural scenery, from spectacular sunsets over majestic canyons to lakes and natural geysers nearly 15,000 feet above sea level.

On the opposite side of the country, the young men visited Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. They partook in the Winter Carnival in the region's largest city, Punta Arenas, and toured the spectacular Torres del Paine national park. In addition, they spent a few days in Puerto Williams, the world's southernmost city and the capital of the Chilean Antarctic, in the middle of a snowstorm.

"This was such an adventure, and I will never forget the memories I shared with Andrew on this trip," Vogt said. "I'm so glad we were able to build on our friendship with this experience."

Mara Goldman-Palumbo Capps '02 joined a group called *Team Ellen* who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in August as part of a skin cancer prevention fundraiser. Mara had personal reasons for wanting to participate in this adventure: her cousin is currently battling the disease and on her Dad's bucket list before he passed away was the desire to sleep at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro.



Andrew Bellisari '06 and Will Vogt '08 enjoy a breathtaking view during their summer adventure in Chile.

Mara worked with a trainer and procured all of the necessary equipment and supplies necessary to go from a tropical climate to 20 degrees below freezing at the summit.

One day the group hiked six hours to Kosovo Camp that, at 15,900 feet, overlooks three volcanoes. Several had severe altitude sickness but with two MDs, three Wilderness First Responders, and one EMT on the team, all managed to make it through, despite the tough going. One team member noted, "the sun intensity is so high it is overpowering our continuous sunscreen reapplication. We have lots of pink spaces, especially noses."

The trek for the summit started at midnight and team members donned all their layers of clothing and used only small headlights to see. There were 11 climbers with 10 guides. The ascent to the summit was their longest day. It took seven to eight hours to arrive at the summit where they remained for only 20 minutes. They descended for two hours, rested, and then descended for three more hours. The climb up and back encompassed a total of 14,782 meters of elevation change in one very challenging day.

Mara Capps also took some of her father's ashes with her. She had a personal moment at the summit where she buried a bit of her Dad and built a small cairn. She remarked, "I finally get to put you to rest at the top of Mount Kili. You made it Dad, you made it!" For Mara, it was a wish fulfilled that gave her and her mom, Upper School art teacher Gale Goldman, a feeling of closure. Mara is also grateful to "every one of my friends and family for always telling me that I can do anything I put my mind to."

the Globe



Pat Turner Kavanaugh '63 embraced the Northwest Territories in her August trip.

Our final note is a tribute to Patricia Turner Kavanaugh H '63, an emeritus trustee of the school, a frequent contributor to the *Oak & Ivy* magazine and an avid traveler. Pat, who died October 4, 2014, (see obituary on page 32) had traveled to the Northwest Territories in Canada in August and was particularly excited that she had ridden a snowmobile into the Arctic Circle! She had hoped to write an article about one alumna crossing into the North Pole not long after two other alumni battled snowstorms crossing into the South Pole. She thought there was a certain symmetry to that. Pat provided this photo with the following note: "hard to see, but to the right is a piece of plywood covered in the fish we're about to have for dinner!" She thoroughly enjoyed this trip and will be missed by the W-H community.

Mara Capps '02 and Will Vogt '08 contributed to this article.



Mara Capps '02 works hard in her ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro. Inset: Mara and friends jump for joy near the top of the world.

Classmates Gather for

By Rudy Brandl '83

The Wardlaw Country Day School and The Hartridge School classes of 1963, 1964 and 1965 reconnected, reflected on old times and made new memories during a combined 50th Reunion Weekend from October 17-19.

Several reunion classes met for separate dinners in Westfield on Friday night but eventually combined into one big party at Sweet Waters Steakhouse on Elm Street. Although a half-century had passed since many Hartridge and Wardlaw graduates had seen each other, it didn't take long for old friends to become reacquainted.

Saturday featured a full day of activities, starting with a tour of the old Plainfield campuses in the morning. The men and women boarded a bus from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School to the site of their former schools, on Central Avenue and Plainfield Avenue, respectively. The Hartridge women took a tour of what is now Koinonia Academy, while the men toured the duCret School of Art.

The reunion attendees returned to the W-H campus for a private lunch in the school's new Center for Global Learning. They browsed yearbooks and other memorabilia and enjoyed a 50th reunion

cake before taking a tour of the new school, which many were visiting for the first time.

Some of the reunion guests also ventured outside to the alumni tent and watched soccer games on the school's new artificial turf fields. Later in the afternoon, most of the reunion guests joined other alumni at the Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception in Plumeri Gym. The early part of the program included Distinguished Alumni Award winner Lucinda Landreth '65, Distinguished Faculty member Simone Eiseman (French teacher at Hartridge and W-H from 1956-1978) and



Peter Madsen '65, Ted Snowdon '65 and Duffy Violante.



Barbara Morrison Wirth '65, Sarah Gonder Brendal '65 and Rosalie Day Hughes '65.



Don O'Hare '64, Rudy Brandl '83 and Scott Kirkpatrick '64.



Alumni peruse yearbooks.



Peter Madsen '65, Diana Madsen and Bill Jenkins.



Margot Snowdon '66 with husband Yves Desgouttes.



Scott Kirkpatrick '64 and Doug Hellerson '64 pose with the Mothers' Association Award for Industry, which both won during their days as students.



Guests mingle at the 50th reunion luncheon.

50th Reunion Weekend

presenters Ted Snowdon '65 and Barbara Sadwith Mendel '65.

The highlight of the weekend took place Saturday night at Plainfield Country Club. Sixty guests attended a reception that included a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, 1960s music, recollections and reflections from alumni, a toast from Andrew Webster, Head of School, and the presentation of commemorative medallions from Rudy Brandl '83, Director of Alumni Relations.

"It was priceless and a most memorable weekend," Barbara Sadwith Mendel '65 said.

"The reunion proved to be a bigger and greater event than anyone thought possible 50 years later from the likes of two small private day schools struggling through the 50s and 60s," Bob Hellerson '63 said. "The Hartridge and Wardlaw schools with high schools of less than 100 students turned out

a great number of PhDs, vital players in many communities, and some very fine athletes. All should be really proud to have been members of such schools, and even prouder of pulling off such a tremendous weekend."

Diana and Peter Madsen '65 hosted a Sunday brunch at their home in Westfield to cap the memorable weekend.

"A special thank you to Peter and Diana for the fabulous brunch. It was the perfect send off to a perfect three days," Dana Wigton '64 said. "Nothing is better than reconnecting with so many old friends. Let's stay connected and promise that we will meet again soon."

"I'm so glad we all made it happen and that everyone got home safely," Ted Snowdon '65 said. "I'm not sure what will be in five years, or even next week, but let's all stay in touch, as best we can."



Nick Fischer '64 hugs Barbara Sadwith Mendel '65 at the Friday night welcome dinner at Sweet Waters Steakhouse in Westfield.



Members of the Wardlaw Country Day and Hartridge School classes of 1965 reminisce over dinner at Ferraro's in Westfield.



Don O'Hare '64 and Peter Pomeroy '65 enjoy reconnecting at the start of reunion weekend.

Our thanks to the Class Representatives

Bob Hellerson W '63

Geoff Sadwith W '63

George Stock W '63

Susan Karner Hassinger H '63

Patricia Turner Kavanaugh H '63

Nick Fischer W '64

Don O'Hare W '64

Dana Wigton H '64

Peter Madsen W '65

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Barbara Sadwith Mendel H '65

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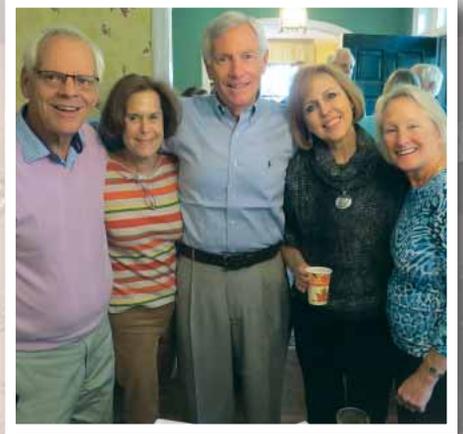
Scenes from 50th Reunion Weekend



A Sunday brunch was hosted by Diana and Peter Madsen '65.



Dana Wigton '64 and Ted Snowden '65 hold a picture of themselves in younger days.



Billy Wigton '65, Barbara Morrison Wirth '65, Nick Fischer '64, Cathy Fischer and Diana Madsen.



Rick Detwiler '64 and Don O'Hare '65 at the Plainfield Country Club reception.



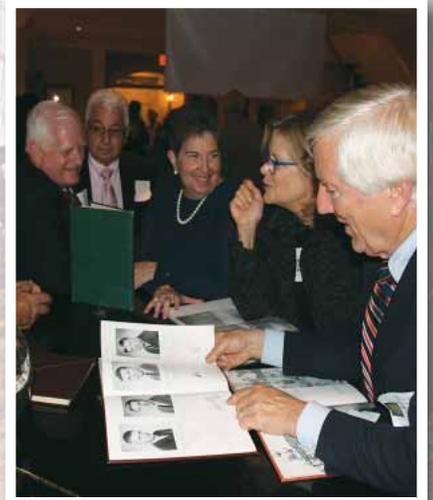
Doug Critchell '64 and Bevie Stuart Melius '64.



Elizabeth Howland '64 with husband Dennis Zava.



Guests enjoy the evening in the Plainfield Country Club ballroom.



Yearbooks bring back memories.

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Lucinda Sandford Landreth '65, Charlie Landreth and Elizabeth Strait Matheson '64.



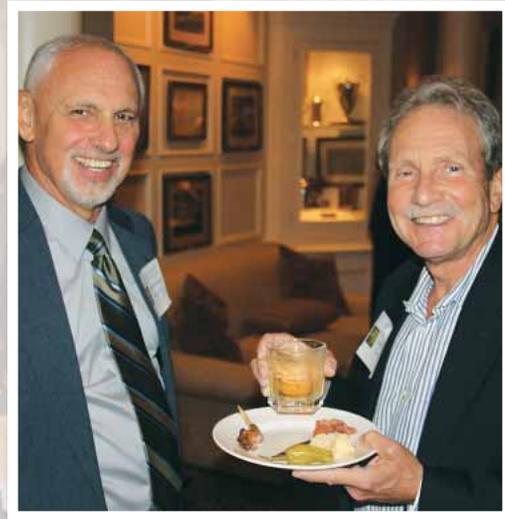
Guests enjoy the cocktail hour at the PCC reception.



Dana Wigton '64, Dede Wigton '66 and Cathy Karner Eakle '64.



Ted Snowdon '65 and Peter Pomeroy '65.



Michael Taylor '63 and Geoff Sadwith '63.



Steve Kroll '65, Rosalie Day Hughes '65, Marcia Ghriskey Sage '65 and Billy Wigton '65.



Rick Detwiler '64, Scott Kirkpatrick '64, Bob Hellerson '63, Peter Madsen '65 and Geoff Sadwith '63 gather for a group photo with the squash trophy which all of them won during their days at Wardlaw Country Day School.

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W-H Alumni Enjoy Milestone Reunions



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The Class of 2004 celebrated its 10th reunion at Ainsworth Park in New York City in October.



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Years

Members of the Class of 1989 wear their 25th reunion medallions while gathering at the home of Jennifer '89 and Joey Banker '89 to celebrate the 25th anniversary year of their graduation from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

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Vail-Deane School Alumni Celebrate 145th Anniversary



Vail-Deane alumnae and their guests gather for a group photo in the rear courtyard.

By Joanne Vogt

On Sunday, September 21, 2014, The Wardlaw-Hartridge School hosted a reception in the Oakwood Room in honor of the 145th anniversary of the founding of the Vail-Deane School. Originally located in Elizabeth, NJ, Vail-Deane moved to Mountainside in 1982. When VDS closed in 1991, Wardlaw-Hartridge accepted Vail-Deane students into the W-H community and agreed to keep their alumni database and Vail-Deane memorabilia. Over the years, The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has hosted many Vail-Deane events such as anniversary receptions as well as participating in smaller dinners coordinated by Vail-Deane alumnae and former faculty.

Graduates from the 40s joined with other alumni/ae from the fifties, sixties, seventies, eighties and nineties for a lovely afternoon of tea sandwiches, desserts and fond recollections of their days at Vail-Deane. Almost 50 alumni and guests attended this reception with the largest concentration in the 50s, 70s and 80s. Also joining in the festivities were Vail-Deane faculty members – Barbara Drake, Gale Goldman and alumnae Ellen Ritz '61 and Marie Baio '81. In addition, several alumnae brought Vail-Deane banners, magazines and photos which they graciously donated to the W-H archive collection.

With their banner in hand, all the attendees posed for a group picture in the courtyard. There were hugs, laughter and a few tears as everyone reluctantly said good-bye, vowing to get together again soon!



Tea and memories in the Oakwood Room.



Suzanne Corbet Thomas '58, Peggy Guthertz '57 and Nancy Hartman Ruddle '58.



Alumnae peruse Vail-Deane memorabilia.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School has an endowed fund designated as The Vail-Deane Scholarship Fund. Each year, contributions to this fund provide financial support to the senior who exhibits exemplary characteristics in both academic achievement and leadership. To perpetuate this scholarship, please send your donation to The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in the envelope enclosed in this magazine. Please indicate Vail-Deane Scholar in the memo line and thank you for your continued support.

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Alumni Soccer Game



Alumni soccer players, referees and friends gather for a group photo before the game.

The 2014 Alumni Soccer Game featured two milestone records – most participants and widest range of years between the youngest and oldest players.

When Kemmer Anderson '63 found his old goalkeeper shorts from his playing days at The Wardlaw Country Day School during the summer, he knew he couldn't pass up the opportunity to get back on the field. Of course, this was another type of field, in fact a completely different surface than when he played on grass at the old Plainfield campus five decades ago.

However, the new artificial turf probably wasn't as big a challenge as the much younger men who competed in the Alumni Soccer Game. Several alumni still in their 20s and a few from the Class of 2014, including all-time W-H goal scoring leader Matt Nader '14, joined the action to create a multi-generational 51-year range among the players. The game included alumni from six different decades, with Anderson representing the 1960s and multiple players competing from the 70s, 80s, 90s and two decades since 2000.

More than 30 players suited up for the annual Fall Fair and Homecoming Day tradition and many other alumni watched from the sidelines. The fans were treated to a high-scoring game, with the Green team coming back from a 3-0 deficit to post a 6-4 triumph over the White team.

Greg Morgan '04 led the winning side with three goals. Scott Gibson '04 and W-H athletic trainer Israel Diaz scored twice.

Other game participants included alumni Mike Pearson '76, Eric Lathrop '77, Ed Partenope '77, Tom Kopidakis '82, Alex Helander '83, Jeff Callan '84, Mark Gruba '89, George Bengzon '91, Joe Palumbo '96, Kiran Guthikonda '97, Max Stevens '04, Mike Olim '04, Mike Clay '08, Dan Lack '08, Liz Baio Lack '08, Juan Gonzalez '12, Andy Dumont '14, Alex Barbet '14, current parent Simon Lack and faculty member Jim Howard.

Officials Bill Sidun and Don Kluzenaar kept the game friendly and fair. Former W-H coach Howard Freeman enjoyed watching many of his former players in action.





Alumni Softball Game



Alumni softball game participants and friends meet behind home plate.



Taylor Gerhart '14 gets ready to hit.



Patty Wysock '84, the star pitcher of the 1984 championship team, delivers a pitch in the Alumni Softball Game.

The W-H Athletic Hall of Fame Induction of the 1984 championship softball team event brought many alumni back to campus who had not been to W-H in many years. While they were back, they were eager to show off their old skills and play softball.

The symmetry of the 1984 and 2014 softball championship teams provided a great opportunity to connect younger and older alumni. Many members of the 1984 team, one member of the 2014 team and other alumni and family members played in the game while several others watched from the sidelines.

Participants included 1984 championship team members Patty Wysock '84, Anita Sadaty '84, Becky Orlowski Glazer '84, Cheryl Durham Rose '85 and Jenn Shaffi '87, fellow alumni Dan Brotman '84, Patti Feeney '84, Rob Darden '83 and 2014 champion and captain Taylor Gerhart '14, plus friends Lindsay Rose, Glen Rose and John Torre.

This year's inaugural game was a good first effort and created a lot of interest from alumni, faculty, parents and staff. The Alumni Association would like to make the Alumni Softball Game an annual co-ed event, possibly each spring.

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Alumni Awards Ceremony



The 2014 Alumni Award Winners, from left: Lucinda Sandford Landreth '65, Arthur Blake '74, Simone Eiseman, Dylan and Luke Glasser (accepting on behalf of their father, Tom Glasser '78), Anita Sadaty '84 and Rob Rizzo '89.

The 2014 Wardlaw-Hartridge Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of six honorees, including one Distinguished Alumna, one Distinguished Faculty Member and four inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame. An event record crowd of more than 150 guests attended the annual event held at the conclusion of Fall Fair and Homecoming Day.

This year's honorees spanned four decades in the school's proud history. **Lucinda Sandford Landreth '65** received the Distinguished Alumna Award and **Simone Eiseman**, who taught French at The Hartridge School and Wardlaw-Hartridge from 1956-1978, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. **Arthur Blake '74**, **Tom Glasser '78** (posthumously), **Rob Rizzo '89** and the **1984 softball team** were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Landreth is a veteran investment professional experienced in asset allocation, multiple asset classes and investment styles. She is currently a partner at Wentworth Capital Partners in Philadelphia, PA and previously worked as president and chief investment officer at Assurant, Inc., executive vice president at Fortis Advisers, chief investment officer at Alex Brown Capital Advisory and Trust and senior vice president at PNC Bank.

Ted Snowdon '65, a good friend from The Wardlaw Country Day School, made the introductory presentation for this year's Distinguished Alumna. Landreth was very modest about her impressive career in finance. She began her acceptance remarks by saying she was humbled to be among the group of Distinguished Alumni/ae listed in the program and credited The Hartridge School with providing a good foundation.

"My academic preparedness, the broad curriculum and the excellent teachers put me in very good stead," Landreth said. "I was given a lot of leadership opportunities and I learned how to have a voice and how to be heard. That's what a women's school gave me."

Madame Eiseman, introduced by former student Barbara Sadwith Mendel '65, taught French at The Hartridge School and Wardlaw-Hartridge from 1956-1978. She was loved and respected by her students, many of whom returned to celebrate this special occasion. The best part of the day for Eiseman was reconnecting with her students, including many who were celebrating their 50th reunion.

"It's quite a compliment that many of my students told me I haven't changed and they promise to stay in touch with me," Eiseman said. "I'm overwhelmed. I thank Wardlaw-Hartridge for honoring me today. This is one of the best days of my life."

Mr. Blake was a three-sport standout and leader in football, basketball and baseball. He made most of his headlines in football and basketball, where he scored 1,450 points and still ranks as the third leading scorer in school history. He thanked former headmaster Prentice Horne for accepting him into Wardlaw Country Day School in the late 1960s when very few African American students attended the school.

"I gained a very valuable education and I learned a lot," said Blake, who was introduced by his brother and fellow W-H Hall of Famer Jonathan Blake '76. "That's something that Wardlaw gave me – an education. That can never be taken away from me."

Mr. Glasser is considered the finest cross country and track athlete in school history. He was a gold medal winner in the 4x400 relay at the Maccabiah Games in 1981. Tom is also a member of the Haverford College Hall of Fame. While working as a partner and trader at Sandler O'Neill, he was tragically killed in the 9/11 terror attacks.

Classmate Geoff Drucker '78, his friend and teammate, shared many reflections from their school days and spoke about off the field traits that made Glasser special.

"What really distinguished Tom was not just his performance on the field and the court, but what he did for others," Drucker said. "He recruited, he educated and he inspired."

and Reception

By Rudy Brandl '83

Glasser's sister, Marjorie Ticknor '82, and sons Dylan and Luke, accepted the award. His mother, Anne Glasser, also attended the ceremony.

"Tom had such a great experience at W-H that Tom's parents, Gerry Glasser and Anne Glasser, decided to send their daughters there as well," Margie Ticknor said. "Tom's advice for those who admired his zest for life was very simple – do what you love. Up until his tragic demise, Tom took his own advice to heart. Today, October 18, marks what would have been Tom's 54th birthday. Happy birthday, Tom. We miss you!"

Mr. Rizzo was a three-sport athlete who excelled in basketball. He is one of 14 athletes in W-H history to score more than 1,000 points in a scholastic basketball career. Rizzo, who finished with 1,008 points, was a "great player on an average team," according to teammate Mark Gruba '89, who made a colorful introductory presentation that included many interesting stories from their playing days. Mr. Rizzo's nephew, Michael Zuppone, also provided additional reflections about his uncle's passion for athletics.

"One of the best experiences during my years at W-H was the involvement of my parents," said Rizzo, whose parents Carol and Louis served as president of the Parents' Association and Booster Club, respectively. "My parents and I quickly developed a love for W-H, its history, values and the wonderful teachers and coaches with whom we interacted."

He cited several W-H administrators and coaches, including former Head of School Burgess Ayres and coaches Ray Kovonuk, Allen Everhart, Link Keur and Tom Wuest. Rizzo, a partner at KPMG LLP in New York City, is the current treasurer for the Board of Trustees.

The 1984 softball team became the first female team to be inducted into the W-H Athletic Hall of Fame. Fittingly, the three captains of the 2014 softball team, who led the Rams to the school's only other State Prep championship last spring, helped present awards to the honorees. Most of the 1984 infield, including pitcher Patty Wyscock '84, first baseman Cheryl Durham Rose '85, second baseman Claudine Nicora Stefanelli '84, third baseman Becky Orlovski Glazer '84 and shortstop and captain Anita Sadaty '84, came to the stage to accept the team award and individual certificates. Outfielders Emilie Rinaldo Marvosa '85 and Jenn Shafi '87 joined their teammates at the ceremony and reception.

"It's a pleasure to accept this award and it's very fitting to have a recent state champion up here with us," Sadaty said. "I really enjoyed being a part of the team. The camaraderie is something I remember very vividly."



Ellen Ritz, Gerard Gonnella '89, Bill Michalski and Howard Freeman.



Members of the 1984 championship softball team.



Jim Gruba, Blake Sturcke '89, Rob Rizzo '89 and Mark Gruba '89.



Barbara Sadwith Mendel '65, Simone Eiseman and Andrew Webster.



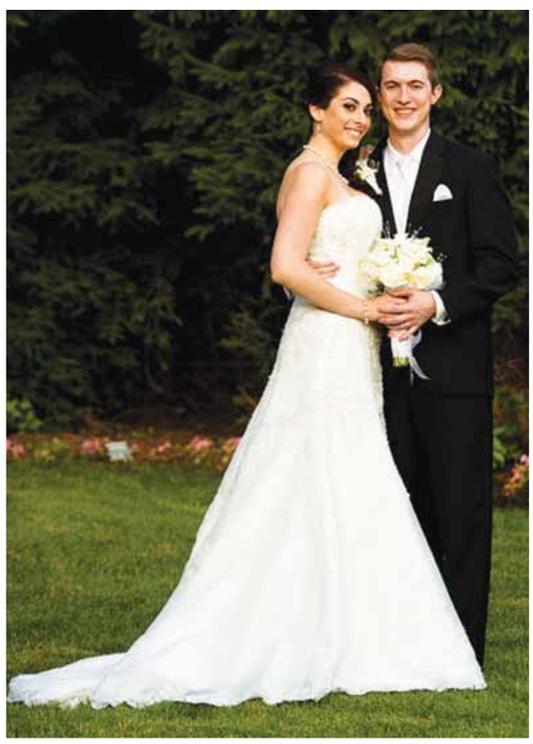
Ted Snowdon '65, Lucinda Landreth '65 and Andrew Webster.



The 2014 award winners pose with their presenters in the front courtyard prior to the ceremony.

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Alumni Weddings



Elizabeth Baio '08 married Daniel Lack '08 on Friday, July 18, 2014 in Elizabeth, NJ.



The Badalamenti Family: Sal, Jean, Mark '08, Michele, Catherine '12 and John '05.



Wardlaw-Hartridge friends and family attended the wedding of Michele and Mark Badalamenti on August 2, 2014 in Oxford, OH. From left: Samantha Anastasiou '17, Michael Anastasiou '14, Brian Downing '12, Ted Osborne '71, T. Osborne '14, Jordan Neuhauser '08, John Badalamenti '05, Jean Badalamenti, EJ Blair '09, Erica Needle, Mark Badalamenti '08, Randy Rogers '81, Catherine Badalamenti '12 and Azim Sonawalla '08.



David Herman '06, Jonathan Maimone, Ellis Lieberman '08, Alexandra Lack '19, Daniel Lack '08, Elizabeth Baio Lack '08, Louis Baio '05, Lian Cancryn '12, Marie Baio VDS '81 and Peter Baio '07 gather and the wedding reception for the new Mr. and Mrs. Lack.

Class Notes

Lucinda Sandford Landreth '65



Four alumni/ae got together to share their passion for opera at a reception for the Academy of Vocal Arts, a post-graduate school for opera singers, in New York City in October. Pictured above are Ted Snowdon '65, Margaret Slocum Bearn '42, Lucinda Sandford Landreth '65 and Missy Van Buren Brown '72. The Hartridge and Wardlaw graduates enjoyed their mini-reunion and loved the show.

Laurie Detwiller Sorensen '67

Laurie Detwiller Sorensen '67 is still a Kindergarten teaching assistant at her local elementary school in Dover, MA, while her husband is running his energy company. Their son David is a graduate student at the Yale University School of Management. They are now proud grandparents of a baby girl born to daughter Kristin and her husband, Geoff Shafer. The new granddaughter is named Campbell in honor of Laurie's mother, Catherine Campbell Detwiller '34, also a Hartridge alumna, who turned 98 years old last May.

Alex Helander '83



Alex Helander '83 (right) enjoyed the opportunity to have lunch with Martin McDougall '82 in London during a trip in November. Alex traveled to London for the wedding of his brother Nick '86. Alex is the Vice President of Sales for Sunrise Brands in New York City and his

daughter Lily '19 is an eighth grader at W-H. Martin, an actor who also teaches yoga, lives in London with his wife and son. Alex and Martin, old friends from their W-H days, reconnected after 20 years. Martin plans to spend the holidays with his sister, Ruth McDougall Collins '84, and mother Mary McDougall, in Massachusetts. He's also hoping to make a quick trip to New York City.

JF Musial '04

/DRIVE, the number one original Internet automotive media network, brought dynamic, car-enthusiast programming to cable television on the NBC Sports Network, which televised 10 episodes this year. YouTube's original content channel DRIVE is a trailblazing internet video studio producing personality-driven shows celebrating the culture of cars. /DRIVE connects car enthusiasts to the world at large, taking its audience on the road, to the races, to the factories, to the design studios and to other places car lovers have always wanted to go, but never had the chance.

"We always set out to tell authentic stories and it's great to have a partner that understands that," said /DRIVE Executive Producer JF Musial '04. "I'm proud that an organization as big as NBC Sports is keen on working with a new age brand born from the internet. This isn't just a forward step for us, it sets precedent in the media industry."

Sydney Briggs '05



Sydney Briggs '05 is currently a dual master's degree candidate in Public Affairs and Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin. This summer she conducted fieldwork in Brazil for a policy research project on the impact of women presidents in South America. Sydney and two colleagues spent three weeks in Brasília, Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo interviewing academics, government employees, feminists, politicians and leaders of NGOs on whether the symbolic progress of having a female chief executive translates into substantive shifts in policy and leadership. Sydney also holds a position as a Graduate Research Assistant with the Child and Family Research Partnership at the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

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Class Notes *continued...*

Cathy Coughlin '06

Dr. Cathy Coughlin '06 completed her clinical rotation at Oklahoma State University before practicing Veterinary Medicine in New Jersey. Prior to that, she attended Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts in the Eastern Caribbean. Cathy received her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Pace University in Manhattan.

John Hakala '07

John C. Hakala '07 is working on his Ph.D. in Physics at Brown University. John, who won the mathematics prize at his W-H graduation, was asked by the physics faculty at Brown to spend three months last summer at the Large Hadron Collider (CERN) near Geneva, Switzerland, assisting in certain aspects of its operations. His work included maintaining, upgrading and calibrating the Hadron Calorimeter (HCAL) subdetector of CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid), as well as analyzing the observations made there to explore new physics. John has continued this work during the current semester at Brown and plans to return to CERN for 1-2 years starting early in 2015.

Hope Gallagher '08

Hope Gallagher '08 is an account executive at the advertising agency Publicis, Kaplan and Thaler located in Herald Square in Manhattan. Hope lives in Murray Hill, NY and was recently accepted into and began working as a volunteer member for the New York Junior League.

Ariana Lyons '09



Ariana Lyons '09 is working in a high school called Liceo Politécnico Hannover located in Santiago, Chile. She is in charge of the English Honor Society, and as part of the curriculum for the club, she connected with W-H Spanish teacher Senora Yolanda Reyes' Level II class via Skype. The W-H students prepared and asked Ariana a set of questions in Spanish and English about her life experience in Chile and the Chilean culture.

Chrystopher George '09

Chrystopher George '09 graduated from Rutgers University in December 2013 with degrees in philosophy and art history. He is currently enrolled in the London School of Economics and studying urban planning.

Kush Mody '12

Kush Mody '12 has joined a social/service fraternity called Delta Epsilon Psi and has been elected to the executive board as Service Chair of the organization. He also has been elected to be in charge of all of Greek life at Drexel as the Greek Life Rep for the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA). Kush also serves on the executive board for other organizations such as, the Medical Devices Entrepreneurship Association (MDEA), the Variety of Indian Cultural Expressions (VOICE) and Phi Delta Epsilon (the first pre-med fraternity on Drexel's campus that he is currently founding with some friends).

"A lot of the skills that I learned during my time at Wardlaw-Hartridge have truly helped me to develop as an individual and exceed even my own expectations in college," Kush said.

Aneesa Sonawalla '12

Aneesa Sonawalla '12 is thriving in the Windy City. She is in the middle of her junior year studying physics and computer science at the University of Chicago. Aneesa loves science and hopes to inspire other young women to pursue careers in the field. She has spent the last two summers doing research, in astrophysics at Rutgers in 2013 and in biophysics at Chicago in 2014.

She is the outreach director of the Society of Women in Physics and the captain of the cheer team at the University. Aneesa credits her high school alma mater with giving her the confidence to speak in front of a room full of people.

Aneesa plans to study abroad for three months in the spring quarter in Istanbul, Turkey. While abroad, she will enjoy a rare break from science and take Middle Eastern Civilizations history courses.

Jessica Clarke '12

Jessica Clarke '12, a junior at George Washington University, was accepted in October to spend her spring 2015 semester abroad at Pembroke College, Cambridge University. Jessica will be in the UK from January through June studying in the Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos. She feels very fortunate to have been accepted to this program as Cambridge only accepts 30 students internationally each year into the program. Jessica is just the second GW student to be accepted into the program.

Daniel Marques '12

A junior at Villanova University, Daniel Marques '12 is majoring in both Finance and Accounting. He has been interning with Johnson & Johnson since June as a full-time intern in the Finance department. "The experience here has been incredible so far, but I am exploring career paths within finance geared more towards the corporate banking industry on Wall Street," said Daniel, who is in the process of applying for internships for summer 2015.

Janissa Delzo '12



Janissa Delzo '12, a junior at Emerson College, made an unexpected connection with an alumna from a different generation this fall. Janissa, who is majoring in communications and playing on the women's basketball team, is also a student ambassador at Emerson who gives tours to prospective students and their families. Ruth McDougall Collins '84 visited Emerson with her daughter and during the tour, Janissa and Ruth realized they were graduates of the same school.

Chase Levitt '14

Chase Levitt '14, a freshman at Columbia University, has been working in the development department of the Spectator Publishing Company, a non-profit company that produces the *Columbia Spectator* (the official Columbia University newspaper). Chase is working with social media utilization and establishment of methods to increase revenue and donations. While Chase immensely enjoys this work, the position unfortunately does not give him the opportunity to write as much as he would like.

Divya Mehta '14



Liberate The Chains, an organization founded by Divya Mehta '14 while a student at Wardlaw-Hartridge, hosted its first annual Pageant For A Purpose in South Plainfield on August 10, 2014. Each contestant chose a charity platform of her choice to advocate for such as ALS Association, NJ Rescue, Help Us Donate Foundation, The Smile Train, UNICEF, DoSomething.Org, and The Helen Keller Center.

Many classmates played key roles in the success of the event. Yulemni Morel '14, with her large background in pageantry, played a huge role in helping Divya develop this idea and put the whole show together. Ayan Ahmed '14 and Nidhi Sharma '14 were participants in the pageant. In addition, Alex Rappold '14 and Tanisha Lakha '14 volunteered as backstage managers. Many other W-H friends came out to support and watch the show.

Sponsors Collebra and Indus American Bank made donations to the winners' chosen charity. The proceeds from the event itself, another \$1,500, were all donated to a trafficking shelter in Gujarat, India.

Caroline McNamara '14

After an exhaustive audition that included test, mock article and interview, Caroline McNamara '14 was selected as one of a small group of freshmen to write for *The Daily Collegian*, a Penn State University publication which is one of the top student run college newspapers in the country. Caroline has already written a couple of articles for this publication.

Share Your News!

Alumni/ae are encouraged to send in
Class Notes to Rudy Brandl '83,
Director of Communications and Alumni
Relations, at rbrandl@whschool.org.

In Memoriam



Patricia Turner Kavanaugh H '63, an Emeritus Trustee of The Wardlaw-Hartridge

School, died at home on Oct. 4, 2014. She was 69 years old and lived most of her life in Plainfield. She graduated from The Hartridge School and Vassar College, where she earned a degree in English and Political Science. Mrs. Kavanaugh worked at the BBC in London and NBC in New York before embarking on an extensive journalism career for several New Jersey newspapers, including *The Courier-News*, *News Tribune* (now *Home News Tribune*) and, most notably, *The Star-Ledger* of Newark, where she worked for more than two decades. Mrs. Kavanaugh also served as Public Information Officer for the City of Plainfield under Mayor Rick Taylor. She served as President of The Friends of Sleepy Hollow and Chairwoman of the Plainfield Area YMCA, where she served on the Board of Directors for 35 years. She was active in the Plainfield League of Women Voters, the City of Plainfield Historic Preservation Committee and the Friends of the Plainfield Public Library. Mrs. Kavanaugh was a devoted supporter of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1972-1994. She was elected an Emeritus Trustee and was also an active member of the Alumni Association for more than 40 years. In addition, Mrs. Kavanaugh helped organize many reunions, including a milestone 50th anniversary celebration in September 2013. She was also a member of the school's Heritage Society and received the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2009. Mrs. Kavanaugh loved traveling and was a certified master gardener. She covered skiing for more than 30 years, including the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway. Pat also served with distinction as past president of the

Eastern Ski Writers Association and was former first vice-president of what is now the North American Snowsports. She is survived by two nephews, Christopher Newcomb and Peter Newcomb. Mrs. Kavanaugh was predeceased by her husband, Reginald, also a retired newspaper reporter, who died in 1999.

Robert Van Buren, a former trustee of



The Wardlaw-Hartridge School and father of Marcia (Missy) Van Buren Brown H '72, Cynthia

Way Rapalje Van Buren, Esq. H '73, and Robert Scott Van Buren W-H '77 died on August 20, 2014 in Palm Beach, FL. A descendant of President Martin Van Buren, he was married to Ann Vanderveer Rapalje for sixty years until her death in 2006. Mr. Van Buren graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, with a degree in Business Administration. There, he established the Robert Van Buren Scholarship Endowment, also honoring his brother and son who are graduates. Robert received his MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University. Mr. Van Buren started his banking career at the Chemical Bank in New York City rising to Executive Vice President. After 20 years, he moved to Midlantic Bank in New Jersey, as President, then Chairman of the Board. While residing in New Jersey, he was appointed by Governor Thomas Kean as Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, serving fifteen years. He also served on the Board of Directors of Champion Products, Inc., the Foster Wheeler Corp., MGM Grand Corp., Smith-Corona Corp., and was President of the Board of the Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, where he and his wife established the Van Buren Intensive Care Unit.



Jean Wendell Price, former staff member at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, died on April 15, 2014.

Jean, known to her friends as Wendy, was born on June 12, 1927 and grew up in Plainfield, NJ. After graduation from Brown University, she became the regional secretary in New York for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the organization now known as the March of Dimes. She married David Watkins Price, a Naval Air Force pilot during WW2, while he was attending Rutgers Law School. While raising her young family in Plainfield, Jean worked at The Wardlaw Hartridge School for 20 years (1970-1990) in the front office. Before retiring to St. Augustine, FL, she was a Deacon at the United Presbyterian Church on Front Street.

Jean is survived by three children, David Price W '72, Dale Parchois, Charles Price W-H '78, and three granddaughters.

Alumni/ae

Joan Hunziker H '50, died on April 9, 2014

Joanna Voorhis Beattie H '47, died April 7, 2014

Neil M. Roth, W '63, died August 1, 2014

Laurence Heely, W '42, died August 4, 2014

Richard Braverman W '45, died October 1, 2014

Family and Friends

Elizabeth Harrison, mother of Linda O'Brien '81 and grandmother of Clifford O'Brien '14 and Brendan O'Brien '16, died April 23, 2014.

Thora Vogel, mother of Vicki Sweeney and grandmother of Charlotte '16 and Sydney Sweeney '21, died June 9, 2014.

Looking Ahead to 2015 Special Events

W-H Community Welcome!

January 6	Alumni College Day & Pizza Party
January 10	Admission Information Session
January 22-23	Book Fair
January 23	International Family Fun Night
February 20	INDIE Film Festival
February 28	Parents' Association Gala
March 5-8	Spring Musical <i>Annie</i>
March 12	Alumni March Madness Party
April 1	Career Day
April 12	Music Recital
April 19	Patricia Turner Kavanaugh '63 Memorial Service
April 24	Booster Club Spring Carnival
April 27-29	Global Scholars Capstone Presentations
April 30	Upper School Art Show & Spring Concert
May 7	Lower School Spring Concert
May 14	Middle School Art Show & Concert
May 15	Lower School Art Show
May 21	Cookin' Cabaret
May 22	Lower School Field Day
May 27	Rams Recognition Night
May 28	Admission New Family Picnic
May 29	Upper School Honors Assembly
June 11	Senior Farewell Dinner
June 12	132nd Commencement

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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Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

The Show Must Go On!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the fall play, Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon, for putting on a fine show in November. The students will be auditioning and rehearsing for the spring musical, Annie, beginning in December.

