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The Lexington School Responds

by Whitney Martin '88

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TLS's youngest students show their patriotism by giving the peace sign in front of an American flag made by Ronna Love's art class.

In response to the tragic events suffered by the United States on September 11, 2001, the Lexington School community came together like never before to show its concern and support for those affected by the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. An assembly on September 14 – that was generated and organized entirely by student council members – gathered sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade students in the theater for a powerful and reverent ceremony.

Reflective music, provided by music teachers David Cooper and Nancy Ward, was followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance," a singing of "God Bless America" and a moment of silence. Students and teachers were then encouraged to stand and voice their thoughts, opinions and reactions in a supportive open forum. Comments were sensitive, powerful, sincere and educated. Magda Stewart '02 gave a particularly moving address. She read aloud from a journal entry she penned after attending Lexington's candlelight vigil at Triangle Park:

"It's times like these when we as a people are afraid. But now we aren't being called on to be afraid, but to be strong. This afternoon our country exemplified strength. As unrealistic and unbelievable as all of this seems, it happened in our world, our country, and our lives. The people who died weren't just *(Continued on page two)*

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letters jumbled together to form a name. No, they were people who had loved others and had been loved by others. And now suddenly, because of an unknown and festering hatred, a cloud of suffering hangs in our American skies. We as humans, creatures who are nurtured to care and be loving, need to remember that all the men who died in previous wars died for our country's freedom so that all of us could have a chance at the American Dream – a life of peace and free of hatred. Now our time has come; we are now aware of our mission. It is our turn to allow the children of the glorious future to have a chance, a chance to fulfill the American Dream. We, as God's messengers, should remember to be strong and love others and remember what the American flag stands for. God bless America and our freedom."

The September 14 assembly also included a collection period when students and teachers were encouraged to make monetary donations. In just a few hours, The Lexington School collected more than $1,300. American Pride stickers and symbolic black and white ribbons were worn in recognition of the tragedy.

In addition to the assembly for the higher grades, the fifth grade – inspired by Sam Beach '06 – held several bake sales, the first of which raised $135. The fourth grade made flag pins that were sold at Fall Festival and on Parent Conference Day. Younger students have dealt with the tragedy through a variety of American-related projects, assignments and artwork. The Lexington School continues to raise funds for attack victims and continues to provide a safe haven for its students, teachers and staff members where support, encouragement and patriotism are thriving.

Taking the Biology Test Outdoors

by Whitney Martin '88

Science teacher Jawanna Herd took her Freshman Biology class to Cross Keys Lake this September so the students could perform a series of limnology tests. The class was divided into teams, and each team was responsible for two tests. One group tested for dissolved oxygen and collected plankton around the edge of the lake with a special plankton net. A second group used a lasso-type net to collect plankton from further out in the water; they also tested for carbon dioxide levels. A third group tested for phosphates and scraped algae and microorganisms from rock surfaces at the edge of the water. A final team tested for nitrates and also measured the lake's temperature and turbidity with a secchi disc. Herd and her students discussed the phenomenon of the fall and spring turnover in lakes – an event that is caused by a change in surface water temperature and results in an algae bloom. The class also reviewed the riparian growth found at Cross Keys Lake that they had identified a week earlier at Elkhorn Creek in Scott County.

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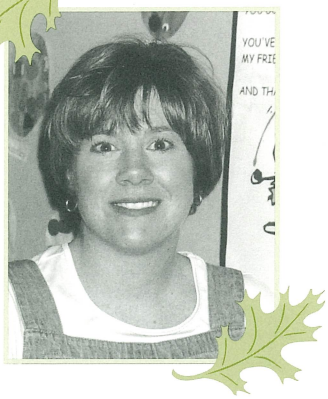


Science teacher Jawanna Herd instructs ninth grade biology students on data recording.



Kirby Ifland '02 runs tests on water from Cross Keys Lake.

New *Faces*



Kelly Mitchell

Position:	KinderKlasse
Hometown:	Midway, KY
Education:	BS Juvenile Services & Psychology Eastern Kentucky University
Family:	Husband, Donald; Son, Logan (5)
Hobbies:	Bible Study, Reading, Photography Scrapbooking



Scarlett Sipple

Position:	Accounting Assistant
Hometown:	Lexington, KY
Education:	Cumberland College
Family:	Husband, Earl; Son, Michael (19); Daughter, Jessie (15)
Hobbies:	Reading, Boating, Youth Leader, Choir



Heather Stone

Position:	Spanish
Hometown:	Irvington, KY
Education:	BA Elementary Education Western Kentucky University
Family:	Husband, Justin; Daughter, Emma (3)
Hobbies:	Shopping, Quiz Shows, Reality TV



Judy Bottoms

Position:	Assistant to Academic Administrators
Hometown:	Cincinnati, OH
Education:	BS Linguistics, BA Education Miami (OH) University
Family:	Husband, Keith
Hobbies:	Line Dancing, Camping, Hiking, Reading

New *Faces*



Laretta Stidham

Position:	Kitchen Staff
Hometown:	Mayfield, KY
Family:	Son, Michael (36); Son, Rex (33)
Hobbies:	Cooking, Gardening



Laurie Vennes

Position:	Third Grade
Hometown:	Lexington, KY
Education:	BA Elementary Education University of Kentucky
Family:	Husband, Will; Son, William (6); Son, Brent (3)
Hobbies:	Swimming, Hiking, Gardening, Writing



Emily Baxter

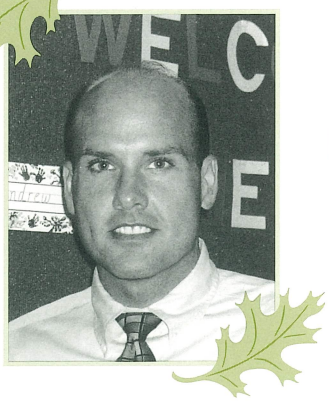
Position:	Kindergarten
Hometown:	Lexington, KY
Education:	BS Elementary Education Transylvania University
Family:	Father, Tom; Mother, Trish; Brother, Mac; Dogs, Taylor and Carter
Hobbies:	Youth Group, Lake Outings, Reading, Movies



Diana Clark

Position:	Director of Annual Fund
Hometown:	Elizabethtown, KY
Education:	BA English University of Kentucky
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Hobbies:	Travel, Walking, Reading, Piano

New *Faces*



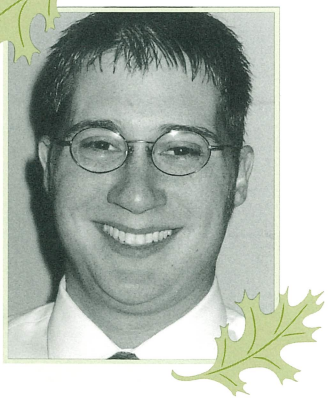
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Hometown:	Johnson City, TN
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Family:	Two brothers, four nephews
Hobbies:	Jogging, Biking, Rollerblading



Liza Fixx

Position:	Assistant Director of Admissions
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Education:	BA, MA Education Smith College
Family:	Husband, John; Son, Nat (8); Daughter, Emily (6)
Hobbies:	Reading, Rollerblading, Photography



Jamen Mohan

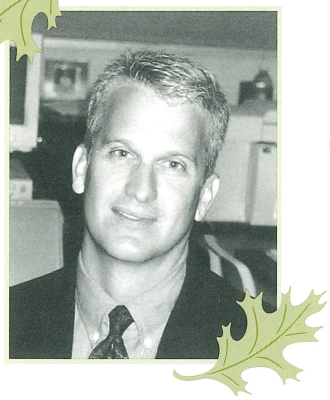
Position:	Preschool & Lower School Science, Girls' Tennis Coach
Hometown:	Lexington, KY
Education:	BS Math & Geology University of Kentucky
Hobbies:	Tennis, Rock Climbing



Kim Croft

Position:	Montessori
Hometown:	Hopkinsville, KY
Education:	BA Early Childhood Education Georgetown College
Family:	Parents, Gene and Nancy; Sisters, Cathy and Sally; Brother, Russ
Hobbies:	Tennis, Book Club

New *Faces*



Conrad Charles

Position:	Technology Instructor
Hometown:	Orleans, MA
Education:	BA History University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Family:	Wife, Ashley; Son, Evan (9 months)
Hobbies:	Swimming, Squash, Soccer, Sailing, Surfing



Jane Hudson

Position:	Fifth Grade Language Arts
Hometown:	Lexington, KY
Education:	BA, MA Elementary Education University of Kentucky
Family:	Father, Mother, Sister
Hobbies:	Reading, Travel, Gardening, Hiking

Photos by Lynn Pickles



Melissa Glisch

Position:	First Grade
Hometown:	Chicago, IL
Education:	BA Telecommunications & Political Science: Indiana University MA Teaching: National-Louis University
Family:	Husband, Michael; Dog, Isabella
Hobbies:	Reading, Travel, Cooking

Welcome!

to

The Lexington School

From Paris to Madrid

by Whitney Martin '88

This past June, French teacher Shannon Arnold and Spanish teacher Marimar Barrio took 12 Lexington School students on a 11-day tour of Paris and Madrid. The kids were lucky indeed, seeing that Arnold had traveled to France many times and Barrio was a native of Madrid. Because of that, the trip was a smooth and successful blend of education and recreation.

Photo by Marimar Barrio



TLS tourists on the Parisian Pont Neuf. From L to R: Sonny Mok '03, Chris Paulick '03, Andy Elliott '03, Meg Grossman '03, Megan Gilbert '03, Ashley Baldwin '01, Sarah Fishback '03, Rachel Leep '01, Claire Tri '01, French teacher Shannon Arnold, Lucy Owen '03, Jessica Brown '03, Sarah Mikell '03.

The tour began in Paris on June 5, and accommodations for five nights were located in the famed Latin Quarter – a thriving district that is home to numerous shops and restaurants. Highlights of the Parisian tour included stops at the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Musee D'Orsay and walks along the Champs Elysees. At the Pompidou Center, students observed modern art and several girls had their portraits rendered by an on-site artist. The students learned how to navigate the Metro and became quick fans of crepes and chocolate mousse. One of the group's most vivid memories was their trip to the top of the Eiffel Tower; a summer storm brewed in the distance, and the students were amazed as they watched it approach the city. Of course, in addition to their sightseeing trips and lessons on French culture, they relaxed with Frisbee in the park, a meal at the Hard Rock Café and shopping at the world-renowned Lafayette Galleries.

Photo by Shannon Arnold



Ashley Baldwin '01 and Meg Grossman '03 take a break outside of Madrid. Photo by Shannon Arnold.

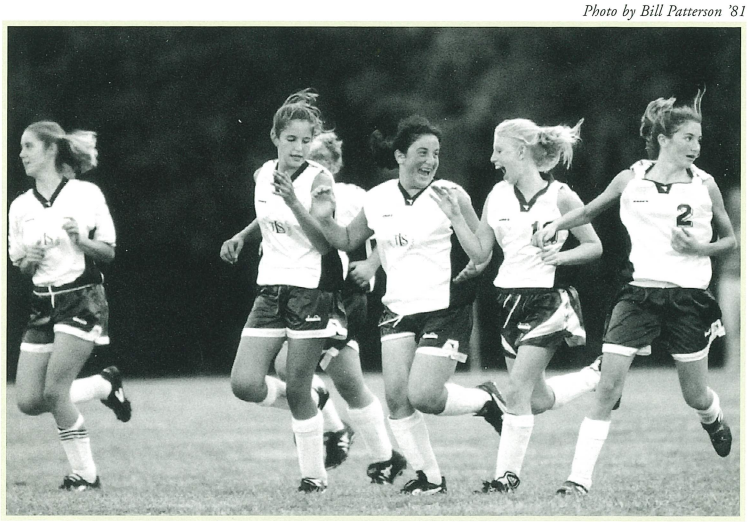
On June 10, an overnight train whisked the Lexington School group to Madrid. On the day of their arrival, they discovered that President George W. Bush had just departed the city, thus the still-intact decorations and fanfare that were in his honor enhanced their tour of the Royal Palace. Madrid tours included a stop at Franco's tomb in the Valley of the Dead, rowboat rides, an excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens, and a day trip to Toledo, where the boys were enthralled by the mountain shops displaying ancient weaponry. Everyone enjoyed an evening at Madrid's theater version of "Beauty and the Beast," as well as a dinner at Marimar's cousin's house, where the kids dined on a rooftop garden that overlooked the city.

The Lexington School group returned to the United States on June 16. All agreed the trip was wonderful, and they reunited later in the summer to show off their photographs and scrapbooks at a European dinner.

Fall's Leading Ladies

by Whitney Martin '88

Photo by Bill Patterson '81



From L to R: Katie Priest '03, Caleigh Waldman '03, Heidi Zimmerman '03, Sarah Brown '03 and Lynn Dotson '03

The 2001 TLS Girls' Middle School Soccer Team enjoyed an unprecedented winning season. As the soccer year came to a close in mid-October, the girls' team walked away undefeated, with a record of 10-0 and illustrated exceptional talent, teamwork and sportsmanship for the season. The girls were coached by physical education teachers Tom Parlanti and Darrin Wald.

The following girls made up the powerhouse team; players' names are followed by their statistics in parentheses (goals/assists). Sixth grade players: Catie Boone; Annie Grossman (1/1); Kate MacNeil; Leslie Ladd (1/2); Alexis Shaffer; Erin Stokes. Seventh grade players: Caroline Boone (2/2); Katherine Bandoroff (1/0); Victoria de Leon. Eighth grade players: Stephanie Bachas-Daunert; Brooke Baker; Sarah Brown (3/3); Courtney Damm; Lynn Dotson (1/4); Meg Grossman (4/4); Samantha Howley (1/3); Lucy Owen (1/2); Martha Prewitt; Katie Priest; Fielding Trapp (8/3); Anne VanMeter (12/5); Caleigh Waldman (6/2); Heidi Zimmerman (4/1).

The Lexington School community thoroughly enjoyed watching the team advance with such skill, grace and determination and is proud of how well the girls represented The Lexington School.

Congratulations!

"As outstanding as the achievement is of an undefeated season, I was even more impressed by the sportsmanship of the team. This is a great group of girls, constantly applauding and supporting each other's efforts. I couldn't have been prouder."

—John D. Fixx, Headmaster

Fall Schedule and Scores

TLS @ Bates M.S.	W 5-0
TLS @ Foley M.S.	W 7-1
Bates M.S. @ TLS	W 4-0
Anderson Co. @ TLS	W 3-0
Bates M.S. @ TLS	W 2-0
Richmond Model @ TLS	W 5-0
TLS @ Anderson Co.	W 4-0
Boyle Co. @ TLS	W 6-0
TLS @ Bath Co.	W 6-1
Sayre @ TLS	W 3-0

Final Record: 10-0

45 goals scored
2 goals scored against
32 assists
8 shut-outs

For the Love of the Alumni

by Whitney Martin '88

Alexander Family Photo



Cy Alexander '75 and his family. From L to R: Cy Alexander '03, Dana Alexander, Ben Alexander '11, Cy Alexander '75, Wesley Alexander '06.

In 1998, a grand vision became a reality for The Lexington School with the founding of the Alumni Council. The concept of such a committee – one that would foster communication and connection between alumni and the School – had been discussed for several years. As thoughts and ideas transformed into a physical group of individuals, the need for a determined and qualified president presented itself. Cy Alexander '75 enthusiastically volunteered to take on the role on January 8, 1998.

As president, Cy was instrumental in creating a strong backbone for the fledgling Council. He contacted alumni, represented the Alumni Council at Celebration and Fall Festival by manning booths, donated and created an archival photo display, and gathered former students and faculty back into the family fold of The Lexington School.

According to Headmaster John D. Fixx, "Cy was constantly bringing in ideas for how to accelerate the growth of the Alumni Association. Cy put his time and energy where his heart was by attracting members and involvement, making endless phone calls, organizing and promoting reunions, and inviting former teachers to return. Cy had a vision of what the Alumni Association could become and in a few short years, he achieved it."

Under Cy's leadership, the Council hosted several reunions, created the first Alumni Directory, spread its word and mission in the school newsletter, and named agents for each class. Roberta Owen, former physical education teacher and Alumni Council member, reflected on Cy's role as president by noting, "It is very difficult to measure the ways in which Cy contributed to the success of the Alumni Council and its activities. In many ways, Cy single-handedly, with his enthusiasm and persistence and great creative ideas, moved the Alumni Council from its embryonic stage to the firm foundation upon which it rests today. His loyalty and dedication, I think, to TLS and his classmates, provided the springboard for his actions."

Cy recently stepped down from his post and handed duties over to Renie Ingram Parsons '81. With his departure, his Alumni Council colleagues honored him with a ceremony to thank him for his hard work. John Fixx applauded Cy's vision and energy, comparing them to Founder Josephine Abercrombie's, and reminded all in attendance that one person could make a monumental difference.

Director of Alumni Affairs, Lucy Johnston McKinstry '66, said of Cy, "It was a tremendous pleasure to work with him and to watch him work. He is a natural people-person, and his love for The Lexington School was contagious." Cy will be missed by all, but as he leaves, the Alumni Council sits poised, strong in shape and firm in foundation, for a healthy and successful future.

Tales of a Tomb

by Whitney Martin '88

Photos by Whitney Martin '88



Sixth grade students loved Mr. Harry Herbert's Egyptian tales. Front row, L to R: Leslie Ladd, Annie Grossman, Aubrie Vaughn. Back row, L to R: Christopher Lyons, Adam Trontz, Mr. Harry Herbert.

On September 6, Lexington School middle school students had the honor of meeting Mr. Harry Herbert – great-grandson of the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, who financed the digging and discovery of Tutankhamon's tomb in 1922. Mr. Herbert, who was in town on equine business, took time out of his busy schedule to awe Lexington School students with tales of King Tut's tomb.

He began his presentation by describing his curious great-grandfather who was considered an "Indiana Jones" of his time. The adventurous Earl lived in the family castle outside of London, and he owned one of the first automobiles ever invented. After a car accident – in which the Earl was traveling at only two to three miles an hour! – he was sent to recover in Egypt's dry heat. While he was there, the Earl met the great Egyptologist and painter, Howard Carter. Soon after, Herbert's great-grandfather decided to invest a large sum of money to locate and excavate the tomb of King Tut.

In the first season of digging, Herbert claims the Earl's crew only uncovered a mummified cat, and for the next four years they uncovered a wide variety of artifacts, from which they began a collection. After eight years, the tomb was finally discovered. The Earl took the next boat from England to Egypt and met with the archaeologists.

Rumor had it that if the seal was broken to King Tut's tomb, a horrible curse would be placed on the intruder, but this warning did not deter the Earl. The tomb was slowly opened, and as the Earl peeked through a small opening, Howard Carter asked: "What can you see?" to which the Earl replied, "Wonderful things!" Inside, the explorers found glorious carved animals, gold, jewels, artifacts and even a garland of flowers – still intact and with color after 3,500 years.

After the discovery, the world wondered when and where the curse would strike. Not long after, the Earl cut himself shaving and eventually died of blood poisoning. On the night of his death, all the lights went out in Cairo, and miles away in England his terrier dog howled for hours before it, too, died. In his will, the Earl requested that all artifacts be transferred to the Metropolitan Museum in New York City.

In 1991, Harry Herbert's grandfather died, at which time the family butler revealed a wide variety of Egyptian treasures behind several secret panels. Herbert's grandfather was mummified and buried in an upright position, high on a hill near the family castle.

Harry Herbert's tales entertained and informed the middle schoolers, and the question-and-answer period after the "lecture" was finally cut short by the final bell of the day. The Lexington School was truly fortunate to have such a rare and fascinating speaker, and the kids are hoping Mr. Harry Herbert will someday return with more tales of tombs.

Alumni *News*

Guy Bradley '65 and his wife, Harriet Dupree, welcomed son Thomas Binford Bradley into their family this past May.

Don Schaeffer '81 and his wife, Lesley, recently welcomed a second daughter into the world. Madeline Townsend was born May 2, 2001, and weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. Big sister Evelyn is adjusting well!

Katherine Harris, Florida's Secretary of State, recently hired **David Host '82** as a spokesman. Since then, Host has been quoted on the front page of *The Washington Post* and heard on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Host is a graduate of Davidson College in Davidson, NC, and the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Porter McRoberts '86, a recent 2001 graduate from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, received a Humanism in Medicine Award sponsored by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. McRoberts serves on the Alzheimer's Association board, volunteers as a "best friend" at the Helping Hand Day Care for memory-impaired individuals, and chaired the Professional Code Committee, a student-run honors committee for the College of Medicine.

Josh Hopkins '86 is one of the newest actors to join "Ally McBeal," one of Fox's hottest prime time shows, this fall. His role on the TV show as an attorney and one of Ally's new love

TLS Photo



The TLS Class of 2001 enjoyed an alumni luncheon at the home of **Renie Ingram Parsons '81**, new Alumni Council president. Front row, L to R: **James Frazier '01, Ashley Baldwin '01, Jen Boone '01, Luiza De Camargo '01, Rachel Leep '01, Claire Tri '01, Jessica Brown '01, Katherine Ruch '01**. Back row, L to R: **Renie Ingram Parsons '81, Ryan Woomer '99, Gunner la Cour Jr. '99, Elizabeth Ruch '99, Tiffany Murff '00, Kevin Hogue '99, Web Barr '00, Jeff Milward '99, Rodes Fisher '99, Thomas Falace '00, Lucy Johnston McKinstry '66, Coley McKinstry '99, Keith Woomer '00**, and former Alumni Council president **Cy Alexander '75**.

Alumni *News*

Eastland family photo



Susie Anderson '88 was married to David Eaton this past August. Pictured above at a bridal luncheon, from L to R: **Kathleen Eastland '87**, Carole Eastland, **Susie Anderson '88**, Susan Anderson, Nancy Bishop, **Shannon Bishop '90**. The bride and groom are both attorneys and live in Hattiesburg, MS.

interests is considered the up-and-comer's biggest break yet – however, he's already landed parts on "Jack & Jill," "The Perfect Storm," and "Love and Sex."

Nathalie Charron '86 was married on September 29, in Charlottesville, VA.

Juliana Byron Gregory '86 has joined the Lexington, KY, office of UBS/Paine Webber as a financial advisor.

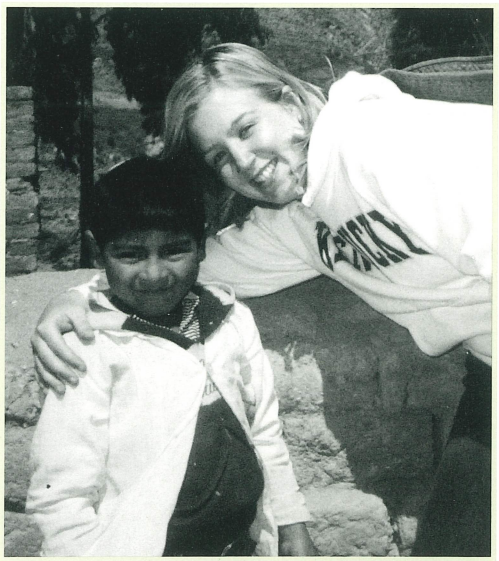
Connor Keller '91 married Jean Graham of Wilmington, NC, on May 5, 2001. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Denison University in Granville, OH. The couple lives in Lexington, KY.

Zachary Bray '94 graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame this past May with a double major in philosophy and history. Because Bray had the highest cumulative academic ranking in the College of Arts & Letters (3.988), he was a guest of the president of the university at a luncheon on May 20, along with President George W. Bush. Bray was inducted into the academic honor society of Phi Beta Kappa and the national history honor society of Phi Alpha Theta. He also received special recognition for completing the requirements of the Arts & Letters and Science Honors Program and received the John A. Oesterle Award in philosophy. This fall, Bray attends graduate school in philosophy at Stanford University.

Darsh Ranjan '98 graduated from Henry Clay High School with the following honors: Air Force Math & Science Award; American Mathematics Award; National Merit Scholar; President's Award for Educational Excellence; US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award; University of Kentucky scholarship; University of Chicago scholarship.

David Ravvin '98 graduated from Henry Clay High School with a US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award.

Long family photo



Ashleigh Long '96 volunteered for a child sponsorship program in Bolivia this past summer. She lived in Apillapampa, a rural village in the Andes Mountains, among descendants of the Inca Indians. There was no electricity or running water, but she helped administer vaccinations to children, taught the villagers English, and helped remodel a local school.

Alumni *News*

Reed Grimes '98 graduated from Henry Clay High School with a US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. Grimes was also named "Kentucky's Player of the Year" for his outstanding performance on the Henry Clay soccer team, (9 goals, 10 assists his senior season) for which he was also a co-captain. Grimes will attend Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, this fall where he plans to study medicine.

Anna Prewitt '98 graduated from Lexington Catholic High School with a National Merit Letter of Commendation.

Todd Detjen '98 graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School with the following honors: Bluegrass Indo-American Civic Society Award; National Merit Commendation; Purdue University scholarship; University of Kentucky scholarship; University of South Carolina scholarship.

Kevin Luftman '98 recently received a Mayor's Award for hospital volunteer work. Luftman worked at Cardinal Hill Hospital this past summer and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School this past spring with a National Merit Commendation.

Haly family photo



Emily Adams Haly '86, along with her husband Adam and son Addison, announce the birth of Emily Catherine Haly who was born on April 25, 2001. She weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz.

Neema Naik '98 has been admitted to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine from a highly selective Dual Admissions program. She will attend the University of Cincinnati for her undergraduate program then continue at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Andrew Keyser '00 and **Ting Ting Fu '00**, both students at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, took part this past spring in the Cumberland College High School Mathematics Contest. Keyser won third place in pre-calculus. Fu took home fourth place in calculus.

Hey Alumni! *Tell us your news!*

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A Presidential Hello

White House photographer



Tayler Ferretti, a TLS kindergarten student, met President George W. Bush on May 2, 2001. She presented him with a card made last spring by her pre-kindergarten classmates that congratulated Bush on 102 days in office.

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Celebrating Thanksgiving years ago in Barbara Brogan's Montessori class.