The Lexington School
Pinpoints
SUMMER 2007
A Newsletter for Families, Alumni, & Friends of The Lexington School

They have "Brains in their Heads and Feet in their Shoes"

(thanks to Dr. Seuss)



THE GRASS ON THE SOCCER FIELD was unusually brown and crunchy for the first of June, and the breeze was soft and warm for the 44th graduating class from The Lexington School. Water coolers were well placed and well used as the school community gathered to recognize and celebrate a rite of passage for 41 young people. This year's class included three children of alumni: Ben Gillis (James Gillis '76), Adam Suhl (Sylvia Cerel-Suhl '77), and Emily Talbott (John Talbott '73). Twelve families were also acknowledged for their sustained years of steadfastness to the school as their last child walked

First row from left: Mallory Linton, Ande Farish, Shelby Heron, Andrea Merchak, Emma Whan, Kelsey Randhawa, Emily Talbott, Kathy Ramsey, Natalie Stigers
Second row: Kristen Adkins, Mandy Prater, Jacqueline Bell, Erin Helton, Kate Hopgood, Camille Fishback, Ashley Flamm, Jillian Kepf, Bea Cameron, Dunn Latham, Annette Farmer
Third row: Andrew Derenge, Rory Young, Alec Cole, Michael Stokes, Tucker Bulleit, Adam Suhl, Crawford Ifland, Conrad Bandoroff, John DeReamer, Andrew Bakert
Top row: Griffin Miller, Luke Fish, Jake Leatherwood, Jack Vaughan, Ben Gillis, Beau Bagley, Sam Woomer, Philip Lillelund, Brian Lock, Paul Parell, Tres Aurland





Above: Board President Judge Wilson thanks families, faculty, and friends. *Right:* Mrs. Laura Brown is one of the advisors who shared memories of the graduates.

across the stage to receive a diploma. The Bell, Cameron, Derenge, Farmer, Hopgood, Ifland, Leatherwood, Lock, Parell, Ramsey, and Stokes families had from seven to eighteen years of continuous carpooling behind them. But it was the Tom Miller family who topped the list with twenty-six years and three graduations. In addition, for his years of service as Board President and his unswerving loyalty and devotion to The Lexington School, the Alumni Council made Tom Miller an honorary member of the class of 2007.

In his welcome, Head of School Charles Baldecchi challenged all to examine the American Dream by considering the pursuit of happiness. He concluded that happy people love what they do and work with passion. He said, "Living the dream is not living the stereotype. Happy people make a difference in the lives of others." President of the Board Judge Wilson extended thanks – to four retiring board members: Holly Bandoroff, Betsy Bulleit, Lambert Farmer, and Linda Hopgood. He also thanked the faculty for being the "heart of the ethos of the school." The school would not exist without the faithful families, parents, grandparents, and friends, and Mr. Wilson expressed deep gratitude to them.

President of Student Council Paul Parell and Vice President Dunn Latham used words from the Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go* to help them outline their years at The Lexington School. Lessons in leadership began with being Prekindergarten line leaders, and early lessons in courage involved solo trips to the blackboard to solve a math problem. Their years at TLS from one division to the next were a cycle of growing to big fish and returning to the guppy stage. But the graduates were leaving as big fish who knew that Thaddeus Stevens was a radical Republican during Reconstruction, that the theme of *Maniac McGee* was to accept people for who they are, and many academic and life lessons in between. Paul and Dunn said, "Our TLS experiences have been unforgettable. And as the years go by, our grade will envy the students who will continue to walk these halls. These halls are filled with learning and proud traditions that grow. Our cherished friendships will be with us for the rest of our lives no matter what path we take." It was obvious that the members of the class of 2007 have "feet and brains to go wherever" they choose.





Left: Graduate Jacqueline Bell processes to the dais. *Above:* Class officers Dunn Latham and Paul Parell share memories of their years at TLS.



Above: Judge Wilson and Head Chuck Baldecchi name Tom Miller (left) an honorary member of the class of 2007.

Right: Dunn Latham sings "For Good" to close the ceremony.



Life on the Threshold

By: The Reverend Emily Barr Richards '87

Emily Barr Richards emotes courage, joy, and wisdom. With a petite body that has experienced challenges every day since she was a baby with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, and a huge heart that gives her a radiant countenance, Emily spoke to the class of 2007. Twenty years after her own graduation, she was able to remember the challenges of adolescence. Here are the words she offered the graduates:



It is with honor and joy that I stand before you, the graduating class of 2007. Thank you for allowing me to share in this occasion. Graduating from The Lexington School is a great accomplishment, an accomplishment you will come to appreciate even more over time. When Mrs. Foster, a former teacher of mine, invited me to be your commencement speaker, it dawned on me that it will be twenty years this very month when I graduated from TLS. Twenty years may seem like an eternity to all of you, but I'll tell you it passes in the blink of an eye. I know it may be hard to believe, but I can remember what it was like on my day of graduation—the excitement that the moment had finally arrived, the pride of my family and teachers, even my own pride in reaching this point in my life.

Yet mingled with the excitement was also a sense of apprehension and fear, both of which I imagine you are experiencing this day. For many of you, as it was for me, these classrooms and teachers are all you've known in your young lives. TLS has been much more than a school for you; it has been home. Some of you will be leaving this home and heading off to boarding school in the fall, while others will be venturing forth to local high schools. All of you will be embarking on new journeys, seeking your way in a world that is much larger than you've ever experienced. Today is one of those moments in your life where you find yourself on the threshold of something new, stepping out into uncharted territory. In many religious communities, it is at your very age when the passage from childhood to adulthood is ritualized—the Jewish Bar and Bat Mitzvah and the Christian Confirmation, just to name a few. In this ceremony today you stand on the threshold of adulthood and together with your families and your school community, you ritualize this rite of passage in your lives.

You may be wondering if you are ready to take this step into the future and discover who it is you are meant to be in this world. Whether you knew it or not, since you first entered this school the faculty and staff have been preparing you for this day, the day when you would graduate. In her book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, child psychologist, Wendy Mogel writes, "Jewish wisdom holds that our children don't belong to us. They are both a loan and gift from God, and the gift has strings attached. Our job is to raise our children to leave us. The children's job is to find their own path in life." It has not only been your parents' job, but TLS's job to raise you to leave them. Now it is your job to find your own path in life. Today is the culmination of TLS's hard work to prepare you to step out into the world with courage and confidence.

One of the greatest gifts I received from this place was a sense of courage and confidence. The faculty and staff instilled in me a confidence in my own abilities and my own giftedness, as well as the courage to believe that anything was possible. As someone whose childhood was filled with visits to hospitals and doctors' offices, who spent more time worrying about the side effects of the medications I was taking than what homework I had

for the night, it was often hard to believe in my future. However, along with my family, the faculty and staff at TLS believed in me even when I couldn't believe in myself. It was Mrs. Collier who welcomed me as a terrified five year old and my even more terrified mother with open arms and a warm smile to the first day of kindergarten. It was Mrs. Eames who taught me to find my voice and it was Mr. Noderer who encouraged me to share it with others. It was Miss Bale who sparked my imagination and Mr. Brown who cultivated my inquisitiveness. And it was Miss Cowling who expected nothing less than my best effort. These and many others at TLS shaped my young life in such profound ways.

I stand before you as a TLS graduate who is not afraid to go after my dreams, believing that nothing is impossible because those at TLS first believed in me. I am in a profession that only thirty years ago was not open to women. It is in my lifetime that women have been ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. I am doing what many of my forbearers only dreamed of being able to do. I am doing things that at your age I never dreamed possible. I stand in the pulpit and preach to hundreds. I teach children and adults. I lead worship. I baptize babies and marry couples and anoint those who are dying. Thanks to the faculty and staff at TLS I had the courage to find my path in life.

Know that as they believed in me; they also believe in each of you. This is your day to celebrate; your future to behold. Each of you has a story to tell about TLS, experiences to share of this place which has shaped you. Thank your teachers, your headmaster and the staff. Thank them for believing in you, if not today then someday. And thank your parents for sending you to this school to learn, grow and become the person you were meant to be in this world.

I have no illusions that tomorrow or ten years from now any of you will remember what I have said in this speech. I have participated in too many graduation ceremonies to think otherwise. In fact, I don't even remember who spoke at my TLS graduation (my apologies to that individual). What I do hope you will never forget is that this school has made a huge difference in your life and in the lives of so many others. Leave here with hopefulness for your future and gratitude for the experience you had as a student at The Lexington School. And when you do become discouraged and unsure of yourself, when your dreams seem out of reach and everything seems impossible, recall your days here. Recall the moments in science lab or in the orchestra or on the soccer field. Remember Mr. Baldecchi, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. MacCarthy and the others. Remember this place which you once called home, where you were nurtured and challenged to be the best you could possibly be.

Graduates, you stand at the threshold between childhood and adulthood. Step out into the world and take hold of your future with courage and confidence. Embark on this new journey to find your own path in life with the assurance that at TLS there will always be people who believe in you!



Emily Barr Richards '87 is a graduate of the University of the South where she earned both her B.A. and her Master's in Divinity. As an ordained Episcopal priest, she is Assistant Rector at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Ridgefield, Connecticut where she lives with her husband Daniel. Emily's brothers are also graduates of TLS: Andy '89 and Peter '96.

Head *Lines*

NOTES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together."

~Woodrow Wilson

Every graduation we have the 8th grade advisors say some words about each graduate, and this quotation was used to describe the bond among our students. Woodrow Wilson's words struck me as I sat on stage that glorious, sun-drenched day. His statement about friendship not only relates to the adolescent experience of making lifelong friendships in the halls of TLS, but it of course is incredibly pertinent in the crazy world we live in with its precarious global issues. Even Aristotle remarks that friendship is the basis of all society—marriage, family, community, nationalism, and global citizenship.

Making friends and keeping friends is an important skill for humans to learn. At The Lexington School we don't slot in Friendship 101 after Mrs. Zimmerman's science class and before Mr. Scarr's language arts, yet in reality it takes place before, during, and after every class at TLS. Faculty members seize upon wonderful teachable moments to help students become better friends and eschew those practices that may keep friends away. Friendship is an essential component of a Lexington School education. To see evidence of that, all one needs to do is talk with our alumni—in truth you will see it in the very notes that alumni have written in this *Pinpoints*. Friendship is the very cement that has taken Mrs. Abercrombie's dream nearly fifty years ago and helped to construct the wonderful school experience we call The Lexington School.

In friendship,



Charles D. Baldecchi
Head of School



Head of School Chuck Baldecchi congratulates Jack Vaughan on being named to the Permanent Head's List.

Mission Statement

The mission of The Lexington School is to provide an education of the highest quality to students in preschool through middle school. In a structured, nurturing environment, The Lexington School seeks to instill integrity, a life-long enthusiasm for learning, and a strong work ethic.

Philosophy Statement

Because we are a nurturing environment,
children feel confident.
When children are confident,
they will take risks.
Because risk taking is inherent in learning,
the possibility of failure exists.
When a nurturing community exists,
challenges lead to growth.
Our success is defined when our students have the life skills to make wise choices and overcome obstacles.

4, 3, 2, 1, Launch!



Top: Samantha with her first 5th grade team: Pam Maley, Jenny O'Neill, Samantha, Lynn Pickles. *Above:* Samantha with this year's team: Janette Moloney, Samantha, Linn Jefferson, Jane Hudson. This year Samantha was also Assistant Head of Lower School.

Samantha Kemmish arrived at The Lexington School thirteen years ago, fresh out of the University of Pittsburgh's graduate program to train liberal arts students to be teachers. She's spent her adult life at TLS. During this time she married Chad Kemmish, and together they had Ainsley and Haley Kate who became TLS students. In addition she taught language arts skills to fifth and sixth graders and math. She wasn't sure about science. As a matter of fact, she was pretty sure she didn't want to teach that subject. But the time came when the school needed a fifth grade science teacher, and Samantha stepped into a big adventure. Just as she had built a skills program from the ground up, Samantha began to create a fifth grade physics, chemistry, and ecology program that quickly moved her to star in an already star-filled science department.

Although she could write her own manuals, Samantha eschewed the use of text books. Creativity is one of her gifts, and visitors to her classroom might find her students trying to solve the mystery of ghosts disappearing on the science room floor one day and learning the periodic table the next. Motion and friction studies involved roller coasters. Electronics studies involved robots. Nuclear energy studies involved a musical theater tribute to Albert Einstein, rocketry, and a poignant study of *Sudako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. Annually her fifth grade students sent a thousand, hand folded, origami cranes to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. When her students first studied ecology, the natural outcome was the establishment of an all-school recycling program, the first school recycling program in the state. The message: with great knowledge and boundless opportunities comes responsibility.

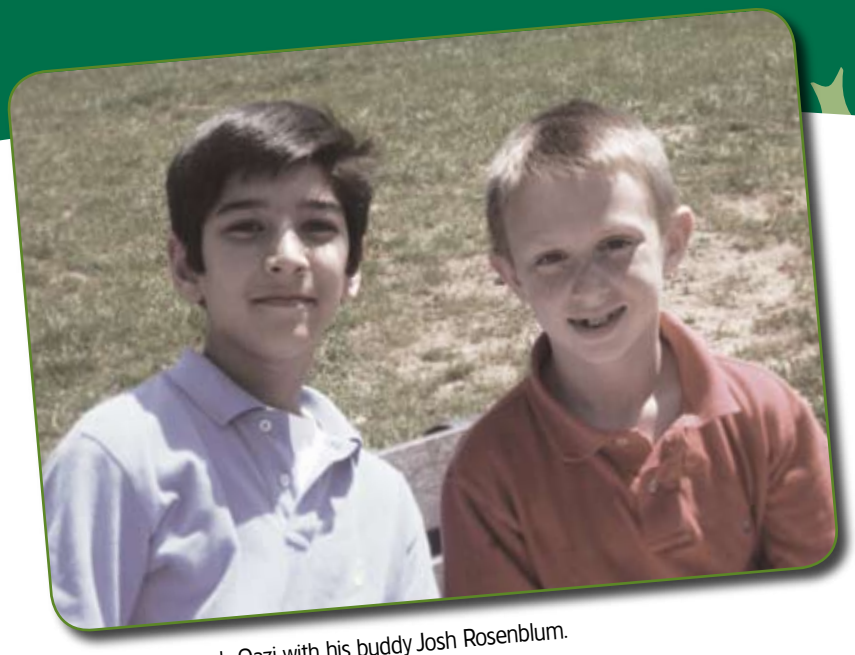
Samantha has always been a team player. Her loving, yet chagrined colleagues acknowledge that she has had them grubbing through wet, dark caves, stuck in the rain during seemingly endless hikes, sleeping on hard floors at museums, and communing with bats. Together they've also held mysterious and magical star shows for families, and one year the entire grade created a new country with its own flag, national anthem, history, economic system, and culture.

What an asset this dynamic woman has been to The Lexington School. And now she is launching a new adventure as Lower School Head at the Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, Tennessee. As she blasts off to reach new heights, words to a song by Carolyn McDade come to mind: "Roots hold me tight. Wings set me free." Samantha has deep roots in Lexington that wrap around her students, their families, and her friends. Now she takes wing to use her passion to educate in her unique way in Memphis. Perhaps a rocket from Lausanne Collegiate will find its way to a TLS soccer field one day, and we'll know all is well.

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Seth Rubin rides in the Little Kentucky Derby just as his mother Barbara Cohen Rubin '89 did.



Humzah Qazi with his buddy Josh Rosenblum.



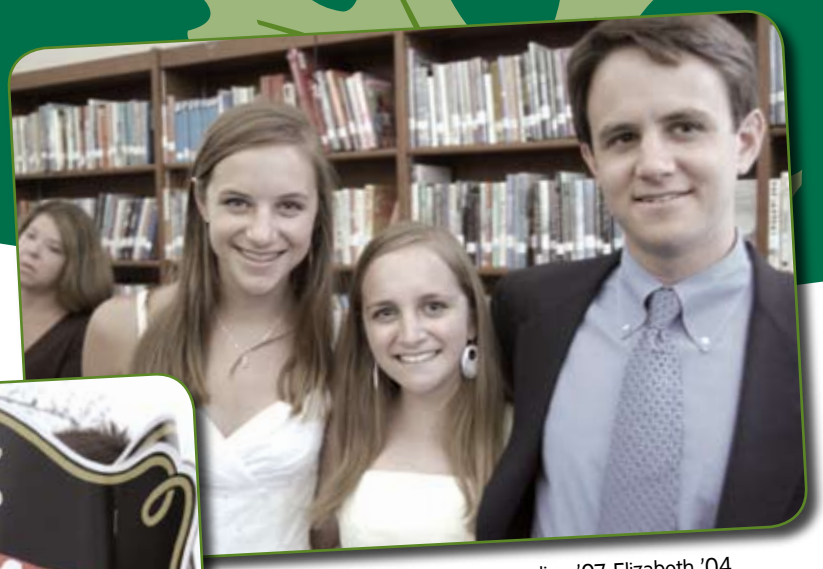
Graduate Kristen Adkins with her brother Tyler '04.



Head of Middle School Una MacCarthy enjoys the reading train with her son George.



Bo Phillips in the 5th grade musical *The Emperor's New Clothes.*



Bell family graduates: Jacqueline '07, Elizabeth '04, and Thomas '98. Juliana '01 was unable to attend.



Lewis Pride searches for the treasure chest during Kindergarten Pirate Days.

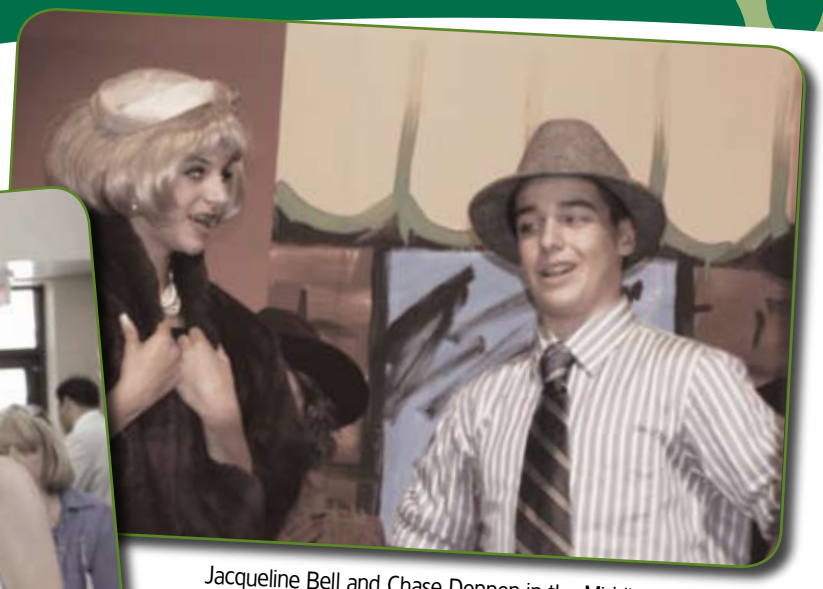


Carl Gray '02 at Holiday Homecoming with his former art teacher Mrs. Anne Bjork who retired this year.



Proud alumna Becky Ramsey '97 with her sister Kathy '07.

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Jacqueline Bell and Chase Deppen in the Middle School musical *Guys and Dolls*.



The Stokes graduates: Sean '03, Erin '04, and Michael '07.



Michael Parlanti, Nicolas Kline, Elliott Ferrier, Justin Bonanno, and Charlie Grigsby with important dignitaries in Washington DC during the 7th grade trip.



Leah Martin '02, Beckett Fogg '03, Griffin Sims, Laura Bonzo-Sims, and Magda Stewart '02 at UVA.



Alma Fallon Ferrier '78 and her daughter Emma with grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Edward Fallon at Writers' Guild.



A Band of Brothers: Brian '07, David '04, and Andrew Lock '05.



Mary Lee Nichols, Bob and Jo Belin, Roberta Owen, Martha Anderson, Penny Lastinger, and Bill Cox '76 at Holiday Homecoming.

Alex Neuman and David Kaplan at the Class of '86 reunion during this year's Holiday Homecoming.





Band of Brothers II: David '04, Paul '07, and Will Parell '03.

Pin *Notes*

NEWS OF ALUMNI

Paul Preston '73 was featured in *U.S. News & World Report* last year regarding his pioneering work in perinatal safety using robots for medical training. Paul is an anesthesiologist with Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco who travels extensively to train others.

Lockhart Simpson '74 completed his Army Reserve mobilization tour at Central Command (MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL) and returned to his civilian job at the US Army Garrison in Ansbach, Germany.

George Preston '76 lives in Brooklyn, NY and works as music director for WNYC FM. Recently he has conducted intermission spot interviews during Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. He sings in the Collegiate Chorale that performed for the Verbier Festival in Switzerland the past two summers. The Chorale opens the festival this summer.

Kate Davenport Wisz '84 lives in Raleigh, NC with her family that includes triplets.

Joe Aldy '87 sent his regrets at being unable to attend the Keeneland Reunion in April. He reported that he has given lectures in Berkeley, DC, and New Haven and hosted his parents for their first Washington DC visit during cherry blossom season. In addition he was leaving for a lecture at Vanderbilt, and then traveling on to Madrid.

Jeanne Baker McDaniel '87 and her husband Glenn welcomed son Peter Zunzer McDaniel on Monday, April 30. He weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Peter joins older brother Baker.



Chris Clay '89 became an ordained priest in the Diocese of Lexington on May 19, 2007 at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Chris was part of the largest ordination group in the history of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington.

Chris Johnson '89 and his wife Becky proudly announce the birth of their son Wade Karner Johnson who was born May 22 at 8:37 A.M. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces, and he was 21 inches long.

Leslie Fishback Cutchins '92 and her husband Chip are living in Virginia Beach, VA and have just had a little girl. Cooper Anne Cutchins was born on May 10, 2007.



Mark Lyons '92 sent his regrets at being unable to attend the Keeneland Reunion. He was in Brazil running on a relay team in a race around the island of Florianapolis. He looks forward to being available for the next gathering.

Annie Stilz '92 just completed her first year of teaching at Columbia University in New York City.

Ward Bullard '93 is living in Zephyr Cove, on the shores of Lake Tahoe in Nevada with his wife Becky. Becky has a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Ward has one from Harvard Business School. Currently, Ward's sister **Wells '96** is completing her first year at Harvard Business School. Ward is a President's Associate at Harrah's Entertainment, the company most famous for its many casinos throughout the world. They love their "alpine mountain lifestyle."

Coley Stilz '93 is in his third year of practice in litigation at Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC in Lexington.

Jennifer Rannells '89 was spotted by Mr. Scarr in Lexington recently. She is a musician who performs in an Elizabethan-Appalachian inspired style. Although she is based in San Francisco, Jennifer has performed in Kentucky, Los Angeles, San Diego, and London. Her music is described this way: "Floating on haunting and beautiful melodies and within intertwining rhythms, her poetic lyrics paint landscapes of personal and charged emotions of her inner world, playful and strange stories of imaginary worlds, and the intangible spaces between."

Laura Bell Bundy '96 was nominated for a Tony Award for best actress in a musical for her performance as Elle in *Legally Blonde.*

Will Chapman '96, a graduate of Episcopal and UNC Chapel Hill, married Georgeanna Milam on May 19th in Tupelo, Mississippi. **Bowen Chapman '01**, **Gray Lyster '96, Clay Chapman '94** and **Price Nicol '94** were in the wedding.

Krishna Joshi '96 married Vivek Munshi on April 14, 2007. Krishna, a graduate of the University of Louisville Medical School, will begin her pediatrics residency in California with her new husband in the summer.

Jillian Burgess '97 is completing her first year of law school at Louisiana State University.

Anne Gay '98 married Richard John Donworth at Christ Church Cathedral on June 30, 2007. The reception was at the Headley-Whitney Museum where Anne works. **Rush Scott '98** was her maid of honor and **Katie Miller '98** was a bridesmaid. Anne's brother **Teddy Gay '89** was a groomsman, and nephews **Reid '08** and **Will Freeman '10** were ushers. **Woods Freeman '17** was the ring bearer.

Jonathan Burgess '99 has joined the Peace Corps, and he will be in Ghana, Africa in the fall.

Ryan Preece '99 and Melissa Hart were married last year, June 3, 2006, at Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington.

Logan Burgess '02 is a rising junior at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Last year his roommate was classmate **Andy Burchett '02.**

Jordan English '02 is a rising junior at Western Kentucky University where he is a member of SAE Fraternity (Pledge of the Year) and is actively involved in Big Brothers. His band "Autifoy" is a local favorite in the Bowling Green area and recently placed in the top 50 in a competition of nearly 1,300 bands representing colleges and universities across the country that was sponsored by mtvU. Jordan thanks all the members of the TLS community who supported the band with their votes and the teachers in the music department at TLS for their encouragement during his years at school. Jordan will spend much of this summer in Bozeman, Montana.

Kartik Anjur '04 received the Bluegrass Indo-American Foundation Award, the Dunbar Cultural Society Award, and the Business Management Award. Kartik is a National Merit Quarter Finalist.

Katherine Bandoroff '04 was named a Rhodes Scholar and received a Rhodes College Grant. She also received the Henry Clay Coaches' Cup Award.

Ben Becker '04 (Junior) was acknowledged as a past recipient of the prestigious Sayre Faculty Award.

Caroline Boone '04 received Sayre School's Senior Art Merit Award.

Julie Burchett '04 was Kentucky Junior Miss 2nd Runner up. She also received Millikin University Merit and Talent Scholarships. She won the DAR Good Citizen Award, Drama Department Outstanding Senior, Henry Clay Coaches' Cup Award, Henry Clay Science Department Microbiology Senior Award, and Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Brittany Burse '04, recent graduate of Henry Clay High School, received the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Scholarship and the UK William C. Parker Scholarship along with the UK Provost Scholarship and a Sam Walton Community Scholarship.

Lindy Elswick '04 was awarded a Transylvania Founders Scholarship at the Henry Clay Awards Ceremony.

Katie Gardner '04 (Junior) received both a Sayre Scholarship for Academic Excellence and the Harvard Book Club Award.

Colleen Gross '04, a recent graduate of Sayre School, received the National Society of Arts and Letters Award for Literature and was named to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Academic All-State Team.

Allison Hollins '04 (Junior) received the University of Kentucky Book Award and was named to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Academic All-State Team at the Sayre School Awards Ceremony.

Harrison King '04 received the Spanish Honor Society Scholarship Award, Lexington Woman's Club Creative Writing Award, and was a Top Ten Scholar at Lexington Catholic High School. Harrison is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Alex Lloyd '04 is a student at Sayre and a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Associations' Academic All-State Team.

Evan Lounsbury '04, a Dunbar grad, received a Sam Walton Community Scholarship and a scholarship to Emory University.

The name of **Kate MacNeil '04 (Junior)** was recorded in the Sayre School book this year as a recipient of the Faculty Award.

Chase Minnifield '04 earned a University of Virginia Football Scholarship and received the Henry Clay Bill Hurt Outstanding Senior Award, the Henry Clay Coaches' Cup Award, and the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Emma Rummel '04 received both Dunbar's Musical-Drama Award and an Advanced Calculus Award.

Tess Simon '04 (Junior) received a Sayre Scholarship for Academic excellence along with the Lillie F. Webb Award for French and the Dartmouth Club Book Award. She is also a Kentucky High School Academic All-State Athlete.

Katie Simpson '04 received a University of South Carolina McKissick Scholarship at the Henry Clay Honor Awards Ceremony.

J.P. Stilz '04 received the National Society of Arts & Letters Literature Award, the Presentation of Research Award, the Physics III Award, the AP National Scholar Award, and the National Merit Finalist Award. He is a Presidential Scholar Semi-finalist Candidate, a member of the Rotary Club All-Academic Team, and a Dunbar graduate.

Claire Strom '04 received a National Merit Scholarship and a Lexington Singers Award. She is also a Distinguished Scholar and a recent Henry Clay grad.

Leah Volk '04 received the Marcie Thomason Memorial Scholarship and the Henry Clay Sharon Sue Smith School Spirit Scholarship.

Betsy Wilson '04 signed her name to Sayre School records as a recipient of the Faculty Award.

Charlotte Cornett '05 was recognized as a Kentucky High School Academic All-State Athlete, and she received the Sayre Hocker-Faucette Cup.

Marshall English '05 is a member of the Paul Laurence Dunbar baseball team. Marshall volunteers as a "buddy" in the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle Baseball League, an organization that offers the opportunity for all children to play baseball regardless of their ability. The "buddy" system pairs players with able-bodied friends to assist them on and off the field during games. Marshall is also following in his brother's musical footsteps as a budding singer and piano player. Additionally, Marshall speaks to elementary and middle school students as part of T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use).

Chloe Irwin '05 wrote a personal narrative that won the overall award in the Kennedy Contest, and her essay won the 10th grade award. Chloe is a student at Sayre School.

Rachel Moore '05, a Sayre student, was named to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Academic All-State Team.

Thomas Spears '05 was honored by Sayre as a graduate of the Leadership Lexington Youth Program.

D.R. Ball '06, a student at Sayre, is a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Academic All-State Team.

High School, The Musical

Henry Clay presented *High School, The Musical* this spring, and those in attendance reported that Julie Burchett was an amazing Sharpay. **Carrie Shirley '06** played the writer/director of "Juliet and Romeo," and **Monica Wain '06** was another former student who performed. TLS teachers and many of our students, past and present, attended the show.

Alumni *Profile*

BROOKE IN THE RING

By Brooke Folley Counts '96

When my parents bought a house with a nice, big yard, they decided it was finally time to get a dog. Being responsible, they read up on different breeds to find one that suited their lifestyle. They settled on an unknown red Hungarian pointer, known as a Vizsla, whom they bought from a top breeder.

The breeder sold us "Sophie" on the condition that we show her in conformation events until we got her Championship on her. We had a professional handler show her, and she quickly became a Champion. One day our handler could not make it to the ring, so at age 10 I walked in with Sophie. Luckily, Sophie was a natural and knew how to show herself! We won Best of Breed that day, and the judge told me about Junior Showmanship. That is when I started to show dogs.

Junior Showmanship at that time was for kids under eighteen and over ten years old, and it is a wonderful way to build a team between you and the dog. You are judged on how well you two work together. By the time I was about to turn eighteen and be too old to show in Junior Showmanship, I decided Louisville would be my last show. Sophie was eleven years old and now had a white face. I took my last lap around the ring with her to get my ribbon and cried the whole time. In over ten years Sophie and I had an amazing show career. While Sophie climbed to the top of the national rankings, I, too, climbed to the top of the Junior Showmanship rankings. I was ranked number one in the country for Juniors who handled Vizslas in Junior Showmanship.

I had competed at Westminster Kennel Club every year since I was ten and had made it all the way to the semi-finals (16 people out of 300 people). I had also showed Sophie's son to be in the top five in the country.

Upon turning eighteen, I applied to become an American Kennel Club judge. After going through the paperwork and the interviews, I was approved and became a Junior Showmanship Judge. I still judge, and I still show. I am active in educating people on how to find a good breeder and how to spot puppy mills in order to stay away from them. I am also active in educating and participating in rescuing dogs and finding them new homes. This past year I was rewarded for my activity in the breed by being the youngest person ever to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Vizsla Club of America. Sophie was elected into the Hall of Fame in 2005. I currently show and compete in hunting competitions with Sophie's granddaughter.

If you have any questions about getting involved in any of the numerous AKC events, or if you are interested in learning more about how to find the right breed and breeder for you, you can email me at Brooke_Counts@yahoo.com.

Brooke Folley Counts '96 is an '06 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and has accepted a position at the law firm of McCauley and Mattingly in Versailles.



(right) Brooke works Faith in the show ring.
(left) Sophie hunts like a pro.

What a Simply Wonderful Weekend!

By Terry Bailey (H '79)

Not even the bumpy flight, the rain, the mud, or no close parking could keep Terry Bailey and her family from The Lexington School's first annual get-together at Keeneland. It was a real thrill to see and hear from my former students, staff, and parents. It would certainly "make my day" to hear from more of these students and to have them furnish me with an update on where, what, and when. I have a number of "items" from those years, and one that I cherish and still smile when I read is the handwritten poem entitled "Superwoman." This is priceless. Please send my best to all the staff, students, and parents who were at The Lexington School over thirty years ago. *Oh, how time flies!*









(Clockwise from top)

1. Corey Cameron '05 shows Mrs. Terry Bailey her sketch book.
2. Logan '02 with his mom and dad, Sheila and Ron Burgess.
3. Ashley Chamberlin Boron '89 with her father Craig and her son Jacob.
4. Alvin Lin '04 and J.P. Stilz '04 braved wind and rain to enjoy the TLS gathering.
5. Terry Bailey and Julie Pash '81.
6. Senor Jacobo Aragon with former student Cy Coons '99.





IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL YOUNG LIFE

by Frances Marcum, former first grade teacher

One of the many perks that comes with being a teacher is the special cache of memories created by the interaction in the lives of the children and their families who were a part of our classrooms. Almost unaware, we were planting a delightful garden of memories through the years, with the seeds of the day-to-day experiences with these students. Now the blossoms of those days past create beautiful bouquets that warm our hearts with the memories of the lives of the children which are forever entwined with our lives.

As I read, sadly, of the death of David Schindler '79, one of my first grade students at The Lexington School, that garden of memories came into clear view. David and I spent his first year at The Lexington School studying addition, subtraction, reading, phonics, writing -- and -- getting down the hall - quietly - if possible.

David was one of those students who treated me to a special reward: I got to watch his joy and delight grow from his recognition of his own success as he progressed from September to June. I got to watch his pleasure multiply as he mastered the tasks set before him.

David had entered our first grade much as many boys do with reservations about just how great this business of school was really going to be. What blooms now in my garden of memories as one of my richest rewards is David's smile, confidence, and exuberance in the joy of learning. I remember most warmly this fine young first grader and his gift to me.

"They're Off to Great Places..."
CLASS OF 2007 HIGH SCHOOL MATRICULATIONS

Kristen Adkins	Henry Clay
Tres Aurland	Bryan Station
Beau Bagley	The Baylor School
Andrew Bakert	Henry Clay Academy
Conrad Bandoroff	Sayre School
Jacqueline Bell	Henry Clay
Tucker Bulleit	Sayre School
Bea Cameron	Sayre School
Alec Cole	Sayre School
John DeReamer	Henry Clay
Andrew Derenge	Dunbar MSTC Program
Ande Farish	Sayre School
Annette Farmer	Henry Clay
Luke Fish	Lexington Catholic
Camille Fishback	Sayre School
Ashley Flamm	Henry Clay
Ben Gillis	Lexington Catholic
Erin Helton	Dunbar
Shelby Heron	Sayre School
Kate Hopgood	Dunbar
Crawford Ifland	Lexington Christian Academy
Jillian Kepf	Lexington Catholic
Dunn Latham	Sayre School
Jake Leatherwood	Lexington Catholic
Philip Lillelund	Dunbar
Mallory Linton	Lexington Catholic
Brian Lock	Dunbar
Andrea Merchak	Dunbar MSTC Program
Griffin Miller	Sayre School
Paul Parell	Dunbar MSTC Program
Mandy Prater	Lexington Catholic
Kathy Ramsey	Sayre School
Kelsey Randhawa	Dunbar MSTC Program
Natalie Stigers	Henry Clay Academy
Michael Stokes	Dunbar
Adam Suhl	Sayre School
Emily Talbott	Henry Clay
Jack Vaughan	Dunbar MSTC Program
Emma Whan	Lexington Catholic
Sam Woomer	Lexington Catholic
Rory Young	Dunbar MSTC Program



THE LEXINGTON PAROCHIAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS:

THE SECRET TO THEIR SUCCESS...

By Laura Brown

To be defined as a champion is an athlete's dream come true. This dream became a reality this year as 29 boys from The Lexington School were deemed the Lexington Parochial League Basketball Champions for the 2006-07 season. This group of 7th and 8th grade boys has always exhibited extraordinary talent. Yet, talent can be found anywhere. What makes this group so special? What is their secret to success?

This particular league, in which all TLS basketball teams compete, asks that we abide by a set of rules that is not quite conducive to our championship caliber. The rules state that each school entering multiple teams must divide the teams equally among grade level and equally among talent. Heartache. Best friends are separated. Dynamic duos are divided. In fact the only relationship held solid is that of esteemed brotherhood. With an unprecedented 29 players, we chose to divide the group into three teams to ensure adequate playing time for each young man. It took weeks to split the age, the talent, the position, the height, and the leadership on as equal playing field as possible. We were spread thin with nine to ten players placed on each team. Experience ranged from gym rats who were on multiple AAU basketball teams, to those who had little to no experience at all.

For over five months of play, the boys held their commitment to their teams, to their coaches, and to the school. As they continued to improve and mesh together as teams, they continued to shock their opponents. By the end of the season, the cream had risen to the top. Our three TLS teams had made an impressive showing, as they were equally tied for first place in a mix of 18 teams. Unfortunately, in the tournament, we did see defeat. Defeat by a friend proved to be harder than the enemy, as the intense match-ups between the three TLS teams prevailed. We did not loose to another school, but only to ourselves. Finishing an impressive 1, 2, and 3 in the tournament and 1, 2, and 3 in the league, our TLS basketball playing boys are champions by every form of the definition.





(Top) A fiercely contested game
(Bottom) Opening tip-off for TLS vs. TLS

As always, it is a sensational feeling to come away with a prestigious title. At the age of 13, this may very well be what team members remember most about this season. However, what I will remember most about this special group is the competitive camaraderie that had the boys taking charges against one another; the fierce fight to the finish in multiple buzzer beaters. Each team overcame so many obstacles and learned to work together as a well-oiled machine. Most impressively, they exhibited a zest for life and an immeasurable love for the game. In my eyes, this is the secret to their success and why they are indeed our champions.

Laura Brown teaches Health and Physical Education. She also coaches and coordinates the TLS basketball program.



Save these Dates!

November 9th

Grandparents' Morning at The Lexington School

November 23rd

Holiday Homecoming

December 14th

Holiday Concert in TLS Gym

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Arts Festival: A Renaissance Moment

First row from left: *Taylor Davenport '87, Mrs. Eunice Noderer, Charmalie Jayasekera '87, Gayle Baynham '87, Emily Barr '87*
Row 2 from middle: *Will Bishop '87, Laura Ruth '87, Luke Noderer '86*
Top row: *Bob Gee '87, Peter Coats '86, Fred Karem '87, Dawn Offutt '86, Joe Aldy '87*