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

Commencement 2008: In Living Color



White dresses rippled gently in the breeze as young women with red roses poised on their right arms and young men with school ties and white boutonnières properly affixed to their navy blazers processed along the Ashwani & Erika Dhir Walking Trail to the de Castro Family Athletic Field for Commencement 2008.

Both Head of School Charles Baldecchi and Board Chair Judge Wilson acknowledged the imbedded courage and extraordinary contributions of the graduates both inside and outside the classroom.

THE LEXINGTON SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008

Row1 Front left: Lily Wolken, Lee Kiefer, Irene Alcaraz-Perez, Syandene Evans, Jamie Rosenstein, Jamie Love, Julia Fryman, Samantha Markowitz, Kelly Ball.

Row 2 Michael O'Brien, Chase Corman, Claire West, Ellie Fogg, Jane Brady Knight, Amy Beard, Ashley Smith, Jennifer Little, Emily Miller, Justin Bonanno, Matthew O'Brien.

Row 3 Pranav Sakaleshpur, Michael Parlanti, Chase Deppen, Adam Wachs, Nicolas Kline, Will Huskisson, Cody Pfiester, Charlie Grigsby, Ben Halpin, Reid Freeman, Gunnar Hamilton, Bryan Woomer.

Row 4 Packy Atkins, Thomas Mims, Rashad Bennett, Humzah Qazi, Santi de Leon, John Arvin, Sam Lyons, Brian Babbage, Jack Wilhoit, Elliott Ferrier, Jake Pumphrey, Thomas Baker, Alex Wermeling.

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Left Humzah Qazi encouraging classmates to excel.

Numerous students were recognized for attaining First and Second Head's List. And 17 graduates' names will be placed on the Permanent Head's list for maintaining their place on the First Head's List every year of Middle School by maintaining a GPA of 9.5 or above with no grade lower than a B-. Justin Bonanno, Santi de Leon, Ellie Fogg, Reid Freeman, Charlie Grigsby, Ben Halpin, Will Huskisson, Lee Kiefer, Nicolas Kline, Jane Brady Knight, Jamie Love, Cody Pfiester, Humzah Qazi, Jamie Rosenstein, Ashley Smith, Adam Wachs, and Alex Wermeling earned this honor.

Middle School Head Una MacCarthy initiated a new award this year to recognize ten students who had never been assigned to Quiet Room. In 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Justin Bonanno, Ellie Fogg, Will Huskisson, Lee Kiefer, Jane Brady Knight, Emily Miller, Michael Parlanti, Jamie Rosenstein, Ashley Smith, and Alex Wermeling showed the perseverance and self-discipline required never to miss a homework assignment.

A box of crayons provided the metaphor for class officers Lily Wolken and Humzah Qazi as they shared memories of their Lexington School years with classmates, faculty, board members, friends, and family. Lily equated red with the love of classmates and teachers; pink with strong, enduring friendship; orange with the satisfaction of accomplishment; and yellow with intellect that developed as homework became a way of life and teachers made learning fun. Purple signified creativity to her as she thanked her visual arts teachers for helping her experience the gamut from illustration to painting backdrops and from three-point perspective to Q-tip art. Singing also made the class of '08 feel as if they were the best throughout their school years.



Right Lily Wolken sharing class memories.

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Above Graduates processing to "Pomp and Circumstance" played by Victory Brass.

Above Kelly Ball on her way to becoming an alumna.
Below Mr. Adams on necktie duty.

Blue epitomized the confidence that living our Philosophy Statement instilled in Lily. By not feeling afraid to fail, she and her classmates overcame shyness and gained confidence and poise, as both she and Humzah demonstrated throughout their speeches.

Lastly, green represented growth and hope. In light of the emotion of their last day as TLS students, Lily said, "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Then she challenged classmates to turn the skills they gained at TLS into hope for the future and to make a difference.

Humzah Qazi focused on the diversity within a box of crayons and the revelation of one's true colors upon emerging from the box. Humzah observed that TLS middle school students were able to hone their uniqueness and develop their individualism by taking risks outside the box as they found their colors on class trips, through writing creative and academic papers, and by studying culture and history, physics, and math. They also learned to think before speaking and to risk it all in debates on the nature of humankind and global warming.

Humzah expressed gratitude for fine arts and sports, the kitchen and office staff, Ms. MacCarthy and Mr. Baldecchi, and class advisors. As he recalled the nearly nine days he spent with his classmates in the Southwest, he felt amazed by the beauty and challenges, proud of successes, and secure in the new chapter he and his friends were stepping into. As graduates emerged from the green and gray box of Lexington School colors, Humzah wondered, "What won't we be able to accomplish?"



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Don't Forget to Remember

by Andrew Grimes '95



Thirteen years ago Andrew Grimes '95 stood on the commencement dais to receive his diploma from The Lexington School. May 30, 2008, this graduate of Henry Clay and Washington and Lee, four-year letter winner, all-star soccer player, and six-continent traveler found himself honored to be addressing the school's newest alumni and amazed by how quickly thirteen years had swept by. Andrew recalled, "It seems as if only a short while ago, I was in your shoes, wondering what exactly comes next and how I would handle it."

Andrew remembered that the class of 1995 had no lacrosse team, new Lower School, or Southwest trip. But he stated emphatically that he did experience "an extraordinary educational institution…an amazing place for personal growth." Although he does have conflicting feelings about Little Kentucky Derby – which he attributes to his Care Bear big wheel – the 9th Grade Show, Mr. Hardesty's test with no answers, field trips to Raven Run and Shakertown, and even Miss Cowling's "carpal tunnel inducing notes" provided pivotal memories for Andrew. And he told graduates, "One day, every one of you will look back on moments like those and wish you could go back in time, if only for a second, to relive those great experiences."

Andrew advised the class of '08 to practice gratitude, "Whether it's on the car ride home or at the dinner table tonight, let [your family] know how much you appreciate everything they have done for you." He noted, "I'm not sure I ever told my parents thank you for sending me here, and I wish I had…so thank you, class of 2008 and Mr. Baldecchi, for the opportunity to say thank you to my parents who are here today, albeit some 13 years late."

In 9th grade Andrew had the opportunity to study at an international school in Quito, Ecuador for six months. Whether at school or at home with his Ecuadorian family, Andrew was immersed in Central American culture and language. In January Andrew returned to TLS a world-traveled, changed person. He said, "When I returned to The Lexington School in January of my final year, it hit me what an amazing place this is. You take for granted the comforts and education of these walls when you are here, but when you leave, you'll pine for the days when teachers and staff cared about you as much as those here did, and still do. Every single one of them wants you to grow, to become a better person. For me, they understood the best way to accomplish that was to travel and see more of the world. Now, I have spent time in nearly forty countries learning to appreciate different cultures, trying to implement different aspects of them into my own life here in Lexington. I'm not sure that without The Lexington School's vision I would be able to stand here today in front of all of you, preaching the importance of finding your own path in life."

Andrew concluded with a three-fold admonishment for his fellow alums. First, step back to breathe and reflect on your time at TLS. Second, remember that despite different experiences and different life choices, [you] will all have graduated together in 2008. As a result this class "will always be able to connect with one another on a level where no one else can." And last, make the world a better place. "Wake up every day and be active. Don't let life come to you. Take it to life. From the moment your alarm clock cruelly gets you out of bed in the morning, attack life with an unmatched fervor and energy. If you do so, the world is your oyster, and anything is possible."

Andrew Grimes is currently a Global Marketing Research Analyst for Lexmark International. He contributes to the blog ***Dark Roasted Coffee****. He also created the photography website* ***In The Rest Of The World*** *(www.InTheRestOfTheWorld.com). Andrew and his wife Alison host and participate in TLS alumni functions. Andrew, an active member of the Alumni Council, has been the most successful alum to get his class roster ready for the school's 50th Anniversary.*

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Save these Dates!

September 13th

TLS Alumni Tailgate

November 7th

Grandparents Morning at TLS

November 28th

Holiday Homecoming at TLS

May 8th

Celebration! Annual Auction benefitting TLS

"They're Off to Great Places..."

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICES FOR THE CLASS OF 2008

Irene Alcaraz-Perez ..... Henry Clay High School
John Arvin ..... Dunbar High School
Packy Atkins ..... Dunbar - MSTC Program
Brian Babbage ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Thomas Baker ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Kelly Ball ..... Kent School
Amy Beard ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Rashad Bennett ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Justin Bonanno ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Chase Corman ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Santi de Leon ..... Dunbar - MSTC Program
Chase Deppen ..... McCallie School
Syandene Evans ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Elliott Ferrier ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Ellie Fogg ..... Sayre School
Reid Freeman ..... Sayre School
Julia Fryman ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Charlie Grigsby ..... Dunbar - MSTC Program
Ben Halpin ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Gunnar Hamilton ..... Asheville School
Will Huskisson ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Lee Kiefer ..... Dunbar - MSTC Program
Nicolas Kline ..... Dunbar High School
Jane Brady Knight ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Jennifer Little ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Jamie Love ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Sam Lyons ..... McCallie School
Samantha Markowitz ..... Baylor School
Emily Miller ..... Henry Clay High School
Thomas Mims ..... Woodford County High School
Matthew O'Brien ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Michael O'Brien ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Michael Parlanti ..... Dunbar High School
Cody Pfiester ..... Sayre School
Jake Pumphrey ..... Undecided
Humzah Qazi ..... Dunbar - MSTC Program
Jamie Rosenstein ..... Sayre School
Pranav Sakaleshpur ..... Henry Clay High School
Ashley Smith ..... Lexington Christian Academy
Adam Wachs ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Alex Wermeling ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Claire West ..... Lafayette High School
Jack Wilhoit ..... Undecided
Lily Wolken ..... Dunbar High School
Bryan Woomer ..... Lexington Catholic High School

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NOTES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I have gotten to know the members of the class of '08 because they were in 5th grade when I arrived at TLS. I have seen them grow and mature at each stage through Middle School. I coached a good number of the boys in lacrosse. In addition, they have let me tag along on their trip to Washington, DC and most recently to the Southwest. My time hiking, biking, tubing, climbing, and camping under the stars taught me the essence of these young men and women.



A virus swept through this class while on the Southwest trip, and it was not a pretty sight. I arrived late to the party. The group had been camping for three nights, and I had heard from Ms. MacCarthy that this bug was a bad one, but it wasn't until I arrived that I saw how virulent it really was.

Nobody likes being sick. When you are sick, you want your momma. You want the ginger ale and saltines, the blanket and pillow, the couch, the remote, the privacy of your own bathroom - the comforts of home. And, did I say… you want your momma?

When I arrived at Zion National Park, the faculty had established a sick bay. Because of the frequent trips to the restroom, we just laid out a tarp. The sick kids not only lacked a comfy couch and a remote, they lacked a tent! They slept under the stars. Not that they really enjoyed the beautiful night sky. When we made our move to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, the nighttime low was 35 degrees and the bathrooms were very far from the campground, so we set up sick bay out of the back of mini-vans.

I really wanted to paint a picture of the added difficulties this group endured while on their nine-day trek. I was thoroughly impressed by the strength of character and resilience of this class. Not only the sick, but the healthy. Their attitude was incredible. They supported each other, enjoyed the moments, and most importantly, smiled through it all.

Our Philosophy Statement ends with: *Our success is defined when our students have the life skills to make wise choices and overcome obstacles.*

This May our success was defined by the resilience of this class. Life will not be easy; the best plans will change; but if these new alums live life as they lived it on the Southwest trip, they will be successful.

Save these dates to recognize all of our alumni October 16, 17, 18, 2009 for our 50th Anniversary.

Best wishes,



Charles D. Baldecchi
Head of School

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.

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From the Bluegrass to the Big Apple: A New York City Reunion

By Hillary Lavely Corbin '95

Late this past February on a chilly New York City night, The Lexington School alumni, administration, and teachers alike made their way from around the sleepless Big Apple to the Upper East Side apartment of Head of School Chuck Baldecchi's parents – Guido and Diane – the gracious hosts for the evening's gathering. We antithetical carpetbaggers – who have traded Lane Allen Road for Madison Avenue – mingled and shared stories from the last half century of TLS. Perfect strangers from various years – some of whom never once passed in the halls – found much in common catching up with friends and teachers. Stories of our first science experiments, the Big Wheel Derby, and of one curiously peripatetic bear were heard around the room as fond memories were warmly shared of Mary Beers and Barbara Bale - our beloved former teachers, mentors, and friends.

The event's great turnout brought together: Rodes Fisher '99, Meade Young Fogel '95 and husband David Fogel, Keturah Gray '94, Emmy Hartley '93, Anne Kenan '88, Emmy Kenan '86, Martha Kenton '92, Will Kenton '86, Seth Salomon '94, Rachel Ezrine Wasserman '96, husband Danny Wasserman and their baby Yaakov, Sandra Gillespie, Margaret Cowling '64, Ann Eames, Una MacCarthy, Aril Lowry, Erin and Chuck Baldecchi, my brother Ben Lavely '99, and me.

Without a doubt, the reception also started to build excitement for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, the weekend of October 16, 17, and 18, 2009. In anticipation of the great event next year, Benjamin and I had the chance to reminisce with Margaret Cowling, who is currently writing the history of The Lexington School. Like us, if you have a chance to share your stories with her, please send her an email as she works to piece together the narrative of 50 great years. You can send your memories to: *mcowling@thelexingtonschool.org*. While it is still over a year away, plans are well underway for a great weekend of activities at Keeneland, TLS, the Horse Park, and a number of other venues to be announced closer to the time.

Mark your calendars now, and I hope to see you there!



From the top

Ms. MacCarthy hugs her friend Rodes Fisher.

Rodes Fisher, Ben Lavely, Hillary Lavely Corbin, Mrs. Eames, and Keturah Gray enjoyed conversations in the Big Apple.

Martha Kenton and Miss Cowling shared warm memories.

Sisters Emmy and Anne Kenan stay in touch despite busy city lives.

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First grader Isabela de Sousa expressed her spirit through art.



Trainers 7th grader Duncan Courtney and 6th grader William Beck are close on the heels of their little Kentucky Derby jockeys Donald Buckley (KinderKlasse) and Alex Baldecchi (Montessori)



First grader Lewis Pride and his mother Beth cheer the riders to victory.



Sixth grader Haydn White prepares KinderKlasse jockey Sadie Bograd for her run.



Prekindergartner Hannah Qazi paints with watercolors.

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Fifth grade science students Ivan Wood and Kyle Williams prepare their rockets for launch.



Fourth grader Carmen Maria von Unrug shares Writers' Guild book with her parents.



William Vennes recounts a wondrous tale at the 6th Grade Storytelling Festival.



Will and Alex Webb participate in the 5th grade presentation of Cinderella.



Chase Deppen makes his point in 8th grade climate change discussions and debates.



Fifth grader Nick Whan and 8th grader Bryan Woomer with their lights at the Candlelight Ceremony.

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Michael Parlanti '08 celebrates graduation with his brother Andrew '04 and his dad Tom.



Julia Fryman '08 is congratulated by her sister Elizabeth '04.



Jennifer Little '08 shares smiles with her sister Leanne '05.



TLS alumna Alma Fallon Ferrier '78 stands proudly by her son Elliott '08.



Jennifer Miller '84 forges a new bond with her niece Emily '08 as each is an alumna. Emily's father is Jonathan Miller '82.

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Sarah '06, and Packy Atkins '08 prepare the graduation path for their brother, 5th grader Will.



First graders Taylor Duncan and Caitlin Flemm try out the butterfly chairs in the new garden dedicated to Mary Beers.



Teachers Mrs. Laura Brown, Mrs. Cassie Corbett, and Mrs. Kimberly Sherrard are leaving TLS to stay home with their newborns.



Carly Wolken '05 and her sister Lily '08 enjoy one another's company at the graduation reception.



Mrs. Linda Bies is moving to the Learning Lab and Mrs. Joni Calkins is slipping into 3rd grade after enjoying 1st graders for a number of years.



Both Ellie '08 and Beckett Fogg '03 now have graduation memories to share.

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NEWS OF ALUMNI

Richard Marshall '76 runs Marshall Network services, an IT consulting firm in Lexington, KY. He and wife Joann reside in Lexington with sons Ben and Tyler.

Richard Bondurant '82 currently resides in Atlanta. As the founder and former CEO of Tahiti Travel Planners and New Millennium Tours, he has spent the last ten years operating a series of companies in French Polynesia. In 2006, he published his first book on the subject, *Cocktails in Tahiti*.

Susan (Baumohl) Lanthorn '82 is director of business development for Central Kentucky Research Associates, specializing in pharmaceutical research and development. She and her husband Richard live in Lexington with their sons Mason and Carter.

Leila Salisbury '86 has been named the Director of the University Press of Mississippi, in Jackson, MS. With this appointment, Leila becomes one of the youngest directors of a university press in the nation. Leila has previously worked as the Marketing Director for University Press of Kentucky and has been lauded for her work in increasing national recognition for books published in Kentucky.

Phelps Jackson '87 is a General Manager at Epic Care. He lives in Oakland, CA with son Tilden, daughter Isabeaux, and his wife Jennifer Mitchell-Jackson. Phelps earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 2003.

Stephen Chan '88 graduated from MIT with a degree in biology in 1995. In 2003, he received his M.D. from the University of California in San Francisco, as well as his Ph. D. in Biomedical Sciences. Now living in Boston with wife Sol, he is a clinical and research fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Department of Cardiology.

Alicia (Blomberg) Copland '89 is a physician's assistant at Westside OBGYN in Burnsville, NC, where she lives with husband Jason and daughter Hailey Elizabeth. She enjoys gardening, skiing, scrapbooking, and fitness.



Amanda Freeman '89 completed high school in Tucson, Arizona, and attended Baylor University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. Work experience in Bethesda, Maryland, at the National Institutes of Health was followed by enrollment at Emory University in Atlanta. After receiving her Ph.D. in the field of neuroscience, Amanda has been doing teaching and research at Emory. Amanda recently married Scott Easley, of Concord, NH, at the Frogtown Winery in Dahlonega, GA. They make their home in Atlanta where Scott is employed by Vesta Holdings. Amanda's mother Connie was a math teacher, middle school head, and director of admissions at TLS.

Mark White '89 earned a B.S. in Geology from The University of the South: Sewanee and as a geologist does environmental consulting for Cameron Consulting. He and wife Katherine live in Greenville, SC, with their sons Henry and Lucas.

Rasika Jayasekera '92 is a medical resident in New Haven, CT. After earning his B.A. in Anthropology from Yale University, he spent a year working on HIV and AIDS research. In 2008, Rasika graduated from both Yale University School of Medicine and Yale University School of Law.

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Tanner Gudeman '94 married Stacey Gerwig Rial on September 15, 2007 in Lexington. His sister **Tayler Gudeman '97** was a bridesmaid and **Wilson Sebastian '94** was a groomsman. Both Tanner and Stacey are graduates of Sayre School. Tanner went on to graduate from Centre College and works for Applied Medical, Inc.

Rachel Carney '96 has recently relocated to Cincinnati for her job as a Regional Sales Manager with GE Healthcare Financial Services. She says, "I'm very excited to finally be so much closer to Lexington again!"

Kelsey Nicholson '96, daughter of **Jessica (Bell) Nicholson '64**, moved back to Lexington in fall 2006. Kelsey is currently working toward a paralegal degree at Sullivan University and plans to graduate in June 2009. This fall a third generation of Kelsey's family will begin at The Lexington School as her daughter Elliott enters Kindergarten

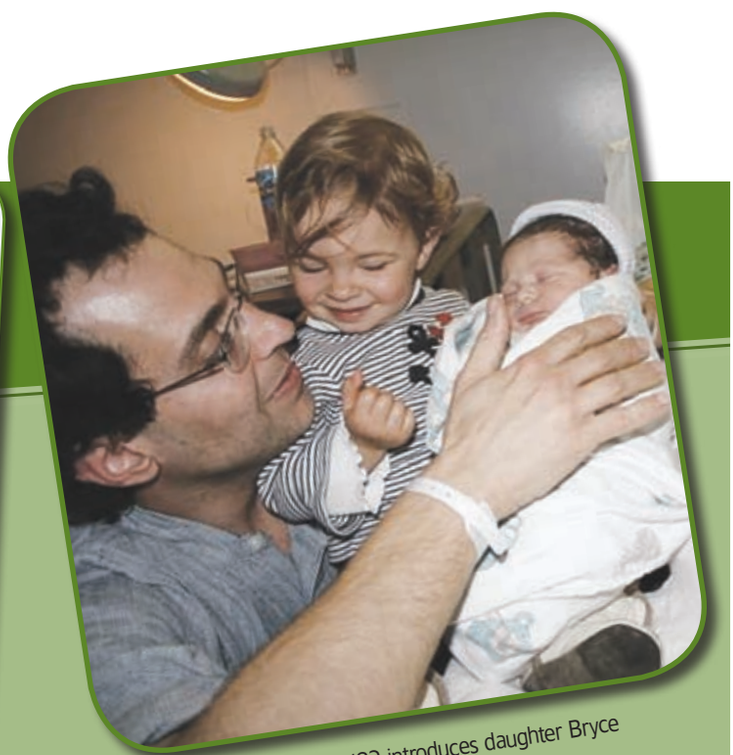
Nick Seybert '96 is moving to Texas with his life Lucia this summer as an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. Nick earned his B.A. in Accounting from the University of Maryland and an M.S. in Management at Cornell, where he will also be awarded his Ph.D. in Accounting this spring.



Rachel (Ezrine) Wasserman '96 graduated from Brown University in 2003 with a B.A. in Psychology and Judaic Studies. Last year, she completed a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University's School of Social Work as well as a Master of Arts in Judaic Studies from Jewish Theological Seminary University. Rachel currently works for The Greystone Foundation and she and her husband Danny reside in the Bronx with their son Yaakov. Her friend Seth Salomon '94 joins in the family photo.



Emory and Spencer Parsons (children of Greg and Renie Ingram Parsons '81) introduce their cousin Daniel James (son of Heather and Hanly Ingram '89) to The Lexington School Community.



Adam Collis '82 introduces daughter Bryce to new sister Caroline

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RIGHT Three generations of the Gay family celebrate Reid Freeman's graduation. *Front row (from left):* **Will Freeman '10**, **Reid Freeman '08**, Anne Gay, Talitha Freeman *Back row:* **Charlotte Gay Stites '82**, Jim Gay, **Elizabeth Gay Freeman '79**, **Woods Freeman '18**, **George Freeman '75**, and Gene Freeman.



LEFT **Bret Jones '96** attended the dedication of the Mary Beers garden in the central courtyard. He's with former teachers Mr. Parlanti, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Eames.

Lucy Hinkle '97 married Jonathan Lloyd on September 29, 2007. Lucy's sisters **Sally Brown Hinkle '95** and **Mary Grace Hinkle '02** were bridesmaids. TLS alums **Molly Nicol '97, Emily Milward '97**, and **Janie Romaine '98** were also in the wedding. Other TLS alums who attended were **Rob Dalton '97, Rebecca Karem Hughes '97, Bryan Lyster '97, Kate Mahan '95, Elizabeth Alford Rice '95,** and **Marianne Falk Woolwine '97**. This May, Lucy and Jonathan earned their degrees from the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine. The Lloyds are now departing for Portland, OR, to begin their residencies in psychiatry at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Vanessa Lavely '97 graduated from Harvard with her A.B. in 2004 and was editor-in-chief of the law review for UCLA's School of Law, where she received her J.D. this spring. She is working as a judicial clerk for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, CA.

Gunner laCour '99 just completed his second year at the University of Kentucky College of Law. He spent last summer traveling and studying international law in Madrid. Gunner is a 2006 graduate of Hanover College where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, the Student Judicial Board and was also on the Dean's List.

Lucy laCour '03 just finished her sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania where she is a member of the gymnastics team. She was named to the ECAC All Academic Team for 2007.

Audrey Akers '04 received the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award at Lexington Catholic High School's Academic Awards Banquet.

Rishi Dixit '04 graduated from Baylor School this spring. Rishi was one of eight Baylor students who qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Rishi was also inducted into Baylor's Cum Laude society. **Tim Gilbert '04** has been named a National Merit Scholar. Tim is also one of 2,700 high school seniors across the country to be recognized by the Presidential Scholars Program.

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At the Kentucky American Water-Fayette County Public Schools science fair, The Lexington School was well represented by its alumni. **Tavis Goodnight '04** of Sayre School won 1st medal in the 12th grade division with his biochemistry project; **Yohanna Hanna '05** and **Philip Bachas-Daunert '05**, both of Dunbar, won medals in the 11th grade divison. In the 10th grade division, winners included **Ben Wermeling '06** and **Maggie Wilson '06** of Sayre School. **Adam Suhl '07** won 1st medal in the 9th grade division.

Chris Hisle '04 (2nd place), **David Lock '04** (3rd place), **David Parell '04** (1st place, overall winner), and **Paul Parell '07** (junior varsity) were all participants on winning teams in the Engineering Technical Society's TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) contest, sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Engineering. The contest required students to work in groups to solve engineering design challenges.

Nick Maloney '04 received the Creative Writing Medallion as a senior at Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School.

Clint Parker '04 received the Johnson Spanish Award from McCallie School during Awards Day.

David Parell '04 earned a Commonwealth Diploma and the MSTC Diploma from Dunbar. As a senior, David received numerous awards in mathematics, economics, and physics, and was named the MSTC Most Outstanding Senior. David is also a National Merit Scholar, a Presidential Scholars candidate, winner of the U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, and the Cameron Mills Sportsmanship Award.

Russ Purdy '04 graduated from McCallie School and was named a McNair Scholar at the University of South Carolina. During his years at McCallie, Russ was a resident advisor, founder of the Investment Society, inductee to the Cum Laude Society, and recipient of McCallie's Contor Award for service. Russ is also an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Erin Stokes '04 graduated from Dunbar with an MSTC diploma and a Commonwealth Diploma. She also received the Thomas Watson Memorial Scholarship. Erin has returned to TLS for the summer to work at Camp Curiosity with fellow alumnae **Katherine Bandoroff '04, Caroline Boes '04**, and **Julie Burchett '04.**

Mary Van Meter '04 graduated from Lawrenceville School. While there, she was inducted as a member into Lawrenceville's OVAL Society for volunteerism. Mary also received the Lever F. Stewart Prize for Biology and a Major L letter blanket, reserved for students who letter nine or more times.

Aubrey Vaughan '04 has been recognized as a National Merit Finalist and a Presidential Scholars Candidate. She is a recipient of a Commonwealth Diploma and a MSTC Diploma from Dunbar.

Daniel Waldman '05 graduated a year early from The Thacher School this spring. His father reports that Daniel will be serving an internship at the Cape Eleuthera Institute in the Bahamas this fall and will be entering Middlebury College in February.

In March, SCAPA Lafayette presented the musical *Cats* at the Lexington Opera House. Both **Jimmy Betts '06** and **Wood Van Meter '06** performed solos.

Conrad Bandoroff '07 and **Griffin Miller '07** collaborated on a science project this spring at Sayre School. Their project received high marks at both the school and regional levels and was judged sufficient to pass state competition and advance to the International Science Fair in Atlanta, Georgia. Griffin and Conrad's project was a sociological experiment. They surveyed respondent agreement and/or disagreement with two quotes, one from Dr. Martin Luther King and the other from Adolf Hitler. In one survey, the public figure making the quote was aligned with his correct quote. In a second survey, the public figure making the quotation was aligned with the opposite one. Their results were fascinating as they surveyed a diverse pool of respondents based on highest level of education attained and cultural/ethnic background.

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THREE FORMER TLS TEACHERS EXPERIENCE "THE PATH BETWEEN THE SEAS"

by Betty Cox

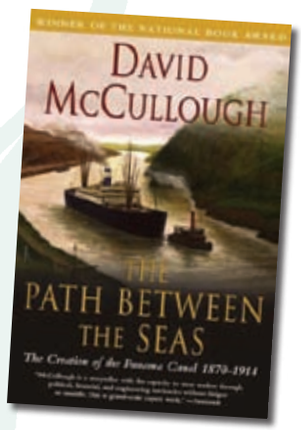


On Sunday, February 24, Roberta Owen, Debbie Wilson, and Betty Cox boarded the ship, Coral Princess, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a ten-day cruise through the Panama Canal. They were well prepared with Mrs. Wilson's having taught many TLS students all about the significance and construction of the canal, with Mrs. Owen's having expert knowledge of and experience with life at sea, and with Mrs. Cox's frantic reading of David McCullough's *The Path Between the Seas*, a comprehensive text of the creation of the Panama Canal.



The three thoroughly enjoyed the food and luxuries of the ship and tried to experience as many Caribbean cultures as possible by taking an off-shore excursion at each port-of-call. The first stop was in Aruba, with its Dutch heritage, where the tour included a cruise on a semi-submarine to view some underwater wonders. Next was a stop in Colombia with a tour of Cartagena where the Spanish Empire's influence is still quite evident. Other off-shore excursions included a walk in the rain forest and a visit to a cacao plantation in Costa Rica; a short walking expedition in Cristobal, Panama; and a visit to Dunn's River Falls and Coyaba River Gardens in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The highlight, however, of the entire cruise was the Panama Canal itself. The Coral Princess entered the canal by proceeding through three levels of locks, rising 85 feet in order to reach Lake Gatun. Mrs. Wilson, Owen, and Cox then boarded one of the ship's tenders to go ashore to be bused to a smaller boat that proceeded on through the Canal. After several hours the smaller tour boat passed through the Pedro Miguel Locks, which lowered it to 29 feet; then it sailed across Miraflores Lake to the Miraflores Locks, which lowered the vessel the final 56 feet to the level of the Pacific Ocean. Near the port of Balboa in Panama City with the Pacific in sight, the group left the boat to be bused back to the Coral Princess. The three former teachers are in wholehearted agreement that sailing through this canal, whose construction changed history by creating a waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and gave impetus to a rash of medical discoveries and engineering developments, was an exhilarating experience, one to be treasured.



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Team Kiefer USA





Inset left: Axel sports his team ID in competition.
Top: Foils reverberate in this fast-paced match. Lee is on the right.
Above: The Kiefers, Alex, Axel, and Lee, are one another's best fans.

For many, *foil, epée,* and *saber,* are fencing words useful for completing a crossword puzzle. Team Kiefer adds words such as *parry, riposte,* and *remise* to take it to winners' circles across the United States and around the world.

Alex '06, Lee '08, and 5th grader Axel are experienced fencers who wield their foils with dexterity, alacrity, and finesse. Recently all three competed in the invitation only USA Fencing Competition in Portland, OR. Two huge rooms at the Convention Center were filled with fencers ranked at the highest levels of their age group. To add to the glory, the United States Olympic Fencing Team was named during this competition.

Lee won the gold in her age group and placed fifth in the United States in Division I Elite Women's Foil. Axel won the gold in his age group. Earlier this year, Lee placed third in the world competitions in Italy.



Participating in any sport on a national and international level involves commitment from many. Mom and Dad are indispensible members of Team Kiefer. In Portland, Teresa managed the travel, lodging, logistics, videotaping, and food. At most events two of her children are competing at once, but they are a tight group, and when one isn't fencing, brother and sisters will often be cheering (and coaching) one another on to victory. The support of teachers is also essential to this family. Alex, Lee, and Axel's competitive spirits carry over to the pride they have in their academic work. Alex is a rising junior in the Dunbar High School's demanding math and science program, and Lee will join her in these challenging classes next year. Axel knows his way around the books, too, and maintains the family's reputation for academic accomplishment.

Quick, scrappy, and agile, Alex, Lee, and Axel face opponent after opponent with intensity, and good sportsmanship. Although they take fencing seriously, each remains grounded and good humored – essential qualities for champions.

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LAX POWER

by Trey Adams

Let me tell you a story. It's a story of fast breaks, ground balls, crank shots, face offs, slides, poke checks, and dodges. It's the story of The Lexington School's 2008 7th and 8th grade Colts lacrosse team, a team of approximately 15 players, nearly half of whom were new to the sport. Our Colts were often outnumbered and outsized, but they finished the season with a 10-6 record, advanced to the quarter finals of the state playoffs, and beat a Louisville rival handily for the first time in five years. It's a story of lax power.

Where and when does our story begin? For TLS, lax power began in 2000 when former coach Terry Justice established the first school lacrosse team. At the time, The Lexington School was the only school in the area to offer lacrosse, and the team had to travel to Louisville for competition. In the past eight years, other area schools have established larger and bigger lacrosse teams of their own, and the field of competition has grown tougher. So for this year's squad, success required two-hour practices, four times a week, on snow-covered fields in late February. Games occurred on both Tuesdays and Thursdays most weeks, with double-header Saturdays. Players found themselves stretched to their limits for time, energy, and stamina, yet they endured — captured by the excitement and intensity of the sport. At battle with the elements, their opponents, and the rigorous demands of an intensely athletic game, the Colts found victory after victory defeating odds that were most often in their opponents' favor.

How did a squad with fewer numbers, smaller size, and less experience manage a strong winning season against mightier opponents? The lesson is to be found in the TLS philosophy statement. Confident learners who embrace challenges, despite the risk of failure, are destined to succeed. The lacrosse program at The Lexington School is just one more example of a philosophy that truly understands and supports young learners. In the lacrosse world, lax power is the name of an online national ranking system for teams, but it's also a descriptor for what teams strive to develop. At TLS, the lax power on display is just one more mark of our continued success—young people realizing the success that comes from genuinely hard work.



What comes next in the story of this team and the TLS lacrosse program? Our alums will take their sticks, intellect, and determination to programs at Dunbar, Henry Clay, McCallie School, Lexington Catholic, and Sayre, seeding the TLS philosophy and approach to education and play into their new schools. And The Lexington School, as a pioneer of the sport in the Lexington area, charts new territory. This season, our eight-year-old lacrosse program expanded to include a whole new level of play and added a 5th and 6th grade team anchored by a core group of intense, passionate, and determined new players whom we will tell stories about one day.

Trey Adams began coaching lacrosse at The Lexington School in the 2006-07 Season. In May 2008, the US Lacrosse Association named him Kentucky's Man of the Year. *Trey teaches 8th grade chemistry and algebra at The Lexington School.*



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Alumni *Council*

THANKS, KATHLEEN!

by Mandy Helton

This summer an era comes to a bittersweet end as Kathleen Eastland Sisler '87 steps down as the long-time president of the Alumni Council. Kathleen has been leading the Council for so long that no one, not even she, is certain how long she has held the office. "I followed the great Renie Parsons '81," Kathleen laughs, "so whenever she stepped down, that's when I began."

After graduating from the Hotchkiss School and Washington and Lee University, Kathleen lived abroad for several years as a tour guide, but she never lost touch with Lexington School friends. "As I get older," Kathleen says, "it's my TLS friends who are most constant." In fact, she was living with three Lexington School alumni in Atlanta when she returned home to Lexington for the wedding of Susie (Anderson) Eaton '88 and met her future husband John, a meeting that eventually lead her back to Lexington, her job at L.V. Harkness, and to the TLS Alumni Council.

In the past four (or is it five?) years, Kathleen's leadership has been tremendously important as the Alumni Council has sought new ways to reach alumni. The Alumni Council established the alumni basketball tournament, hosted tailgate parties in different locations, and began an annual tradition with Holiday Homecoming. In fact, Kathleen says her favorite memory of her presidency was the great turn-out of her classmates and other alumni at last year's Holiday Homecoming during Thanksgiving.



Kathleen with incoming president Jeff Jefferson '85 at last year's Holiday Homecoming. .

One of the accomplishments Kathleen is most proud of is the Council's work on encouraging alumni to support their alma mater. As a tireless cheerleader for alumni giving, she has driven her class consistently to be one of the top classes contributing to the Annual Fund, and this year the Alumni Council saw alumni giving more than double thanks to the Council's efforts. "Alumni giving still isn't where we would like it to be," Kathleen laments, "but we are setting and exceeding our annual goals."

As president, Kathleen has worked hard to retain old members and recruit new ones to the Council, and she is proud of the group she has assembled, "a good, hard-working, enthusiastic group that well represents the demographics of the school." Though she is happily handing over leadership responsibilities, Kathleen plans to remain on the Council and is excited about incoming president Jeff Jefferson '85. "I cannot think of a better person for the job," she declares. "Jeff brings so many perspectives. He's not only an alum, but his wife teaches there, and he's also a parent…we've built for a strong future, heading toward the 50th Anniversary."

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From *The Archives*



Class of '95 Enjoying Life

FLOOR: *Elise Groves;* ***ROW 1*** *(from left):* *Liz Lowry, Barry Potter, Dowell Hoskins.*
ROW 2: *Matt Hartley, Holly Burns, Kate Mahan, Lauren Black, Meade Young, Gretchen Wagner, Quanah Simon, and Andrew Grimes.*