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A Note from The Headmaster

By Gerald T. Hansen, Headmaster

The 2005-2006 school year has gotten off to a great start here at Country Day. Homecoming weekend was once again a huge success with the alumni golf outing at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield kicking it off, followed by the game and a class reunion held here at the Upper School for the classes of ‘50, ’55, ’60, ’65, ’70, ’75, ’80, ’85, ’90, and ’95.

I am also proud to report that DCDS is shining in both academics and athletics.

Both the men’s varsity soccer and women’s varsity tennis teams have earned state championship titles. This is the twelfth state title for the soccer team under coach Paul Bartoshuk since 1981, and the third straight Division 4 girls tennis title for the tennis team under coach Tom Ellis.

We’ve also had senior John Zhou and junior Amardeep Grewal honored in the Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science and Technology. Both students made it to the semi-finals and Grewal was a finalist in the Eastern Regional competition held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He went on to compete nationally in New York where he and his teammate earned a $20,000 scholarship for their project. Zhou was also named one of 17 Davidson Fellows for 2005. He was one of only two students from Michigan recognized and honored at the Library of Congress for his contributions to society in the fields of science, math, technology, music and literature. He received a monetary scholarship and was later featured in a New York Times article about the Davidson Fellows titled, “The Prodigy Puzzle.”

A few of last year’s academic achievements are highlighted in this BeeHive, including Zhou earning a perfect score of 2,400 on the new SAT exam and eighth-grader Alan Huang being the highest scorer in Part I of the 48th Annual Michigan Math Prize Competition last December. Senior Vivek Behera also garnered some national recognition after earning a top score of 36 on the ACT. Behera was one of 365,000 other students in the country to take the college entrance exam and was one of only 82 in the country to achieve a perfect score.

We also feature Beverly Hannett in this issue, someone I am sure left an impression on many of you during your time at Country Day. You’ll also get the inside scoop on the Performing Arts Department’s rendition of the musical Oliver!, along with some photos and background on Kate Sobrero Markgraf ’94, U.S. Olympic soccer gold medalist and professional soccer player who spoke at last year’s Mother Daughter breakfast.

As in every BeeHive you’ll find class notes, alumni news and more updates from the playing field as well as the classroom.
Math students at Detroit Country Day School are breathing a sigh of relief this week as they break for the holidays – and with good reason. Fifty-six Middle and Upper School mathematicians recently qualified for and completed Part II of the highly competitive 48th Annual Michigan Math Prize Competition (MMPC), held Dec. 1. Part I of the MMPC is open to all students in Michigan high schools and approximately 14,000 students participated – a number which was quickly whittled to 1,064 based on those who scored 17 out of 40. Only one school in the state had more qualifiers than Country Day and DCDS also claims the highest Part I scorer in the state – a math whiz of an eighth grader named Alan Huang of Bingham Farms – who, with a near-perfect score, showed approximately 14,000 high school kids who was boss.

For years, Huang’s extraordinary academic talent has made him a standout in the crowd. “Upper School students are often in awe of Alan’s performance on math contests,” said Upper School math department head Ross Arseneau. His teachers and administrators at Detroit Country Day School also have long recognized his unique ability – and continually strive to provide a challenging learning environment for him and other bright young students.

Said Arseneau, “For all of the gifted students at DCDS, we have tailored a mathematics program that will challenge and help each of them to realize even greater achievements. Gifted students can now attend Upper School classes in Honors BC Calculus with advanced geometric construction for non-seniors (following the advanced placement test), Honors Discrete Math, Honors Linear Algebra, Honors Number Theory, and finally Advanced Topics in Mathematics (which includes a study of the Mandelbrot Set and Julia sets). All of these courses study mathematics typically offered at an undergraduate or graduate level in college.”

Though the results of Part II of the competition won’t be available until early next year, Huang felt the practice tests were more difficult than the real thing, in which students were asked to solve five problems in 100 minutes. For the young pre-calculus student, math is just one of the many areas in which he excels – and is not even his favorite subject. “I like art,” he said.

Look out Scholastic Art Awards.

John Zhou Strikes SAT Gold

This spring, DCDS junior John Zhou defied the odds when he earned a perfect score of 2,400 on the new SAT exam. The score places him in an elite group of just 107 students nationwide who share this honor. On March 12, Zhou joined more than 300,000 students in the first sitting of the new test and surprised even himself with his incredible results.

“To be absolutely honest, I did not expect a perfect score, though I had dreamed about it on occasion,” said Zhou. “Without a doubt, the strong English and Math curriculum and the excellent faculty at school positively contributed to my performance and preparation.”

Zhou prepared for the SAT by taking practice tests issued by the College Board and Princeton Review. He says he usually scored around 2,300 points on those tests but still attributes his success on the real thing to a relaxed approach and plenty of good luck on test day.

The SAT Reasoning Test is a measure of the critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college, and it assesses how well a student analyzes and solves problems. It is now divided into three sections: critical reading, math and writing, with each section scored on a scale of 200-800. In March 2005, the College Board changed the SAT to include a student-written essay, shorter reading passages and new content from third-year college preparatory math. Analogies and quantitative comparisons were eliminated. The class of 2006 is the first class to take the new SAT for college admissions.

John Zhou would like to use his perfect SAT score to earn admission to Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Princeton, or the University of Michigan.
Inventive minds, creative spirits and gifted performers of every age were in the spotlight at Detroit Country Day School’s annual celebration of the fine and performing arts, April 13 - 17. It sounds like a combination of Broadway and Carnegie Hall. It looks a lot like Hollywood, but it feels like an artist’s studio. It’s Celebrate the Arts; an extravagant display of artistic ability that finds expressions in many forms.

A student-director theater festival, “Tales from the Chaise,” launched the celebration with a Wednesday through Friday run. “Burn the Film,” featuring student-directed movies, took center stage on Saturday evening. On Sunday, students and faculty showcased their talent in live musical performances, while the Upper School was transformed by displays of printmaking, painting, graphic design, drawing, ceramics, photography and metalworking. A hands-on craft area gave young visitors the opportunity to express their own artistic vision, a reminder that the creative spirit must be celebrated at every stage of life.
celebrate the arts
**Game Benefits Cancer Fund**

Country Day-Unified lacrosse matchup between father and son coaches honors their late relative.

By Steve Stein / Special to The Detroit News

BIRMINGHAM -- It was Father’s Day a few months early at Birmingham Seaholm. In what’s believed to be the first father vs. son coaching matchup in state boys high school lacrosse history, Country Day, coached by John Kenney, rallied for a 9-7 win over Birmingham Unified, a combined team of players from Seaholm and Groves. Jake Kenney, John’s son and a former Country Day junior varsity coach, coaches Unified.

“It was a bittersweet victory,” John Kenney said.

The annual battle between the rivals was also a fund-raiser for the Karmanos Cancer Institute in honor of John Kenney’s late brother, Jerry Kenney. Kenney, 55, died from cancer six days before the game. An estimated $6,000 was raised for Karmanos through sponsorships, donations and gate and concessions proceeds. The win for Country Day continues a campaign fueled by the excellent play of junior goalie Alex Cavalieri. Despite having an inexperienced defensive corps in front of him, he is doing great. Through the first five games of the season, he had made 81 saves.

“I’m busier than last year, but the new guys are doing all right,” Cavalieri said.

Seniors Eric Garrett and Kevin Heinsimer and sophomore Mike Chires have the tough task of replacing three seniors.

With the Michigan High School Athletic Association sanctioning boys lacrosse for the first time this year, Cavalieri hopes more college coaches will visit the state on recruiting trips.

“There’s so much talent here,” he said.

Coach John Kenney’s Yellowjackets played in the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association’s state finals four times in the past five years, winning in 2003. Country Day was 13-7 last season. It lost a 10-9 heartbreaker to East Grand Rapids in the state finals. One of the Yellowjackets’ biggest rivals is Birmingham. The annual game between the nearby schools had even more subplots this season because of its effect on the Kenney family.

This is John Kenney’s 26th year of coaching high school boys lacrosse. The first 20 were at Stony Brook School on Long Island. He has 272 career wins. Jake Kenney, 27, is in his first season as Birmingham’s coach. He was the junior varsity coach and a varsity assistant the past four years at Country Day. John Kenney, 52, coached his son at Stony Brook. Jake Kenney was an All-American attack player when he was a senior. He went to Princeton University after graduating from Stony Brook and he was a member of the school’s 1997 and 1998 NCAA championship teams.

Besides being lacrosse coaches, father and son are both history teachers. John Kenney teaches at Country Day and Jake Kenney at Bloomfield Hills Roeper. John Kenney said even though his son knew his players and strategies, he didn’t alter his game plan.

“I’ve been successful for many years. Why should I change things for one game?” he said. “Anyway, it all comes down to discipline and execution.”

Just after he was named coach last summer, Jake Kenney developed the idea of making the Country Day-Birmingham game into a fund-raiser.

“I didn’t want the spotlight to be on myself and my father. It should be on the kids,” he said. “I also thought raising money for Karmanos would be a nice way of thanking them for everything they did for my uncle.”

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jerry Kenney and his wife Susan had three children: Matthew, 24; Erin, 20; and Christopher, 18.

“Honoring my father and raising money for Karmanos at the game was the coolest thing,” Matthew Kenney said.

Jerry Kenney was a partner in a Southfield law firm and a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Only the top 5 percent of trial lawyers in each state receive that honor. John Kenney and his wife Carol have three other sons: Derek, 25; Nathan, 22; and Adam, 20. Derek was the starting goalie on the University of Virginia’s 1999 NCAA champion lacrosse team. Nathan started at midfield for the Cavaliers’ 2003 national champions.

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Nationally Renowned Author and Local Illustrator Visit School

Middlers Celebrate “Book Jam ’05”

Middle School students in all grades enjoyed a fun day of reading and writing at the school’s first-annual “Book Jam” held April 27. Throughout the day, students rotated through various participatory exercises, including a “book in an hour” session where students were grouped together to read and summarize different sections of a book, then brought back together to “read” the complete book as a group. Students also practiced writing a short story, a poem and a mystery using clues they’d been given.

Book Jam ’05 also featured visits with the well-known author of the popular Shredderman series and Sammy Keyes mystery series, Wendelin Van Draanen, local illustrator Matt Faulkner, and Baldwin Public Library young adult librarian Bill Harmer.

Many thanks to the Middle School Parents Association and Friends of the Arts Association who made this wonderful event possible.

Lois Lowry Visits

Detroit Country Day Middle School students were able to meet two-time Newberry Medal winning author Lois Lowry last January during a very rare school visit for the author.

Lowry has written more than 30 books for young adults, including the popular Anastasia Krupnik series.

She was born in 1937 in Hawaii and grew-up in New York, Pennsylvania and Japan.

Today, she spends her time between Cambridge, Massachusetts and a 1760s farmhouse in rural Maine where she gardens, feeds birds, entertains friends and reads.

According to Lowry, although her books vary in content and style, most of them deal with the same general theme, the importance of human connections. Find out more about Lois Lowry at www.loislowry.com.
Beverly Hannett isn’t your ordinary English Literature teacher. She is as extraordinary as the school history she has been such a part of.

"Beverly Hannett was the most influential teacher I have ever had the privilege to know. Her grace, her passion for great literature, her love of language (remember ameliorate and assuage?) and her high expectations for nothing short of excellence made all her students want to succeed. She inspired me to be the best I could be."

Anita Laurila 78’
When first meeting her, it becomes clear that she was destined to be a teacher. She talks to you as if she's known you for years, and within minutes you feel as if you're in the presence of an old friend.

Perhaps that's the magic of Hannett, who has been a teacher for nearly five decades.

The walls of her classroom are covered in her student’s work and numerous theatrical posters, and although it is mid-summer and there are no students present, as she sits at her podium chatting away, it isn’t hard to conjure up a mental picture of what a day in Hannett’s class must be like.

She has been a fixture at Detroit Country Day since her first day in 1969, and could be described as a part of the school’s heart and soul. After all, she was the school’s first female teacher and department head, and over the course of her tenure has taught some of the most influential people in the country.

“At one time I had four of my former students on the covers of national magazines,” said Hannett with pride.

The impressive list includes Courtney Vance ’78, who was nominated for two Tony Awards, Jack Epps Jr. ’67, who wrote the screenplay for Top Gun and Steve Ballmer ’73, CEO of Microsoft Corporation.

Hannett earned a bachelor of arts in English from Albion in 1958 and began her teaching career at Parma High School in Parma, MI.

She went on to teach at Derby Middle School and Groves High School, both within the Birmingham Public School District, before joining Detroit Country Day School.

In Hannett’s first year at Country Day, there were only 200 students compared to the 1,500 there are today.

“Detroit Country Day is an oasis in education. It is an expensive school, but worth every penny,” said Hannett.
"It was in Mrs. Hannett's classes that I first began to think seriously about what it might mean to live one's life in a quest for knowledge and, by elegant example, began to entertain the notion that this was something I not only could do, but should do."  Susan Fincham 78'

“I absolutely love it here. The academics, the athletics and the music and art programs are wonderful.”

If you ask any of Hannett’s former students what they may remember most about Hannett’s class, chances are they’ll mention her “wall of words.”

“I love words. I do the USA Today and Chicago Tribune crossword puzzles everyday before I come to work,” said Hannett.

Hannett, who has been doing the wall of words for years, said the idea stemmed from her love of the humanities and art. She asks each of her students to take a vocabulary word they are studying in her class and create art with it so that people who see it will be able to define the word based on that art.

Because of her immense love for the arts, Hannett also takes her students to the Stratford Theater Festival of Canada.

Over the years, Hannett has focused on teaching some of the classics, including “A Separate Peace,” “The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin,” “The Red Badge of Courage,” and J.D. Sallinger’s “The Catcher in the Rye.”

But, it is “The Scarlet Letter” she’d like to be remembered for.

“My tombstone should read, “She taught the “Scarlet Letter” for 50 years.”

One of Hannett’s favorite phrases seems to summarize her quite perfectly. “Joie de vie,” which is French for “love of life,” is exactly what Hannett exudes.

“In 47 years of teaching I’ve never had a bad day,” said Hannett. “I’ve never walked out of the building at the end of the day wishing I was doing something else.”
Detroit Country Day Upper School students are getting a backstage taste of theater this semester as Jim Davis, Seligman technical director, brings the classroom to his “office” teaching Theater Production. While he is not new to theater production, Davis never dreamed he would be teaching his craft to high school students. “It was not something I had really thought about,” says the soft-spoken Davis. But his influence among performing arts students and the technical crews of school productions was strong, and last spring, more than 40 students launched a petition drive that would eventually land Davis in the classroom. Says Davis, “Once the students presented the petition to the school, I was approached by the Assistant Headmaster, Glen Shilling, who said, ‘is this something you want to do?’” It was, and within weeks, Davis had mapped out a curriculum and presented Shilling with a syllabus, supporting materials and lesson plans.

Said Shilling, “The decision to offer this course was based on the fact we had a teacher with excellent credentials capable of teaching the class; the extraordinary Seligman Performing Arts Center with scene shops and the most current sound and lighting equipment available for students to apply their knowledge learned in class to hands-on projects; and an expressed interest by students, many of whom signed a petition of support for the inclusion of the Theater Production class in our arts curriculum.

Now in its third month, the popular class focuses on the history of the stage, stagecraft and creating sets. The class is based on those Jim took as an undergrad in Wayne State University’s Technical Theater program, but his approach to teaching is more hands-on and interactive. He developed the course around what kids would enjoy, and the tools and techniques they would need to know. “While there is classroom instruction, the course content doesn’t lend itself to a lecture-based curriculum;” said Davis. “For instance, I’ve recently been teaching set building and construction from the scene shop. Instead of having the students read about the different types of tools they’d be using, I showed them each one and then later, I had them find and identify each one using a tool scavenger hunt around the shop and stage. Learning should be fun.”

In the second semester of the class, students will be introduced to theater design and given the ability to theoretically create a show’s backdrop using computer software programs. One program, WYSIWYG (or, “What You See is What You Get”), allows students to draw a set and customize the lighting using a three-dimensional scale model of the Seligman. Says Davis, “They will be able to experiment in a real setting, using Country Day’s actual entire inventory of lighting and sound equipment.” It’s a program Jim worked with the school to acquire last spring, and one he researched and completely educated himself on using for his job as technical director. He successfully planned the set for Country Day’s recent student performance, “The Boys Next Door” using WYSIWYG for the first time. “Normally, I would have mapped out the set design and lighting of people and objects completely on paper. I used to physically move a light and check; then move another light and check. I easily saved a day of prep work by drawing the set electronically.” Jim is eager to share this cutting-edge
Detroit Country Day School staged its largest theater production in its 91 year history this past March.

Nearly 160 Country Day students participated in the Performing Arts Department’s production of Lionel Bart’s musical Oliver! Students from almost every grade joined in the theatrical production as cast, crew and orchestra, representing more than one out of every nine students enrolled. Several key parts were given to students as young as grade six, and some of the main roles were even double cast in order to provide more opportunity for the student actors.

Preparation for this production included a rigorous four-month casting and rehearsal schedule, while students serving as production crew constructed the set pieces for the musical, including a 50-foot section of the London Bridge.

Students involved were able to experience a genuine theatrical experience by working with an ensemble of directors focusing on instrumental and vocal music, choreography and staging and technical elements including lighting, sound and scenic design. Oliver! was produced and directed by Jeffrey Michael Nahan, director of the school’s department of theater and dance and the Seligman Performing Arts Center.
The Business of Champions

“Participation in athletics, even if one does not excel, affords the student an opportunity to see how everyone has an important role in a collective activity; and that the struggle is often times more important than the end result.”

Kurt Keener, Director of Athletics, Upper School, Coach of Varsity Boys Basketball

Championship seasons are defined by winning; and who, after all, doesn’t want to be a winner? But there is more than one kind of victory. There is the personal triumph of overcoming limitations and exceeding expectations.

The focus on forming scholars who are also athletes transcends the idea of championship seasons and gets down to the business of building champions.

“The tradition of the scholar athlete was already in place when I arrived in 1978,” Coach Keener said. “My predecessor continued the philosophy of the school’s founder, Mr. F. Alden Shaw, who believed that athletics played an integral role in the education of young people.” This belief, that there are certain lessons of life that can best be taught on the playing field or court rather than in the classroom, is a hallmark of the educational philosophy of DCDS – to strive for excellence in any endeavor.

Early Achiever

If asked to write a report about what she did during summer vacation, 11-year-old Brittany Mann ’12 can begin with, “I won a gold medal in shot put at the AAU Junior Olympics in New Orleans. Then, I won another gold medal for the discus and set a national record with a toss of 100 feet, 4 inches.” That would be impressive, but Brittany also competed against the nation’s best 11 and 12-year old athletes at the USATF Junior Olympics in Indianapolis, winning gold in the discus and silver in shot put.

When asked how she became interested in track and field, Brittany answers without hesitation, “because of basketball and my friend Janelle McQueen.” In the third grade, Brittany and Janelle started playing basketball together. That’s also when they decided to start running in the off season to be fit for the game they love.

Both friends tried the shot put and Brittany discovered another enduring passion. “I like it,” she says. “It takes a lot of practice but shot put isn’t about strength; it’s about technique and speed.”

One of Brittany’s coaches is her dad, Steve Mann ’88, a DCDS assistant coach for varsity football and track as well as an AAU coach in track and basketball. Brittany bestows the highest 11-year-old praise possible upon her dad the coach saying, “He’s cool!” “Dad just helps me focus, which is important when you’re out in the middle of the field with a lot of other stuff going on. He tells me to think about beating my own record.”

What has Brittany learned so far? “Work hard and do your best,” she says. That applies to the classroom too, where Brittany’s favorite subjects are math, reading and art, particularly drawing of all things related to sports. No matter where the lessons are being learned, on the field, court or classroom, they continue even when we’re unaware that they are being taught.

Camaraderie

Steve Lepkowski ’92, returned to Detroit Country Day first as junior varsity head basketball coach and currently as the assistant coach of the varsity football and baseball teams. In his six years coaching, he has seen how participation in sports helps the less physically gifted individuals as well as the natural athletes. “Their involvement exposes them to a section of the student population they wouldn’t otherwise meet, Coach Lepkowski said.
“My whole coaching career has been about giving kids a positive experience from being part of a team. I coach the whole person, not just the player. I want each kid to be exceptional, to do their very best. If they do that, then it’s more important to me than winning the game.”

Frank Orlando, Varsity Women’s Basketball Coach

“Suddenly, they’ve gained 30 friends they wouldn’t have had otherwise. Athletic participation also helps kids step outside of their comfortable arena, whether it’s music or mathematics, and get known for other abilities. I see students who get involved in sports develop a larger picture of who they are and what they can accomplish.”

Laughing, Coach Lepkowski adds, “Let’s not forget that other important lesson. Participation in a sport helps kids realize how to get along, how to work well with others and strive together toward a common goal.”

“What you do all the time is prepare for a kid to do their best; instill a work ethic and foster a desire to excel. If you’ve done that as a coach and the student has done that as a player, if you’ve done everything possible, then you’ve already won.”

Joe D’Angelo, former varsity football coach, Director of the Junior School

Coach D’Angelo has a knack for making his point by telling stories. When asked for his thoughts about what students take away from participating in a sport, he had this to say.

“My dentist’s son used to play football for me. When I visit the dentist for a check-up, this grown man doesn’t talk about the games we won or lost. He remembers the spaghetti dinners we would have at the school before a game. It was a fun way to bring the players, their parents and alumni together to acknowledge our mutual commitment to the team.

I’m pretty sure my dentist isn’t fondly remembering the spaghetti itself (though it was good); rather, he remembers the spirit of camaraderie and the feeling of being part of something larger than himself. In my mind, athletic participation is all about how a kid feels about being on a team and what being on a team teaches him about life.”

Winning and Losing

Tiera DeLaHoussaye ’05, is a freshman at Western Michigan University, where she received a scholarship to play basketball. Always athletic and a bit of a tomboy, Tiera resisted her mom’s attempts to interest her in dance class. Instead, she played pick up basketball with the neighborhood kids, mostly boys.

That’s where she learned that girls are strong, they can play ball too.

“Everybody wants to win,” Tiera said. “You want to go that extra step, that extra mile, especially when you’re down 20 points and have to dig down deep within yourself.”

She attributes her ability to stay positive and think tough to her basketball coach, Frank Orlando.

“I learned so much from him. He’s like a second father and he’s an awesome coach. I could always talk with him because he was a mentor who encouraged you and was always there to help. Coach Orlando taught me to never give up. Sometimes you’re less successful than others, but he taught me to keep on fighting; with heart and determination you can go far.”

Rob Denious ’06, is a senior at Detroit Country Day who has played lacrosse and soccer since his freshman year. He likes to run, a good thing since he’s a mid-fielder in both sports, and he likes to win.

“Losing is never easy,” he said. “I’m incredibly competitive and sometimes, I have to remind myself it’s about learning to lose as well as win.”

Rob recalls a state championship game when the team was down 11-6 with three minutes left in the third quarter. “We were down five goals, but as long as we believed we could win – we could, and we did 14-13. You don’t have to be the smartest or the best. If you can unite people with a common goal you can do more together than by yourself.”

Sometimes, things go the other way. One of Rob’s favorite games was lost in overtime to the strong competitor, Brother Rice. “We played well,” Rob said, “our very best, and even though we didn’t win we proved that we were good. Win or lose, I’ve learned the importance of a positive outlook.”

Melanee Smith ’05, is a freshman soccer player who received the prestigious Lowell Bryan Scholarship to attend Davidson, a top academically rated college in North Carolina. Though Melanee played field hockey for two years at Detroit Country Day, soccer is really her game. “I love to run, but the camaraderie that comes with being part of a team is just as important to me.”

When asked about winning and losing, Melanee said, “I learned to lose and win with respect and dignity. You can’t put your head down. It’s all a learning opportunity.”

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Melanee admits that college can be intimidating. “There are lots of people, many of them upper classmen, and you’re trying to fit in, but DCDS taught me to deal with different personalities and to adapt to new situations. I’m glad I was taught to work for the things I want. Practice does make perfect, in soccer and in school.”

**Academic Excellence**

Coach Keener told this story as an example of the commitment to academic excellence that is instilled in Detroit Country Day students. “Several years ago, I spoke to a Detroit Country Day graduate who went on to play football for Bo Schembechler at the University of Michigan. The alum said that in his first year, all the freshmen had to attend study table from 8:00-10:00 p.m. When the clock struck 10:00 all the books seemed to slam shut in unison but this young man kept studying. Finally, his teammates asked him what he was doing. He told them he had learned at Country Day that studying ended when the assignment was finished, not at a designated time.

Pulling one more story out of his memory bank, Coach Keener recalls a conversation with NBA All-Star Chris Webber ’91. “Chris told me that when he attended Country Day he hated the structure; there was too much homework and too many rules. After he got to college and saw how much better prepared he was than his fellow teammates, it dawned on him what the value of his DCDS education truly was.

When he became a professional athlete, one of the first things he did was go back to his family and tell his parents that he was going to require all his younger siblings to go to Country Day and he did; Jason ’95, David ’98 and Rachal ’00 along with niece Ashley Irwin ’05.”

**Leadership**

Ashley Fowler ’06, started playing t-ball at age four or five, mostly, she said, “because my parents wanted me to learn how to play well with others.” Since her enrollment at DCDS as a freshman, Ashley has been playing on the softball team in the position of catcher. I love being part of a team, working together and succeeding together, like last year when the varsity softball team won District for the first time.”

Ashley confesses that it’s difficult to say exactly what she’s learned from her participation on the softball team because she’s learned so much. “It starts,” she said, “with our coaches. They teach us to try our hardest, but they’re proud of us no matter what. As captain of the team this year, I’ll have to follow their example and be a leader; make sure that everybody on the team is involved, enjoying it, getting along, having a little fun (and a lot of focus) in practice. Detroit Country Day has taught me how to juggle multiple priorities and keep on track. But softball is where they reinforced my ability to count, at least to three.”

**Carly Keyes ’06,** started at DCDS in 6th grade, but she’s been playing soccer since kindergarten. “I can’t remember a time when I didn’t love to run and kick;” Carly said. “Soccer is always changing, challenging your abilities; but I’ve learned that even when you lose, or are disappointed, you have to be proud of what you are.”

After winning the state championship in 2004, it was particularly disappointing to lose in the 2005 finals. “We were so tired after long, hot days of play,” Carly said. “But even when we lost 4-0, it was great getting that far. I’ve learned that win or lose; you always have your teammates.”

“My life is dominated by soccer,” Carly said. Then she adds, “But in a good way. I eat healthy, exercise all year round and Coach Bukari tells us to have fun on and off the field. Sometimes, because we’re all friends and we’re girls, we get a little chatty. That’s when Coach reminds us to be quiet and focus the mind. One of the things I’ve learned from soccer is to be mentally tough. Even when I get fatigued or injured, I keep at it; try to challenge myself even when I’m not getting results.”

**Teamwork**

Coach D’Angelo shared this example of the camaraderie and unselfishness that can only be learned in a team sport. “It was the state championship and we were playing in the Silverdome. Brett Gasper ’96, a starter all that year, was injured in the semi-finals and had to sit out the championship. When we got in a position very near the goal line, Omari Jett ’96, the starter, volun-
teered to step aside; he asked me to put Brett in the game and let him score – and he did.”

Brian Young ’04 will be a sophomore at Middlebury College, where he plays football and is studying economics. He attended DCDS from Pre-K3 to grade 12, playing every kind of sport; soccer, baseball, basketball and football.

By the time Brian was a sophomore, he realized that football was his passion. “You have a bond with your teammates; a bond that will never go away,” he explained. “You bust your butt in practice then Saturday you play the game, but you’re playing with your best friends.”

Coaches Dan MacLean and Joe D’Angelo were Brian’s mentors. They taught him that nothing comes easy. It’s all about work because natural ability will only take you so far.

“The school has worked hard to develop an athletic program to equal the academic standard of excellence already in place,” Steve said. “I feel a sense of responsibility for what has been achieved and I want to give back so that this tradition of the scholar athlete endures.”

Jonas Gray, ’08, is a sophomore who plays varsity football and varsity basketball. He also competes in track and field, running the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 400 and winning a gold medal in the 100 meter dash at the USATF Junior Olympics this past summer.

When asked about his participation in so many sports, Jonas quietly replies, “I like to stay involved.” He also loves the teamwork and being there for the team. “Football camp is incredible,” he said. “For five days you’re together in a cabin and you have the chance to know people in a way you normally wouldn’t experience.”

Of all the things that Jonas is learning at Detroit Country Day, he says the most important is the ability to stay focused and to ask for help when you need it. A natural leader, Jonas was elected to Class Board by his peers, a role that puts you in the position to organize events that benefit the class and the school.

Looking ahead, Jonas would like to play football and track during college and is interested in pursuing a career in the law. Meanwhile, he’ll do everything possible to follow Coach MacLean’s advice, “Find a way to win and help your teammates win.”

Full Circle

Steve Mann ’88, has come full circle from student athlete to parent of DCDS students and now assistant coach of varsity football and varsity track and field. “This is a great situation for me,” Steve said. “Now, I’m coaching with my coaches, Joe D’Angelo and Dan MacLean and I want students to learn from me what I learned from them.”

Remembered as the guy on the receiving end of a last second pass to win Detroit Country Day’s first state championship, Steve knows that participation in sports is a way to learn discipline, teamwork, foster mental toughness and the ability to keep going when things aren’t going your way. But it’s often the kid who isn’t necessarily athletically gifted that gets the most out of a sport. They learn that they can excel, they experience teamwork and find a new sense of self from accomplishing something that had seemed impossible. “One of my greatest thrills as a coach,” Steve said, “is the kid who thought he couldn’t make it through football camp, because when he does (with everyone’s support) this individual’s mentality is changed and a new confidence arises.”
Running, skipping and throwing are fun, but they are also fundamental to the physical and social development of lower school students. While it looks like play, the Pre-K 3 through Grade 2 movement education program is designed to help students develop the coordination, strength and endurance they need for their personal growth.

Movement education lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning that engages the whole child. Talk to any DCDS parent or teacher of a lower school student and they will confirm the dramatic changes that occur during the early years of a child’s life. Non-readers become avid readers, pencil grasping leads to story writing and verbal skills that were minimal become a torrent of words.

Starting early and throughout life, it’s not only how you are, it’s also how are you getting along with others. Learning to move and moving as a way to learn is the beginning of solid social skills that acknowledge the self and recognize a connection to others. The development of complex physical and cognitive abilities begins here with the simple exhilaration of moving through space.
It’s lunch time. It’s also time to listen and learn at the Junior School. After each meal, students spend about five minutes listening to classical music. The same piece is played for a week, but each time the selection is heard, the teaching focus is on something different; an aspect of the composer’s life, the time period in which the piece of music was written, or a description of the musical form that is being used.

For a few minutes each day, music of fine composers, past and present, is included in the routine of junior school students. Though not intended as an antidote to popular culture, the opportunity to sit quietly and listen attentively is an important part of personal development.

Learning to listen is fundamental to learning in general. As students learn to open their ears, they are opening their minds to complex musical ideas and the joy of listening to great music again and again.
No longer a child, not yet an adult, you are (oh, my goodness) an adolescent. It’s that in between time; growing out of where you were and becoming who you will be. Detroit Country Day Middle School is designed to help students make the transition from Junior School to the rigorous college preparatory regime of the Upper School.

Middle School - Transition Time

Yes, there’s homework. But, there’s also recognition that there are different learning styles and levels of cognitive ability. As students strive to keep pace with the changes in themselves, the Middle School acknowledges the presence of insecurity and the need for personal challenges. The boundaries of expectation are well defined, yet exploration and discovery are encouraged.

In addition to the development of academic skills, students can choose from a variety of electives to reflect their interests and continue learning beyond the core curriculum. But what about the fun stuff? Yes, there are school parties, field trips, exposure to guest speakers, great artists, and opportunities for community service at school and elsewhere. Being in the middle is a great place to be.
“Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.”

“If A is success in life, then the equation is A equals x plus y plus z. X is work; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.” – Albert Einstein

“To the class of 2005, success has come in great measure. There is little doubt that you have figured out “x,” and have learned the value of hard work in life. There is no doubt at all that you have figured out “y,” and have learned the value of play in life; in the commons room, in the hallway, in the classroom - anywhere and any time you are not doing “x.”

Now, you haven’t figured out “z” yet. But that’s alright. You have years to learn the value of discretion, and we have been happy to trade a little peace and quiet for the honor of teaching such a spirited and accomplished class.

Excerpt from Headmaster Salutation to the Class of 2005
convocation

award winners

Headmaster’s Cup Award winners Kathleen and Mhoire Murphy stop for a photo with Headmaster Jerry Hansen.
Headmaster’s Cup
Kathleen and Mhoire Murphy ’05
Citation Ryan McCullough ’05
The Headmaster’s Cup has the longest tradition at Country Day, donated by our founding headmaster, F. Alden Shaw, and first presented in 1926. The award recognizes the senior who is a good scholar, an outstanding citizen, an athlete of achievement and who is respected as well as admired by students and faculty.

Anthony C. Buesser Cup
Matthew Finkel ’05
Citation Sanjay Aneja ’05
The Anthony C. Buesser Cup is awarded to the senior student who has distinguished himself or herself in the field of writing and oral expression; who has participated successfully in competitive, interscholastic athletics; and who has demonstrated qualities of courtesy, good sportsmanship and a willingness to help others within the school community.

Women’s Athletic Cup
Megan Young ’05
Citation Tiera DeLaHoussaye ’05
The Women’s Athletic Cup has been presented annually since 1978 to the female athlete in the Upper School whose achievement in terms of leadership, sportsmanship, ability, accomplishments and contributions makes her the outstanding representative of that which Detroit Country Day School seeks to teach through women’s athletics.

Men’s Athletic Cup
Jon Trotter ’05
Citation Matt Riley ’05
The Men’s Athletic Cup, established in 1937, is presented annually to the male athlete in the Upper School whose achievement in terms of leadership, sportsmanship, ability, accomplishments and contributions make him the outstanding representative of what Detroit Country Day School seeks to teach through athletics.

Richard A. Schlegel Leadership Award
Allie Obermeyer ’05
The Richard A. Schlegel Leadership Award recognizes the senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, represents the most outstanding academic, intellectual and moral leadership in the finest tradition of the Detroit Country Day School gentleman or lady scholar as evidenced through his or her achievements and the life he or she lives.

Amy and Alden Shaw Award
Jon Trotter ’05
Citation Megan Beems ’05
Detroit Country Day’s founder F. Alden Shaw and his wife Amy set forth this special award. Recognizing that the excellent qualities of character, talent and ability are not only measured by academic achievement, it was the wish of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw to have this cup presented annually to the senior who by his or her cooperation and contributions best furthers the principles of Country Day.

Fine Arts Cup
Edmund Holmes ’05 and Amanda Palmer ’05
This award recognizes the Upper School art student who has, through exhibition, competition and recognition, demonstrated excellence in and dedication to the art program at Detroit Country Day School. The award was established in 1984 by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Berry, Jr. and their family; it is dedicated to the memory of Harry D. Schwarzer, Chairman of the DCDS Fine Arts Department from 1971 until his death in 1988, and founder of Friends of the Arts.

Clayton Hill Gordon Science Award
Ryan McCullough ’05
This award is presented to the outstanding Upper School science student of the year in honor of the Board of Trustees Chairman Emeritus, Clayton Hill Gordon, M.D. This award was established by Katherine Gilchrist Fletcher in 1977 at the conclusion of Dr. Gordon’s term as chairman.

Steve Tarczy Award
Alison Miles ’05
Citation Christy Hammonds ’05
The Tarczy Award, which is given to the individual who displays dedication and courage in playing athletics by overcoming physical obstacles and who, in doing so, serves as an inspiration to others, asks much of its recipient. In combination with individual fortitude and perseverance, inspiration must be tangibly experienced by others. This outward display demonstrates character few individuals possess.
Walk on the Wild Side

Lions, zebras and leopards, oh my! The May 6th and 7th Safari Auction was wildly successful, raising over $430,000.00 to enrich the learning experience of Detroit Country Day students.

Friday Family Auction Chair Loree Meneguzzi and her intrepid team created an evening of kid-friendly fun, with temporary tattoo artists, live animals, great gift baskets, live auction items and ready made theme parties (when a special occasion needs a jump start)!

Saturday night Safari Guides Jeannie Bourget and Carol Desai, aided by volunteers and contributions from parents, sponsors, advertisers and donors, lead the way to great auction items; including tickets to the All Star Game, trips to Las Vegas, or skiing at Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

It was wild and very worthwhile.
Thank you everyone!
We asked you to speak up and you did. Your voice and your ideas, as expressed in the alumni survey, are being used to shape the future of Country Day. More than 700 of you responded to share your thoughts about your experience as a student and how you feel about the school today.

Ninety-five percent of you said that your Country Day education prepared you well for college, ninety-two percent said you were proud of your association with the school and that the individualized attention you received from the faculty was a source of inspiration. You also told us that improvements needed to be made to the school’s web site. In response to your suggestions we launched an all new and improved web site with new features including an on-line directory, an interactive career resource center that alumni can use as a part of their professional development, the ability to select your own password, the option to post your photos to share with classmates, and much more.

You told us that a mentoring program would have been invaluable when you were a student. Now, we’re introducing the program you wanted only you will be dispensing the wisdom and good counsel to current students. You indicated your desire to have a better understanding of the use of funds raised through alumni annual giving. In this year’s annual report we provided a detailed overview of how your support benefits the school.

We always welcome your thoughts and we value your ideas. Your insights are helping us to shape and develop projects that will improve the experience of today’s students and add continuing value to your lifetime involvement in the DCDS community.

Thank you for all that you do. Keep talking, we’re listening!
1 Alumni Baseball  Joe Cassise ’96
2 Alumni Lacrosse  Sean Leary ’99 (right)
3 Alumni Lacrosse  Mohsen Nasir ’98 (left),  
Steve Litwin ’01 (right)
4 Alumni baseball
5 Alumni Baseball
6 Alumni Lacrosse
7 Alumni Baseball  Kevin Sell ’82
Mother Daughter

U.S. Olympic soccer gold medalist Kate (Sobrero) Markgraf ’94, who is currently playing professional soccer, came the distance for the annual Upper School Mother-Daughter Breakfast this past April. She proved she was a team player when the Upper School Parent’s Association invited her to speak at the breakfast and she flew in from Sweden, where she was training, just for the event.

Markgraf’s former high school soccer coach Robert Bukari gave a short introduction before she took center stage. “Soccer has been an incredible journey,” she said, “I learned a lot about myself.”

Her journey began at the tender age of five when, she recollected, “My dad was my first coach and I played with all the boys in my neighborhood. I remember the orange slices at the half and the brownies at the end of every game. I really miss those days.”

The next big step in her outstanding soccer career came at Country Day where she helped win the state championship title in 1991, stacking up 16 goals and 26 assists for the season. Markgraf completed her education at Country Day in
1994 after which she attended Notre Dame on a full scholarship. During her stay at Notre Dame, she was on a three-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-American team; in 1995 her team won the NCAA women's soccer championship in which she was named defensive MVP of the NCAA's Final Four. In 1997 she earned the title of defensive player of the year during the Big East selection. Markgraf joined her first U.S. women's national team in 1998, winning the World Cup in 1999. She was on the U.S. women's soccer team in both 2000 and 2004, winning silver and gold medals, respectively.

Even though Markgraf has an extremely busy schedule, she is planning on attending law school to follow her second passion: helping children. “Most kids just need a little push. They’re good kids, but just in bad situations.”

At the conclusion of her presentation, the Upper School Parent's Association presented her with a donation to the Juvenile Law Center, her favorite children's rights organization.

Mothers and daughters alike were impressed by her dedication and positive attitude. “Not only could she relate to the athletes but she also related to all girls’ problems with growing up,” said Varsity Soccer Captain Melanee Smith ’05.

Following her presentation, Markgraf gave autographs, took pictures with the current varsity women's soccer team, and allowed them to wear her 2004 Olympic gold medal.

Kate Markgraf does more than prove what you can accomplish by following your dreams - she epitomizes the quality of character and passion for achievement the school strives to inspire in each and every one of its students.
Washington, D.C.
1 Pat Leahy ’87 (left)
Liesl Arends ’85 (middle)
David Nogueras ’96 (right)
2 18th Street Lounge, Washington, DC

Boston
3 (from left) Erin McCullough ’01, Gunjan Malik ’00 and Sameer Kumar ’00
4 (from left) Greeshma Rai ’93, Samhitha Rai ’04, Manisha Shenava ’04, Anna Eliassen ’04, Natalie Razdolsky ’04 and Moneka Bahadur ’04

New York
5 (from left) Nick Packey ’99, friend Brandon Meyer and Brett Kaplan ’99
6 (from left) Esinam Bediako ’01 and Kafui Bediako ’97
7 (from left) Tim Conway ’85, BJ Harmon ’85, Stacie Smith ’04, Tim Wong ’94 and Avik Roy ’90
Whether you live around the corner or around the globe, Country Day’s got you covered with opportunities to just have fun. This year, we sponsored regional receptions in Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and New York City. Relocated classmates joined the action as we dropped in to their new hometowns to catch up.

For information on a regional reception near you, contact Kira Mann, Alumni Relations Director, at (248) 646-7717 or e-mail kmann@dcds.edu.

Los Angeles
8 (from left) Former DCDS Faculty Marianne Kruze and Reena Navuluri ’00
9 (from left) Heather Weyand ’88, Charles Shaw ’42, Lara (Honos) Webb ’88 and James Hurst ’90
10 (from left) Anthony Volpe ’83, former faculty Marianne Kruze, and current faculty Beverly Hannett-Price,

San Francisco
11 (from left) Adam Tootla ’99 and Mark Ambrose ’99
12 (from left) Jeff Strauss ’72 and wife Amy, and Kira Mann ’89
13 (from left) Kathryn Lucas ’90, Anup Sinha ’89, current faculty Beverly Hannett-Price, and Derek Rundell ’89
BEEHIVE 32

Class of 1949: Bud Somers, Tom Wilson, Chuck Gibson, Dr. Ralph Ruchalski, Pete Levitte, Stan Evans, Bruce Kresge, Gordon Lewis

1949

L. Stanford Evans reports that the Class of 1949 held its annual dinner on December 13, 2004. In attendance were Chuck Gibson, Gordon Lewis, Bruce Kresge, Bud Somers, Pete Levitte, Tom Wilson, Ralph Ruchalski and Stan Evans.

Thomas Wilson writes that every year since 1969, the Class of 1949 has held a reunion. Some years it became so popular that guys from 1947 and 1950 attended too. Of the original 15 in the class, 11 are still living. Five of those who attended this year’s event are still full-time and active in their businesses or professions.

1954

On August 17, 2005 William VanderKloot earned his Master of Arts in history from the University of Richmond.

1960

Jonathan Rose writes, “I remember Mr. Shaw’s assembly when Sputnik landed. He was talking about preserving American values, which included freedom of speech. I work in Ann Arbor as a lawyer, most known for representing tenants, though I do general litigation with my work partner of nineteen years. I have a satisfying existence and love to go canoeing. I would correspond with any Country Day person who remembers me, also any Country Day person who has a passion for free speech and likes to share thoughts about it. I do perceive an erosion of free speech. Please write jonathanirose@yahoo.com.”

1961

Alan McBride has been living and working in Shanghai for the past three years. He works for Hu-Friedy a dental instrument manufacturer based in Chicago. He manages the Shanghai operations for Hu-Friedy and is three years into a five-year contract. At the duration of his contract, he will retire with his wife at their home in Boyne City, Michigan.

1964

Robert Hayes works for the State of Michigan as an Economic Analyst.

1965

Nick Martin’s daughter Jamie recently completed her freshman year at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He now lives in Lake Worth Florida where he has started a new property investment company and also continues with his travel consulting business.

Henry Sobell and his wife Julia have been married for 23 years and have four sons and a daughter. Benjamin is in the IT department of Detroit Edison, Jacob is a watchmaker in Minneapolis, Stephen is a sophomore at Northern Michigan University, George is a senior at Croswell Lexington High School and Ann is in fourth grade at Geger Elementary - Croswell. They reside at the family property on Lake Huron in Lexington, Michigan. Henry is employed as a director of process engineering for an automotive supplier, Pullman Industries, Inc. and his wife has owned her own business, Yardscape, a garden maintenance business, for seven years. Henry reports that they are busy with the children, children’s sports and dogs. He writes, “On a sad note, my father, M. Henry Sobell, Jr. ’39 passed away on January 4, 2004.”
1967

Tim Baughman completed his 30th year in the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office in April, 2005, where his daughter, Lori Palmer, is an assistant prosecutor. Tim has two beautiful granddaughters, Aiden and Maren.

1968

Lawrence Bajor received a doctorate in May, 2002, from Michigan State University at the age of 52. His son David is a third-year medical student at Case Western Reserve.

Dwight Edwards writes, “My oldest daughter, Rebecca, has left the law practice of Jones and Walker in New Orleans and has come back to Chicago, where she passed the Bar in February and is now working in the corporate and securities section of Levefeld & Pearlstein, L.L.C. My other daughter, Elizabeth, who is an Electrical Engineer working for IBM in Rochester, Minnesota just received some exciting news. She has been awarded a National Research Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. She also learned that she has been accepted into the PhD program in Electrical Engineering at Stanford University. She will begin her graduate studies in the fall of 2005. As for me, it is the same old same old; just raising funds and helping to see that our many programs in dental research, education, access to care and charitable assistance are funded. We raised over $250,000 in January for the Tsunami Relief effort and have just finished up the awarding of $225,000 for semi-dependent older adult access to oral health care grants. Through the remainder of 2005 we are laying plans for a $500M campaign for dental education. This effort should take me to retirement or kill me in the process!”

1972

Alaine Frene was the very first exchange student at Country Day in 1972. He is opening a real estate agency near his home in Noisy-le-Roi, France, close to Versailles. He writes, “It might interest some alumni who plan to come to Paris for business and would search for a home. The agency will be part of the ERA Group.”

Peter Gordon lives in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where he practices medicine.

1973

Don Gargaro moved to the Aspen, Colorado area with his wife Kim and their two Australian shepherds. He is the Clinical Director at Jaywalker Lodge, an extended care program for men recovering from addiction.

1974

Dan Gilbert’s daughter Lindsey graduated from high school in June, 2005, his sons Daniel and Wyatt are busy keeping dad and mom younger every day!

Michael Lutz’s practice, Preferred Urology Consultants, P.C. was recently featured in Hour Magazine as one of the premier facilities in Michigan.

Chris Thomas confesses, “In 1974, Dan Gilbert ’74 and I drove Mr. Gilbert’s car onto the track at 3:00 a.m. in heavy snow. We did one lap around the track. What fun!”

1975

Jim Boyle has founded a non-profit organization dedicated to helping future and current parents of college students. His group, College Parents of America, lobbies for federal and state support of higher education, provides timely information for parents as their students journey to and through college, and creates access to discounts of families’ college-related expenses. Jim and his wife Kellie’s own future college students, Griffin and Tucker, are in seventh and fourth grade, respectively.

Each year, for the past 31 years, during the first weekend in May, Jim Ives heads to the woods with classmates Barry Pool, Bob Wilson, Tony Buesser, Al Hascal, Lev Wood and sometime Andy Buesser and Marty Gargaro, to enjoy all that Pigeon River has to offer. This year featured dueling paintball (above) between Al Hascal and Tony Buesser.
Linda Angell Hanson writes, "I find myself in a school much like Country Day, teaching Algebra and directing our interim program. Interim is a week of experiential learning in mid March and the students travel, perform community service and explore careers. My husband and four daughters are doing well. We find ourselves on both sides of Sports Illustrated’s bitterest rivalry - Kathleen is a senior at Auburn and Jennifer is a senior at Alabama. Kristin is a sophomore in high school and Emily is in eighth grade. Life in the Heart of Dixie suits us just fine! We don’t miss the DC traffic or congestion at all. John’s job at NASA is focused on the shuttle replacement program. With my grandparents, my mom and dad all gone, I don’t get back to Detroit much, but I miss it!"

Stephen Modell is pleased to report that the Michigan Center for Genomics and Public Health, where he is responsible for dissemination activities, recently received a 4-year renewal grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As part of the last funding phase, he and co-instructor Toby Citrin, converted a public-health genetics course they teach at the University of Michigan Public Health, into an online version. Steve’s daughter Marrisa is finishing first grade at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Ann Arbor and enjoying the sports he wished he had time for.

John Summerville visited DCDS this summer with his children Steven (13) and Lesley (11). They were all impressed! John has been living in Richmond, VA since 1987, working as a pathologist specializing in hematopathology. He enjoys biking, running, weird cars and old houses. He recently attended a pathology seminar and to his surprise, Yale professor John Inward ’70 was the speaker!

Julie King Welsh was recently featured in Hour Magazine, celebrating her wedding to Jeff Welsh. Julie met Jeff while she was a senior at Country Day and he was a freshman at Michigan State.

Michael Keech has been living in London for 11 years and is currently working for the Luxury Division of Diageo in marketing. He writes that he is still with his girlfriend of five years, and is generally enjoying life. "It would be great to re-connect with old classmates so drop me a line!"

Johnnie Woodson lives in Las Vegas, Nevada with his wife Linda and their three wonderful children, Johnnie III, Mark and Monique. For the past 12 years he has been the Director of Woodson Dermatology Group, Principle Investigator of Woodson Clinical Studies Group and Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. In addition to his practice, Johnnie keeps busy coaching his son’s basketball team at the Boys and Girls Club.

Courtney Vance and his wife Angela Bassett are starring in the play "His Girl Friday" which opened July 15, 2005 at Minneapolis’ Guthrie Theater.

Bill Wilson’s company, ClientSoft merged with Neon Systems. He joined the Neon Systems Board of Directors, running the successor company ClientSoft. Bill and his family welcomed another baby in January, 2005. "Life is great!"

John Levin writes, “I just wanted to let all my classmates who showed up for the 25-year reunion know it was great to see them. Thanks to the Country Day Alumni Office for making this reunion a wonderful time. I cannot wait for the 30th!”

Josh Davis has been teaching Latin at University High School in Irvine, California, for almost twenty years. This year, he was recognized as Irvine Unified School District Teacher of the Year.

Ada Kusnetz’s three children, Al, Claire and Ellie are growing up fast. Jane (Elgee) Dama ’80 was in town and stopped in to visit with Ada and her family. “It was great to see her.”
Thomas Largo was married to Peggy Heatley (Seaholm Class of 1970) in September, 2005, on Mackinac Island. The couple plan to buy a house in the Williamston/Okemos area.

Michael Olgren gave up his position as an alternate delegate for the AMA in order to have more time to spend with his family. His daughter Kate is now 11 and his son Matt is 9. Michael is still practicing medicine in Grand Rapids, MI.

Michelle Bomze Ortiz lives in Seal Beach, CA with her husband and their son. She works in Newport Beach as a project manager for a large real estate firm, the Irvine Company. "I love working by the beach.

LaVerne Evans Srinivasan writes, "I am married with three children; Samantha, Jack and Eliza. I live in New York City. I have left BMG as general council and am now the Deputy Chancellor of Operations for the New York Department of Education."

Michelle Ragland West and her husband Charles were recently selected as participants in the six month Rocky Fitness Challenge held in Colorado.

**1981**

Since January 2005, Outi Heiskanen Holopainen has been serving as a Counselor at the Embassy of Finland in Stockholm, Sweden. She writes, "My life as a diplomat is enriched by my husband, Peekka, and our five children Maria (15), Laura (14), Markus (11), Patrick (8) and Saara (5).

Ella Nino recently published a book with a colleague from the University of Michigan Department of Radiology, Barry Gross. The book is called *The Core Curriculum* and it is one in a series of textbooks that serve as guides for radiology residents’ rotations and study tools for written boards or recertification exams.

Dan Stulberg recently moved to Denver, Colorado where he directs the University of Colorado’s Family Medicine Residency at Rose Medical Center.

**1982**

Tab Ahmad is a system administrator at Lear Corporation. He recently moved back to Royal Oak. He writes, "Still single and having fun!"

On July 23, 2005, Stacie Schiff Bahle received a second rabbinic ordination from the Alliance for Jewish Renewal. She writes, "The study process has been rigorous but I am indebted to Country Day for giving me the tools to apply in this program!"

Brad Goodman is an interventional physiatrist in a group orthopedic practice. He writes, "I married a girl from Birmingham - not Michigan, but Alabama. We have two children, Ben (9) and Anna Lisa (6). I still try to play a lot of tennis along with other sports.

Elmos Woods writes, "My wife and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second daughter, Paulina Gerard Woods, on March 8, 2005."

**1983**

William Cardasis was elected as President of the Midwestern Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law for the coming year and also was elected President-Elect of the Michigan Psychiatric Society, district branch of the American Psychiatric Association. He is also the Admissions Unit Director of the Michigan Center for Psychiatry and maintains an active practice in forensic psychiatry, focusing on violence risk assessment and consultation to business and industry on the subject of workplace violence.

**1984**

Robert Centeno writes, "After graduating from the University of Michigan Medical School, I moved to Seattle. I met my best friend and future wife, Susan, completed my residency in anesthesiaology, finally married my wonderful wife, and practiced in Las Vegas for five years. In 1999, we moved to Boise, where we are raising our three boys and baby girl (Jackson, Luca, Sammy and Estella). If anyone faintly remembers me I would love to hear from you!"

Rick Sutkiewicz recently acquired Thermal-Netics, Inc., headquartered in Berkley, Michigan. Thermal-Netics was founded in 1972 and is a manufacturer’s representative of products and services for heating/cooling ventilation systems and associated services for commercial and industrial clients in the state of Michigan. Rick resides in Clarkston, Michigan at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club with his wife Michelle and two children Ben and Carly."
Petter Kolm and his wife live in New York City. After receiving his PhD in mathematics from Yale University in 2000, he worked for Goldman Sachs on Wall Street for several years before deciding to start his own business. He is currently co-authoring a book on equity portfolio management. He also spends time doing research in finance at the School of Management at Yale University.

Ranjan Maitra writes, “My wife Terra and I welcomed our daughter Layne Alexandra to our lives on February 13, 2004. We enjoy watching her grow here in Charlotte, North Carolina. I have been in practice here for the past four years since the completion of my training, practicing sports medicine and general orthopedics with Charlotte Orthopedic Specialists.”

John Smith is a sportscaster with Miami station WPLG (ABC Affiliate, Channel 10). He started in Miami in May, 2004 after two years with Raleigh, North Carolina station News 14 Carolina. For 2 and 1/2 years before that, he worked for CBS in New York City as an associate producer. John and his wife Belinda welcomed a baby girl this summer.

Sean Williams is living in Chicago and works as a commercial and fine art photographer. He owns Ethos Studios. “I’m still grateful to John Gilbert for taking me under his wing - back when he could still smoke his pipe in his office!”

Liz Lerner Hetzer celebrated her two-year anniversary on October 5, 2004. She and her husband Ben welcomed their first child in early April. She is an 11-year veteran of Nike Inc., where she currently is working as the northeast tennis specialty sales rep. She continues to stay active by playing league tennis and competing in regional tennis tournaments. She also enjoys road cycling and has lived happily in Philadelphia for the past six years. Liz writes, “Hello to all fellow 1990 grads!”

Christa Alessandri-Howley’s third child, Kacey, was born in October, 2003. “To get back in shape, I accepted a dare from my sister. In July, 2004, we both competed and finished a sprint triathlon in Naperville, Illinois. I’m looking forward to doing it again next year. My other children, Conner and Eric, love watching me practice for my race.”

Sam Mims and his wife Michelle recently celebrated their 13-year wedding anniversary. On May 21, 2004, they welcomed their 5th child into the world. Justice Akhir weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces. Their oldest son Jihad is a freshman at Country Day. Their other three sons, Jibril, Jabbar and Jalil attend Bates Academy. They also aspire to become Country Day students. Sam lives in Detroit’s North Rosedale park community and has been employed at Daimler-Chrysler’s Jefferson North assembly plant for ten years.
1987

Dennis Archer’s wife Robbie gave birth to their first child, Dennis Wayne Archer III on April 2, 2005. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Dennis was recently featured in Crains Top 40 under 40 List.

Jill Johnston Burress writes, “We celebrated our 11th wedding anniversary and our daughter just started kindergarten. I am continuing to work as an occupational therapist in brain injury and spinal cord recovery for DMC in Novi. I still love it after 13 years! Robyn (Place) Albreacht ’87 and I still play soccer competitively in a women’s over thirty league in Canton. I’m not too old to play...yet!”

Mike Hanafee writes, “I have been blessed with a wonderful wife, Susan, and four energetic children - Kevin (nine), Carolyn (five), Ian (three) and Claire (one). Today, I am privileged to serve in the ministry at Community Baptist Church in South Bend, Indiana and can be reached at mikehanafee@aol.com.”

After law school, Paul Hervey ended up quite by accident in his hometown of Canton, Ohio, where he and his wife Jane chase after their three pre-schoolers.

Pat Leahy and his wife Mimi welcomed a new baby girl, Jamison Mikhaila Leahy on July 17, 2005. Jamison weighed 8 pounds, 7.6 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Kevin MacKenzie recently became a shareholder with Gifford, Krass, Groh, Sprinkle, Anderson & Citkowski, PC. Kevin is a new member of the DCDS Alumni Council.

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Scott Matasar was selected as one of nine young leaders of the American Jewish Committee who traveled to Israel, Egypt and Morocco to consult with senior government officials, newspaper editors and business executives.

Lara Honos Webb’s book “The Gift of ADHD: Transforming your child’s problems into strengths” was recently featured in the Wall Street Journal. She has contracted to write her second book “The Gift of Depression” which is due out in December, 2006. In addition to her writing, Lara welcomed a new baby girl, Audrey Sophia Webb, on February 18th. She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces.

Dolly Kerin Weisserman, along with her husband Gary and son Drew, welcomed baby Simon on June 5, 2005. “Drew couldn’t be more thrilled with his new baby brother.”

Above: Lara Honos Webb’s ’87 children Audrey Sophia and Kenny.

Above: Amy Carson Schussel’s ’89 children, Lindsay and Jacob.
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James Green is happily enjoying the fruits of a mid-life crisis in Santa Monica, California where he lives with his son Joseph. "While I have purchased a convertible, I have so far restrained all impulses to dye my rapidly graying hair or get laser surgery. I am still working as a civil litigator in Century City. In November, 2004, I stopped by Country Day to say 'hi' to Coach Corwin. I also found Mrs. Hannett in almost the exact same place (geographically and in terms of lesson plan) as when I left in 1988. My best to everyone." His son Joseph is now 6 years old and in first grade.

Mark Wisnieski’s daughter Veronica, above, is now 6 months old.

1989

Keith Alberti writes, "Business is going well at RKA Petroleum. Jackie and I are selling our current home and building a new one in Birmingham. It should be completed by spring of '06. Greta and Emma are turning three this year and just starting to get into trouble." Keith was recently featured in Crain’s Top 40 Under 40.

Lori Kaftan-Barron’s husband Marc started his new job as Judge of the 48th District Court in Bloomfield Township, Michigan on January 3, 2005. Lori sends special thanks to all of the Country Dayers who voted and helped in the campaign last November, Marlo Boesky Scott ’89, Andrew Cook ’89, Keith Alberti ’89 and too many others to list. The new Judge Barron has participated in Country Day Career Day while serving as an Oakland County Prosecutor and also hosted a student for his senior project.

Ken Burk and his wife Laura welcomed Shannon Ruana on June 25, 2005. She weighed 8 lbs, 1.4 oz. and was 20 inches long. "We are having an absolutely wonderful time being parents!"

Nestor Deocampo is an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University.

Nancy’s Peisner Goldstone son Sam turned two in May, 2005. She is teaching part-time and still living outside of Boston.

After 15 years in Boston, Steve Kalkanis and his wife returned home to Michigan this past year. He writes, "I have joined the department of neurosurgery at Henry Ford and Beaumont Hospitals, where I specialize in brain tumor surgery and stem cell research. Laurel and I were thrilled to welcome our first child, Nicholas, into the world this past September, and we are currently in the process of building a home in Bloomfield Hills. We look forward to getting back in touch with our friends here!"

1990

Kyle Kerbawy and his wife Michelle welcomed a baby boy, Carter Nicholas Paul Kerbaway, on February 22, 2005. Carter weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Rob Mihalich will be completing his residency in orthopedic surgery and will be doing a fellowship in Dallas next year. His son Will is almost 3.

Anup Sinha is living in southern California and working as a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Jennifer Passer Stauber recently moved to London.

Jessica Daniels recently starred as the female lead in the film "Coldwater." Catch her movie trailer at: www.sitextensive.com/coldwater.

Shannon Curtis Ferguson writes, "Our beautiful baby Zeke was born right on his due date, April 21, 2005! What a good boy! The whole family is doing very well and is in love with their newest member.

Shaba Haq and her husband, Michael Cote, are busy working for Accenture in Reston, Virginia. She writes, "We had a beautiful little girl named Leila on December 18, 2002. Leila weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and is the happiest baby we know. We visit Michigan often and are looking forward to catching up with everyone at our 15-year reunion!"
Bela Mehta recently moved to Chicago after spending four years in Boston. She writes, "We are enjoying our little Maya, now 2 years old and also Country Day friends in the area. Vishali Aggarwal ’90 and Aarti Malik ’90. Hello to all of our classmates."

Shahid Murtuza and his wife Noma are the proud parents of Hanaan Sa’eeda. She was born in December, 2004, and likes to keep her parents busy. "Parenthood is so the bomb. I’m still in chemical research and development at GE Silicone near Albany, New York. It is indeed, a glorious life."

Chris Nagle writes, "2004 was a good year for me. In September, I married an angel named Stacy Chenoweth. For our honeymoon we decided to take a walk on the wild side and traveled to Tanzania, East Africa. What an adventure of a lifetime! If you’re interested in going to east Africa and want some planning tips, feel free to email me at falcon32V@aol.com. Recently, Stacy and I moved from Maryland to Boston for my residency training. We are living in a sleepy little town on the ocean called Cohasset. Cohasset’s claim to fame is being the setting for the movie ’Witches of Eastwick.’"

In June, 2005, Sam Stallos Pauwels and her husband moved from California to Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her husband accepted a position with John Deere. On August 2, 2005, they welcomed their first baby, George Anthony Pauwels. "He is an absolute joy! We are enjoying our new surroundings and loving parenthood."

Scott Sellers and his wife welcomed a new baby in 2005. He has been busy with his new business, Encore Consumer Capital, a private equity firm focused on the consumer product industry. To learn more about Scott’s new business, visit www.encoreconsumercapital.com.

The Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut has announced the appointment of Wendy C. Goldberg as Artistic Director of the National Playwrights Conference. As Artistic Director of the Playwrights Conference, Wendy Goldberg will provide artistic oversight and vision for the development of new works for the stage, collaborating with emerging and established playwrights, actors, directors, dramaturges and designers. In the four decades since its founding in 1964, the O’Neill has seen legions of its alumni and projects go on to acclaim on Broadway, Off-Broadway, regional theater as well as film and television. The Playwrights Conference has also helped launch the careers of actors such as Michael Douglas, Danny DeVito, Meryl Streep, and Al Pacino.

Tara Jung Grabel lives in New York City with her husband Drew. "We have a daughter named Carys who is 17 months old and were expecting baby #2 in April. I keep in touch with Namratha Ravikant ’91 and Preeti Garg Schaden ’91. I was thrilled to be seated next to Aaron Hamburger ’91 at a restaurant in our neighborhood right after his first book was published!

Aaron Hamburger writes, "My second book, Faith for Beginners, comes out in October, 2005, from Random House. Also, the American Academy of Arts & Letters awarded me their Rome Prize. I’ll be living on a fellowship in Rome for a year beginning in September."

Lisa Slovis Mandel was featured on HGTV’s "Crafters Coast to Coast."

Neomi Rao recently returned to Washington, DC from London. She accepted a position in the White House Counsel’s office.

Jeff Schlitt and his wife Jennie live in Libertyville, Illinois. They recently welcomed their first child, Ryan Edward Schlitt on December 9, 2004.

Nine Sumetanon started a new job as a spine specialist at Kaiser Hospital in California. He recently attended the wedding of Sidney Regalado ’91 in Chicago.

Daniel Walsh accepted a new sales position with the L & L Wine World. He and his wife Ann have a son Sean.

1992

Aaron Alper is an emergency medicine resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington, Michigan.

Paul Brodhead and his wife Erin are enjoying life in California. Paul recently transferred from Claremont Graduate University to California State University Pomona. He is working on his MBA with a concentration in entrepreneurship. He recently started a new job at Morgan Stanley. “This has been a really great year for us. On June 21, 2005, Erin and I celebrated our second wedding anniversary. I am so grateful to have a best friend like Erin.”

Eric Cedo was recently named Executive Director of CreateDetroit, a local nonprofit aimed at attracting and retaining talented people in the City of Detroit and growing our local creative and entrepreneurial community. He and his wife Laura welcomed their third child, Isabelle, in August.

Julie and Bradley Dock welcomed their third son, Tzi Elimelech, to the world on April 9, 2005. Big brothers Gedalia and Elie Meir are really excited about this new “toy” that moves and makes noise!

Melissa Kaselitz and her sister Alana just started a new business, Echo Lane, Inc. They have offices in San Francisco and Michigan. The company does customer relationship management software consulting.

Varisa Boriboon Perlman lives in Northville, Michigan with her husband Larry. “We are enjoying watching our daughter, Isabel, grow and experience the world. I am practicing pediatrics in Dearborn, Michigan with my mother, Dr. Krigkhan Boriboon. I hope everyone is well.”

Sean Rhyee and his wife Diane welcomed their first child, Sylvia Hae Rhyee, on August 14, 2005. He is in his last year of residency in emergency medicine. Beginning in July, 2006, he will enter a medical toxicology fellowship at the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center in Denver, Co.

Maria Sarnacki fulfilled her high school superlative (voted second most likely to become a teacher) by returning to Country Day for two years to teach high school English. She experienced the other side of the classroom and enjoyed being colleagues with many of her former teachers, including Mr. Bowbeer, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Fremeuth, Mrs. Hannett and Mr. Shilling. After getting married in the summer of 2001, she and her husband moved to Leysin, Switzerland where they currently teach students from around the world. Their biggest adventure has been adjusting to life with their new born son, Kai Jacek Huang-Sarnacki, who was born on December 23, 2004.

Jennifer Kirschenbaum Shane is an Account Manager for StarTrax Corporate Events where she manages such accounts as Gatorade Super Bowl, Quicken Loans / Rock Financial, Daimler Chrysler Services, Kelly Services and Kelloggs. She lives with her husband in Birmingham and loves being back in Michigan.

Flint Wainess recently pitched a show to Oxygen. To his surprise, the executive for Oxygen was Alice Dickens ’90.

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Since graduating from Country Day, Rajeshri Gandhi graduated from the University of Michigan and for a short time, came back to teach math and coach at Country Day. She then went on to attend Harvard University. Rajeshiri started a Chicago Public Charter School for immigrants and refugees and was the principal, before moving to her current position at the Westerly School in California.

Jeff Gell and his wife Lindsey welcomed a son, Jesse Isaac Gell on May 4, 2004. They live in Chicago where Jeff works for the Boston Consulting Group as a senior manager specializing in consumer packaged goods and corporate finance.

Tim Gramer was married on June 11, 2005. His wife’s name is Jennifer and she hails from Austin, Texas. His brothers, Mike ’87 and Louie ’97 were the best men. Seth Shilling ’92, Matt Bergemann ’92 and Matt Marsden ’92
stood up as groomsmen. The couple has purchased a home in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Tim is currently employed as a Technical Consultant with Comerica Bank and Jennifer works for Henry Ford Hospital.

Valerie Harris is in residency at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Steve Lepkowski and his wife Lisa Olstyn ’96 recently welcomed their first child, Dylan Jackson. He weighed in at 8-pounds-11-ounces and measured 21 inches. They are expecting their second child in April.

Michael Macavage and his wife Missy welcomed their second daughter, Stella Grace, on January 7, 2005. Her big sister Olivia is two years old.

Amy Underdown just bought a new house in Birmingham, Michigan. She lives a couple blocks away from her brother David, who also recently purchased a new home.

Mark Peters is currently on active duty in Iraq. He will be running ops in 13 different countries, but mainly in Iraq and Baghdad. If anyone would like information on sending Mark a package or card, please contact the Alumni Office. Mark’s wife Beatrice asks that we keep Mark and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Dennis Shallal graduated from the University of Michigan, Dearborn with a BS in chemistry in 1998. After graduation, he went into business purchasing commercial real estate around the US. Shortly thereafter, he also started an insurance agency where he moves property insurance from one company to another. He was married in October, 2000, to Eva Kenaya and is blessed with 2 amazing children, Grace Mary and Lucas Anthony.

Scott Wallace with son Jackson and daughter Anne Elizabeth.

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Ajmal Ahmad is wrapping up the filming of his new romantic comedy.

Razan Asbahi cuddles with her son Yusif.

Razan Asbahi graduated in May, 2005, from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She lives with her husband, Safwan Halabi, and their son Yusuf in Northville, Michigan.

Jessica Porada Becker, her husband Jaramia and their son Beau are planning to welcome the newest edition to the Becker family on December 23, 2005. On Memorial Day weekend, they opened their second Quizno’s Subs in Holland, Michigan. Jessica and her sister Samantha are pictured on the label on the brussel sprout holiday soda by Jones Soda Co.’s. They submitted a photo from the 2003 Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. Less than 1% of the photos submitted actually are selected to appear on a label.

Alana Kaselitz and her sister Melissa just started a new business, Echo Lane, Inc. They have offices in San Francisco and Michigan. The company does customer relationship management software consulting.

Elizabeth Khalil was recently sworn in to the Massachusetts Bar.

Belle Kerry Kleinberg left her job as a producer at Channel 7 (WXYZ-TV) to take a position at HAVEN, Oakland County’s only domestic violence shelter. In her job, Belle is in charge of volunteers, interns and donations.

Tom Lall is in his fourth year of medical school and is gearing up for an OB/GYN residency so that he may eventually take over his father’s practice. He spent five weeks in Hawaii this past spring studying geriatric medicine at the University of Hawaii. He ran in a triathlon and learned how to surf while he was there.

Prashant Mishra is working on her MD/PhD at the University of Texas Southwestern at Dallas.

Kurt Morrison graduated from medical school in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Since then he moved back to Michigan and purchased a house in Royal Oak. He is a second year resident in orthopedic surgery. He and his wife Jennifer were married in April, 2004, on Miami’s South Beach. The couple have a new puppy, Baxter.
**Roopal Pujara** is living in Chicago and working as a clinical psychologist. She enjoys running into the many Country Day alumni in the Chicago area and hopes all of her classmates are doing well.

**Nawed Rahman** works at Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor. He was married in 2003, and the couple lives in Troy. Nawed completed his MBA at Wayne State in April, 2005.

**Maura Duggan Sanders** and her husband Todd welcomed their second child, Kaitlyn Rose Duggan Sanders on April 18, 2005.

**Steven Shapiro** works at Sony Pictures Imageworks in the Production Services department. Among other films, he worked on the Visual Effects crew for Spider-Man 2, which just recently won an Oscar for best visual effects. He was promoted to be the Lead in the Production Services Department on Spider-Man 3, on March 28, 2005. "I’m very excited to work on this Academy Award winning franchise."

Katie Wech lives in Santa Monica, California where she works as a writer’s assistant for Fox.

**Leena Budev** was employed at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center during 2000-2001 as a pathologists’ assistant. Since April 2001 she has worked at Harper University Hospital in Detroit as a pathologists’ assistant. She is also co-clinical coordinator of the PA program at Wayne State University. She teaches second year pathology students.

**Alan Oliphant** and his wife recently moved to Ann Arbor with their son Reid. He writes, “I have been teaching middle school band in Novi for the past five years and in Berkley before that."

Kristen Curtis Swan and her husband Nick welcomed baby Trevor on August 31, 2005. They now live in Michigan.

**Sara Shilling Garn** and Alex Garn welcomed a son, Talon Merrit Garn, on April 23, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Talon was 7 pounds 5 ounces, 19-1/2 inches.

**Ruchi Mishra** graduated from the University of Michigan in 2004. She started her residency in general surgery at the University of California Davis in Sacramento.

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**Kerry Duggan** is attending the University of Michigan to obtain her masters in Resource Policy & Behavior at the School of Natural Resources & Environment. Her focus will be Environmental Justice.

**Alex Gam** and **Sara Shilling Gam** welcomed a son, Talon Merrit Garn, on April 23, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Talon was 7 pounds 5 ounces, 19-1/2 inches.

**David Nogueras** is currently living in Washington, DC where he works for NPR as an Editorial Assistant. He enjoys riding his bicycle, brewing good coffee, composing bad music and referring to himself in the third person. Although he feels that he might be an odd match for Washington, he continues to root himself there like ivy on brick. David will be appearing in an upcoming episode of National Geographic’s “Is it Real?” where he portrays psychic, Phil Jordan in a dramatic recreation. "I’m not a real psychic, but I do play one on TV!"

**Ebbie Parsons** is currently working in the medical device industry for Medtronic as a Polymer Scientist. "I’m almost done with my MBA at the University of Minnesota. I will never forget about the TSG’s and the ’95 state championship!"
McUrant Pye is a chef and was recently promoted to dining services coordinator. He is the youngest DSC of more than 300 locations nationally and abroad. McUrant also produces music for various regional artists.

David Underdown recently purchased a new home in Birmingham. He lives just a few blocks away from his sister Amy ’92 who also recently purchased a new home.

Sage Wagner attends Northwestern University where she is pursuing her Masters in integrated marketing communications. She is engaged to Martin Wodarz and is planning a 2006 wedding.

1997

After nine years in North American and upon completing a double major in psychology and human relations in Montreal, Emilie Brion returned to Paris, France where she is working as a student counselor at Parsons Paris School of Art and Design.

Dominique DuMouchel is still living in Philadelphia after graduating from Villanova. She runs the Management Training Program for Wilmington Finance, a subsidiary of AIG. She became engaged in April at Disney World. She and her fiance Tom are planning a wedding for next summer.

Autumn Collier-Fleming writes, "I am still working as an airline pilot and will be upgrading to captain this fall!"

Thomas Fitzpatrick was married on August 21, 2005, in Chicago. He is an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia with several Country Day graduates.

Cydney Goldberg is currently working at CNBC and lives in New York City.

Mark Melnykowycz writes, "Strange twists of fate find me working on a mechanical engineering PhD at ETH, the technical university in Zurich, Switzerland. My free time is eaten up with photography, writing, reading, hiking and learning German to communicate with my girlfriend. This year I’m looking to climb more mountains in the Alps.”

Ray Wert and Lena Epstein ’99 were engaged in November, 2004. A December, 2005, wedding is planned.

1998

In 2004, Kashif Ali began medical school at Case Western Reserve University.

After graduating from the University of Michigan in 2001, Morgan Fine headed for New York City. She writes, "Having spent 11 years at Country Day prepared me well for my 60-80 hour work week as a TV producer for a nationally syndicated talk show. Going from production assistant to associate producer to producer in a little over 2 years left little time for much else. Although I loved my career, I realized there was indeed more to life than literally working 24/7! Tendering my resignation, I left the ‘city that never sleeps’ and headed to graduate school, at the University of Pennsylvania where I am currently in a two year MSW program. Philadelphia, the ‘cradle of liberty’ is a charming city with lots of cobble stone streets, culture and a great running track along the Skukull Expressway, past the Museum of Art (of ‘Rocky’ fame) and the University of Pennsylvania boat house. Please extend my best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous year to the entire Country Day family.”

In August, 2005, Ryan Hudson left his job as an analyst at Forrester Research to begin working on an MBA at MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, MA. His wife Lauren finished her third year of a PhD in Chemistry at MIT. Ryan was recently reatured in Business Week On-line for his digital camera rental start-up YouShoot.

Swati Lingnurkar was married in July, 2005, after dating for six years. She writes, "Matthew and I are moving to Colorado Springs, where we recently purchased our first new home! I will be attending the University of Colorado in September to work on my Masters of Health Care Administration."

Jibreel Lockhart writes, "I graduated from Harvard Business School in June and moved to New York City to start working as a Marketing Manager at American Express. I just got back from Puerto Rico with my girlfriend and toured Europe to visit classmates this summer. Amit Doshi ’97 joined me last year at Harvard for the JD/MBA program as well.

In March, Colleen Mathieu is leaving the US to teach English in Japan. She writes, "Right now I have no clue where I’ll be placed. Hopefully I’ll be in Fukuoka. I studied at Kyushu University there 2002-2003. I’m still excited and looking forward to the new adventures I’ll no doubt experience.”

After receiving her BFA in musical theory, Katrina Melonakos decided to move to Ann Arbor to earn her BS in nursing from the University of Michigan. She is working at the University of Michigan in the neonatal ICU and is engaged to be married next spring.

Diana Mottram writes, "Since leaving university I’ve been on a graduate scheme with a leading retail company in London. I am currently changing direc- tion somewhat and pursuing my first love - music. I am recording my first album, and hopefully will get a chance to ‘live the dream.’ Hope everyone’s doing well!”
After two grueling years of investment banking in Credit Suisse First Boston’s Chicago office, Joe Talia ’98 is moving to a small private investment firm in Boston called HarbourVest Partners. Raj Senapati ’99 will also be joining HarbourVest at the same time.

Wendy Walker graduated from Wayne State University in May, 2005. She took the bar exam in July and lived in South Korea for the summer. She started work at Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, LLP, in Detroit upon her return to the U.S.

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Michael Cartwright graduated from the University of Michigan with a masters in computer engineering. He is currently living in Seattle and working for Microsoft.

Lena Epstein and Ray Wert ’97 were engaged in November, 2004. A December, 2005, wedding is planned.

Matthew Lambert graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan on May 13, 2005, with majors in architecture and computer science. He received the undergraduate award from the school of architecture for the graduating student who best exemplifies the values of the school in practice and professionalism. The following day, he proposed to his girlfriend Michele Viscaya in Miami. She said yes!

Rebecca Lewis writes, “Having moved from legal publishing into criminal legal practice, I am still loving my job. Life is great at the moment, and I am in the process of purchasing an apartment. I am glad to hear so many people are doing well and wish you all the best! I would love to see anyone who makes it over to London!”

Zach Myers graduated from Stanford in 2003 and finished his Masters’ in political management at George Washington University in 2005. He has worked on Capitol Hill and on political campaigns. He is in his first year at Georgetown Law School and lives in Arlington, VA with Andy Deschere ’99.

After two grueling years of investment banking in JP Morgan’s Chicago office, Raj Senapati is moving to a small private investment firm in Boston called HarbourVest Partners. Joe Talia ’98 will also be joining HarbourVest at the same time. “Of the five new associate hires, we are the only ones NOT from the east coast and it turns out we both went to Country Day!”

Jacob Shapira writes, “after two years of living in semi-dolce vita as a member of New York City’s rent-poor "elite," I have decided to change course. No more late nights of ping-pong, advertising and beer for me. This summer, my tenure as an Account Executive at an ad agency will officially come to an end. Instead, I have committed myself to three years of massive debt accumulation and little sleep. That’s right, I’m going to law school!”

Anuja Tolia received her Associates degree in fashion design in December, 2004 from the Parsons School of Design in New York. She is working as an Assistant Designer for a men’s design house.

Chris Wicklund attends Wake Forest University’s Babcock School of Business.

2000

Elaine Barfield graduated from Princeton University with an BA in psychology in June, 2004. She is currently pursuing her medical education at New York University School of Medicine in New York City.

Brandon Cartwright attended Princeton University and graduated in June, 2004, with his BA in History and a certificate in African American Studies. For the past year, he has worked as a research assistant for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, a non-profit organization that runs fellowship programs in higher education. He has been involved with program evaluation research critical to the sustained success of several fellowship programs that the foundation manages. He was in New Orleans at the time of Hurricane Katrina in law school at Tulane University. He made it out safe and sound.

Ari Friedman is a management consultant with Bain & Company.

After graduation from University of Michigan’s Business School with honors in May, 2005, Lauryn Hale moved to the Manhattan area to work for American Express.

Ellen Hector recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a sports medicine/athletic training major. In addition, she passed her national certification exam last November to become a Certified Athletic Trainer. She attends the Mayo College of Health Sciences for graduate school in physical therapy.

After graduating from Cornell in May, 2004 with a BA in economics and government, Lindsay Jacobson is living and working in Manhattan as a Financial Analyst for Smith Barney. “Seeing as my parents have now moved from Michigan back to New England, I am now a permanent northeasterner!”

Mahima Mahadevan is in Kyrgyzstan as a Peace Corps volunteer until 2006, teaching English.

Lindsay Murphy graduated from the University of Michigan in August, 2004, with a BS in biological psychology. She is a life member of Alpha Phi Omega and volunteers with the Red Cross. She started the MS in business information technology program at Walsh College in January, 2005. Lindsay plans to work through her Master’s and still has not given up on medical school. "If I could keep Mrs. Y’s computer running, becoming a doctor should be easy!"

Rabah Qadir writes, "I was living in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina attending medical school at Tulane University and living with Ajay Tejwani ’00 who also attends medical school there. We lost our house and all of our personal belongings but we are alive, healthy and safe. We’ve both transferred temporarily to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX until Tulane and New Orleans opens back up."

Crystal Talia currently is pursuing a Masters degree in language arts with a minor in elementary education at Wayne State University. "I am very excited to start teaching and am looking forward to working with the little ones!"

Robert Vermeulen graduated from MSU in May, 2005. He moved to Torrence, California to work for Toyota in the corporate division. He accredits his success to attending Country Day for his entire life. "Thanks Country Day!"

Marion Westby writes, "after being in Nashville for four years, I am definitely not used to the hard Michigan winters anymore! When I was at Vandy, I was very active in my sorority (Alpha Delta Pi) and spent a lot of time volunteering, playing tennis, dancing, and in technical societies. I’m back in the Detroit area working for Ford Motor Company as a design engineer until I decide to get out and go to business school."

Robert Vermeulen graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a communications degree and minors in film, English, and Naval Science. He was commissioned into the US Navy on January 13 and headed off to flight school at the end of May.

On May 17, 2005, Jessica Buchanan graduated from Columbia University with a bachelor’s degree in political science and human rights. During her senior year, she served as President of the Black Students Organization, through which she worked closely with Columbia President (former University of Michigan President) Lee Bollinger on developing an Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs as well as policies to address campus climate issues. She was a member of the Senior Society of Nacoms, was awarded the Silver Leadership Award at Columbia’s Kings Crown Awards, and dedicated the first campus space to an alumni of color, Dr. M. Moran Weston. "I have fallen in love with New York! I have accepted an offer at a First Amendment law firm, Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady, LLP, at which I hope to gain valuable experience prior to returning to law school. However, my true ambition lies in returning to Michigan to run for political office. I will be recruiting my ’01 classmates to vote for me!"
Amber Buycks graduated from the University of Michigan in May, 2005 with a BA in history and political science. She now works in Washington, DC with the United States Department of Justice in the antitrust division.

Jennifer Ferris graduated with honors from Carnegie Mellon and works for Ford Motor Company in an IT position starting.

David Hoffmann graduated from Tulane University in May, 2005 with a double major in philosophy and honors in English and minor in women’s studies. He is currently a Fulbright Scholar teaching English in South Korea.

Jennifer Jackson graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in French and a BA in Spanish. She is currently in law school.

Nathan Kenney graduated from the University of Virginia on May 22, 2005, with a BA in sociology and drama. He attended graduate school this past summer at Syracuse University’s New House School of Communications to pursue a Masters in film, radio and television broadcasting. Nathan will continue his lacrosse career by playing his final year of NCAA eligibility for Syracuse. Nathan was a member of Virginia’s 2003 National Championship lacrosse team and looks forward to playing for Syracuse.

Diarra Kilpatrick recently wrote, directed and starred in a one woman performance, ”The Devil is Beating his Wife.” The play opened on May 5, 2005, at the Tisch School of the Arts in New York City. In May, 2005, Diarra earned her bachelor of fine arts in drama from the Tisch School.

Katherine Olender graduated with honors from Michigan State University with a BS in agriculture and natural resources communications and specializations in both environmental studies and environmental economics. She is now working as an AmeriCorps VISTA, for the North West Lansing Healthy Communities Initiative. She is in program development, working to develop food system related programs to alleviate poverty in the area. She also wrote a series of articles on greenhouses that were published by Rodale Institute. They can be found at www.newfarm.org.

Carly Olsman is the President of the Michigan State University Figure Skating Club.

Sameer Walavalkar graduated from the University of Michigan Engineering School in three years with a major in electrical engineering and a minor in physics. He was awarded a full scholarship and a three-year NSF research fellowship to CalTech, where he is completing his PhD in applied physics.

Faithe Ways graduated from Purdue in December, 2004, with a BA in journalism. She is currently working for the Superbowl XL committee.

Adam Wadecki graduated in the spring of 2005, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, College of Engineering with degrees in mechanical engineering, industrial and operations engineering and a minor in mathematics. Adam also has been admitted into the University of Michigan’s Industrial and Operations Engineering Department five-year doctoral program, and was awarded a fellowship in the IOE, PhD program based on his academic preparation, graduate record examination scores, professional experience, recommendations and statement of purpose.
Lauren Wolfe was nominated to receive a Fulbright grant to travel to Zwickau, Germany to teach English as a foreign language earlier this year. Wolfe was one of over 1,000 U.S. students to travel abroad for the 2005-2006 academic year through the Fulbright Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and the rest of the world. Wolfe graduated from Smith College in 2005 where she was on the Dean’s List and served as the President of her senior class. She also served as President of the College Democrats of Massachusetts and she was one of seven national officers of the College Democrats of America.

2002

Kate Levy attends Naropa University in Boulder, Co. She writes, “I’m receiving a holistic contemplative education, as well as pondering ways to become a better social activist and artist.”

2003

Beth Adelson interned for Senator Carl Levin in Washington, DC.

Allison Andreoff was awarded the only freshman retailing scholarship at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She was accepted into Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Tom Cosper is a junior at Michigan State University, making the Dean’s list in the spring. He was accepted into the Eli Broad College of Business with a degree in finance. During the summer, he interned as an Investment Banking Analyst at Bear Stearns in New York City.

Paul Fabre is in his second year at Lehigh University. During his freshman year, Fabre played Philetas, a main character in The Misanthrope, Moïlière’s satire of the late 17th century French society. Fabre is a member of the Lehigh football team.

Mark Frenkel is the Vice President of his fraternity at MSU.

Eli Green just finished stage managing “A Day in Hollywood / A Night in the Ukraine.” He is currently stage managing a long-form improvisational show called “E pluribus Unum” which will be featured in this year’s Orlando Fringe Theatre Festival.

Rafi Martina is a student at the University of Michigan and is spending his junior year at Worcester College at Oxford University.

Carrie Moore is in her junior year at Western Michigan University. As a sophomore she made the All-Mid-American Conference first team as well as the All-Academic team. Carrie is also an internet journalist writing for the online version of the Pittsburgh Courier.

Amanda Poe attends Spelman College. She is an economics major with a GPA of 3.88. She actively participates with several organizations on campus including DIVAS (Developing and Implementing Vocational Access at Spelman), SKIRTS (Sisters Keeping it Real Through Service) and Morehouse College Business Association. She is currently a representative for Jennifer Lopez’s clothing line Sweetface. She writes, “2004 found me in Jet Magazine’s centerfold as Beauty of the Week. This summer, Johnson Publishing Company (Ebony and Jet Magazine) flew me to Chicago for a photo shoot for Jet Magazine’s swimsuit Calendar for 2005. I am currently Miss Alpha Phi Alpha of Morehouse College and still best friends and roommate with Adena Davis ’03.”

Garen Wolff recently taped a PSA for the Hitachi Foundation. Listen to it at: http://www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshia/ama/psa%202004/wolff.html. Additionally, Garen presented a mathematical model for Detroit’s urban renewal at Wellesley’s Ruhlman Conference. It was designed by a professor at MIT and is being applied by Garen and her professor at Wellesley to Detroit’s economic woes.

2004

Courtney Massie’s mom writes, “Courtney has successfully auditioned for the Yale Symphony Orchestra, tech Saybrook College Orchestra at Yale, and the studio of a graduate faculty member. As a sophomore, she is really enjoying Yale and doing very well.”

2005

Melanee Smith was named freshman soccer player of the year for the Southern Athletic Conference and she was named to the second All-Conference team. Melanee attends Davidson College.
In Memoriam

Robert Vanderkloot '31 died on June 1, 2005 from complications from a stroke.


LaDevoya Rogers’ ‘98 mother Francis died in December, 2004 after a battle with cancer.

Joseph Ditzhazy ’68 passed away on May 21, 2005 at the age of 55.

John Gaylord ‘68 passed away on September 30, 2004. He leaves to cherish his memory his son Joseph and his wife of 20 years Dorothy.

Jerry Brozo ’62 died March 7, 2005. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Pamela Fick of Tuscson, AZ and Larui Campagna, MD of McKinney, TX.
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