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Class of 2015



You Must Be Leaders!
Graduation speaker
Dr. Jan De Groof

From the Chairman

TASIS has always promoted academic excellence, and the 2014-2015 school year highlights the continuing seriousness of our commitment and the success of our efforts. The new Science Center now gives us world-class laboratory facilities. Our academic outcomes on external measures – IB scores, AP exams, university acceptances – were outstanding. It is also important to note that our College Counseling personnel and efforts are geared to finding the right kind of college and university for *each* student, not just for the most gifted and advanced students.

The post-graduation plans for the members of the Class of 2015 are exciting and varied. Most of these new alumni will be scattered around the world enrolling in a variety of distinguished colleges and universities to continue their education while some have interesting gap-year experiences planned. The graduates are pursuing programs of study in architecture, business, engineering, international affairs, law, medicine, the humanities, the sciences, art and design, and many others. TASIS is justifiably proud of the Class of 2015.

On May 30, 112 students graduated in an elegant ceremony. During the year, the College Counseling office processed 796 applications to 299 different colleges and universities receiving 351 offers of admission to 157 different institutions.

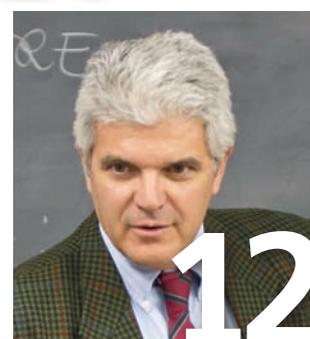
University acceptances this year will take our graduates to some of the most prestigious institutions and programs in the world. Russian Anton Alyakin, our Valedictorian, will attend Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA, a famous research institution; Russian Pavel Artemov will attend Cambridge University. Two of our students were admitted to medicine programs at UK universities. IB Coordinator Howard Stickley explains: our non-British student “was one of approximately 1,300 candidates applying for 141 places at one medical school, of which approximately 14 were for non-EU students.” Other graduates from this year’s class will be attending Aberdeen, King’s College London, University College London, and St Andrews, among others in the UK.

Graduates of the Class of 2015 have confirmed their enrollment at a wide range of North American schools, from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver (2) to the University of Miami (4). We have the full range of locations and types of institutions represented in the United States, from the University of Southern California (2) to Boston University (2), American University in DC (2), Parsons School of Design, NYC (2), and fine liberal arts colleges such as Skidmore in New York and Cornell in Iowa.

We also have graduates enrolling at world-renowned hospitality and management schools in Switzerland: EHL in Lausanne (3) and Glion Institute (4), as well as a range of private business universities in Europe such as Università Bocconi (2) in Milan.

A prominent American academic figure recently wrote to our Commencement speaker, Dr. Jan De Groof of the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium, that TASIS was “the most beautiful school in the world.” We also work to make the quality of our ethos – our moral environment – equal to the aesthetic and functional excellence of our campus. Our focus on all these factors – academic, ethical, aesthetic, and functional – has grown only clearer and more resolute in the sixty years of the School’s existence, and it will continue to do so.

Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Chairman of the Board



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Uniting the Past and Present



Director of Studies David Jepson

Headmaster Lyle Rigg

“Leadership — that is what education is all about...I mean the kind of leader who subtly and visibly affects the lives of all around them and makes a better person of those whose lives they touch. A role model, yet so much more, because of that certain something they give off — that sense of life as an exciting and wonderful thing!”

- M. Crist Fleming, in a speech to faculty and staff in 2007

TASIS welcomed two veteran leaders to Lugano in August, both of whom not only possess what Mrs. Fleming refers to above, but have also had a profound effect on her schools. **Lyle Rigg** began his TASIS career in 1979 as Assistant Headmaster at then three-year-old TASIS England. In 1982 he moved to Lugano and served as Headmaster for two years before returning to TASIS England in 1984 to serve

as Headmaster until 1998. He left to lead the Pennington School in New Jersey from 1998 until his retirement in 2006.

Lyle's definition of 'retirement' is different to most. A year later, he returned to Lugano to serve as interim headmaster until 2008, then to England to serve as interim headmaster from 2009-2010. He is now serving a two-year term as Headmaster of TASIS Lugano. "Recently, when I told an Italian-speaking friend that I was returning to TASIS for a third time she said, *non c'è due senza tre*, ['there are never two without three']," he says. "Rather curious. Was I destined to return to both schools for a third time after I had returned for a second?"

David Jepson also began his TASIS career in England in 1979. Over the years he served as Academic Dean, Assistant Director of Development, Director of IT, Head of Upper School, and then finally Director of Technology and Learning. He left TASIS England to take posts in the US on two occasions but always returned to TASIS England, serving a total of 31 years. Throughout his TASIS tenure he visited Lugano many times, working on a variety of projects. This is, however, the first time he's lived in Lugano full-time.

David is especially enjoying the proximity to Italy. "I am hoping to find the time to explore Italian culture as much as possible," he says. "A place to start is the Italian language, which I don't yet know very well, so one of my personal goals is to make as much progress in learning Italian as I can."

Lyle and his wife, the award-winning children's author Sharon Creech, are delighted to be back where they spent the first two years of their married life. "We look forward to reconnecting with many friends," Lyle says. "And there is gelato at Sara Li's and pizza at both Bellavista and Mary's. We also look forward to Swiss trains and strolling along the lake promenade in Lugano. And who knows, perhaps Sharon will be inspired to write a third book set in Montagnola!" Of course: *non c'è due senza tre*.

After nearly four decades as friends and colleagues, Lyle and David are relishing the chance to work together

again. "David is an outstanding professional educator and leader; intelligent, articulate, flexible, kind, personable, and extremely talented in many different ways," Lyle says. "Although I was reluctant to 'borrow' David from TASIS England, and leave a big hole for them to fill, I also was eager to attract him to Lugano and work with him again."

David has equal praise for Lyle. "I have sometimes introduced into my speeches in praise of Mrs. Fleming the quote from Dostoyevsky, 'Beauty will save the world.' I am sure that's right — but beauty cannot do it alone; it needs a little help from its friends: humor, loyalty, friendship, compassion, and understanding," David says. "These are the values that Lyle has contributed to our community over the years, and like beauty, they are qualities that will stand the test of time."

Both men are tasked with moving Mrs. Fleming's vision forward. David is especially keen to ensure her vision of leadership continues. Recently, David has been exploring the idea of servant leadership. "I think that Mrs. Fleming's educational vision is all about learning to serve and learning to lead — in fact, I think Mrs. Fleming embodied the concept of servant leadership more than anyone else I ever knew."

For Lyle, Mrs. Fleming's spirit is very much alive on her campuses. "It's like she is watching over us, making certain that we continue to honor her vision. And it's a very nice, reassuring feeling for me," he says. "TASIS has been such a big part of my life because I believe strongly in Mrs. Fleming's vision, a vision that is carried on by so many. One of my major goals as headmaster is to ensure that we continue to stress and highlight the things that were so important to Mrs. Fleming: beauty, the development of good character, academic excellence, service, civility, good manners, the arts, compassion, and respect, just to name a few."

Their shared history means they are best placed to introduce a new generation of students to Mrs. Fleming. As Lyle says, "Because many of our students and teachers have not had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Fleming, I look forward to finding ways to tell them about this remarkable woman so that she might come to life for them, too."

Graduation Awards 2015



Left to right: Seniors Alfred Stauder, Richard Vezendy, Koshiro Ashizawa, Gianluca Romanelli, Honor Sargent, Eric Pucci, Nathaniel Brener, Arthur Pelinson Nordi

- **Excellence in Art:** Alexandra Krasnoperets
- **The Bertha Seifert Award for Excellence in Music:** Honor Sargent
- **The Horst Dürrschmidt Award for Excellence in Photography:** Farrah Elaraby
- **The Kay Hamblin Award for Excellence in Theater:** Hailey Hibbard
- **Excellence in Architecture and Design:** Elizaveta Krikun
- **Excellence in English as an Additional Language:** Angela Locatelli
- **Excellence in Modern Languages:** Maria Guilhermina Pessoa de Queiroz
- **The Cynthia Whisenant Award for Excellence in English Literature:** Mindy Chen
- **Excellence in History:** Batuhan Toprak
- **Ambassador's Cup for Excellence in US History:** Mindy Chen
- **The Shah Akbar Khan Award for Excellence in Mathematics:** Anton Alyakin
- **Excellence in Science:** Giorgia Colombo & Pavel Artemov
- **The Salutatorian Scholarship Award:** Pavel Artemov & Angela Locatelli
Gift pens kindly donated by Cartier
- **The Valedictorian Scholarship Award:** Anton Alyakin
- **Headmaster's Award:** Tomson Carroll & Jillian Streit
- **The ECIS Award for International Understanding:** Pavel Artemov
- **The Jan Opsahl Service Award:** Hailey Hibbard
- **The Michael Ulku-Steiner Leadership Award:** Marianna Barbieri
- **H. Miller Crist Award:** Nathaniel Brener

Prepare for Take-Off!

Dear Seniors,

I want to ask you to look back at these last few years spent here at TASIS. To remember the nights spent studying and the days spent in classes trying to catch up on sleep. To conjure the brightest memories, the most memorable experiences, and the many trips – Academic Travel and Ski Week, independent travel with friends around Europe, and trips back home; the trains, public buses, school buses, transfers to and from airports, taxis from school to Via Motta, or even from Scuderia to Ca' Gioia. And, of course, the planes. The many planes.

It feels like the four years of high school have flown by like a single flight of Swiss Airways. We are now preparing to land, so put your seatbelts on. But before you do, let's think back on what we saw from the oval window of our TASIS seat.

I see Pavel and me making jokes about quantum mechanics in the middle of the TOK class and receiving the "those geeks" stares from our classmates. I see Mrs. Nelson bringing cookies to our advisor meetings every time one of us had a birthday. I see Coach Hercules before every single soccer game telling us that this is "a beautiful field with beautiful grass. And it is a beautiful day to play some soccer." I see my man Mr. Schwartz playing the "Roll On (Eighteen Wheeler)" song in the middle of a math class in order to motivate us for the exam. I see myself running to Entrata Servizio 30 seconds before check-in, because the ironically named Speedy Pizza was late. Again.

I remember checking the days left before graduation, as if it were the trajectory of our flight on the cabin screen. I remember calculating the percentage of this trip covered and left. The time seemed to be flying by, but the final destination didn't get any closer. We looked forward to this moment, to the moment when our arrival at graduation becomes a new departure for a new destination. Dear Seniors, we are about to land, so put your seatbelts on. But before you do, I want



Anton Alyakin delivers his Valedictory Address

to remind you that your final destination is actually not all that important. What matters, really, is what you see — what you really see — through the window of your plane. And who sits in the seat next to you on your flight, of course. Thank you for sitting next to me during this flight, during take-off, during the turbulence, during the smooth stretches, and now during the landing. I want to wish you luck and success in your connecting flights and to not forget to look out your plane windows.

Oh. Also. Wear your seat belt and please refrain from smoking until you've left the plane.

Valedictorian Anton Alyakin '15 attended TASIS for all of middle and high school. He played varsity soccer, badminton, and lacrosse, and wrote his college essay about playing video games. This fall, he became a student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

“You must be leaders!”

Commencement speaker **Prof. Dr. Jan De Groof**

- President of the European Association for Education Law and Policy
- Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands)
- Government Commissioner for Universities (Belgium, Flemish Community)
- UNESCO Chair for the Right to Education and former UNESCO Chargé de Mission

Dear Mrs. Lynn Fleming Aeschliman, dear faculty and staff members and chiefly, dear parents and graduates,

May I first formulate a short remark:

We were profoundly touched by the student speeches of last evening. It was a magic moment, illustrating that Europe, ‘the old continent’, needs to host distinctive schools like TASIS, and needs to be inspired by the ‘new world’ in order to remain internationally competitive.

I quote: “Elegant, embedded in a tradition of cultural commitment and intellectually elite, with a learning capacity for concentration and reflection...” These were the main terms describing the character and the profile of education at Oxford University in the UK.

They seem to a large extent also applicable to TASIS, the oldest American boarding school in Europe.

This sense of excellence reminds me of the Founder of this School, Mrs. M.C. Fleming, a woman of great force, character, vision and generosity. We still honor her personality and admire her leadership. She took the lead in the vivid and inspiring conversations we had the opportunity to have, together with my wife Christine, over a decade ago at her home in Italy.

Last week, I was staying in Oxford, at Trinity College, speaking at an international conference on Private Higher Education, the fastest growing sector of education in Asia and Latin America.

Reference was made by one of the speakers to the lack of knowledge of American graduates... in the US! Of those surveyed recently, 75% of them could not find Syria or Iraq on the map, despite constant news coverage since the US invasion of March 2003. 63% were unable to locate Israel and half of them did not know that Paris is the capital of France.

Such a lack of geographical literacy will never happen to graduates of this School!



Commencement Speaker Dr. Jan De Groof.

One of the main targets for the Student of the Future will be the internationalization of education, regardless of the country of the School in which a student is enrolled.

Last year, I taught in the Law Faculty of Baghdad University in Iraq. One of the questions I asked my students was: ‘What is your mission in life?’ Surprisingly, they answered that it was the very first time a person questioned them about their future. However, their first wish was to become ‘global citizens’, whatever that could mean.

In the future, schools will be international, or they will fail.

My wife Christine gifted me with six children. All of them spent a year abroad during their school career, and now *they* inspire *us* as to how we must behave as international citizens.

The poet Wordsworth wrote: ‘The Child is Father of the man’... Let me focus on four vital issues *of* and *within* education, with some reference to my personal, academic, governmental and diplomatic commitments.



On every question detecting the priorities for all respondents in the age group 15-24, *Education* always had the highest score — except for one other wish, namely: ‘The opportunity to use your mobile phone at the same price throughout Europe...’!

Education is determinative for the future of each person and of society. Educational quality is the critical component in boosting economic growth. Education provides people with human capabilities: the power to reflect, make choices, enjoy a better life and promote a better life for others. Only the educated are free. Education enables people to fulfill the principle of human dignity.

What an ambition for teachers, to be engaged in achieving such targets!

Graduates of a world-class school should have world-class ambitions and missions.

The success of TASIS depends on the graduates’ capacity to implement the search for *Bonum, Verum, Pulchrum*, — *the Good, the True, and the Beautiful* — and on their capacity to raise critical issues, and on the courage to doubt and question some alleged certainties in history.

My second point: Education means the sharing of responsibility of families, educators, and society.

But the child definitely does not belong to the State. We should remain skeptical vis-à-vis each temptation of the State to influence the mind of the child. On Statist doctrine, Nazis, Fascists, and Marxists used exactly the same terminology — not by chance. In a landmark judicial decision, nearly a century ago, the United States Supreme Court ruled: “The child is not the creature of the State” (*Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, 1925).

Subsequently that principle has been stated with confidence and repeated in various international covenants and in a large number of European constitutions, but it is still not always accepted as self-evident.

The European Court of Human Rights, in the historic Judgment of July 23, 1968 on the Belgian Linguistic Case, said: “the State is obliged to respect the rights of parents by promoting the freedom of education.” Parents are motivated to ensure that their children receive a good education. The Court clearly sanctioned the following principle: “The responsibility for the maximum personality development of young people lies with the parents.” Their responsibility responds to ‘Natural Law’. This remains a

First, the unconditional, highest importance of education and thus of the school.

Among all human rights, the right to education is reaching the highest rank, close to the right to live. Education should affect and frame society. According to the South African Constitutional Court, ultimately the right to equality is mainly guaranteed by the right to education.

Who were the first protesters, four years ago, at the Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt? Students! What was their first demand? ‘Give us good education’.

A similar scenario emerged at the Maidan Square in Kiev, Ukraine, and in Kinshasa, Congo.

What will remain the first request of students? Education in freedom. Equity and dignity through education.

The ‘Eurobarometer’ is a survey, requested by the European Union Commission, of public opinion in the European Union.

universal principle, but I have to remind legislators in the East of the predominant role of this axiom very frequently indeed!

There is some evidence, as shown through research, that the ambitions of parents and parental involvement are the best preconditions for high-performing schools, which is demonstrated quite obviously by TESIS.

Third point: Schools should be able to show their distinctiveness, their *caractère propre*, their specific mission.

Each should be invited to refine — through its Charter — the values it is standing for. The Ethos of the School reflects the way that the school community (the *communio*) develops personal rights and duties, the way also that any vulnerable person — whatever the reason for his or her vulnerability — is cherished and guided.

But there is more. I would foster also the concept of the school as a school for ethics — namely the cultivation of ethical standards through an educational vision, shared by all partners. Education does indeed affect the total personality of a young person, and therefore his or her ability to acquire and exercise democratic rights and duties in the most responsible way, within the common education setting, and within the societies to which he or she will belong.

After the collapse of the USSR, I was invited by the Russian Federation, in the early nineties, to co-draft legislation in the sphere of education, research, and culture. A couple of years later, I reminded the Duma members and the ministers: “We can draft a law in seven months, and we need seven years to implement the law, but we need 70 years to influence the legal culture of this society.”

What really makes the difference is how, in a most practical sense, a school shapes a ‘value approach’, through its curriculum, the choice of its staff, the respect for ‘otherness’, the moral attitude within the leadership of the educational institution. This value approach will guarantee even more effectively real changes, much more than formal reforms.

Fourth point: Pluralism in society has proved to be vital for each democracy and can only be fulfilled through a diversity of public and private schools and through the involvement of civil society — not just government — in education.

Recent research reaffirms that a majority of parents consider the moral development and character formation of their children

as the most crucial objective of the whole educational process. Consequently, a widespread choice of different types of schools seems the only option in order to reach high quality *and* equal education opportunities.

As Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in *Democracy In America*: “without local and free institutions, a nation does not have the spirit of Liberty.”

The art of associating together *and* the right to ‘be different’ should be remembered for educational institutions too. There is a sometimes embarrassing universal UNESCO principle to remember: ‘All individuals and groups have the right to be different, to consider themselves as different and to be regarded and respected as such.’

Private schools are responsive to parents, ‘the authority that authorized them’: *In loco parentis*.

Private schools are not ‘domesticated’, but — to some extent — can be free or ‘wild-card’ organizations. In order to survive, they have the duty to be competitive and to become laboratories for new or different educational approaches and ideas.

It is not by accident that educational pluralism boosts the economy, and that — for example — Greece consistently hinders the private and independent schools!

Let me conclude: Differences in education should not be neutralized.

This statement counts for schools and thus for the whole society.

A true ‘Humanism’ needs the collaboration of all local cultures. Before or beyond a Western, African, or Asian culture, there is above all a *human* culture.

High-quality education favors the willingness to live together, even in less privileged settings, despite the rise of nationalism and religious extremism. We have to build more schools than prisons.

**Schools should lay the foundations of hope, because
*Dans l’éducation de l’enfant, il y a le tout de sa vie. (The whole life of a child is contained in his or her upbringing and schooling.)***

Dear Graduates, N’ayez pas peur — have no fear! But you have to become leaders!

How theater transcends culture



Fiddler on the Roof was a rich experience for all of us involved.

The students were deeply engaged in exploring the characters' situations and the Russian-Jewish environment of 1905, and it was only after the play was performed that the extraordinary nature of our production was brought home to me.

We were creating a sympathetic, affectionate portrayal of Russian-Jewish characters facing prejudice and oppression by their Tsarist Russian government and neighbors. Our cast and crew, meanwhile, were composed of students from many national, cultural, religious, and political backgrounds. And yet it never occurred to me to be concerned about prejudices from within our company.

I credit our TASIC actors and techies with the qualities of open-mindedness, care, and a desire to tell the story. Our Jewish roles were played in part by Muslims from Canada and Turkey, Catholics from Italy and Central America, and Jews from Russia. Our Orthodox Christian roles were likewise played by a multicultural mixing bag, including Catholics from Italy, Baptists from the US, and Orthodox Christians from Russia.



"If I were a rich man...." Zak Rahman '17 as Tevye

When spurred by a comment from an audience member about our multi-national, multi-cultural company, I broached the subject with a few cast and crew members. They said that they never thought about our company atmosphere as being "weird" or "unusual" or even "special". Of course we would treat the material with respect, and of course it didn't matter what religion anyone was.

We were telling a universal story about people.

While this play is rooted in strong religious history and beliefs, everyone approached this play with excitement about exploring the story and the characters and portraying them truly. In retrospect, I know how fortunate we are to live and work in such a rich, welcoming, open community of students and adults at TASIC.

Valerie Carlson, Theater Director



Global Service Program Highlights

This year's Global Service Program continued to inspire students and assist organizations based around the world. Over 120 students traveled to participate in hands-on projects, while over 60 volunteered in the local community.

Our **Nepal** service group spent Spring Break trekking 80km to the remote village of Tserok, where they helped this community build an avalanche retaining wall. Two weeks later, this community and others along the students' trek were devastated by the April 25 earthquake. The group banded together and raised CHF 1500 to help with relief efforts. GSP benefactor Jan Opsahl '68 generously matched this donation, and the funds were given directly to our TASI partner.

During October's Academic Travel, the **Ethical Food** group traveled to Malawi to work at the Tikondwe Freedom Gardens, a sustainable farm near Lilongwe, while the **Habitat for Humanity** group worked on a house-building project in Bulgaria. **Serving Southern Africa** students assisted communities in Zambia and Botswana. In June, the **Caring for Cambodia** group visited Siem Riep to volunteer at local educational facilities, and students from **Nuovo Fiore Ethiopia** worked with the Auxilium School in Addis Ababa.

TASIS began new partnerships with two groups this year. **Mission Morocco** spent spring Academic Travel implementing an IT project at schools in Marrakech and Agadir. **Gram Vikas India** spent Spring Break working with this NGO, learning how



TASIS students in Ethiopia



Trekking in Nepal



Justina Streit '15 in Ethiopia



In Nepal

this program helps rural Indian communities. In the spring, founder Joe Madiath visited TESIS as part of the Senior Humanities Program.

TESIS continued its involvement with local GSP partners **Casa Elisabetta**, the **Red Cross**, and **SOS Ticino**. The **Intergenerations** group expanded its reach beyond local retirement home Al Pagnolo and began also meeting with Montagnola residents as students formed friendships with the elderly in our community.

The School continued the annual **Walk for Water** campaign, where students and faculty carry heavy water containers across campus to create awareness about the lack of access to water in communities around the world; a **He for She** campaign for International Women's Day; and six 9th graders presented at the **Global Issues Network** European Conference in Milan about the global water shortage.

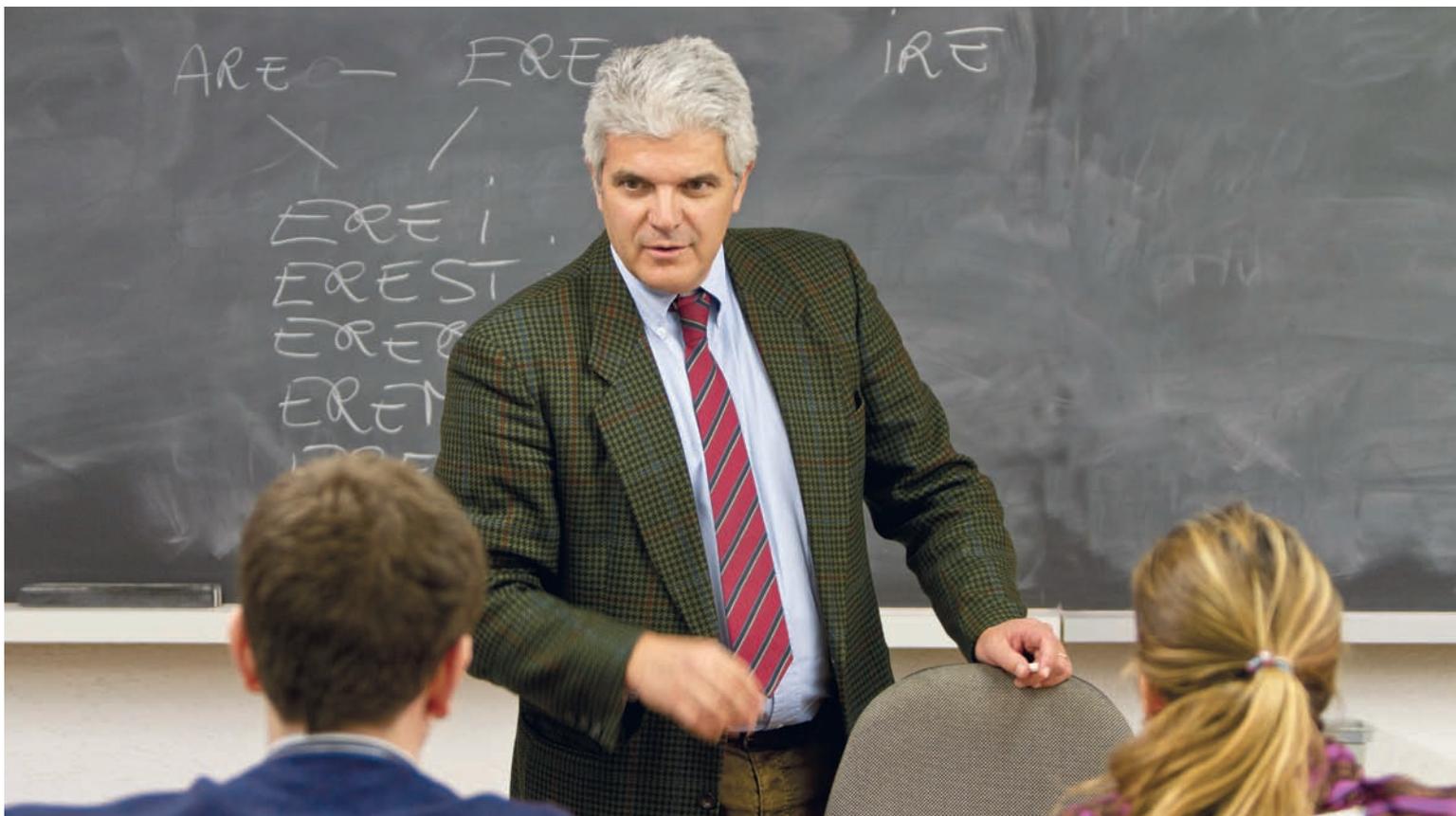


Building an avalanche retaining wall in Nepal

Learn more about all TESIS service programs here:
www.tasis.ch/service

Watch videos about our students' experiences here:
www.tasis.ch/gspvideos

Master Teacher 2015: Mario d'Azzo



The Khan-Page TASIS Master Teacher Award is named after two outstanding teachers who taught for many years in both TASIS schools: the late Akbar Khan (in mathematics) and Max P. Page (in English). The award recognizes an outstanding teacher who represents a high standard of professional pedagogy, subject-area knowledge, a capacity to convey the joy and importance of learning to students, and fundamental sympathy with the aims and goals of TASIS as expressed in the Paideia.

When I think of a master teacher, images of smiling and hardworking students, much laughter matched with much learning in a classroom or on the sidewalk, occasionally a tear or two, and passion for our calling — those are the images that come to my mind.

Plus a new one; my image of a master teacher now includes serenading students, and in my mind's eye I will always see Mario at the Senior Prom bringing the house down.

As legions of students, including faculty members, will attest, Mario's love of teaching and the Italian language is manifest in

all he does, and it serves to both inspire and motivate them in their studies. He is a Renaissance man whose musical talents, athletic interests, and commitment to family and TASIS flow together in a life being well led.

One of my personal measures of a teacher is his or her response to addressing a challenging student. A master teacher, to my mind, is a person whose repertoire of teaching tools to reach a student, any student, is matched with a passionate commitment to reach that challenging child and help her grow. Mario is such a teacher, and demonstrates that range and belief in his students daily.

In his application to TASIS over 15 years ago, Mario wrote:

"As regards my own philosophy of education, I consider myself an open and flexible person, conscious that patience and enthusiasm beside a solid preparation can be a guarantee of high results."

Patience, enthusiasm, solid preparation, and great results — a fitting description of my friend Mario d'Azzo, this year's Khan-Page Master Teacher.

Charles Skipper

Senior Humanities Program

The Senior Humanities Program continues to expose TASIS students to a variety of people who are doing fascinating things to make the world a better place. This year featured six prominent speakers in their fields.

Sheril Kirshenbaum (September) is Director of The Energy Poll, which measures US public opinion towards energy consumption, pricing, development, and regulation. She is an acclaimed author and speaker whose books include *The Science of Kissing* and *Unscientific America: How Scientific Illiteracy Threatens Our Future*.

Chris Lindland (October) founded Betabrand, a retail clothing and online crowd-funding platform that has transformed the potential of retail.

Matt Flannery (November) is co-founder and CEO of Kiva, a nonprofit microfinance organization and one of the TASIS GSP groups. Kiva has loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to low-income entrepreneurs around the world.

Dr. Michael D. Aeschliman (February) is Professor Emeritus of Education at Boston University, Professor of Anglophone Culture at the University of Italian Switzerland, a renowned C.S. Lewis scholar, and a widely-published author.



Richard J. Roth (March) is journalism dean at Northwestern University's first international campus. His journalism career began in 1971 at the Buffalo (NY) *Courier-Express*, when he was involved in the bloodiest prison riot in American history. His writing about this event won him a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1972. He has spoken around the world about the values and future of journalism.

Joe Madiath (March) founded Gram Vikas, our newest Global Service Program. His TED talk on sanitation has been viewed by nearly a million people, and his organization has helped change the lives of people around India.



Gram Vikas founder Joe Madiath with Jan Opsahl '68 and Thomas Joyce after speaking at the school assembly.

Dr. Benjamin W. Schumacher (April) is an American theoretical physicist working in quantum physics. He is a professor at Kenyon College. A separate pamphlet featuring his outstanding address at the Campo Science Convocation, "Science or Authority?" is included in your *TASIS Today*.



Mad About Science!



April 25 was a very special evening, featuring the culmination of the celebrations of the Campo Science Center in the Mad-About-Science Gala. A dedicated team of parents, led by TESIS Parent Association (TPA) President Muriel Aciman Hassan, put their talents and connections to good use as well as working tirelessly for months to create the perfect evening.

Over 300 people gathered on campus to celebrate with canapés and music in the beautiful new science building and a glittering event in the Palestra. Three-star Michelin restaurant Da Vittorio catered the event, which included music by TESIS students and a keynote speech by Helsinn CEO Riccardo Braglia (see facing page).

The evening continued with a live auction, where Sotheby's-trained auctioneer Ed Rising did whatever it took (including racing around and climbing on tables) to lure guests to outbid each other for exclusive items such as Paris fashion show tickets, a vintage watch, and works of art. The evening raised over CHF 120,000 to name the Middle School laboratory — the last unnamed lab — in honor of our wonderfully loyal and supportive TPA.

Thanks to donations from loyal and generous parents and alumni, TESIS reached its goal of CHF 2.5 million for this state-of-the-art building, a firm statement to our community's commitment to the Sciences.



Michael and Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63 with Headmaster Lyle Rigg



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Auctioneer Ed Rising

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Scientists Change the World



Riccardo Braglia

I have been involved with TASIS for nearly a decade, first when my son Gabriele began attending as a 7th grader. The next year my son Giacomo joined as a 6th grader. Soon after, I was asked to join the Board as a day parent and local Swiss citizen.

I had the honor and privilege to meet and get to know Mrs. Fleming well during the final years of her life. She was a wonderful lady whose inspiration spurred my dedication and support of TASIS. I endorsed the TASIS Paideia and in particular the commitment to academic excellence in all subjects. At that time, TASIS was mainly focused on the humanities and cultural studies, excelling in the arts and history.

As a chemical pharmaceutical and healthcare entrepreneur, I have focused and dedicated all my life to improving the quality of life of patients with new medicines and treatments and, in the past decade, researching programs against cancer. I quickly noticed that at TASIS, the science facilities, in particular the laboratories, were poor and not to a high standard.

I am so proud to have pushed for the construction of the Campo Science Center, both with project ideas and financial support to allow future students at TASIS to benefit from state-of-the-art installations and labs

where students can study and practice chemistry, physics, biology, the natural sciences, and environmental sciences.

Science is important for all of us. Just in the past century, scientific discoveries have changed the lives of people around the world. A few include:

- insulin, which was first isolated in 1921 by scientists at the University of Toronto who were later awarded the Nobel Prize for their discovery.
- penicillin, which was discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
- the double-helix DNA model, produced in 1953 by Francis Crick and James Watson, who subsequently won the Nobel Prize.
- magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), discovered by Paul Lauterbur in 2003.
- the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease, discovered by Barry J. Marshall in 2005.
- the human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer, discovered in 2008 by Harald Hauser.

In the future, TASIS students studying in the Campo Science Center could become important players prepared to make new scientific discoveries to solve the challenges of the 21st century. From treating cancer to discovering new bacteria-resistant antibiotics, the possibilities of how science can change the world are endless.

Our students now have the chemistry, biology, physics, and environmental science labs to motivate their curiosity. Scientific innovation comes from a combination of great minds and great souls. Excellent facilities, coupled with our excellent teachers, will result in a world-class science program.

Campo Science is now a reality!



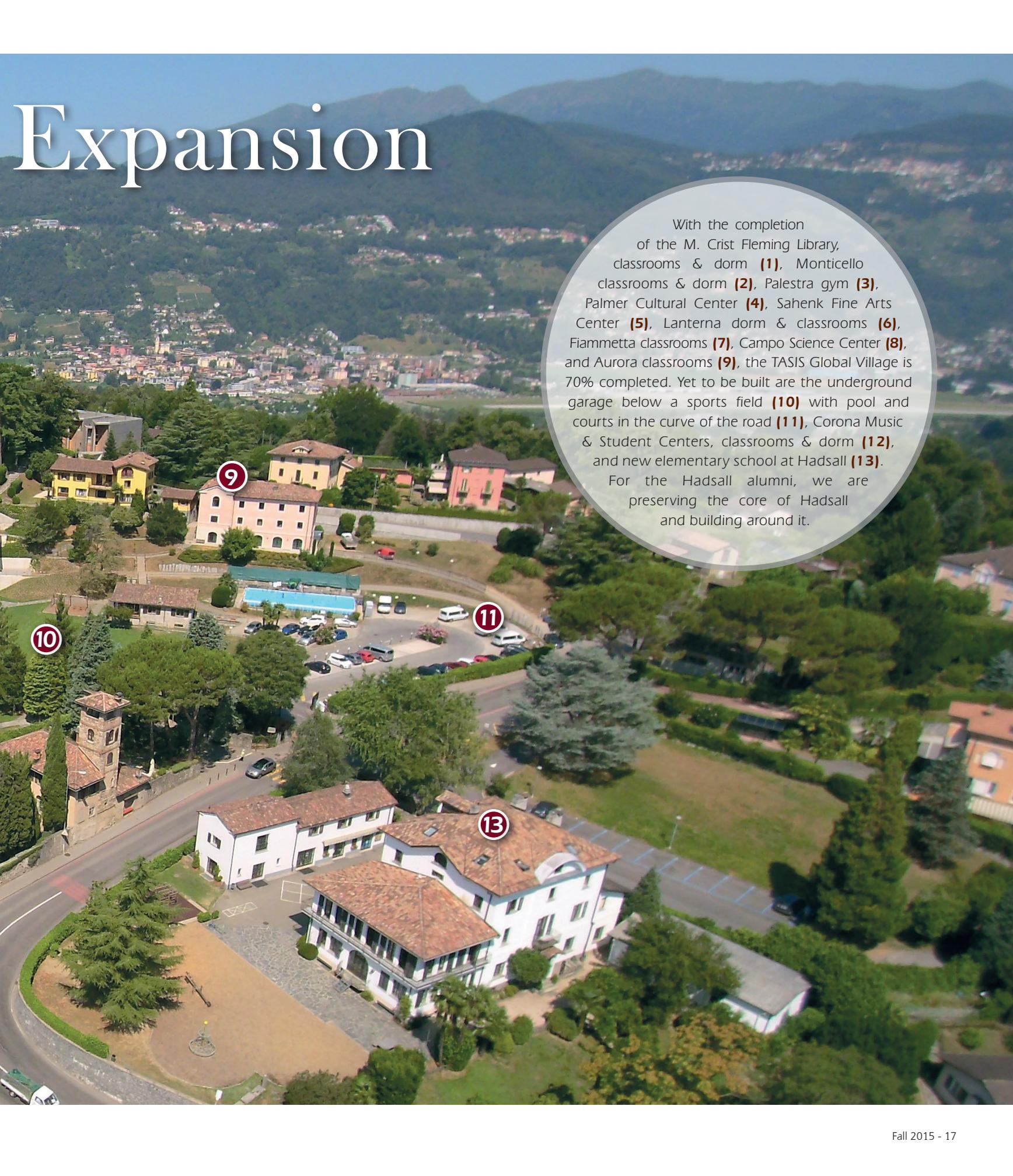
The new, state-of-the-art Campo Science Center, with eight laboratories and two classrooms

TASIS Global Village



Expansion

With the completion of the M. Crist Fleming Library, classrooms & dorm **(1)**, Monticello classrooms & dorm **(2)**, Palestra gym **(3)**, Palmer Cultural Center **(4)**, Sahenk Fine Arts Center **(5)**, Lanterna dorm & classrooms **(6)**, Fiammetta classrooms **(7)**, Campo Science Center **(8)**, and Aurora classrooms **(9)**, the TASIS Global Village is 70% completed. Yet to be built are the underground garage below a sports field **(10)** with pool and courts in the curve of the road **(11)**, Corona Music & Student Centers, classrooms & dorm **(12)**, and new elementary school at Hadsall **(13)**. For the Hadsall alumni, we are preserving the core of Hadsall and building around it.



An Icon Retires



Betsy Newell surrounded by CDE children

Seventy-two. That's how many years Betsy Newell has been a part of the TESIS story.

For hundreds of students from around the world, the term "Mrs. Betsy" is synonymous with summer on the Collina d'Oro. As the head of Le Château des Enfants (CDE) since 1990, Betsy Newell has transformed the lives of hundreds of students from around the world. The summer of 2015 marked Betsy's 75th birthday, and her final year at the helm of CDE. It's hard to imagine a TESIS summer without Betsy around.

It is thanks to a tiny advertisement in *Vogue* that Betsy is connected to TESIS. Her father was a code breaker and her mother worked on Wall Street, and in 1943 her mother was thumbing through *Vogue* and saw a tiny ad that said *summer camp for children ages 3-9*. "In those days, there was no air conditioning in New York, so off I went to Frog Hollow Farm in Pennsylvania for eight weeks, where Mrs. Fleming was bringing up her children." And so it began.

"It was run very much the way you would imagine Mrs. Fleming running anything," Betsy remembers. "At that time there were lots of television stars and actors who sent their children to Frog Hollow, so there was always a huge group of celebrities that went down on Sundays, when we all wore only white. During the week we were always very well-dressed." Whenever Betsy's school, Brearley, let out for spring, summer, or Christmas breaks, Betsy would be on the train by herself to Pennsylvania. "I wanted to spend every possible moment at Frog Hollow. I just loved it. Mrs. Fleming was as much my mother as she was her own children's mother."

In 1956, Betsy joined Mrs. Fleming's Swiss Holiday summer program, based in Villa Verbanella overlooking Lake Maggiore. "Most of us knew each other from Frog Hollow," she remembers. "It was my first time abroad and I remember it vividly. First there was the 13-hour flight wearing proper hats and white gloves. We landed in Zurich in the late afternoon, and the blue VW buses picked us up and drove six hours over the Gotthard. Half the ride was in the dark. I remember waking up the next morning and looking out the door and seeing that sensational view, and how my heart stopped." That summer, Betsy and her fellow campers spent four weeks traveling around Europe and four weeks at the villa, studying Italian. "There were 12 of us, and we didn't

stay in any hotels. We camped everywhere, so you rolled up your clothes in your sleeping bag and it went on the top of the van with everything."

Betsy returned to Europe every summer until she was in her early 20s. The first few summers remain vivid in her mind. "Our trips around Europe were fabulous. It was when I first learned to love food. We went to the coast of Spain and to Normandy. We never went to restaurants so had to buy food along the way. This seemed exotic at times — none of us had ever cooked mussels — but we did it, even though it sometimes took two hours to boil a pot of water on those kerosene stoves."

After graduating from Brearley, Betsy went to Smith College and then to the Fashion Institute of Technology, as her dream was to be a dress designer. (She later completed her Master's at Oxford, UK.) Through a contact of Mrs. Fleming's, Betsy was given a job at the showroom of designer Philip Hulitar. "It was the most ghastly year I've ever had," she recalls. Aware of Betsy's misery, Mrs. Fleming called her in April. "You're miserable, she said. *This is stupid. You're wasting your time. Come over this summer and we'll figure out something.* And that summer, she told me she was going to open up a New York office, and that I should go around the country and talk about the new postgraduate program. So for a few years I traveled all over the US with a 30-pound movie projector showing the same film over and over. I can still recite it in my sleep." She loved the job despite the hectic schedule; "One day in Cincinnati, I visited eight schools in one day!"

Along with her job with TASIS, Betsy made bespoke evening clothing and ran an au pair service. She spent her summers in Lugano until becoming head of International Playgroup, a year-round school with five locations in Manhattan and one in Queens. For the next 15 years, Betsy stuck close to home until again, Mrs. Fleming came calling, in 1990.

"She said, *you know, I have a great idea. Why don't you come and run the second session of the summer program? You might like it.* Of course I loved it."

While Betsy delighted in introducing young students to a bigger world, she found the most satisfaction with the one or two children whose lives really change each summer. "I remember one student who was miserable. He was very unhappy and couldn't communicate. I discussed things with the parents, and they took steps to help him. And the child returned, summer after summer, and continued to be successful in the other TASIS programs. The fact that he was able to come back and thrive was so satisfying."



Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Donald MacDermid '61, and Betsy Newell celebrate their friendship since 1958.

This ethos resonated deeply with her staff. Meagan Vincent, longtime CDE Assistant Director, recalls how important the individual child is to Betsy. "Early in my time here, we had a child who was aggressive, difficult, and unhappy, and everyone wanted to send him home. But Betsy said, *No. This is the reason we are here this summer. If we can show this child enough love to turn his summer around, we will have succeeded.* I remember crying as she said that, as I didn't quite understand this kind of love yet. I just wanted to love like that."

Betsy also felt her role as Director extended to shepherding her staff. "Every year, on the first morning, I said that the staff gets more out of the program than the children. They're at a much more impressionable age. Little children's memories don't really hold much of what went on here. But the staff remember it for the rest of their lives." Betsy always talked to the staff about *in loco parentis*, which at first she knows they don't really grasp. "But you live with these children; you tuck them in at night. By the end of the summer, our staff understands the dimensions of this responsibility." Betsy frequently hears from people who continue to speak about what their TASIS summer meant to them, even if it was decades ago.

As a former camper herself, Betsy knows how important a solid staff is to a program. "There's a photograph on the fireplace of Casa Fleming from 1948 of all of us during the summer. I can still name all the counselors." Betsy's choices echo the experience Mrs. Fleming gave her both as a student and as a counselor herself. "Mrs. Fleming always made people feel worthy and capable and



Betsy in her Fleming-style farewell to CDE families.

successful. It never occurred to her that children weren't capable, or that young people weren't capable." Meagan feels this is Mrs. Fleming's influence on Betsy, too. "Betsy always says that children from around the world are intriguing and engaging people who can contribute to the world around them, and certainly to a conversation at the dinner table. She has taught me to keep my expectations of children high, and that children will meet the expectations set for them."

Betsy's philosophy takes much from watching Mrs. Fleming over the years. "The fun of getting to know the children, and the delight of getting to work with children of this age, that surely must come from Mrs. Fleming. I said to Meagan all the time, I don't think Mrs. Fleming would have done this, or do it this way...and that influenced my decisions."

Many of those who worked with Betsy throughout the years compared her spirit to Mrs. Fleming's. Betsy laughs. "I learned it all from her! I am always reminded of it when I listen to the music from *What a Life*, she had a great flair for the dramatic. To be successful in our business, in the people business, you have to have a flair for the dramatic. And she had this *joie de vivre* that really lifts you. Many of my views are different to hers, but imagine growing up with her. For me it was an amazing experience. At Brearley we

were studying and thinking about all these things, and to be able to experience them in Europe — it was remarkable."

Betsy has been involved in education for decades, and although life today moves at lightning speed, she still feels children are the same. "They want to be capable and loved. We need to encourage self-confidence and independence. If CDE children learn two words of English, fine. They won't remember them in two months anyway. But we can help them develop life skills that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. This is the time you do it; after age 10 or 11 in many ways it is too late, as character is formed. Those things haven't changed and my view of those things hasn't changed."

CDE parent and TASIS Associate Director of Admissions Emily McKee was especially impressed by Betsy's genuine care for children. "It was a joy to watch my girls' faces light up when they saw Mrs. Betsy, and hers light up in response. Betsy showed my girls how to be compassionate, inspired, engaged, and thoughtful."

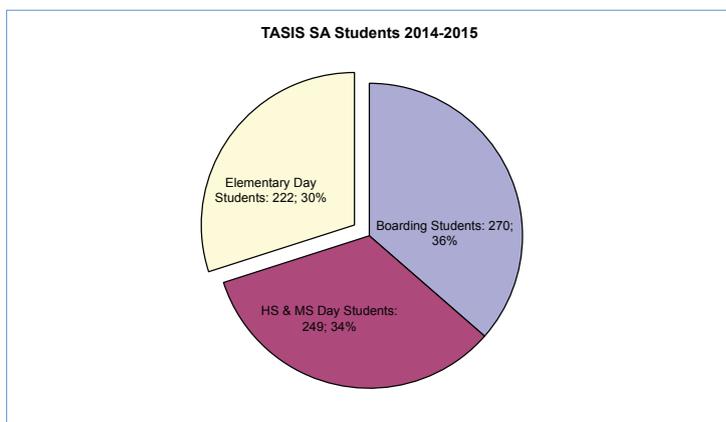
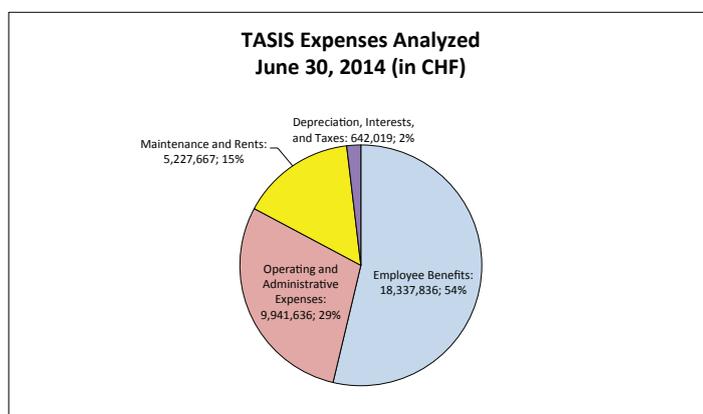
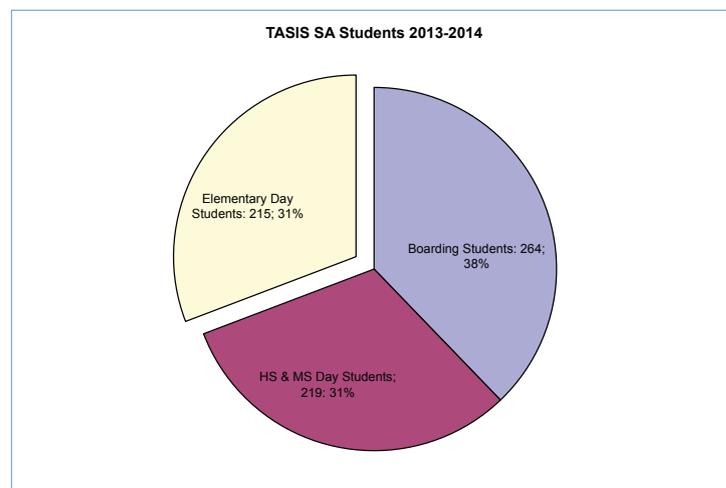
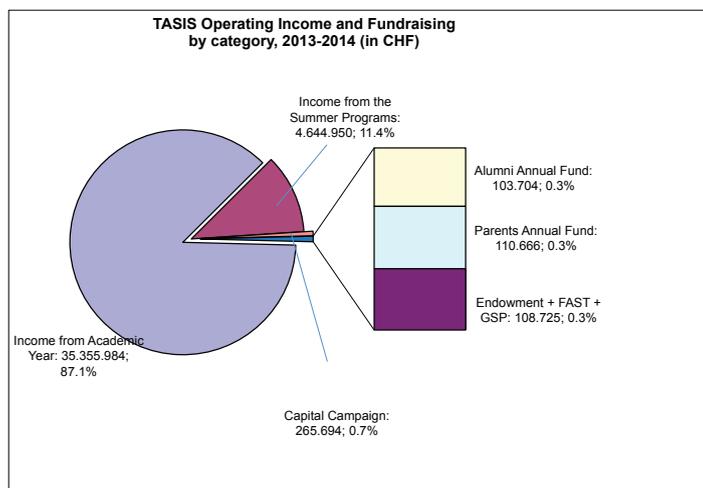
Running a world-class summer program and a top New York school for decades is an inordinate amount of work, especially for a woman who is a decade beyond the typical retirement age. "A change is as good as a vacation," Betsy laughs, "and I feel this is my spiritual home. I step off that airplane and 70 years come flooding back to me." Having people depend on you, Betsy continues, keeps you young. "I come from that strain of New Englanders who say you can't let people down. It's ingrained in who I am, and I think Mrs. Fleming was that way, too." And now she'll focus her energy on her husband Peter and sons Chandler Bigelow and Ronald Newell.

So what does she feel we can teach our children as we move into the latter half of this decade? "Every person has something in their character that makes them special and who they are," she says. "But Mrs. Fleming's whole philosophy exposed people to what is beautiful. That is important, along with having some understanding of what's beautiful in other people. There's so much in our culture that is so ugly and disgusting. Mrs. Fleming felt deeply about that, as do I."

Praise for Betsy comes from generations of children and parents, but also from her colleagues. TSP Director Dr. Jim Haley says, "Betsy was an inspirational leader who always put the welfare of the children first and reminded those of us on staff that we have the power to change lives, one child at a time."

The summer of 2015 will resonate at CDE, and indeed at TASIS, for many years to come. In her wake Betsy has left an outstanding summer program, but perhaps more importantly she has changed the lives of hundreds of children, counselors, and teachers who are often reminded of her influence. "I was born under a lucky star that I met Mrs. Fleming. It was all so serendipitous," she says. But we, too, are lucky that Betsy has shared so much of herself with us.

Financial Report



Operating Income and Expenses (in CHF)

	2012-2013	2013-2014
Tuition Income (Summer and Winter)	37.653.085	40.000.934
Financial Aid & Scholarships	-3.190.797	-4.240.447
Other Gains/Losses	-1.213.942	-1.424.339
Net Operating Revenues	33.248.346	34.336.148
Employee Benefits	17.465.229	18.337.836
Operating & Administrative Expenses	9.797.049	9.941.636
Maintenance and Rents	5.126.355	5.227.667
Depreciation, Interest, and Taxes	809.245	642.019
Total Operating Expenses	33.197.878	34.149.158
Net funds available for other programs/campus enhancements	50.468	186.991

Income Highlights (net increase by 6%)

Overall enrollment increased by 6%

Elementary School: +3%
 Day Students in MS/HS: +14%
 Boarding Students in MS/HS: +2%

Academic fees increased by an average of 2% for Boarding Students, 1.5% for Day Students

Expenses Highlights (net increase by 3%)

Employee benefits increased by 3%, representing 54% of total operating costs
 Operating and Administrative expenses increased by 1%
 Maintenance and Rents increased by 2%
 Depreciation, Interest, and Taxes decreased by 21%

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“We think that it is important to faculty that we give them choices,” says Yvonne Procyk, Associate Director of Development, of the opportunity donors have to designate their gifts to specific projects. “Since they work here every day, they have strong opinions about where their money goes.” Faculty donations have supported scholarship aid, professional development, the MCF Endowment, and Campo Science, among others.

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The exemplary gift of John Palmer ‘64, a generous bequest, funded half the cost of the Palmer Cultural Center following his untimely death. This building has become a vibrant center on campus, used daily for everything from elementary school meetings to college counseling workshops to performances by students in all grade levels. John’s love of theater lives on in this elegant building.

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Alumni Reunions

All-Class Reunion in New York, November 22, 2014



1) Toni Clayton Hine '89 with husband Jeff and classmate Lara De Vido '89 - **2)** Shannon Callihan Hardee '97 with husband Jonathan - **3)** Julia Fox '08, Annie Badavas '08 - **4)** Emir Bahadir '10, Radmila Garic '09, Isabel Borish '09, Lucia Rodriguez-Portugal Dobarro '09, Adriana Kassel-Hardman '09 - **5)** Jennifer Greene '74, Anne Arnold Guthrie '74, Denise Rainero '74 - **6)** Jen Granville 94, Nastassia Lopez (CDE staff), Mike Wilson and friend - **7)** Beatrice Briggs '62, Betsy Newell (CDE director), Katherine Kahan SH'59 - **8)** Bill Eichner, Curtis Webster '75 - **9)** Former headmaster Chris and Anne Frost with Sophie Rasini '99 - **10)** Elisabeth Acer Crawford PG'66 with daughter Sarah (CDE staff), Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63... AND Curtis Webster '75

All-Class Reunion in London, December 6, 2014



All-Class Reunion in San Francisco, February 21, 2015



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1) Lorri Fien '76, Molly Botkin Rossiter '61, John Travis '65 - **2)** Kay Hamblin, Amy Gage - **3)** Stephan Jeanpierre '08, David Larry Tomlin '72 - **4)** Marjorie Roesser '09, Jed Rich TSLP'98, Bijan Fouladi '82 - **5)** James Eichner '07, Marika Anastassiadis '07, Brett Vincent, Helen Anda - **6)** Yuki Yamashiro '98, Alex Jones '98 - **7)** Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis '85, John Palter '65 - **8)** Bill Eichner, Trevor Martin '01 - **9)** Hiedeh Honari '77, Yvette Vartanian Baroian '73, Roubik Aftandilians '74, Carolina Roman '78, Fahid Gazor '77 - **10)** Peter Boynton '69, Catherine Steele '71, Mike Nelson '70 - **11)** Yvonne Procyk, Roubik Aftandilians '74, with wine from Alexander Valley Vineyards (Katie Wetzel Murphy '74's winery)



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1) Benjamin Stewart Yeomans, Gina van Hoof '96, Chiara Billi '12, Chiara Ravaoli '13 - **2)** Marcus Henrion '04, Richard Mitchell '02, Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Capucine Mabika '04, Ania Zdunek '04, Yvonne Procyk, Bill Eichner, Patricia Schmidt '04, Evgeniy Kazarez '04 - **3)** Sofia Guguberidze '14, Veronika Iliopolova '13, Howard Stickley - **4)** Maurice Michel '09, Nils Wienker '10, Dr. Charles Skipper - **5)** Elena Scajoli Necchi '10, Isabel Barrachina '08, Nils Wienker '10, Melis Kurum '10

Class of 2009, London, December 6, 2014

The Class of 2009 and friends got together in London early in the festive season. Attendees included Momo Alamoudi, Isabel Barrachina, Marta Bilas, Serge Bollag, Vojislav Djuric, Annika Gotbrod, Anastasiya Kotenko, Jens Meinich, Maurice Michel, Ana Munoz, Theodor Naim, Thomas Neslein, Elena Scajoli Necchi, Nils Wienker.



Class of 1982 Reunion, Capitignano, April 3-12, 2015

Members of the class of 1982 spent Easter at the Fleming-Aeschliman estate in Tuscany, having purchased the holiday in the 2013 online auction. With Michael Aeschliman, Bill Eichner, Jen Hiscox Andrews, Jennifer Haldeman Ramirez, Karen Knolle Sullivan, Susan Sindoni Wright, Irene Smith (in MCF's hat!), Stephanie Niblock Cohen, and Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63. Not pictured: Domitilla Zerbone



Class of 2005 Reunion, Lugano, June 19-21, 2015

The 2005 reunion was a great opportunity to reconnect with people we had lost touch with over the years, to strengthen our relationships and bring us even closer. Memories were rekindled by staying in the dorms and hanging out on campus. We saw familiar faces again after many years and caught up on everyone's news — where they are, what they are doing, and how well they're doing with their lives. It made me feel very happy and proud of being a TASIC alum. I also feel that wherever I travel in the world, I can find a TASIC alum to have coffee or dinner with!

Can Doganci '05



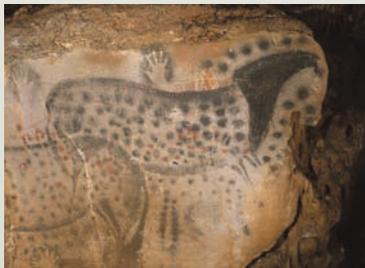
- 1) Reminiscing and reliving memories with the 2005 yearbook
- 2) Masa Yo '04, Eda Aksoy
- 3) Group shot on the lawn
- 4) Ninah Mars, Kira Yeomans
- 5) Dilhan Hanif, Eddie Goldbach, Tessa Wienker
- 6) Horst Dürschmidt with Fiona Struengmann

Walking Holiday in the Dordogne, June 24-July 5, 2015

This summer's Dordogne Walk was a leisurely stroll through medieval villages, pre-history, and gourmet desserts. We covered no more than six to eight miles per day, allowing ample time to explore highlights of the region such as the magnificent 20,000 year-old spotted horse painting in the Grotte de Pech Merle. Our days on the trails coincided with record-breaking heat hovering around 105F, making the 53-degrees within the caves a welcome respite, not to mention the pools at seven of our ten hotels, and the exquisite red fruit mascarpone ice cream! Canoeing on the Dordogne river was another memorable experience. Our good-natured group counted walkers from their mid-30s to mid-70s made up of TASIC alumni from 1959 to 1982, plus friends. At the end of the trip, one question dominated: "Where next (year), Peter?" The answer: a walk through, dear folks, the Lake Geneva vineyards, back in Switzerland.

- **Peter Boynton '69**

(Read Ford Barrett SH'59's impressions on page 46.)



A moment's pause in the Dordogne, with Michael Nelson '70, Marilyn Frison Hand '69, Kim Curry '82, Ford Barrett SH'59, Debbie Billingsley Lichtenberg '71, Peter Boynton '69, and friends. Not pictured: Lila Luce PG'67

UPCOMING REUNIONS 2015-2016

All-Class Reunion in Washington, DC

November 20, 2015

18:30 – 21:30 pm

The Hay-Adams Hotel

All-Class Reunion in Los Angeles

April 30, 2016

18:30 pm until Late

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All-Class Reunion in Lugano

August 19-20, 2016

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CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1985 – 30-Year Reunion

Washington, DC, September 18-21, 2015

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Class of 1990 – 25-Year Reunion

Las Vegas, October 10-12, 2015

Contact Ken Tobe: ken.tobe@nihonshokuhin.co.jp for info

PG'65 – 50-Year Reunion

Washington, DC, November 20-22, 2015

Contact Rick Bell: rickbell@delawareinc.com for info

Class of 1975 – 40-Year Reunion

Los Angeles area, April 29-May 1, 2016

Contact Linda Jaekel Avery: linda.avery60@gmail.com for info

PG'66 – 50-Year Reunion

Lugano, August 18-21, 2016

Contact Cindy Crabtree: ambassadorcindy@gmail.com for information

Class of 1966 – 50-Year Reunion

Contact Chuck Kitsman (ckitsman@aol.com) to volunteer for the steering committee, or with suggestions.

* If you are planning a reunion which is not on this list, email us at alumni@tasis.ch so we can add it to the calendar on the website.

Alumni Profiles

Walk On



Peter Boynton and Catherine Steele '71 with Mrs. Fleming in 2006

Peter Boynton '69 is a familiar name to many alumni as a key contact for class reunions and alumni events throughout the years. He's also an entrepreneur and former ski bum who has hosted countless alumni on hikes in the French and Swiss Alps.

Peter came to TASIS "for the skiing", yet left with a fresh outlook that opened his eyes to art, drama, and the importance of language. "I first tried college at Colorado State University with my skiing best friend and mentor, Craig Benton '69," he recalls. The activity of the Vietnam War on campuses further west drew Peter and Craig to Peter's home in Palo Alto, California, but, as Peter says, "we were soon Europe-sick and applied together and got into Schiller College in Germany."

When Peter moved back to Europe, his younger brother and sister and Craig's younger brother were attending TASIS, so they skied often with the TASIS community. Peter soon

decided to leave college and found a job in Mürren, in the Berner Oberland. "I was in heaven," he says, "teaching skiing in the winters and hiking in the summers. I stayed five years."

Then, "with no college background and becoming saturated with ski-bumming, I decided to find a career." He founded a bicycle touring adventure company called Europeds in 1981, developing itineraries throughout France and Switzerland. He sold Europeds in 2000 and worked odd jobs, including carpentry work with his cabinet-maker brother.

Planning and guiding hikes and walks was in his blood, however, so he never really quit, and put together some great itineraries for special groups and occasions, like celebrating the School's 50th anniversary with his classmates in 2006. Twenty alumni hiked from Andermatt (evoking days of Ski Term) through Ticino to the Montagnola campus.

Peter personifies Mrs. Fleming's love of adventure and exploring, absorbing her spirit of *joie de vivre* and making it his own. After Mrs. Fleming passed away in January 2009, Peter put together an all-class hike in her honor, which took hikers from St. Moritz to Montagnola via Lake Como. "It was a success and started the regular walks which have followed since then, including one in 2013 where we stayed a week in the spectacular summer home of my TASIS roommate, the late Peter Graham Belin, Château d'Andelot in Franche-Comté in eastern France."

As a leader, Peter is known for his extensive research, his love of maps, and his encyclopedic knowledge of interesting information that enhances the experience for his guests. His meticulous planning might lead him to request a second Postbus at the end of a day's hike to ensure no one will go without a seat. For those who might want to stop hiking earlier than others, he will ensure a bus is shadowing the group, or that a funicular is available nearby. He ensures that the terrain is as challenging or comfortable as his guests prefer. TASIS Alumni Director Yvonne Procyk has heard many sing Peter's praises throughout the year. "It's not just about walking," she says. "There's the cuisine, and cultural stops, such as visiting prehistoric cave paintings in the Dordogne plus a lecture from an expert, or visiting Giacometti's studio. Peter evokes Mrs. Fleming's love of picnics with al fresco dining. Nature and culture are both present." The groups soon become a family, sharing communal meals and discussing everything from the scenery to philosophy.

Peter is inspired by the incredible landscapes of the "awesome Alps and the idyllic French countryside, the sublime cuisine and cozy and/or supreme accommodations. But mostly, my active gatherings are inspired by the warm, wonderful and humorous rapport I enjoy with participants."

Repurposing for Good



Everyone has thrown away old clothing at some point, which presents a question: where does it all go? SOEX is a German-based international company that recycles used textiles.

Roubik Aftandilians '74 has been involved with the company since 2008. "They were looking for a CEO to manage and expand the US business," Roubik recalls. The job neatly combined his Masters in urban planning from Harvard University with his 22 years of experience in fashion, managing his own clothing and swimwear company for 10 years and a large textile firm for 12 years.

Every year worldwide, SOEX sorts and grades approximately one billion items of clothing into three categories: re-wear, where items are sorted for distributors in developing countries; re-use, where items find a secondary usage, such as carpets cut up to create bath mats; and recycle, when items in too poor a condition are recycled into carpet underlay, insulation for automobiles, and the construction industry. "I strongly believe that one of the best ways to recycle is to extend the life of a product," he says, "and we also must recycle items that have no life left in them otherwise they end up in landfills."

SOEX is also involved with an affiliated company called I:CO (short for "I collect"). "The idea is to return your clothing to where you purchased it once you no longer need it," Roubik says. H&M

has included this in a worldwide agreement; even the H&M in Lugano has a collection box for unwanted clothing, which is then processed via SOEX.

Roubik's worldly consciousness stems from his TESIS days. "In one short year, TESIS and especially Mrs. Fleming had a major impact on my life," he recalls. Roubik's parents sent him to London from Tehran, Iran at age 16 to study English, math, and science. But he had always dreamt of attending a US university, so "in 1973 my father met Mrs. Fleming in Tehran and decided that I should attend TESIS before continuing my higher education in the US."

In summer of 1975, a year into his undergraduate studies at Syracuse University, he was asked to work at the TESIS Summer Program. Along with his roommate (and still best friend) Ali Massoudi '74, Roubik chaperoned 30 children from the ages of 10 to 16 from Tehran to Lugano. "It was during that summer that I had the pleasure and good fortune to spend many hours talking with Mrs. Fleming about multiculturalism, the educational philosophies of the US vs. Iran, and the Middle East, as well as life in general. For me, this was the icing on the cake."

TESIS and Mrs. Fleming have shaped the way Roubik has lived his life. "There isn't a day that goes by that I don't thank my father for sending me there," he says. Roubik says he was blessed to have a very supportive family; however, he wasn't used to receiving support from people outside of his family. "When encouragement is received from teachers, coaches and successful educators such as Mrs. Fleming, the positive impact is hundred fold."



Roubik Aftandilians '74 with Mrs. Fleming in the 70s

Career to Caring



The idea of giving it all up to help others is something plenty of people talk about, yet few actually do. **Trond Thorrud, '95** is an exception.

Trond came to TASIS in 1992. "I was sick and tired of my hometown and felt an urgent need to meet different people," he says. "Having friends from different parts of the world opened my mind, and I understood that I had things in common with all kinds of people."

After TASIS, Trond "spent a few years figuring out who I was and what I wanted to be," he says. "I spent some time frustrating my parents." First, he worked with children in some kindergartens and at a day-care center. Then he began working in sales and marketing with Norwegian marketing and finance companies.

After a decade chasing money and his career, the urge to leave Norway was strong. "I guess I was a little damaged after working in some of the most cynical environments in Norway," he admits. As he grew older, he felt more of an urge to work on a global scale and he wanted to do something meaningful. "I think TASIS ignited a spark," he recalls. "And I'd realized that I should start helping people who need it." In 2011 he began working with Aid in Action as a fundraiser and a project manager.

Trond is now in the start-up phase of building a day-care center for children who live in a train station in Gaya, India. He has founded an organization in Norway, Bija Organization, which will run this project and others Trond has planned, fulfilling his ambition of making a difference globally. www.bijaorganization.com



Trond working in India

Lucia '09, a TASIS Star



For **Lucia Rodriguez-Portugal Dobarro '09**, her global experience at TASIS is now part of her everyday life. In May 2009, she began studying European Law at San Pablo CEU in Madrid, Spain. During her time at university she completed internships to help diversify her skills. In summer 2011 she worked at Casa de Madrid en Miami (Florida) where she set up networking events to help Spanish expats in Miami meet locals and mingle in the community. Summer 2012 found her in Madrid at Uria Menendez, a well-known law firm in Spain which selects only 10 interns per summer. During her final year of law school, she was granted the Erasmus Scholarship and did an exchange program with Vrije Universiteit in Brussels, where she spent six months learning about EU law.

After graduation, she went on to Fordham Law School in New York City,

where she received her LLM Masters in Banking, Corporate and Finance Law. She is working at Tosolini & Lamura LLP, an Italian-American law firm. In September 2015 she will be moving back to Madrid to join the office of Allen & Overy LLP, with a thought of returning to New York one day.

"Living in Lugano and studying at TASIS opened my horizons and made me realize that there is always something new to discover and new cultures and people that one can meet," she says. "TASIS made me grow up quickly and learn how to be independent at a very young age. It helped me learn English, Italian, French, and even Portuguese! I am immensely thankful to my parents for having sent me there. I would love my kids to go to TASIS and live the same great experience as I did."

Juggling and Thriving



Five years isn't a long time to earn an undergraduate degree, an MBA, and found a start-up company, but **Tommaso Grossi '10** has achieved all this and more.

Tommaso's university experiences have triggered successful ventures outside the classroom. While studying international business at the University of Kent in the UK, Tommaso founded AboutYourStartup, a company focused

on helping fledgling tech start-ups gain exposure and traction in a competitive market. "AboutYourStartup consisted of a directory where entrepreneurs published a customized profile describing their business, product, and mission," Tommaso says. The company registered more than 700 customers over a 24-month period, and was successfully sold in 2014.

Tommaso has just completed his MBA from Bentley University in Boston, where he took advantage of internship opportunities to expand his skills. He worked as a product marketing intern at Cloud Technology Partners and interned at Pidyon Controls, a New York-based company which produces luxury strollers and infant car seats. He is also working as a Private Aviation Consultant at Apollo Jets, a private jet charter company. And in his free time, he is compiling a book he likes to call the Business in Bullet Points, a collection of important takeaways from the most influential

business books and articles he has read over the years. He is currently exploring opportunities in the automotive and luxury goods industries.

"I would rank my years at TASIS as the most pivotal and important in my career so far," he says. "As I look back to my time at TASIS I realize that I learnt a lot more than I thought I did when I was there, especially things I took for granted." He credits learning to thrive in an extremely diverse community and adapting to a different environment and circumstances as critical to helping him gain an open mindset along with flexibility and adaptability. "The structured environment at TASIS helped me become more organized and manage multiple commitments," he recalls, "which allowed me to juggle an MBA and two internships at the same time. But most of all, it is the friendships, the sense of loyalty, integrity, and respect that truly shape TASIS students to become leaders and achieve great things wherever they go."

Math Hero



Presidential Award Winner Bill O'Brien

Receiving an award from the White House isn't a normal thing for most people. But on July 1, former TASIS mathematics teacher

William O'Brien discovered he'd received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is part of an initiative to retain the US's best and brightest science and mathematics teachers.

"I was nominated and so I submitted a video of my teaching along with some reflective essays and additional information," Bill says. "It's a tremendous honor, and is external validation of what many of us find so intrinsically rewarding."

William has been teaching math since before STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, was a 'thing'. He spent the first 13 years of his career teaching at international schools. From 1994-1998 he was at TASIS, then went on to teach in Taiwan and Australia. In 2007, he returned to his alma mater, Camden Hills Regional High School in Maine, and will begin teaching at Belfast Area High School in fall 2015. He

has taught everything from 7th grade math to AP Calculus and IB Math, and chooses to teach a cross-section of abilities and ages. He has been an IB Examiner since 2001, serving as deputy chief examiner and writing exam papers, leading marking, and setting score boundaries.

"I had never used a graphing calculator until I began teaching at TASIS," he says. "Now, I teach daily with a projector and numerous math apps to visualize the relationships that we are exploring. We are also able to go off on tangents (so to speak) quite easily, exploring areas of math outside of the textbook."

Part of his Presidential Award is \$10,000 which William used to buy his dream racing bicycle, a Cervelo S5. As William is keen to teach abroad again, he might just be pedaling around the Alps someday soon. "If I'm back in Lugano, I'll use the bike to race Paul Greenwood."

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Molly Botkin Rossiter came to the alumni reunion in San Francisco, and wrote afterwards: "My daughter and family will be living in the London area starting in July for a year. Hopefully on a trip over we can swing through Switzerland and see all the changes on campus."

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Vacancy for class agent

contact alumni@tasis.ch to learn more about taking on this role.

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contact alumni@tasis.ch to learn more about taking on this role. **Robert Hood** reconnected with **Joe Cook '64** by email in November: "It was very welcoming to see photos from the 50-year reunion in New York City. I regret that I did not attend. Still, I wanted to get in touch and let you know that I have followed the activities via *TASIS Today* over the years. It is good to see everyone still so active. I saw **Martin Vogt** and **Jim Yohe '64's** photos too, brought many a memory back. I retired from computer systems management in 1986 for an import/export firm here in San Francisco. I presently serve as secretary-treasurer for the Sam Mazza Foundation, a private foundation doing philanthropic grants. Additionally, I have been a Buddhist monk in the Tibetan tradition for almost 20 years and serve as

President of the Dharma Fellowship in the US and Canada. Fortunately, I have a little condo near the Estoril coast in Portugal for a respite once a year (and warmth since San Francisco is so cool then). This brings me to Europe and of course I have travelled many times to Asia for the Buddhist monk thing, though not so much now."

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Jim Yohe remembers how he got turned on to modern art when he visited the Museo d'Arte Moderna in Lugano while at TASIS in the 60s. Although Art History was not offered at TASIS in those days, he recalls that three visits to the Uffizi in Florence were the best art history class ever! Jim made a career out of his interest in art and is a partner in the Chelsea gallery Ameringer McEnery & Yohe in New York City.

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Marina Sargenti stopped by for a visit in December. She had a tour of De Nobili, which had been her dorm, and spent quite a bit of time at Casa Fleming reminiscing on the candlelit dinners and the shenanigans that went on when she was a student. It was great to reconnect!

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• A special message for the class of

'66 from Class Agent Chuck Kitsman: "Next year marks the 50th (Golden) Anniversary of the class. For this important milestone I have a couple of suggestions. First, a reunion either in Lugano or stateside. Second, a Class Gift might be a possibility, giving us all the opportunity to remember classmates, teachers, and staff who helped get us through an important time in our lives. Some of those people may no longer be with us, some still are. Let's also think about putting together a collection of stories from as many classmates as possible to preserve the many special memories. We should appoint a steering committee of at least three people to make some decisions on behalf of the class – people who can take some time to contact classmates, plan the class gift and gather the recollections into an electronic memory book. Donations can be handled through the TASIS Foundation for tax deductibility, and Facebook can provide an easy way for all to interact. Please contact me (ckitsman@aol.com) or Yvonne Procyk at TASIS (yvonne.procyk@tasis.ch) if you're willing to volunteer or would like to know more."

• **Jennifer Holloway McHugh** sent us her news recently: "After my great trip to Europe last year, I've been catching up with friends stateside. My roommate sophomore year at TASIS, **Linda Griffin Henke '65**, came down for a short visit this spring. She had never been to Miami and luckily we had beautiful weather and a great time. This fall I hope to go out west to see more friends possibly in Vail, Sun Valley, and Jackson Hole. Right now friends and family in Miami are keeping me busy for the summer. I've been in contact with **Mac Dunn** and hear rumors of a possible reunion next year. It would be great to see everyone again." 1

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Chuck Kitsman has been keeping busy: "Georgia and I have been playing lots of golf and attended a golf school in Austin, Texas this spring to tune up for the season. We travel regularly to see her daughters and grandchildren in Austin and Denver. We're looking forward to trips to Chicago this summer and the Dominican Republic around Thanksgiving, then St. Croix soon after. I continue to enjoy working as a Financial Advisor with my firm Kitsman Investment Management, trying to lower my golf handicap and pursuing my love of photography."

• **Leslie Hughes Pierpont** was happy to announce that identical twin grandsons Owen and Teddy were born on May 15. 2

• A special message for the class of '67 from Class Agent Chuck Kitsman: "Friends, it's a little frightening but we will celebrate the Golden (50th) Anniversary of our class in 2017 and it's not too early to get in touch with each other and plan both a reunion and a Class Gift. Let's also put together recollections of our time in Montagnola to share with each other. It would be good to have a steering committee. If you'd like to get an early start by volunteering, please let me (ckitsman@aol.com) or Yvonne Procyk (yvonne.procyk@tasis.ch) know that you're interested. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be and the greater the result."

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Susan Gentry Cloud is happily retired: "Well, my husband William Rutherford and I finally decided on a retirement place after four years of scouting trips, including Honduras, Panama, and New Mexico. Something about the High Plains Desert of Las Cruces, New Mexico kept calling us back so we bought a house during our third trip. We'll be going down every three months until we make the final move in June-July 2016. The house has mountain views, Southwestern-style architecture and is in almost perfect shape."

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Hannes Vogel has been married since 2010 to Monique, and the family now includes Aaliya, age 3, and Otto, age 1. He is Director of Neuropathology at Stanford University. Hannes plays the piano and does ultra-running. His sister **Tina Vogel Pearson '72** lives in Tucson and is doing very well. **4**

• **Leslie Simitch** writes, "We still have our house in Park Slope, Brooklyn which we share with our sweet cats. We spend most summer weekends on the North Fork of Long Island and bought a house in Southold last year which Brion has been renovating full-time since January. We plan to travel to France in July for a much-needed vacation and still have fond memories of our trip to Lugano two

years ago. Brion's daughter Sarah is finishing a pre-med program at Stonybrook and applying to medical schools to become a pediatrician. We continue to see **Pamela Hanson '72** often, who is doing so well. We went to Rome this past Christmas with my sister **Andrea '73.**"

• **Melanie Brooks Campbell** became a book designer after spending many years in India working in a library with ancient manuscripts. There she met her husband Ian Campbell who is a painter. She took the professional name Gopa Campbell. They moved eventually to Albuquerque, New Mexico, restored an old house, and have set up a professional art studio and book design business with worldwide connections. Melanie has been awarded prizes for her work: "We just won two awards: First Place and Second Place at the New England Book Show 2015." **5**

• **Mark Burdick** published a paper in an international journal recently and presented it at the 2015 European Congress of Psychology in July in Milan. He writes "My services are focused on helping at-risk youth and families in need of treatment for mental health, behavior, or recovery purposes. I am also doing some outreach to international schools with two colleagues from RedCliff Ascent, an outdoor treatment program based in Utah." **6**

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Jan Nicholas writes: "I am working as a therapist for the Family Service Agency in Santa Cruz, treating low-income seniors. It is wonderful work. My husband Reid and I just celebrated our 10th anniversary and he continues to paint and teach digital art and

animation at Cogswell College. My son Hudson Cooper is 19 and a sophomore at UCSD, majoring in Mathematics/Computer Science with a minor in Cognitive Science and plans on going into the field of Artificial Intelligence. My daughter Emily is 24 and working as a dental assistant and goes to school at night for Oral Hygiene. We bought a new home this past year and are most content here at the foot of the Santa Cruz mountains and continue to enjoy the water, paddle boarding, surfing, and walking our dogs. I turned 61 on July 10. We recently spent the weekend in Los Angeles visiting my father, who just turned 95 and still goes to work every day. Life is a gift!" **7**

• **Jo-Anne Principato Morley** was in touch over the summer: "Here's a photo of my family at Rockefeller Center this past Christmas. I'm pictured here with my husband Kevin and our three sons, a daughter-in-law, and a fiancée. We are very fortunate that all our sons work and live in Manhattan since we are nearby in Connecticut and get to see them frequently. Kevin and I haven't had as much fun since we've been consumed with selling our home of 22 years, building our "downsize" house, moving, battling kidney stones, and handling my parents' finances, healthcare, etc. Fortunately, after much turmoil, we also succeeded in moving my parents to a fabulous assisted-living facility 15 minutes from our new home. Once we sell their condo, I'm looking forward to traveling again with Kevin. We had a wonderful visit last June with my sister **Lynne Principato Noceti '73** and her husband at their home in northern Italy, but it feels like it's been years since then! Lynne will soon have both sons residing in London so maybe we'll meet there next. In the meantime, we

look forward to a reunion here as the entire extended family, including our youngest sister **Angela Principato St. Pierre '76** together with her husband, children, and adorable 10-month-old grandson, gathers for my son's September wedding. Can't wait!" **8**

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Debra "Alice" Clason Rollins was delighted to report: "I'm sharing the happy news that my daughter, Emma Jane Rollins, was married to Alexander Wright, who is the nephew of my classmate **Robert Wright '72** and his sister **Wendy Wright '71**. They met on a trip to Bermuda when she was 9 and he was 12 with my sister, **Dina Clason '71**, and Wendy. It was a lovely wedding celebrated at the Brooklyn Winery. Sadly Robert couldn't leave his post at the Embassy in Nepal to join us but was there in spirit.

• **Wendy Banning** is still living in North Carolina. She loves the outdoors and feels lucky that her work is all about connecting youngsters with the natural world each day through www.learningoutside.org. "Still taking adventures and still wishing for a chance to get back to Switzerland and visit Tasis! I feel lucky to have remained connected with folks like **Patricia Murtha Greenfield** and **Don Ingraham** via Facebook. And I remain connected with **Maret Hensick '71** and her family – deep and abiding family friends. I continue to want to reconnect with old buddies from my years at Tasis – **Wendy Hollinger Padovano**, **Anita Cataldo**, **Marilyn Moore** – where and how are you? Would love to know! wendy@learningoutside.org." **9**



• **Rebecca 'Rebbie' Carleton** is working as an elementary school art teacher in Randolph, Vermont. In 2014, Rebecca won the National Art Educators Association award for best elementary art teacher on the East Coast. She's President of the Vermont Art Teachers association and President of the Bethel Vermont Rotary Club and head of rotary foreign exchanges.

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• **Beth Mason** and her partner of 25 years were married last summer when it became legal to do so in New Mexico. 11

• **Dan Higgins** shares with us: "After the TASIC Big Bang reunion celebrating the 70s kids, there have been lots of mini-reunions, as we have all been thrilled with reconnecting and making new friends. It is surprising how quickly we have all become close as family. We hope to attend the all-school reunion on campus in 2016! I'll take photos!" Dan used some of his spare time last fall to produce a beautiful TASIC calendar using shots taken during last year's 70s multi-class reunion and quotes from Mrs. Fleming. 12

• **Larissa Shmailo** recently published her novel, *Patient Women*. "I have books out as a translator and a poet, but this is my debut novel; wish me luck! It is a tale of sex and substance abuse set in the Woodstock and punk rock eras." Larissa's book is available on Amazon. 13

• **Kacey Carleton** is working as an architect in Tucson, primarily focusing on sustainable design.

• **Jennifer Greene** met up with **Kathy Gamble Pilugin, Daisy Bilbao '76,**

Ann Liederman '78, Dan Higgins, and **Amelia Eilers '77** in Orlando the first weekend in May for a mini-reunion, and they had a blast! Dan got them tickets for the pre-opening of the Orlando Eye and they all got to see him in action at Hard Rock Orlando when he was shooting the Men Without Hats concert. They helped him put his boat in the water and spent the weekend on the lake. "We're all planning to come to the all-class reunion next year, fingers crossed. Hope to see you then." 14

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Don Mann has been teaching French at a high school in Camden, Maine for 30 years, and throughout the summer he takes people out on charter expeditions on his sailboat. This July he met with TASIC headmaster **Lyle Rigg** at a barbecue in Maine and brought his yearbook to the gathering. His fondest memories are of Mrs. Fleming and Angelo.

• **Jeanie Cunningham** is as busy as ever: "We are officially launching the new Los Diggities website and the Los Diggities series books which are coming out on Kindle, Amazon, eBooks, iTunes and in Audio Book CDs. It's been a mad dash of craziness around here what with performances, getting DULA music arrangements out to the theater, the continuation of the Ukes In Schools programs, and a work project of composing original music for a medical supply company. It's a bit hectic, but fun. If you get a chance — and know anybody with children ages 6-11 who enjoy dogs and stories about dogs — please check out the website: www.losdiggities.com. Any reviews or feedback would be most welcome!"

• **Linda Jaekel Avery** works in ranch-style real estate sales. "It is fun, I am independent, and with today's technology, no one knows if I am in my office or on a boat in the Caribbean. I have a stepdaughter in Washington, DC and six godchildren. Doug and I are also very active with our Telluride Rotary Youth Exchange. Life is great." 15

• **Hans Figi** paid **Adrien Aeschliman '99** a visit at his restaurant Bottega in Baltimore while on a college tour with wife Sharon and son **Lucas '16**. They raved about the food and claimed the salted chocolate caramel dessert was to die for! Although Adrien is moving his restaurant to a new location, the atmosphere was very special. 16

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Janine Mantle lives in Israel. She went on to a career in music after TASIC and is pleased that music continues to be an important part of a TASIC education. She posed for a shot outside Casetta during her visit to campus last fall. 17

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Toni Ferreira writes, "I've moved from the Big Apple to the Grand Canyon state! I live in the mountains in Buckeye, which is extremely different than our place in New York. "Our" meaning me and my dogs! I bought an RV and along with two dedicated friends drove out here with my dogs. We now have lots of space for the dogs and they even have their own dog park! We inherited

birds, gophers, and rabbits that live in the backyard and now have quite a menagerie. Arizona is absolutely beautiful and we hope to have lots of visitors once we get all the boxes out of the guest room! My Facebook page has hundreds of pictures of our trip and of the new house so please friend me to see them! I would love to reconnect with some of the CDE crowd from '72." 18

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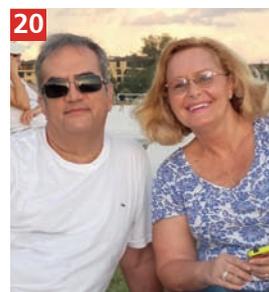
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Jennifer E. Mathiesen Ito was in touch this summer: "I wish I had a lot to say about myself but most of my news is of the family, specifically the kids of course. All three of my girls are doing well. Caitlin, the oldest, is working on her doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science at the University of Southern California. Alexa, the middle child, is working on her Bachelors in Finance and Real Estate at Chapman, and the youngest, Erica, is working on her high school degree and her acting career at Punahou School in Honolulu. My husband Mark and I continue to work hard to support them in their adventures and manage a few trips to the mainland a year to visit family, friends, and attend graduation ceremonies. Look for my youngest daughter in a three-second clip in *Jurassic World*. She can be seen flirting with the lead teenage boy in the line as they wait for the gyrosphere ride. Part of the filming took place in Hawaii a year ago and she



had the good fortune to participate for three days on the set. She is also in a few crowd scenes and on the boat but only a mother can spot her there." **19**

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Daryoush Koohdar and **Allison Palmer '82** went to Sarasota, Florida with family and share a picture of their trip. **20**

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Class Agent: NouNou Taleghani
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Richard Arsan and **Marina Arsan '83** visited campus with **Nicla Mambretti**, beloved long-time TASIS Italian & German teacher. After graduating from TASIS, Richard went on to the Columbia University School of Engineering in New York City, then pursued a successful business career in Italy before returning to education as an administrator in the MBA program at Catholic University of Milan, specializing in third-world entrepreneurs and start-up companies. Married and with children, Marina also works in the Business School at the Catholic University. **21**
 • **Dominique Giacobbi-Aureglia** is an archivist living in Monaco. She loves her job! She and her husband visited

EXPO Milan this summer and made the extra trip to Lugano to check out the TASIS campus. **22**

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Class Agent: Tania Shetabi Nordstrom
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Tania Shetabi Nordstrom continues to stay connected with TASIS alumni. "On June 20, a group of us got together at a beach house in Manhattan Beach, California. Many people took time out of their busy schedules for a day of sun, fun, and a spectacular BBQ dinner prepared by **Jimmy McGrath '85**. In attendance from Class of '82: **Tania Nordstrom, Alicia Brauns, Kelly McGrath Quevedo, Irene Smith.** Class of '83: **Eemen Sahebdivani Salehi, Andreas Brown, Ardeshir Sepahpour** and **Eva-Lena Kost Fehlmann.** Class of '84: **Nazli Ghassemi, Seana Goddard Lee, and Taya Bascom Paige.** **23**
 • **Kim Jones Mellone** toured Japan with Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey circus for a season as a showgirl. She also participated in local theater for several years. Currently she is active as a volunteer where her two younger children attend school; her eldest has just graduated college and her second son has two years of college to go. **24**
 • **Susan Sindoni Wright** took time out from the class of '82 reunion at Capitignano to visit campus with her

family. Her son Taylor is set to continue the family connection with TASIS as he starts 10th grade in 2015-16. **25**

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Rebecca Perry Damsen enjoyed having **Tania Shetabi Nordstrom '82, Stephanie Niblock Cohen,** and **Rachel Palkendo Dougan '84** at her house in Columbus, Ohio to celebrate a mutual friend's birthday. They also got to see the Ohio State Buckeyes on their way to the title! Then in January 2015 **Stephanie Niblock Cohen** and **Jim Carroll** joined the Damsens at AT&T Stadium for the National Championship game to watch the Buckeyes win and be crowned champions. **26**
 • **Eva-Lena Kost Fehlman** met up with both **Patricia Chapa Martin** and her sister **Elena Chapa Martin Villarreal '84** in San Antonio, Texas in the fall. "After 14 hours of flight and full of energy due to the excitement, we went to a beautiful restaurant by the Riverwalk. Elena had some musicians play some Spanish music for me. It was great. I stayed for six days. We chatted a lot and had nice dinners and long breakfasts together. The connection created at TASIS was fully alive and there again. I really felt at home with Patricia as two souls meeting again. I

also connected very strongly to Elena although I was only able to see her for one evening and a day as she was leaving for a new challenging and exciting job. So now we are planning other adventurous holidays together, perhaps in 2016." **27**

• **Karen Jones** has pleasant memories of her time at school and thinks of her classmates fondly. She does research verification and copyediting, and helps run the Photoplasty/Macro contests for award-winning humor website Cracked.com. She also has a scarf shop on Etsy called AirDanceArtistry and offers 20% off with promo code TASIS20. Say hello to her on Twitter @Caerynyvon.

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Boris Bakovic updated us in November: "The nights here in San Francisco are so long after the turn back of daylight savings time. It's very hard to get used to and a reminder of colder, wet days to come. Hope that means good skiing this year in Northern California. Lynne and I are



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doing very well. I'm still with XOJET and Lynne with Salesforce. We got our first pet this year, a one-year-old adopted cat from the SPCA we named Lucky. We managed to get away for some R&R late this summer in and around Barcelona. Lots of good food and drink, with some sightseeing and beach time in between. Other than that, lots of work and looking forward to family time at Thanksgiving."

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 • **Jonathan Radin** moved to Denver in 2006 and is working for the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "My wife and son and I couldn't be happier in Colorado. We love the beauty and countless activities available to us here."

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 • **Erik Swanson** is living in Denver and swung by TASIS during vacation in Europe with his family to show them where he spent a semester in 1981 as an 8th grader. They were able to locate his dorm room in De Nobili top, as well as his sister **Lori '83's** in De Nobili middle.

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 • **Sammy Eitouni** dropped in during his annual visit to TASIS, but this time he brought his lovely wife Oula with him, whom he had married less than a year before. Congratulations to the happy couple. **31**

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Deirdre Duker spent a month in Europe this spring and took time to visit campus. Deirdre worked as a film producer for MTV for years, but now concentrates on documentaries. She would love to spend time in residency at TASIS to offer a film studies course, and also hopes her son will attend TASIS one day, at least for a summer program. **32**

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Sean Fleischmann Borrelli-Boudreau visited campus in June and wrote: "It was wonderful seeing everyone and all the changes that have occurred over the last 30 years! We were in the area for a family vacation and stopped by. I wanted to show our daughters where I had spent my teenage years and for them to meet my 'TASIS Mom', **Chantal Eley Gordon**. We hope to visit next summer again and maybe have our girls attend a summer session."

• **Michael Jordan** is back working in the international development field and currently lives in Washington, DC after stints in Kenya, Mozambique, and Iraq. His son **Alex** is a TASIS senior this year, where one of his classmates is **Alex de Bruin's** son **Alois**.

• **Patricia Andreu** enjoyed exploring campus in April and the chance to find her old dorm room in Belvedere as well as share her memories with husband Sergio and their daughter. Patricia's decision to study international relations and then to work as a journalist, for CNN among others, was influenced by experiencing many people and cultures during her time at TASIS. **33**

• **James Dempsey** has made his career in the US Army, where he has attained the rank of Lt. Colonel. James has been on many training expeditions, including to Iraq. His most recent trip was to Ljubljana, Slovenia and Garmisch, Germany; he spent his free weekend visiting Venice and TASIS where he reconnected with **Paul Greenwood**. **34**

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Jon Holtaway works with a hedge fund and lives just outside of Washington, DC. He vacationed in Europe this summer with his artist wife Tara and their three kids, passing by the TASIS campus for a visit on their way to Orvieto in Italy. **35**

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Sarah Stothart closed her Barcelona restaurant Tapioles 53 a few years ago when she had her second child. As she says, "Being a mum and chef / owner of a restaurant is not very compatible." • **Robin Salant** spent two months in Europe this summer, mostly in Italy. If the right opportunity comes up, she and her husband, an independent film producer and festival organizer, hope to move to Europe. Robin took time to visit campus too. **36**

• The **25th anniversary reunion** is taking place in Las Vegas on Columbus weekend, October 10-12. Contact Ken Tobe at ken.tobe@nihonshokuhin.co.jp if you would like to join in the fun!

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Josh Miles has changed companies but is still working in the fine wines and spirits sector, now with David Bowler Wine in Manhattan. In January 2013, he married Lori Esposito, a marketer for Marriott Corporation. The two now reside in an apartment they renovated in the Chelsea neighborhood.

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Betsy Blaisdell writes: "I left VF/Timberland after nearly 11 years as their head of sustainability to join the Sustainable Apparel Coalition in March 2014. SAC is a non-profit organization comprised of the world's leading footwear, apparel, fashion, and home textile brands, retailers, and manufacturers whose goal it is to scale positive social and environmental impact within our global supply chains. I've been involved as a founding member since 2009 and am now the Vice President. The move allowed me to work on what I'm most passionate about within the field of sustainability and move to Germany where Stew, my boyfriend of several years, was living and working for Gore-Tex. I left VF, started my new job, and moved to Munich all within three days. I'm happy to report that I'm loving my new job, am now engaged, and we're expecting our first baby on November 10! So it's been a busy year!"



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• **Erica Engstrom Cali** and **Maria Kim** reconnected on the TASIS campus in June, and found the dorm room in De Nobili that they shared as seniors. **37**

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Trond Thorrud wrote in December with the news that he is planning to start his own humanitarian project in India. "I recently traveled through the US for two months, getting inspiration and connections to start my own project in India." See story on page 32. We wish him all the best!

• **Gina van Hoof** is taking a course in Art Therapy which includes practical work as well as theoretical study. She worked as school photographer at TASIS during the summer of 2015.

• A few years ago, **Ocean Gebhardt** was in a commercial for GlobalCoco in Taiwan, advertising their fruit-flavored teas. Can you spot him in the picture? He and **Yi-Min Lin '00** stayed in Lugano for one month this summer soaking up the Ticinese food and culture. They paid TASIS a few visits and enjoyed catching up with staff and faculty. **38**

• **Yu Chen Lin** joined **Ocean**

Gebhardt and **Yi-Min Lin '00** in Ticino and Italy for a few days and stopped by TASIS to say hello. They enjoyed walking around campus and were happy to leave with a few TASIS souvenirs! **39**

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Shannon Callihan Hardee lives in the Washington, DC area. Besides her role as a mom, she also enjoys being a 3rd grade teacher. **40**

• **Michele Josue** has had an incredible year as her film about **Matt Shepard '95** has received acclaim and honors at film festivals around the US and internationally, as far away as Russia. In June, the US Department of State hosted a reception and screening with Judy & Dennis Shepard and Michele all in attendance.

• **Kevin McMenamin** enjoys living in Seattle: "It's a tech hub full of progressive and liberal thinkers compared to most of the rest of the US. I am employed in business consulting which often works with technology-based companies offering products or services (Microsoft, Amazon, Starbucks, etc.). I moved here shortly after college and stuck around ever since. The Pacific Northwest is a nice area for various landscapes, outdoor

activities, and laid-back people and culture."

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Andy North and his wife visited in May 2015. They currently live in Dubai, where he works for a consumer goods firm. During his visit, Andy talked a lot about the teachers that influenced him: "**Tom Shepanzyk** was the nicest person I've ever met in my life. **Gary Malins** turned it around for me and that's when I began to excel academically." **Kay Hamblin** and drama had an enormous impact on him too. Andy is very thankful for the well-rounded, not just academic, education and experiences he had here. "I wouldn't be where I am today without TASIS..." **41**

• **Taren Taylor** tells us, "I am thrilled to announce the birth of our daughter, Annika Taylor Kampars, last July. We are still living in Portland, Oregon, where my sister **Ashley Taylor '00** recently relocated. I love my job as a high school English teacher, but am also looking forward to a summer in the Pacific Northwest. Visitors are always welcome!" **42**

• **Riccardo Mondin** and **Ana Cristina de Attayde '99** have been married for 13 years and are currently living in Santiago, Chile with their daughters Nina, aged 10 and Giulia, aged 8.

Riccardo works in his family business administering fields of apples, pears, grapes, and other fruit which is later exported to the Middle East. Ana Cristina is the executive director for a global organization of executive leaders called LIDE. They love to travel with their children, and believe it's a great way to teach them about the beautiful planet. **43**

• **Giorgia Di Lenardo** was married in June to Luca Bongarzone. Congratulations Giorgia! **44**

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Rolla Nesrallah married Philip Ghareeb on October 12, 2013. On March 8, 2015 their son Joseph David was born. Prior to having her baby, Rolla had found her calling as an elementary school teacher. She is excited to get back to her students after staying home as long as she can with Joseph David. They currently live in Ottawa surrounded by family and lots of love. **45**

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Christina Miles has had an eventful year. As 2015 began she wrote: "I am really enjoying my new teaching



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position at the Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma, Washington. It is a wonderful school and mirrors TESIS in many ways. My year is going to be busy as I am getting married this spring!"

- **Anna Josue** is excited to be back at school — she is in Los Angeles, training to become an elementary school teacher.

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Daniel Ciraldo was happy that his elementary school principal **Dr. Joan Lutton** was heading up TESIS elementary this past year. We like this connection too!

- **Leah Frost** won the Maine marathon for the second year in a row in 2014. Even running two marathons within a couple of weeks doesn't put Leah off her stride. Congratulations!

- **Andrey Kulapov** visited campus with his wife in June 2015 while Andrey was on a quick business trip to Milan. **46**

- **Amalia Sandoval** is working at American School of Madrid in the alumni office. She enjoys her job. **47**

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Mike Cichy and **Grace Wei** welcomed their second son Alek last February. **48**

- **Alex Zanecchia** launched a freelance film scoring business for international clients. He also provides music and sound design for brother **Milo '08's** video productions.

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Vasily Vavilov made a five-day drive from Perm in the depths of Russia to Como in fall 2014, stopping off in Moscow and Warsaw on the way to connect with **Karl McNamara '04** and **Joey Mielniczuk '02**. Vasily and his wife Anette became the proud parents of Marta in November. **49**

- **Alice Lee** got married in September 2014. Three of her bridesmaids were TESIS friends, one from Germany, one from Italy, and the third from Japan! She and husband Stephen had a son in June 2015. Alice and Stephen visited campus in February and caught up with **Masa Yo '04** and with teachers **Brett Merritt**, **Mario d'Azzo**, and **Nilda Lucchini**. **50**

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Amanda Adams-Louis is a photographer, artist, educator, and creative producer, and plans to get certification to become a history teacher in New York City public high schools.

- **Karl McNamara** is a "spy" at the US Embassy in Moscow, according to **Vasily Vavilov '03**.

- **Nicole Mandowsky** is an event planner based in south Florida, where she will help make your party, wedding, or Bar Mitzvah into an especially memorable occasion.

- **Christof Zanecchia** is working as a financial analyst for North Face at their European headquarters in Lugano.

- **Eduarda Queiroz** went to medical school in Brazil after leaving TESIS. She has been a surgeon for two years and will spend the next three years working on her chosen specialization of head and neck surgery. Eduarda visited TESIS with husband Jose during their honeymoon in northern Italy. **51**

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Alex Weinig updated us in January: "I founded a cold-pressed juice brand here in Munich. We produce and distribute organic, cold-pressed juices nationally and soon throughout the rest of Europe. You can check us out at www.antidotejuice.de."

- **Eda Aksoy** wrote in April: "I got an offer from Google in Paris! I will be working as a paid intern for 6 months from June to December at their Cultural Institute, and will look for permanent jobs once I'm there. They asked me to do my thesis topic which is measuring people's physiological and neurological reactions to artworks in a museum, and for museums in Paris it is perfect! I wasn't convinced yet to move back to Turkey fully, so it worked out great on my part. I'm close to home but not too close."

- **Tomris** is now managing a golf and family resort in Quinta do Lago, Portugal. She would be happy to have TESIS alumni visit. www.montedaquintaresort.com **52**

- **Alanna Cherry** was happy to share her news: "I currently live near Sacramento, California with my four amazing dogs and my lovely boyfriend Christian. I finished my active duty requirement with the United States Air Force in 2011. During my tour of duty I received various awards for service, including Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, Air Force Longevity Service, Army Commendation Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Training Ribbon. Directly after completion of service with the USAF I was hired on

by SAIC, a Fortune 500 company, which services military contracts around the world. I now work for Leidos, an offshoot of SAIC, as a senior military instructor. I am a course developer as well as an evaluator. I have also completed my Bachelor's degree in Business Management and am starting my Masters in Adult Education. During my off-time I assist the YMCA of California with soccer, basketball, and baseball coaching, which is so much fun. The future looks amazing as I am looking to complete my teaching degree within the next eight months. I have found that teaching students of all ages is my passion." **53**

- Aside from being a talented musician, **Ninah Mars** is now also trying out the art world. She entered a piece of her artwork at the ArtExpo June Barcelona at Ada Art Gallery. She will also be showing her work in Paris in November at Salon Arts19 at Mairie du 19e. Good luck Ninah! **54**

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Philipp Breuer is pursuing a Master's in Architecture at SUPSI in Lugano. One of his recent projects was to design the interior of the new restaurant above the Casinò in Lugano, called Seven. The restaurant is very attractive, and the food is delicious too! Philipp still enjoys taking photos as a hobby.

- May was a busy month for **Nola Seta** — she graduated from medical school and got married three days



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later to Derry Herlihy. Her wedding was attended by **Melissa Eichner** and **Toni Soule** as well as TASIC classmates such as **Juliana Solheim**. After her honeymoon, Nola starts her residency in obstetrics at Mount Sinai hospital. **55**

• **Denise Chiang** was on campus in May to attend the graduation of her brother **Tomson Carroll '15**. Not only are there two TASIC alumni in the Chiang/Carroll family, but two class agents! Denise accepted the invitation to be the agent for her class, and Tomson will share duties for the class of 2015 with his TASIC roommate **Nathaniel Brener '15**.

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Eda Karakaya opened a hotel in Bodrum, Türkbükü in Turkey this summer named No 81. More information can be found at www.no81hotel.com. All TASIC alumni get a 10% discount. Thanks Eda! **56**

• **Annie Badavas** is engaged to Kyle Wyatt. **57**

• **Milo Zanecchia** has had a productive year. He has a 'day job' working with the Global Service Program at TASIC and has shot and produced videos of Global Service trips to Malawi, Cambodia, Nepal, and India. He also works as a freelance photographer and has produced videos for universities and 5-star hotels and shot weddings in Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, New Zealand, and Alaska. Over the summer he and **Robin Gilli** embarked on a drive across Asia! **58**

• **Eddie Haschke** splits his time between Lugano and Los Angeles, working on film and music projects. He would like to offer film classes at TASIC.

• **Thiago Marcal** has been busy! "After TASIC I went to law school in Brazil at Mackenzie Presbyterian University. Then I took an extension course of negotiation techniques at FGV Law since I intend to specialize in alternative solutions to legal disputes, such as arbitration, mediation, and conciliation. I also did an extension course at FGV Law about Digital Law and Civil Liability, observing the development of the Internet. I am a lawyer at the Pro Bono Institute, which allows me to engage in the social function of the law and also aid in social programs, such as TUCCA (Association for Children and Adolescents with Cancer). I am a partner at Antonio Miguel Aith Neto LLP and I am pursuing a master's degree (L.L.M.) in the US. I am going to apply to Columbia, NYU, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Berkeley. The experience that I had at TASIC was paramount to my decision to live abroad again. I feel much more confident about my decision because of the time that I spent there. It was very enriching to live with young people who were so different, all facing life away from parents. I have had the privilege of visiting more than 30 countries and discovering different cultures." **59**

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Bunyamin Aydin says TASIC has played a great role in his life: "I spent four years at TASIC and it is a big part of me. I always wanted to do something to give back. In fact, my



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passion for photography continues! I even got the same photo printer. My brand, Les Benjamins, is becoming a huge success worldwide with over 280 retailers and two stand-alone retail stores in Istanbul." www.lesbenjamins.com

• **Ryan Huras** was in touch in February: "I'm actually back in Switzerland! After TASIC I moved to Utah for a few years, Austria for a year, Bern for a year, spent four years at the University of Utah where I just got my BS last spring, and now I'm living in Thurgau. I got a chance to come back over here and play hockey professionally, so I took it! We'll see where it goes."

• **Michael Kaiser** updated us in spring: "I finished my BA in 2012, worked in between, and am now back at university in Germany to get my MSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences."

• **Maurice Michel** writes, "I'm in my fourth year of medical school at the Martin Luther University in Germany. I'm currently working on my doctoral degree focusing on molecular pathways involving cancer in the liver, also known as Hepatocellular Carcinoma. It still ranks among the most deadly cancers, and methods of therapy are still very limited. The aim is to get a better understanding of this disease and discover new sources of treatment. I'm also intending to do some rotations and electives in the US, so any help in

this regard would be appreciated. For more information please do not hesitate to contact me via maurice.michel@student.uni-halle.de. Best wishes to the TASIC family!" **60**

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Emir Bahadir started BHDR RLTY, his own realty business, in New York in fall 2014. When we saw him in November, he said he had been glad to finish school and was somewhat surprised to find how dedicated and hard-working he had become since opening his business!

• **Elena Scajoli Necchi** started a new job in an arts PR agency based in London. She's now an Account Executive and loving her new life in London.

• **Brenda Falcao de Araujo** visited campus this year. After TASIC, she studied international relations at college because of the influence of **Tom Bendel** and his class, and is now in Rio studying law. **61**

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Cathrine Hansen graduated from Birmingham University this spring with a degree in Economics, and will go on to do a Master's in London this fall.

• **Blair Darrell** is working at the Estee Lauder Company in NYC for the summer doing strategy and analytics. She has one more year at Northwestern and then graduates!

• **Sina Mueller** is in Florida right now and doing research for her dissertation as she finishes art school in London next year.

• **Tara Das** just got back from a semester in Senegal and is now back in Maine interning with a non-profit that advocates for domestic violence victims. She's primarily working on the organization's outreach with refugee and immigrant populations.

• **Michael Davis** is currently working at George Washington University doing organic chemistry research for the summer.

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When at TASIS, **Sarah Wyler** was a proctor to some of the class of 2015, and she made the journey to campus in May to see them graduate. She writes: "I'm still in Switzerland doing an apprenticeship as a nurse's assistant. That means I'm working at the hospital three days out of the week to gain practical knowledge about my job and I'm at school two days out of the week for the theoretical courses. I finish in two years and then I'll go on to study

actual nursing so I can become a Red Cross nurse.

• **Lev Melnik** is currently studying at the School of Visual Arts New York and getting his bachelor's degree in Photography.

• **Nikola Domazet** is at Northeastern, Boston, studying Philosophy and Economics.

• **Grace Beyer** will be a junior at Rice University and is interning with a lobbying firm in Washington, DC for the summer.

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Nicola and **Stefano Capacci** are both studying and living in London. Nicola studies math and physics at King's College, and Stefano is studying politics and international relations in the New College of Humanities.

• **Ryan Osgood** came back to campus to see the class of 2015 graduate. He has settled in at college, and is using the summer to learn to drive.

• **George Ellis** is following his studies at Central St. Martins University in London and is currently designing his own shoe line.

• **Antonia Locatelli** is now pursuing acting classes in London in the hopes of becoming an actress.

• **Rasmus Hansen** will be auditing with PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the world's four biggest auditors, this fall in Copenhagen, Denmark.

• After finishing her freshman year at University of Delaware, **Rachel Wells** transferred to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

• **Wendell Pfeffer** has created his own Youtube channel and consistently uploads prank videos, with some videos reaching over a thousand views.

• **Matilde Faria** is pursuing fashion design at Condé Nast College of Fashion and Design in London.

• **Antoine Vitale** is now a footballer who has been purchased and plays for the Italian Serie A Club, A.C. Chievo Verona.

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Giacomo Pesaresi graduated from high school and is going to university in London.

Postgraduate

Attention all alumni from the PG classes of 62, 63, 64 and 67: We would like to appoint class agents for these classes. Could you help out? For more info, email alumni@tasis.ch.

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Roger Garrison runs an orphanage in Haiti called The Tree of Life. "We have 15 orphans for whom we provide all clothing, medical care, schooling, food, etc. There are 105 community children who cannot afford town schools, so we provide them with free schooling. I am the president of the organization. I give thanks to TASIS for exposing me to the needs of people, especially children, throughout our world. My class was fortunate to have such teachers as **Dave Mellon**, **Jacques Villaret**, **Theo Brenner**, and of course **Mary Crist Fleming** who led us on an adventure

each semester to understand the issues of so many European countries. It was this willingness to study the culture and become involved with local people that made me comfortable looking at humanity as an extended family. Having an orphanage is not easy, but knowing that each one of us can make a small difference is incentive enough." **62**

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Rick Bell updated us in December: "Paulise and I were in San Diego for three weeks at a detoxing spa. I lost 15 pounds and feel much more energetic. My nasty cough went away entirely for the first time in two years! We ate vegan for three weeks and juiced for three days every week. Plus, we spent most of our time pampering ourselves with massages, etc. Part of the program is drinking wheatgrass twice a day, which is a terrific rejuvenator. With my new diet (raw, vegan, gluten free) I've given up most of the things I love including sugar, alcohol, dairy, coffee, oh my gosh! I'm down to veggies, fruit, and nuts! I'm into life extension as much as possible!" Keep up the good work Rick; above all, stay healthy!

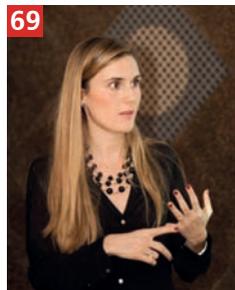
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Cindy Crabtree writes: "Spent my birthday, July 2, up in the Boundary Waters bordering the US and Canada with **Charlie James** and his wife Annie. Only heaven will be better! I'm planning to be in Lugano in summer 2016 for the School's 60th Anniversary and my class's 50th Reunion!" **63**

• **Key Bartow** reports, "**Steven Kampmann** visited me in Savannah,



Georgia, in the early spring. We had a great lunch together. He and Judith are in good spirits. I live outside Savannah and work as an architect in this region, building highly-detailed houses. I remember with great fondness the joys of being in school in Lugano and the amazing experiences I had. Seeing all I saw that year opened my eyes. Visiting *The Last Supper* and the Sistine Chapel made them real for me when I studied them later in college and in architecture school. I long to return to France or Italy to live, the way we did in Lugano."

• **Mary Seyfarth** keeps busy, creating and exhibiting her sculptures: "The bowl I made in honor of MCF was inspired by my studies in Byzantine ceramics. There is supposed to be some humor in the effort." Recently she sent some photos: "This image is of me and my bronze sculpture *Tendrill Pod*, cast some years ago before all the feet! The sculpture is in the 'Nature in Motion' exhibition at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo which opened in May." **64**

• **Diana Davis Madsen** shares, "My husband Peter and I still live in Westfield, New Jersey and spend summers in Bay Head, New Jersey. We now have five grandkids; our two youngest are our middle daughter's kids from Menlo Park, California, who visited us in Naples, Florida, this spring. Our other three live in Locust Valley, New York, with our oldest daughter and her husband. I just returned from a wonderful English Gardens trip in London and Southern England celebrating my garden club's centennial. Life is good!" **65**

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Maude Glore wrote in 2014: "We had a wonderful Thanksgiving with my son **Robert '99** (better known as

Hux) and little Hixon. It's so fun to have them near. Having a struggle selling my Indianapolis house but fingers crossed."

• **Frederic Wiedemann** got in touch in February. Frederic (known as **Frank** while at TASIS) is the Founder of Flash Awake (www.flashawake.com). "The website is a culmination of 40 years of being in the trenches with thousands of clients as an entrepreneur, therapist, coach, and spiritual guide — and my own deep spiritual search and inner work. Flash Awake is an evolutionary capacity we can develop to live a rich, fulfilling, creative, contributing life." Frederic would like to get in touch with classmate **Sherry Collins**, and so would we at TASIS. If anyone is in contact with her, please email alumni@tasis.ch. **66**

• **Jay Noyes** was in touch in January when we all discovered that he is a cousin of TASIS teacher (and alumni parent) **Charlotte Zanecchia**. "I definitely remember Mrs. Fleming! What a gal! What I remember most is the fantastic voyage from New York, seeing Fellini's *8½* on the boat, visiting all the ports in the Mediterranean, the buses up through Italy...what a trip! We spent a couple of days in Florence about a month before the Great Flood. My favorite memory, besides all the giggling girls pretending not to look at the statue of David, is when they took us up to the Castle of Barone Ricasoli, ostensibly to see the 14th Century frescoes in the chapel. We, however, were much more interested in the Chianti they served us for lunch at the winery. In fact, they served us just as much Chianti as we wanted to drink, with predictable results from a group of 120 kids, many of whom had never had any experience with alcohol. Oh, it was a very ugly bus ride back to the hotel in Florence! I doubt if the School ever did that again! Then there were all

those little blue VW buses we used for trips all over from campus. I also spent a couple of weeks at the Villa in Uzès owned by the French Program, so we got to see all the Roman ruins, Arles, Nîmes, Aix, and one of those cute little fortified hill towns without cars. If it had a chapel with frescoes, our art Professor took us there! Over spring break my roommates and I rented a car in Milan and drove all the way to the Camargue, where like a bunch of stupid teenagers we didn't have enough money for a hotel and ended up sleeping in that tiny Fiat on the beach! There isn't much to tell about my life since I retired from a 40-year flying career in 2008. Living in Sun Valley, Idaho skiing, fishing, riding motorcycles, and camping all over the West. I'm still married after 37 years but no kids. I learned to fly in college at Colorado Springs and continued flying gliders in Aspen, flight instructing, then in the 90s starting an aerial photography business after we moved to Hood River, Oregon. We moved full time to the Sun Valley area in 2006 after having a condo here for ski-ing in the winter for about 10 years. I'll never leave the mountains."

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Barbara Cavin shares, "I have retired from full-time ministry as an Episcopal priest, and will continue doing Sunday supply for churches needing a priest to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. I live in Flint, Michigan, a city which is coming back from the recession. I am enjoying retirement with more free time."

• **Everett "Kit" Moulton** was in touch in July: "Still active in private practice in Ophthalmology. I'm an avid reader and have dreamed about writing novels myself. So I began to do just that on December 1, 2012. I'm in the process of maturing the third novel in a trilogy, a love story that began in 1935 and culminated after WWII. It's been quite a journey and a new passion in my life. The first novel should be ready for release either late summer or early fall."

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Sharisse Johnson is living in Arizona and became CEO of Macayo's Restaurants seven years ago. The

company was founded by her father in 1946. Like Mrs. Fleming, he always emphasized quality and Sharisse strives to meet the standards he set. **67**

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John Gilbert and his wife Brenda have a 12-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. They live in Bend, Oregon and see **David Autrey** and his family who live in Portland from time to time. John and his family visited campus in July.

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Simon Frost lives in Maine and has an organic farm.

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Gustavo Camacho visited campus with his wife during their European vacation this spring. The sometimes-tense situation in Venezuela led to one of his family's earlier business lines being shut down by the Chavez government. Gustavo now works in physical rehabilitation. **68**

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Enrica Poma writes, "Last May I visited TASIS with my daughter Margherita. She is now 9 years old. A lot changed since I was there 30 years ago. I would love to hear from my old friends."
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Christina Nogue is an architect based in London and is now a mother. She looks forward to sending her little boy to TASIS too. Christina graduated from the Technical School of Architecture in Barcelona and has a Master's Degree in Architecture from the European University of Madrid. She developed her professional career in architectural studios specializing in luxury residences and hotels. **69**



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Martina Perin wrote in September, 2014: "I am currently living in Lausanne, where I just ended my five-year Ph.D. program in Neuroscience in the field of sleep research. I defended my thesis in July and I am now looking for a new job in this region, as Switzerland can offer a large range of choices in the academic and private scientific areas but also in scientific communication field, the one I am attracted by the most as my future career. I have good memories of my summer programs at TASIS, especially of my class with our Australian teacher John. I still keep my artistic creations that I made at the arts and crafts studio. That summer was a really good start for me in the study of the English language."

• **Wael Hazzazi** sent us 50 pictures from his summer at TASIS along with some news: "I graduated from the American University of Sharjah as a computer engineer in 2009. On my first year there I met a girl who was with me in TASIS during that 2001 summer which was a great coincidence. Her name is **Dalia Matar**. Then in around 2006 I met another colleague who was studying in a neighboring university who was also with me in TASIS. If I recall correctly his name is **Saud Al-Shamsi**. After university I worked for Hewlett-Packard for around four years and I am currently working for a company called EMC. All in all everything is going great."

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Laura Bartolini writes, "I remember more or less all of my summer at TASIS. I had a wonderful time and I have been keeping in touch with three of my roommates."

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Katya Porutchik came back to campus during a business trip to Milan to revisit the location where she spent five happy summers. Katya went to university at age 15 and graduated at 20, and after majoring in geography she now works in the arts. A special memory for her is playing the lead of Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz* in 2004 — in a foreign tongue — and the sense of achievement that came from that, and then going on to sing "Together". **70**

Swiss Holiday

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Ford Barrett III shares with us his impressions of the TASIS Walking Holiday in Dordogne: "The trip to the Dordogne, Lot and Vézère valleys went very well. To start with, the itinerary for this trip was unusual, calling for walking/hiking assisted by a bus that could transport those who preferred to ride. **Peter Boynton '69** gets a lot of credit for mastering the challenges, which included planning what we would do each day, making reservations at numerous hotels, deciding what would be served for dinner, and hiring assistants to help him oversee this crowd! On the latter, he made good choices in Lisa Brow and **Michael Nelson '70**. Peter even enlisted his sister, **Wendy '73**, to entertain us at the Boynton family home in the hamlet of Baran, and she did an excellent job with some champagne and other goodies. Walking along the base of the limestone cliffs bordering the Lot River and canoeing down the Dordogne were memorable

experiences. While there were several hiccups, such as an inability to communicate with the bus driver who was required to park outside St. Cirq-Lapopie and getting lost for two hours while hiking outside Meyrals, the trip's many stimulating moments will dominate our memories. We all learned something about the complexity of reading topo maps; if it were not for Lisa and my son Blair, we would have stayed lost longer! Before the trip began in Cahors, I spent several days exploring Toulouse. When the trip ended, I went to Bordeaux for further exploration while Blair travelled to Paris to see friends. Southwestern France has a lot to offer." Thanks Ford for sharing your experience with us!

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Olivia Sprunt Dowell got in touch in an unusual manner in January while exhibiting at the St. Louis & Opportunities Fair. She was surprised to see the TASIS booth there, and spontaneously stopped by to enthuse about her amazing experience in southern France living in a chateau and touring with VW buses! The mother chatting with TASIS US representative (and MSP director) **Marc Pierre Jansen** said this was the best endorsement she had witnessed for any program. Olivia later wrote, "What a fun treat for me to see your booth in St. Louis. I was happy to share my experience with the prospect and I hope she signed her child up for a program." Olivia owns a summer youth camp in Arkansas, Camp Bear Track. www.campbeartrack.com

TASIS Hellenic

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Denise Kelley Bernard has worked 27 years with Lockheed Martin as a business manager. She currently lives in Richmond, Kentucky after a 2½-year assignment in England with her husband Don and dog Remy. Her son, Phil (22), is transferring from the University of Texas to the University of Kentucky for fall term of 2015. Her daughter, Matia (25), is enjoying life in Tampa, Florida. Denise looks forward to visiting the beautiful countryside of Kentucky and connecting with classmates. She found former roommate **Cheryl Wirt Davis** living in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She's happy to have connected with **Melody Gillespie Kranz TH'83** in England too.

Former Faculty

Robert Winer lives in the Washington, DC area and keeps in touch with other TASIS teachers from the 70s. "In my day at TASIS, we had quite a cast of characters on the faculty. There were the 4 B's on the staff: **Bob Bussey, Bill Benish, Brian Bedwell, and Bob (B)iner (me)**. This was Bussey's invention. We had a great time. We were like young counselors at a wild and crazy and exotic camp." Among other news, Robert told us "**Bill Benish** is a physician in Cleveland, Ohio and is also married to a physician. Both just retired and are doing volunteer work in Haiti."

• **Donald Rees** is head of school at Squaw Valley Academy, a school he started in the 1970s. Donald dropped us a line in November: "I

first met Mrs. Fleming in Zell am See, Austria, at Christmas of 1957! She was chaperoning a very small group of students at the Hotel Post. I taught math for one year in Montagnola from 1963-64, came home to teach in Santa Barbara, and started three California schools in the 1970s: Yosemite Institute in Yosemite National Park, Headlands Institute near Sausalito, and Squaw Valley Academy at Lake Tahoe. All three are still in operation. Mrs. Fleming was an inspiration for me, obviously."

• **Rich Mitchell** wrote, "We produced *The Great Gatsby* at Casonoma Inn. I'm fortunate to have had Ian Flintoff from Trinity College Oxford to direct my script. **Mrs. Fleming** and TASIS are in a way responsible for this adventure for it was there I learned "can't" should never be in one's vocabulary.

• **Steve Loesche** retired from teaching on June 25, 2015, after 43 years in the classroom. All of his friends and favorite students are invited to visit him on the beach in Daytona Beach Shores, at his home in Horw, Switzerland, or at his concerts on his upcoming world tour. In his own words, "It's been a great ride, and it's not over yet!"

• **Paul M. Distefano** (former DPAT staff) was married to Pamela Jean Smith in the US. They now live in the UK. **71**

• **Mikah Meyer** (former TSP Staff) is working with a US non-profit to plan a 2016-2019 road trip setting world records as the youngest person to visit all 410 US National Parks, and the sole person to do so in one contiguous trip, while simultaneously promoting greater youth/diversity involvement in the parks. He is currently seeking sponsors. www.TBCMikah.com **72**

• In 1995, after just 15 months of marriage, US-born teacher and artist **Diana Lynch** (TASIS summer teacher 1983-1989) died suddenly. Her husband, John Fircha, has just completed a book, *Walking In Diana's Steps*. It is a romantic search to find Diana and the life she led before they ever met each other. This quest propels him to visit TASIS, along with other places in Switzerland and Italy where he at last locates her art and photographs as he stands in the steps Diana left behind. John is presently

seeking a publisher.

• **Frank and Mei-Ling Klein** traveled to Norway and Denmark in summer and reported: "Norway looks and feels very much like Switzerland. We took a 7.5-hour train ride from Bergen to Oslo and the view was stunningly beautiful! We are all doing well. **Tessa '01's** little baby is walking and talking now. She is so cute (we think)! **Melissa '03** just changed her job and now lives and works in Portland, Maine."

• Since retiring from Minnesota State University Moorehead, **Carol Hanson Sibley** (TASIS Librarian 78-80) keeps busy serving on the Outstanding International Book Committee sponsored by the United States Board on Books for Young People. Her experience at TASIS set the stage for her life-long passion for international books for children and teens. **73**

• **Elisabeth Malcolm** enjoyed visiting campus during Arts Festival in May: "I was incredibly impressed with where TASIS is now, in terms of physical plant as well as student body and their almost limitless creativity. The art show and performances were all so impressive I could not get enough of them. It is obvious that teachers are well-trained, well-equipped, very dedicated, and caring to bring out the best in so many students, from the very young all the way up to seniors and PGs. Congratulations to all. What I wish for is that my youngest grandchild Fraser, **Kristina '91's** 5 year-old son, will one day be a student at TASIS, be it in a summer program or during a school year or several."

• **Jim Haley** finished his Ph.D. recently, and takes up a new position as Science department chairman at the Benjamin School in Palm Beach, Florida this fall. Jim got together with **Jonathan and Mary Brand** in Charlottesville this summer before coming out to Lugano where he continues to lead the TASIS Summer Program (TSP).

• **Nancy and Brian Cripe** visited campus in June with their kids Jonathan, who was born in Lugano, and Elizabeth. Nancy has been at Minnehaha Academy since leaving TASIS in 1995, and Brian works at an international school in Minneapolis. After the Lugano stopover, they spent a week in Italy, walking from Florence to Assisi. **74**

In Memoriam

Dan Dietsch '70 passed away on August 15, 2014. The news came from his wife **Thelma**, who wrote: "Dan passed away suddenly and peacefully in his sleep of a second aneurysm; he survived his first 28 years ago. If you would like to make a donation in his name, his charity of choice is *Zacchaeus House* (zacchaeushouse.com)."

Brian Bedwell (former faculty) passed away in April 2014 at the age of 63 from a hemorrhagic stroke on the right side of his brain. After teaching chemistry at TASIS in the mid-70s he went on to become a senior scientist at Stanford Research Institute International in Palo Alto, California. **Robert Winer** heard the sad news from **Ginger Dolvin**, and remembers Brian as "a unique and charismatic teacher and individual. He was highly regarded by his students and entertained everyone at school with his wonderful folk music and free-spirited personality."

James E. Page (former faculty, 1966-67) passed away in 2000. His wife **Eira** told us: "James became headmaster of IACS Cobham, Surrey, in 1974", a nearby rival of TASIS England. "We knew several headmasters from TASIS, and also met Mrs. Fleming at conferences over the years."

Linda Buchanan Jacobs '66 died on September 3, 2014 in Boston, MA, with her family at her side. Raised in Neenah, Wisconsin, Linda attended TASIS her sophomore and senior years. Her love of poetry, drama, and art were deepened as she studied with **Bob Wilson** and served as art editor of the yearbook. Linda attended Scripps College, but was diagnosed with epilepsy the summer after her freshman year. Rather than stay in school, she sought out adventure — traveling to Mexico, Kuwait, Iran, and Afghanistan, following the race car circuit in Europe with TASIS classmate **Lisa Christianson**, and counseling draft-dodgers in Madison and prison inmates in Los Angeles. Eventually she enrolled at the New England School of Art and received a degree in graphic design. In 1978 she married **Jonah Jacob** and joyfully raised their two sons. She was a loving wife and mother, a faithful friend, a lover of poetry and conversation, and an independent thinker, and she lived her life with courage and spirit.

Nicholas Major PG'68 passed away in April 2014 after a long illness. Nicholas joined TASIS after graduating from The

Lawrenceville School and went on to The University of Pennsylvania. At the time of his death Nicholas was a resident of Dallas, Texas, where he had served as deacon of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. In his will, Nicholas left part of his estate to TASIS in memory of **David Mellon**, a key faculty member who helped shape the post graduate program in the 60s.

Abigail Sturges Wright PG'68, died November 7, 2014 after a prolonged illness. Abigail joined the US Navy in 1973 and had a distinguished naval career for 25 years, including being selected as Sailor of the Year, CINCPAC in 1977. In 1996, she graduated with distinction at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy in Montgomery, AL. During her long career as a Navy Senior Chief, Abigail earned numerous awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Navy Commendation Medal, before retiring in 1998. Abigail and her husband **John Wright** lived in Pennsylvania after 1998, where she worked with the Daily Express, Inc. Business owner, philanthropist, tutor, collector, and sharer of trivia, her artistic endeavors included ceramics, crochet, embroidery, and origami. She was proficient at shorthand and was teaching herself to read Braille.

Dottie Downer Vaughn '61 died a couple of years ago, unexpectedly, while she was at work. The news came in February 2015 from classmate **Molly Botkin Rossiter '61** who saw Dottie regularly as they both lived in the Bay Area.

Alex Bermudez '75 passed away unexpectedly on October 8, 2012 at the age of 55. Following an avian medicine internship at North Carolina State University, and positions at the University of Connecticut and Ohio State University, Alex became a faculty member and avian pathologist at the University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in 1991. From 2005 until his untimely death, he served as the director of the laboratory. From childhood Alex had an abiding love of nature. An avid bird-watcher, enthusiastic fisherman, and persistent (if rarely successful) hunter, his great joys were spending time in the countryside and at the beach. Alex is remembered for his gentle spirit and dedication to others. He is greatly missed by family and friends. **75**

Lee Goerner '65 died in 1995. The news came from **Chuck Kitsman '67** who added that Lee had been an editor at Alfred Knopf and Atheneum.

TASIS Summer Programs 2016



Lugano (CDE, MSP, TSP)



- English, French, and Italian for ages 4½ to 18
- Musical Theater and Academic Writing for ages 11-18
- Introduction to the IB, Digital Photography and Filmmaking, Architecture & Design, Fashion & Textile Design, and Italian cooking classes for ages 14-18
- Outdoor sports include lake, mountain, and creative activities
- Many excursions explore the best of the heart of Europe
- Located on the picturesque, award-winning TASIS campus with stunning views of the Alps

The TASIS French Language Program (TFLP, ages 13-18)



- Structured French immersion courses
- Cultural excursions throughout Switzerland
- High-intensity sports and activities
- Based in the charming town of Château-d'Oex

TASIS England Summer Program (ages 10-17)



- Courses in Algebra I, Geometry, Writing & Speaking Enhancement, Middle School Skills, Debate & Public Speaking, British Council-accredited English-as-an-Additional-Language, SAT Review & College Admissions, TOEFL Review, IELTS Review, TV Production, the Magical World of Harry Potter, London Through a Lens, Fashion & Textile Design, and Sketching & 3D Design
- Sports and activities
- Weekend travel throughout Britain
- Located on a beautiful campus 18 miles southwest of London

Les Tapies Arts & Architecture Programs (ages 13-18)



- Hands-on study in architecture, painting & drawing, and photography
- Excursions draw on the cultural richness of France
- Idyllic location in a beautifully-restored, 17th-century stone hamlet
- Intimate artistic community for talented students

TASIS Dorado Spanish Summer Program

- Intensive Spanish program for ages 13-18
- Oceanography and ecology course associated with Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment Center
- Located on the TASIS Dorado campus in beautiful Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico, with ample opportunities to interact in Spanish
- Excursions explore the cultural riches of the island

Ways of Giving Back to Your Alma Mater

- **Help complete the TESIS Global Village, an ongoing challenge through 2023.** Naming opportunities are available for upcoming projects (see page 17). Donations are always welcome and will speed up the completion of the Global Village.
- **Donate to the Annual Appeal.** Proceeds are an important injection of funds to allow TESIS to take advantage of opportunities that arise part way through the budget cycle, from a nearly-new piano for our musicians to science kits for the Middle School and constant renewal of classroom technology.
- **Make a gift to the M. Crist Fleming Endowment for International Understanding and Leadership** to support international service projects, the Senior Humanities Program, student scholarships, and professional development for teachers.
- **Join the M. Crist Fleming Legacy Society.** Naming TESIS as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or retirement asset provides a future source of support for students, faculty, and programs. Contact the Development Office for more information.
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- **Find out about alternative donations: Corporate matching gifts and gifts of corporate stock** are greatly appreciated. Donors can also contribute to TESIS through a **life insurance policy**, a **Charitable Remainder Trust**, or a non-cash **gift in kind**.
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The TESIS Global Village: Trajectory 1996-2023, and Making a Difference: Supporting TESIS Past, Present, and Future



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UPCOMING REUNIONS

Washington, DC All-Class Reunion
November 20, 2015, 18:30-21:30
The Hay-Adams Hotel

Los Angeles All-Class Reunion
April 30, 2016, 18:30 till Late
"Casa Roubik", Glendale

Lugano All-Class Reunion to celebrate the
60th Anniversary of TASIS
August 19-20, 2016

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1985 – 30-Year Reunion
Washington, DC, September 18-21, 2015

Class of 1990 – 25-Year Reunion
Las Vegas, October 10-12, 2015

PG'65 – 50-Year Reunion
Washington, DC, November 20-22, 2015

Class of 1975 – 40-Year Reunion
Los Angeles area, April 29-May 1, 2016

PG'66 – 50-Year Reunion
Lugano, August 18-21, 2016

