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From the Chairman

Dear Alumni and Friends of TASIS,

As the years speed by, it is good to reflect on the highlights of the year since our last *TASIS Today*.

A century after the beginning of World War I, the world again seems to be slipping out of control, with the various horrors perpetrated by human beings on other human beings. In the affluent West, many seem to be losing their moral compass, and even the awareness of a moral universe—or agreement on what is right and what is wrong.

At TASIS we try to keep a steady hand on the rudder of our moral vessel to maintain an ethical, professional environment, a climate of mutual respect and human concern, where young people can learn and grow in a safe and inspiring setting and strengthen their God-given, fundamental judgment in differentiating right from wrong, good from evil, true from false, worthy from valueless. As my mother, Mrs. Fleming, often said, "Times change, values don't."

So many good things are happening at TASIS, summer and winter. Surrounded by beauty, our students, from the youngest of 4 to the oldest of 18, are immersed in a truly loving and caring environment where they have numerous opportunities to learn and grow in wisdom and goodness, have life-enhancing experiences, and make long-lasting friendships, as so many of our alumni know.

As you will read, the Global Service Program, so generously inspired and endowed by alumnus Jan Opsahl, and the TASIS Foundation, has already had a tremendous impact. So do the Model UN, the Senior Humanities Program, the TASIS Leadership Academy, and many other wonderful opportunities that are part of the TASIS experience.

The campus continues to expand, with great facilities in the handsome new Campo Science Center replacing our well-worn science labs in De Nobili. The old labs will be renovated into expanded kitchen and dining areas. Half of the new sports field in front of the Science Center will be installed and ready for the Inaugural Convocation of the Science Center on April 23, 2015.

The School keeps growing as the Elementary School burgeons and students move up into the Middle and High School. We opened in September with 735 students, of whom 465 are day students Grades Pre-K-12 and 270 are boarders Grades 7-12.

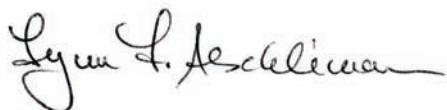
TASIS is blessed with a dedicated and long-serving Board of Directors. These individuals bring a wealth of experience and fine judgment to their responsibilities as Board members.

Alumni have gathered from all around the world for vibrant reunions on campus and across America. It's heart-warming to see all the good things that our alumni are doing and wonderful to welcome you all back on campus. You can be proud of the growth and improvements of your alma mater.

In parting, I want to share a prudent guideline to live by, the "Serenity Prayer" of the great American theologian and moralist Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971):

GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

And may God grant us the strength and will to maintain and improve our schools and programs, a great trust and responsibility.



Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Chairman of the Board



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Commencement Speaker Jan Opsahl '68



Introduction of Jan Opsahl '68, Commencement 2014

One of the pillars of a TASIS education is service, and all students in the Class of 2014 has been actively involved in service learning during their time at the School. Our speaker today, Jan Opsahl, is a person who has left an impression on your graduating class. Thanks to his creativity, foresight, and generosity, many of you were able to travel abroad for an authentic, life-changing global experience.

Nearly 50 years ago, the Norwegian-born Jan stepped onto the TASIS campus for the first time. His parents made him take an English class the summer before he came to Montagnola. In the fall, he was suddenly expected to take all of his classes in English – many of our students can relate to this situation! But Jan also faced the added pressure of being our first non-American student. Imagine International Week's Parade of Flags in 1965: just two flags long, compared to over 60 today!

Jan graduated from TASIS in 1968 and attended the elite Dartmouth College on a five-year, two-degree program which included an MBA from Dartmouth's Tuck Business School. He spent many years with the Singer Corporation in New York and Helsinki, Finland, before returning to Norway to work for the company his parents had started in 1937. In 2007, Jan and his wife moved to Lugano and Jan reconnected with his alma mater, becoming a Board Member in 2010. In 2013 he created a lasting legacy by endowing the TASIS Global Service Program.

With this gift, Jan had one goal in mind: to change for the better the life of every TASIS high school student and to change the world we live in. My mother, Mrs. Fleming, genuinely believed in the power of one individual to reshape humanity by increasing mutual understanding and loving-kindness; Jan and his family also believe that TASIS students should give of their time, talents, and resources to improve our common world.

I am honored to introduce this year's graduation speaker, Mr. Jan Opsahl, TASIS Class of 1968.

Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Chairman of the Board

The World Needs You

From Jan Opsahl's speech to the Class of 2014



At the TASIS Board meeting in January your wonderful headmaster Dr. Skipper put on his "I am the headmaster" face, turned to me and said, "I want to speak with you for a minute – alone". I heard last night some of you know how that feels.

Through my natural fear of headmasters – especially those with bow ties – I thought for a moment he would fire me from the Board but then quickly remembered: he is not in a position to do that. I know that, I went to business school.

When he told me that I was invited to be this year's Commencement speaker I was both proud and scared. Naturally, it did cross my mind that I was asked because of my contribution to the Global Service Program. But I knew that couldn't be the case, because what is normal is to pay a fee to the speaker, not the other way around. This I also learned in business school.

Your class president, Alisher Tashpulatov, said: We thought of you because you graduated from an Ivy League school, you seem successful, you want to make a difference in the world. And you are a TASIS alumnus, one of us.

That sounded like a perfect set up for being able to give you advice on how to succeed in life, on this day when you will

leave the secure TASIS family estate and go into the world as young women and men.

The problem is, it would need to be 68 different recipes, one for each of you. Because what defines success, what defines a meaningful and happy life, is as unique as each one of you.

Allow me therefore to share some thoughts with you: You are special. The world needs you. Make it your passion to do good.

Lofty thoughts, but we are, after all, at TASIS. You are special because of what you have experienced here. You have spent some of the most formative years of your life in a unique and truly beautiful setting. Even building cranes are beautiful in our eyes as the Global Village nears completion.

You have lived in a melting pot filled with people of different cultures, languages, races, and creeds, coming together from countries with various climates, social environments, and political systems.

TASIS is a miniature world. But it is also different from the big world. Here is a place of harmony, founded on love and deep-rooted friendships. Sure there are tensions and disagreements at times – it is, after all, a living community – but these are

solved. They are solved because you have learned to embrace all differences, learned that you have nothing to fear. You are different, yet you are equals. This experience will stay with you. This is the reason you are special. This is the reason the world needs you.

Some feel, and statistics may show, that the world is improving: there is less poverty, less hunger, less war. Yet the world is still full of injustice, discrimination, corruption, jealousy, and revenge, often leading to conflict and hate. When not stopped, these hurtful elements are passed on over time, from generation to generation, in a seemingly never-ending chain. The world needs your help to break these chains.

Deep inside, you all know what makes good values. You know the right thing to do. So make it your passion to do good, to do what is right, because this will be the driving force and the power you need.

You will experience many situations, large or small, that you feel are wrong. Speak up. Speak up against injustice, bullying, and discrimination. Stand up for what you believe is right. Promise yourself to do the right thing even if the right thing is hard to do. For standing up for what is right will give you great confidence and a feeling of power that can bring unexpected results.

Another chain to be broken is the strongly imbedded urge for revenge, frequently aided by a need for politicians and leaders to appear strong and powerful. These forces are clearly at the roots of most of the conflicts in the world today.

Yet we know conflicts can be solved. The most important tool is to be able to forgive, and to have leaders that embrace the sphere of good and feel the power to do so. Nelson Mandela said, "If you want to make peace with your enemy, you must work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."

Finally, let me mention gender discrimination, a worldwide problem that exists in overt and subtle forms. It is often hard for men to acknowledge because by not feeling it, they do not see it. But remember, telling or laughing at sexist jokes and slurs is also gender discrimination. It can easily be stopped if you speak up and say: hey, that is not funny.

So you see, the world needs you, in so many ways.

Now you might say: if I am going to help the world break all these troubling chains I am going to be very busy. I also need time to pursue further education, seek out careers, have a family, make a good living – in short, live a happy and successful life. Yes, of course you will do all that, but remember, if you always live your life acting within the sphere of good, you will indeed also help the world every day.

Graduates, you came to TASIS because someone invested in you: your family, friends, and others.

You received this unique TASIS experience because others continued to invest in you: our founder, Mrs. Fleming, through her vision her determination and love for fostering good citizens; Lynn Aeschliman, staying true to her mother's ideals while expanding and giving life-changing opportunities to so many more; and all your teachers who, with hope and compassion, have tirelessly prepared you for your life going forward.

If you sense that the word investment sounds like business, you are spot on. Today's third lesson from business school is: when someone invests in you, you have to pay it back.

Now is the time. But consider yourself lucky. You can pay back the world.

And don't forget – take risks. Thank you very much.



Commencement processional with Anastasia Cheremykina '14 and Stefano Capacci '14

The Chance of a Lifetime

From the Senior Banquet speech by Afghan scholarship student Fatah Soroush '14, who is now attending Roanoke College in Virginia on a full scholarship, with living support from a generous TASIS Board member and a fellow graduate.

I come to you from another world—from Afghanistan, a country that has experienced nothing but war and chaos for the past 30 years. Kids in Afghanistan grow up quickly. I learned when I was a small boy how I could tell the difference between outgoing and incoming artillery fire. My uncle taught me how to handle a gun when I was only 11 years of age. I was instructed by my father to stay away from the crowds that quickly gather at the scenes of bomb blasts in Kabul because often the attackers set off a second bomb only minutes later to kill the police and ambulance crews that respond, and to always be on the lookout for suicide bombers. At my old school our classrooms were routinely shaken by Black Hawk helicopters hovering overhead. Their engines would drown out whatever the teacher was saying to the students.

More than anything else I am a survivor. TASIS has changed everything, and now I am on a new path. How can I in only a few minutes express my gratitude for what you have made possible?

Let me tell you a story: In Kabul every Friday morning I attended a special class held deep inside the blast walls of the United Nations compound that is taught by a remarkable Canadian lawyer named Peter Dalglish, a Stanford graduate who gave up a successful law career to work on behalf of some of the world's poorest young people. Peter's class was unlike anything I had ever experienced. We read the poetry of Maya Angelou and Walt Whitman, and studied the great Islamic scientists and mathematicians. It's *Dead Poets Society* with a ragtag group of Kabul kids whose entire lives have been defined by war.

After Peter spoke at TASIS in January 2013 about his work in Afghanistan, four TASIS faculty and Board members traveled to Kabul in March that same year to attend Peter's class, and to consider the idea of inviting one student to enroll at TASIS. We spoke with the TASIS visitors about a wide range of topics, and when it came my turn I described my life and my studies at Rumi School in Kabul, which is named after the great 13th-century Afghan poet and Sufi scholar.



Fatah Soroush '14

On their second day in Kabul, to my surprise, I was invited for further interviews at the Serena Hotel, which despite being the most secure hotel in Kabul had been attacked on two previous occasions by the Taliban with deadly consequences. Even during our interviews the Ministry of Defense, located only one kilometer from the hotel, was bombed.

At 17 years of age I was the oldest student to be chosen for the interviews, and I thought my chances of being selected were small. But life doesn't always turn out as expected. After a series of follow-up written tests and a very engaging Skype interview with Headmaster Michael Ulku-Steiner I received a letter stating that both Sofiana Amanuddin and I had been selected for admission and financial aid at TASIS. It was the happiest moment of my life, and when I informed my mother she broke down in tears. She knew that when I left Kabul I would be safe, with no more fear of being kidnapped.

Last August I arrived in Lugano from Afghanistan with almost nothing. My entire education experience in Afghanistan consisted of rote memorization from borrowed textbooks. For several of my classes we didn't have any textbooks but relied on the teacher's notes. At my former school classes did not involve any kind of projects or group work, or presentations by students. Some of my most talented friends simply gave up

and quit school at the age of 11 or 12. Many disappeared into the streets of Kabul, never to be seen again.

My academic, athletic, social, and residential life at TASIS will be the foundation for my studies and my professional life. My TASIS teachers, coaches, and friends all in one way or another helped me to gain confidence, and to understand that abilities and weaknesses form a part of everyone's character.

I owe so much to TASIS, and to my teachers, coaches, and fellow students. When I arrived you welcomed me with open arms into your community. Your Board of Directors provided me with a full scholarship, but I was always treated the same as any other student. Some of you have even invited me into your homes to share meals with your family. I promise that if you ever visit Kabul you will be welcome in my home, too.

Many of you know that I had a chance to volunteer with other TASIS students at a school for poor kids in Nepal in April of this year. This was a life-changing experience for me...to be able to help kids who had almost nothing. I salute Jan Opsahl '68 who has made it possible for all TASIS students to have a similar experience in a developing country at least once before they graduate. In fact the common thread of the past year of my life has been service...from Peter on a voluntary basis running classes for poor kids in the UN compound every Friday, to the opportunity I had in Nepal to help destitute children.



Fatah Soroush '14 with Headmaster Dr. Skipper



Fatah Soroush '14 with Nepalese children during April's Global Service Program trip

Tonight I am experiencing contradictory feelings that I am sure many of my classmates share with me: excitement, sadness, relief, fear, and pride. But more than anything else I have a profound sense of gratitude. There are many things I appreciate about TASIS. At TASIS we celebrate diversity and stand alongside students who choose a different path. I appreciate the faculty and coaches who have mentored me, and who taught me how to think independently. In particular I want to thank Greg Birk, who worked tirelessly so that I will have the chance to study at Roanoke College in Virginia beginning in September. We still need to raise some money to make this possible...so don't be surprised this evening if I pass around a hat!

People sometimes ask if the transition from Afghanistan to Switzerland has been difficult for me. I always respond that "I am a graduate of the university of life", and that surviving the war in Afghanistan has given me the confidence to succeed in every possible way. For example, why am I so good at running? If as a kid you had crazy people with guns running after you in the streets, I promise that very quickly you too would become a good runner!

I am honored to be able to speak to you today. I only wish that my family could have been with me, but of course that was not possible. So you are my new family. You are the ones who stood by me in November when I learned that my mother's oldest brother, who disappeared in 1979, was in fact dead, along with hundreds of other men who were suspected of being activists. You welcomed me into your community as one of your own. You have opened the door to college for me, and made me strong. I promise that I will never forget you.

Graduation Awards 2014

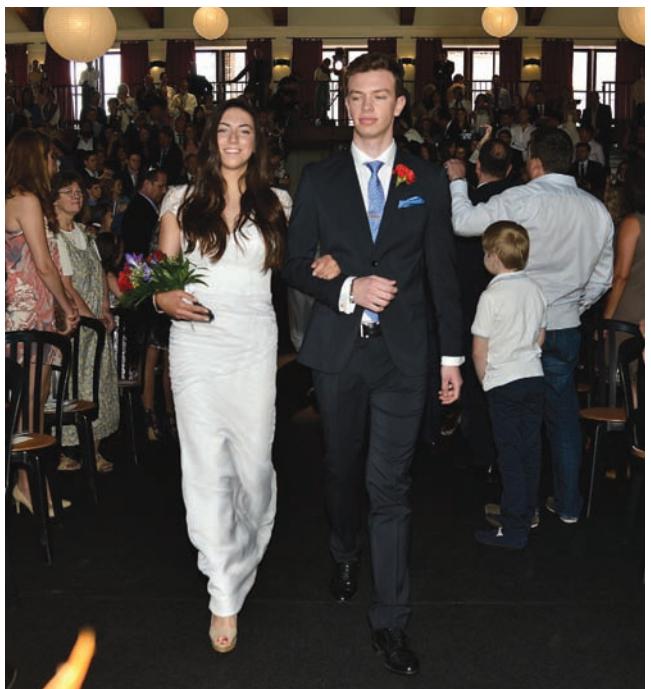
- **Cynthia Whisenant Award for Excellence in Literature** Alina Besanidou
- **Excellence in English as an Additional Language** Antonia Locatelli
- **Horst Dürrschmidt Award for Excellence in Photography** Raina Haynes-Klaver
- **Kay Hamblin Award for Excellence in Theater** Maria Pankowska
- **Bertha Seifert Award for Excellence in Music** Andrew Ashworth
- **Excellence in History Award** Ryan Osgood
- **Excellence in Modern Languages** Valentina Parini
- **Shah Akbar Khan Award for Excellence in Mathematics** Alina Besanidou
- **Excellence in Science Award** Maurizio Cremi
- **Salutatorian Award** Maurizio Cremi
- **Valedictorian Award** Antonia Locatelli
- **Headmaster's Award** Maurizio Cremi
- **ECIS Award for International Understanding** Abdul-Fatah Soroush
- **Jan Opsahl '68 Service Award** Giacomo Braglia
- **Michael Ulku-Steiner Leadership Award** Ryan Osgood
- **H. Miller Crist Award** Ryan Osgood

Alumni Awards 2014

- **Pritzlaff Leadership Award** Hailey Hibbard
- **Cathy Clark '87 Scholarship** Farrah Elaraby



Valedictorian Antonia Locatelli '14 receives the highest academic award from Dr. Skipper



Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63 embraces Maurizio Cremi '14 who addressed the Seniors as Salutatorian

Oana Naifornita '14 and Ryan Osgood '14

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Maiden Voyage

Dr. Skipper reflects on his first year as Headmaster

When I was asked to write about my first year at TASIS I readily agreed. It seemed a perfect way to bring the year to closure and provide me an opportunity to reflect on the whirlwind that is a first year of a Headship.

One of my lingering impressions of the year is the depth and range of life at TASIS. Boarding school life is demanding and rewarding, and when you add a day school component and an elementary school, you get additional layers of complexity. I knew and understood all of that based on my background and experience, but this year I learned about the TASIS difference.

It is one thing to read about a community of over 60 nationalities speaking over 45 languages, engaged in the vision of Mary Crist Fleming, blending a classic liberal arts education and face-to-face engagement with the places and people from which Western civilization emerged. However, I am not sure anything can adequately prepare you for the experience of living and learning in a community with over 60 nationalities, over 45 languages, while undertaking a classical liberal arts education, along with travel and engagement with the world at the levels of TASIS students and faculty. It is a wonderful, life-enhancing, future-framing experience and an opportunity enjoyed only by the people sharing in the TASIS journey. It is part of the TASIS difference.

Another memorable part of the year, and of the TASIS difference, is the truly global reach of TASIS. This is not just a matter of student admissions and marketing. TASIS as a global force is apparent in any gathering of our alumni, in our Academic Travel program, in our Global Service Program, in the TASIS Leadership Academy, and in how our students and faculty approach the travel opportunities in our schedule. Mrs. Fleming's hope in creating a place that was truly international in its scope and friendships has come to spectacular, global life. Our parade of flags during the opening ceremony of International Week embodies our global reach as expressed at the individual level. It is a moving and surprisingly touching ceremony.

There were a number of such moving and touching moments this year. It started in the very first assembly of the year where the energy and excitement was palpable, to the seasonal sports banquets where the student tributes to their coaches and the coaches' comments on their student athletes brought smiles and tears in equal measure, to the wonderful Christmas Service, and through the Senior Banquet where each of the

speakers spoke eloquently to their TASIS time and where one, Fatah Soroush, gave everyone present a lesson in grace, humility, and the strength of the human spirit. As I write these lines the list of moving and memorable events grows longer and longer in my memory and my smile grows wider and wider.

First years are always a blend of the expected and the unexpected, the comfortable and the challenging. First years are also about learning – lots and lots of learning, which is a wonderful thing, particularly in a school where learning is what we are all about. Finally, the best first years open the door to year two and the years to come.

Anne and I are privileged to live and serve at TASIS, and we are grateful for the support and warm welcome we experienced from the TASIS family. We were excited to join the TASIS community, and our excitement has only built over our first year for the future of TASIS.



Charles Skipper with wife Anne

First Year of the Global Service Program

Thanks to the generous financial support of Jan Opsahl '68 and the TASIS Foundation, the Global Service Program (GSP) was launched in September 2013. With this increased institutional support, the previous Service Learning Program was radically transformed.

This year, 13 service groups offered a variety of experiences for our high school students. Eight of the nine globally-focused groups included a hands-on service component. The remaining four groups continued their active involvement in local service. Every junior was offered the chance to participate in a service experience, and when space allowed some seniors and sophomores were also able to participate. Providing these students with real, authentic service experiences is at the heart of the GSP mission.

While measurable outcomes of the Program are difficult to gauge when the emphasis is on turning our students into life-long servants and philanthropists, numerous written reflections from students indicate a high level of appreciation and growth. Exit interviews indicate that many students highly recommend this experience to others, with many planning return trips to the areas in which they served. While perhaps impossible to quantify, numerous positive experiences have made students much more enthusiastic about service in general.



Headmaster Dr. Skipper, Giuseppe Lombardi '14 and Jovan Obradovic '14 pause for a photo while working in Cambodia



Andrea Ubocic '14, Carlotta Parmegiani '14, Wendela Birgersson '14 and Eliza Correa '14 with Cambodian children

I traveled to Cambodia, Malawi, and Nepal this year. It was amazing to see such a consistent reaction from students in such different worlds. Each student showed a keen interest to make a difference to the best of his or her capacity and returned to the TASIS campus with a clearer direction on what can and needs to be changed in our world.

Milo Zaneccia '08
Global Service Program Intern

It has been a delicate blend this year making sure these eight global service trips got off the ground, while also trying to craft an experience that remains true to our Program's goals. If anything, we now recognize that students truly value the relationships they've formed in the communities where they have served, and they are also anxious to re-engage. I've had dozens of 11th Graders ask me if they can return next year to work with the same communities and NGOs.

Zach Mulert
Global Service Program Coordinator

...With Gratitude

Reflections by the Nepal GSP Group

Thank you so much, Mr. Opsahl, for making this the best trip of my life. It made me realize so many things. I've had a lot of chances in the past to experience poverty around the world, but I never have had the possibility to adapt to others' ways of living and to actually live with them.

- **Isabel Romani '15, Italy**

Thank you for making this life-changing experience possible. I will never forget my time in Nepal. The things I've experienced have changed the way I look at my life. This trip has also helped me make friendships that I will always cherish.

- **Aidan Brooks '15, USA**

The most important lesson I've learned from this trip is that I can change the world around me. Even more importantly, I realized I have much I want to give. I was living in my own small world, knowing what was taking place but not associating myself with it, thinking that it's right to only care about yourself, less about your family and friends. This is not what makes us human. This is what I want to be and become. If you don't enjoy your life, there is no sense in living. This may too seem an egoistic desire, but it has consequences which are kind for everyone, not just me. Thank you for this experience.

- **Firyuza Yunusova '15, Russia**

This has been a trip of many firsts: the first time I got to serve and give back to others. The first time I really watched a team come together and be greater than the sum of its parts. The first time living a completely different lifestyle. The first time seeing poverty firsthand. The first time feeling like I had made an actual difference. The first time I really experienced another country. My first time in the Himalayas. This has really been a life-changing experience and will impact me for years to come. It has inspired me to continue doing this kind of service and has been the highlight of my seven years at TASIS.

- **Ryan Osgood '14, France**

Milo Zanecchia '08 with Zach Mulert



Global Service Program Highlights 2013-14

Caring for Cambodia: 10 days, October Academic Travel; constructed recycling bins, tiling for local school

Embracing Romania: 8 days, October Academic Travel; visited and aided at the children's center

Habitat for Humanity (Hungary): 8 days, October Academic Travel; helped build energy-efficient heating system and installation in a family home

WISER (Kenya): 10 days, February Academic Travel; created school newsletter and taught in local elementary schools

Ethical Food (Malawi): 10 days, February Academic Travel; assisted with agricultural work at Tikwonde Freedom Gardens

Nepal: 16 days, Spring Break; helped construct avalanche retaining wall in Tibetan refugee community

Nuovo Fiore (Ethiopia): 10 days, June; provided lessons, teaching and materials to local school

Serving Southern Africa (Zambia/Botswana): 21 days, June; constructed a family residence, taught in local schools, provided medical supplies, and installed solar ovens

Kiva Microfinance: made over \$2,000 in microloans to entrepreneurs in the developing world

Casa Elisabetta: monthly visits with children/orphans at local shelter, including Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day gatherings

Red Cross: 2x/month hip hop lessons to young children at the Red Cross

SOS Ticino: 2x/month visits with local refugee children, including art projects, soccer, and bowling

Tea Time: 2x/month visits to Al Pagnolo retirement home, including cookie baking, ornament making, games, songs

Khan-Page Master Teacher Award

Middle School Science Teacher Brett Merritt

The Khan-Page Master Teacher Award is named for 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 a teacher who represents a high standard of professional pedagogy, subject-area knowledge, and a capacity to convey the joy of learning to students. The recipient receives CHF 5,000 from the M. Crist Fleming Endowment for International Understanding and Leadership.

Brett Merritt is meticulously organized, very thoughtful, and student-centered. He builds lessons that leave his students wanting more. He finds genuine ways to engage every student in his class. For him it is about each student's individual growth and understanding, rather than the completion of a unit or course. His ability to differentiate coupled with his genuine interest in engaging the whole child has made him a favorite amongst middle school students over the years.

For Brett it's about getting his students thinking, debating, and daydreaming about science. He has fostered a department where students are future designers and engineers, all eagerly showing off their inventions and creations to other students. In terms of success as a teacher, I don't know what more you could ask for.

Brett's scientific mind is always at play in the various meetings and committees he serves on at TASIS. He spends the first chunk of time quietly observing, then, in the last 15 minutes of the meeting, Brett will usually come up with the perfect idea that suits all points of view. He is a dynamic team player because he is always able to consider what is best for students and the School at large, rather than just aligning with the belief that most closely mirrors his own.

Congratulations, Brett!

James Lemmon

Master Teacher Brett Merritt



Leading for Tomo

Summer 2014 introduced the first TASIS Leadership Academy, a joint program with TASIS England generously endowed by the TASIS Foundation. Amongst rigorous competition in the 10th Grade, six students were chosen from each of the TASIS Schools for the inaugural year. The Academy encourages students with an aptitude for leadership to empower themselves via a rigorous program focusing on global, service-oriented projects. Students engage with these concepts via three concentrated pathways: Politics and Diplomacy; Service to the Common Good; and Business and Entrepreneurialism.

The two-and-a-half-year-long program consists of three phases. The first concentrates on self-analysis by assessing personal leadership skills and strengths. During the second phase, TLA ambassadors analyze leaders in action and study the effectiveness of leadership qualities. The final phase consists of ambassadors putting the skills they've learned into practice through an extensive Capstone Project, designed by the student.

The first phase of the program kicked-off in the spring of 2014 when the ambassadors completed a thorough self-evaluation which measured the frequency of specific leadership behaviors and provided a 360-degree assessment. With this tool, the ambassadors began their journey with the knowledge of areas in which they excelled and others which needed development.

In May 2014, the group joined together at the Lodge Hill Outward Bound Centre in England to participate in workshops about leadership theories and self-awareness. They studied Kouzes' and Posner's Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership and discussed and role-played a variety of other leadership theories. This was a wonderful bonding experience for the ambassadors which challenged their teamwork and listening skills and taught them the importance of knowing when to lead and when to follow. Once back in Lugano and Surrey, the groups continued their study through weekly discussion groups of case studies and lectures.

The second phase of the program took place June 21-July 5 and consisted of field-based activities. They studied Politics and Diplomacy by reading John Lukacs' *Five Days in London, May 1940*, then researching and visiting the Churchill War Rooms museum, after which they spent time with UK Member of Parliament and Defence Secretary Philip Hammond. Next they went to Normandy to learn about the political decisions during World War II. They then traveled to Lisbon to begin exploring Service to the Common Good by spending time at a home for children with varying physical, emotional, and mental disabilities, with evening reflection on how foundations can affect those they serve. Finally, they returned to London

arrow: the TASIS Leadership Academy



Standing, l-r: Defne Şahenk, Zeynep Ozer, Dynameni Androulaki-Korakaki, Celine Wilfert, Edoardo Italia, Inigo Gonzalez Terminel, MP Phillips, Parker Stewart, Nathan Auerbach, Jillian Streit, Samantha Spoon, Michael McBrien - **Bottom row, l-r:** Nojus Marcinkevicius, McKenzie McCabe, Ron Lluka

to explore Business and Entrepreneurialism at the Unilever Company, where they were given social and environmental case studies to research and present to executives at the company. Here they also learned how to develop and present a business plan, a valuable skill necessary for the final phase of the program.

Fall 2014 marks this lengthy final phase, where ambassadors develop a year- to eighteen-month-long Capstone Project which puts the skills and knowledge they learned into practice. Each project focuses on one of the three pathways, and initial plans are due by the end of October 2014. All Capstone Projects must be completed before students graduate.

In the spring of 2015, each ambassador will become a mentor to one of the new class of ambassadors, where they will share the knowledge they have gained and enhance the experience for the incoming ambassador class. We wish our inaugural group the best as they continue this experience.

Kevin McKee

Leadership Ambassadors 2014: TASIS Rising Juniors

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Senior Humanities Program 2013-14

Inspiration for Our Seniors

The 2013-14 Senior Humanities Program introduced inspiring people from a variety of backgrounds, all of whom spent time with students, facilitating workshops and discussing their fields.

In September, students heard from Afghanistan-based photographer, videographer, and reporter **John Wendle**, whose work has been featured in *TIME Magazine*, *National Geographic*, the *New York Times*, *GQ*, *Monocle*, *CNN*, on the BBC, and at the UN. Along with addressing TASIS seniors, John visited various photography classes and students learned that his iPhone is often his camera of choice!



Curt Ellis speaks to a class

Filmmaker and sustainable-agriculture advocate **Curt Ellis** came to campus in October to discuss his most recent film, *King Corn*, which has helped to drive US policy on a recent Farm Bill and earned Ellis a Peabody Award. He spoke with TASIS students about sustainable agriculture and food politics and met with the Ethical Food Global Service group.

In February, our students got to meet the man who holds the world record for the longest number of days in space – 231, and once for 196 straight days! **Carl Walz** is a former NASA astronaut and retired US Air Force Colonel. He spoke with students about life in space and visited physics classes to discuss the past, present, and future of space travel and exploration.

April brought spoken-word poet **Sarah Kay**, who is best known for her inspiring TED talk featuring her poem “If I Had a Daughter.” Gavin Muenzberg ‘15 found Sarah’s visit



Fatah Soroush '14 and Sofiana Amanuddin '16 with photographer John Wendle

particularly encouraging. “Her success is one of my greatest inspirations for my own writing,” he says. “I hope this visit will have sparked some interest about spoken-word poetry at TASIS and will inspire others to write and enjoy spoken-word events.”



Spoken-word poet Sarah Kay inspires with her talk

Model UN



TASIS delegates Giorgia Colombo '15, Gaby Cova '15, Alex Wolf '16

In January, 15 TASIS students traveled to the Netherlands to participate in The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) conference. Through both formal and informal debates, the students argued for and against the language and implications of international policy recommendations. We spoke with some of them about their experiences and their hopes for next year's conferences, scheduled for Paris and The Hague.

Being exposed to an environment of people who share the same interest in, dedication to, and passion for international events helps me improve my own commitment and understanding of the issues that globally impact individuals. It is certainly easier to gain confidence in speech when people understand and value your contribution to a debate.

Kyla Altbart '15, Austria

THIMUN has really helped me understand and respect diverse cultures and how they can influence others. The thing that amazes me most is all of us coming from different parts of the world and discussing real-life struggles and introducing new solutions for problems.

Tuana Arin '16, Turkey

Attending THIMUN taught me how to present and articulate my ideas in a formal manner. I also learned how to construct a strong argument to support my opinion.

Joanna Egan '15, Australia

This year's THIMUN conference gave me a different view of the international events that are unfolding around me. I no longer was an onlooker at events that I can't control; I was able to have the [vicarious experience] of power for change. This also enhanced my vocabulary and ability to articulate with UN terminology.

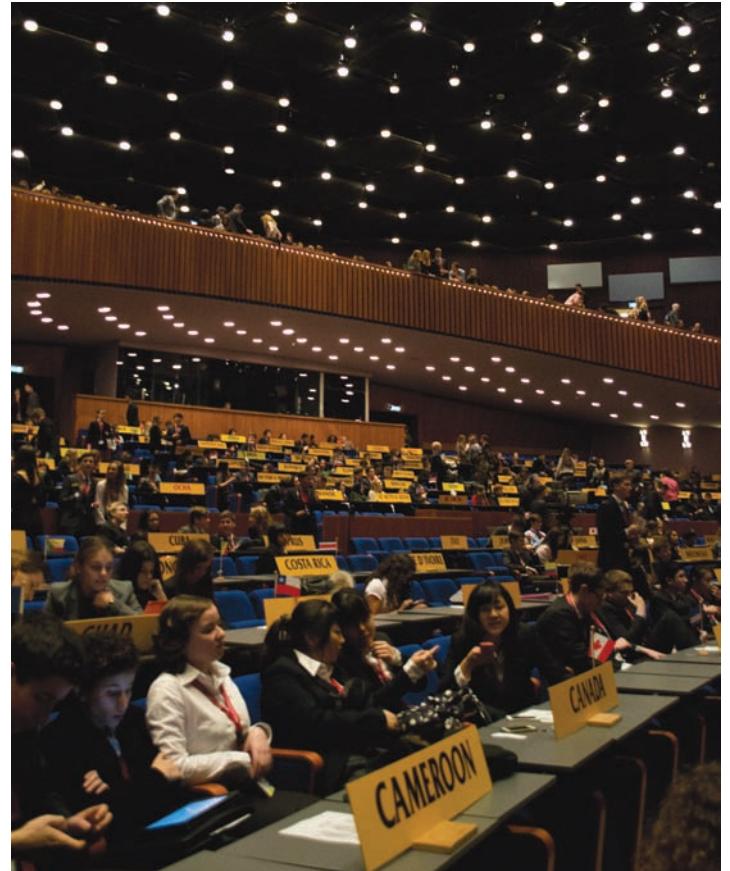
Amanda McAfee '16, USA

THIMUN helped me a lot with how I think about world events, including cultural, economic, social, and international communication. It also helps adults learn more about young people's opinions as we explain different ideas from different perspectives.

Sofiana Amanuddin '16, Afghanistan

THIMUN has substantially increased my awareness of the world around me. Whereas before THIMUN I would simply scroll through news articles that were uninteresting, I am now interested in seeing the countries involved, how the topic relates to other topics that I may have debated at THIMUN; and I now think about how this topic [might] be resolved and with which kind of resolutions.

Alex Wolf '16, Germany



TASIS Tech: How Technology Is Shaping



Sonia Maczeakova Yo, Middle School EAL teacher

Students in the Class of 2014 will not remember a world without the Internet or glass screens that scroll at the touch of a finger. Even Luddites must admit that immediate access to information about anything is a remarkable human feat. As the Internet Age moves from dawn to midday, schools, parents, and teachers are now working together to teach children responsible behavior while also teaching students how to use technology to enhance their learning and lives.

This past year has included a few interesting tech-related initiatives that have helped our community connect and share across borders, time zones, and continents. Here are a few of our newer initiatives.

The TASIS Interactive Catalog – iPad app

After months of research, brainstorming, and creating, our first interactive catalog was released in December 2013. "The reception has been wonderful," says Associate Director of Admissions Emily McKee, who spearheaded the project. "Students find it informative and engaging, and parents are amazed by how complete and thorough it is." Hundreds of people have downloaded the app and a few hundred others have viewed the catalog through the browser version. "It's fascinating to watch the uploads increase in a country after a visit from Bill Eichner or me," Emily adds.

The TASIS Alumni App

Emily's alma mater, Western Reserve Academy (Ohio), has had an alumni app for a few years. "I found it so useful in traveling

and connecting that I thought TASIS had to have it, especially given our global alumni network." Available on both Apple and Android devices, the app gives users a variety of ways to connect with nearby alumni. "Not only is it a great networking tool, it also keeps people informed of upcoming events as well as current events through the social media feed." Since its launch in March 2014, the app has helped TASIS reconnect with hundreds of alumni. "I find myself in different cities around the world and always look at the TASIS map to see alumni nearby," Emily says.

Social Media

An active social-media profile is critical for any school nowadays, and this is especially true for TASIS. "Not only does it keep our current families connected, it engages prospective families," Emily says about the TASIS social-media strategy. "Social media allows us to connect with a student sitting at his or her computer looking for an international experience," she says. "It allows us to use new interactive media such as video clips where real TASIS students share their experiences."

YouTube has become the second largest search engine after Google, and many young people go there first. "It is essential to have a YouTube presence. Luckily we have talented alumni filmmakers who have created beautiful videos for us to showcase there. This is a nice way to show prospective students more about dorm life, dress code, the campus, et cetera."

Twitter helps the School's global visibility in 140 characters or fewer. "We've had re-tweets from large companies such as Lufthansa and important organizations such as Swiss Tourism," Emily says. "This means the TASIS logo and name turns up in the feeds of all of their followers."

Facebook remains popular and important for our community. TASIS Alumni maintains an active page (TASIS Lugano) with nearly 5,000 'likes', and our general page (The American School in Switzerland) is followed by nearly 3,000 people. "Facebook is a great place to keep our community informed about events and share images and videos from recent happenings on campus," Emily says. "It allows people to respond and share with us, too."

Pinterest is an interactive pinboard site that allows users to find inspiring images from around the web. "It's such a visual channel," Emily says, "and here we are able to show our stunning campus and how lucky we are to be in Switzerland." Each 'pinboard' shows off various aspects of the TASIS experience: summer, the academic year, the campus, Academic Travel, Ski Week, Global Service, our alumni, sports, the arts, IB, videos, and more.

Our School

Instagram is another visual channel that is mostly used to connect with prospective students and alumni. "We have chosen to focus on the campus and showcase the daily beauty we encounter here, from the architecture to the weather to the spectacular views."

LinkedIn has always had a professional bent to it, though more and more people are using this to network in their personal lives as well. TASIS has an active LinkedIn community made up mostly of alumni who share information and advice through the website.

Tim's Tech Tips & Parent Workshops

Kids often adopt new technology and services before their parents, and one of the best ways to understand their world is to be a part of it. This year saw the trial of two new initiatives to help keep parents informed about and skilled in the latest technologies. Tim's Tech Tips is a feature in the ES and MS bulletins that provides awareness, tips, and links to more information. Tip #1 covered popular video game series that are

Patrick Alava, Middle School mathematics teacher



Emily McKee, Associate Director of Admissions

made for adults but many times find their way into the hands of kids. Parent Technology Workshops give parents a chance to ask questions and learn about technology through hands-on sessions. Our inaugural Workshop focused on what parents can do to help their children be safe online. Based on positive feedback, we will be expanding both of these resources in 2014-15.

MS Bring-Your-Own-iPad Program

Over the past two years, the TASIS Elementary and Middle Schools have been piloting the use of iPads as learning tools. The results have been increasingly positive as students and teachers alike learn how to take advantage of their increased access to information, new ways to show and assess understanding, and the ability to create and communicate in ways that match life outside of our School's walls. In the 2014-15 school year, all Middle School students bring their own iPads to school in order to extend the opportunities for every student using portable, powerful devices.

New High-Tech Campo Science Center



Gil Grimm teaching in the handsome new Helsinn Chemistry Lab



Matt Walker teaching in the new Physics Lab



The Mingde General Science Lab



The Bell Biology Lab

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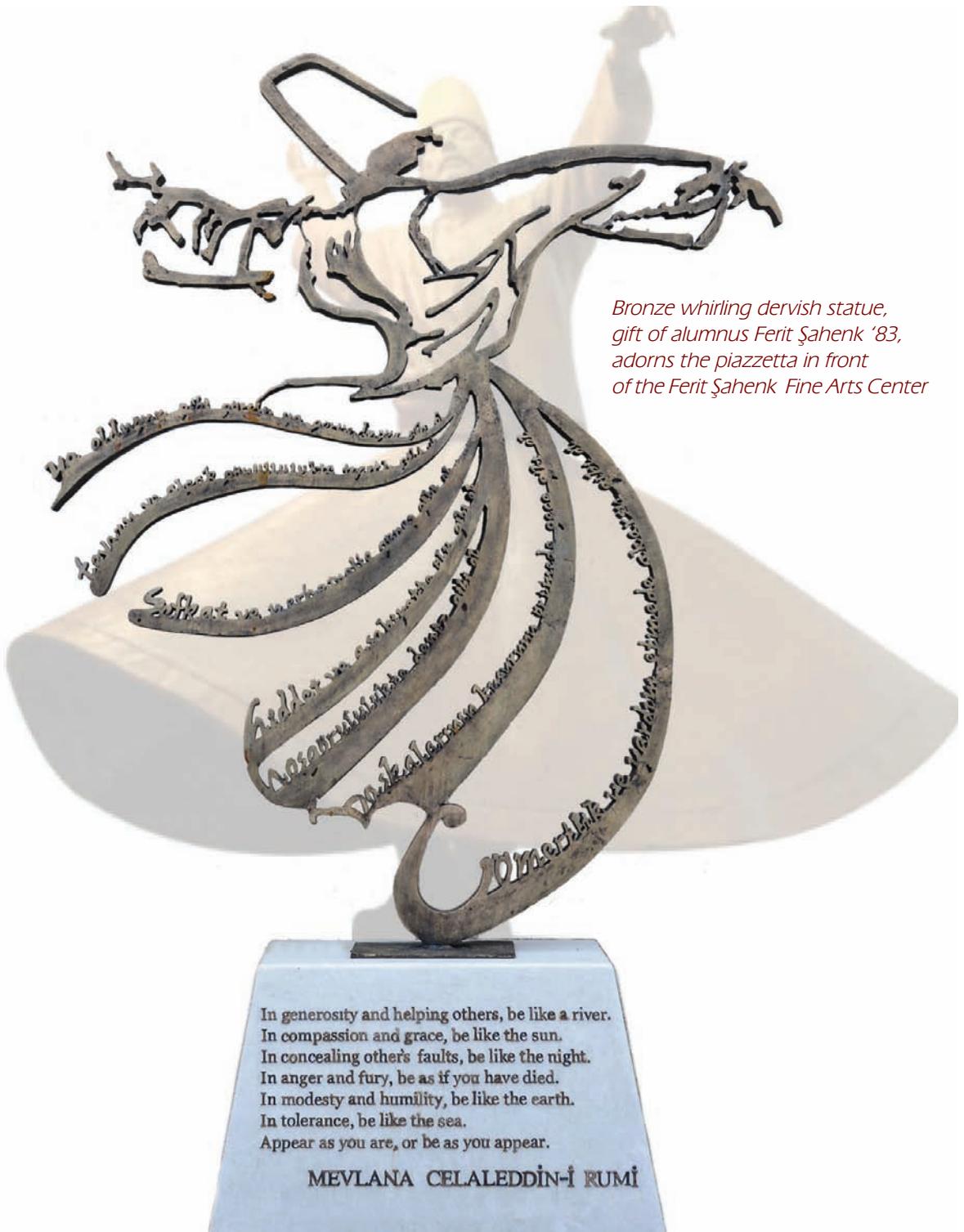


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Scientifically Speaking

We asked veteran TASIS science teachers about how our new science building will enhance both teaching and learning.

Brett Merritt, Middle School Science

In today's society it is increasingly difficult to say that this particular issue belongs to science while that one belongs to society. The supposed boundary between science and society – or nature and culture – is increasingly hard to locate, as it is both blurry and diffuse. Climate change, for example, is as much a scientific issue as it is a political one. Land, water, and air pollution is as much about chemistry as it is about economics. At least one important function of a well-rounded science education, then, is to both enable and encourage the equitable participation of all individuals in critical societal discourses.

At the heart of scientific endeavor is the ability to transform the empirical world into more useful forms. A biologist might want to transform a handful of soil into a pH value; a chemist might want to transform a mixture so as to gain the ability to see and quantify its constituent parts; and a physicist might want to transform the movement of a toy car along a track into a line graph. Such transformations are difficult to do without proper access to the tools, equipment, space, and resources required to do this type of work. Purpose-built classrooms allow our science faculty to increase both the frequency and sophistication of the transformative exercises we do with our students.

The new Campo Science building opens up possibilities for teaching and learning science that were previously unthinkable and/or impractical here at TASIS. The new rooms and spaces feel less like classrooms and more like active, working laboratories. The rooms and spaces inside the new Campo Science building make it hard for its occupants, as well as its visitors, to distinguish between learning science and doing science.

Gil Grimm, Chemistry

It is important that all students are scientifically literate and knowledgeable. This helps them learn about the world in a discerning, informed way, so they aren't tricked or swayed by something that does not make scientific sense. Plus, somewhere there is the next great scientific discovery or invention that will change the world.



Campo Science offers better space and convenience for our students. The added space allows for more freedom of movement during lab work and thus makes things much safer. Lots of little things are better, such as being hooked up to the natural gas mains or being able to make the room completely dark for showing something involving light.

Matthew Walker, Physics

A thoughtfully-designed laboratory provides the proper environment necessary for students to probe the very nature of the world where we live. The design of our new physics lab means we have two separate areas, with classroom learning taking place in the center of our spacious new room and lab space on the perimeter of the room. Labs can be set up until the necessary data has been collected, and activities can then be dismantled, saving valuable time each class.

Physics is such an active subject. Students need space to explore physics phenomena without leaving the classroom to go outside. Group work is so important. Physics, like a good novel, is something that needs to be discussed. You think you understand what the author is saying, until you hear another perspective and it changes the way you think.

Alexander Ogilvie, Science Department Head

Globalization and developments in materials, medicines, genetics, and communication have vastly changed the world we live in. In order to understand and make important decisions, it is essential that this generation understands the concepts involved in order to make informed decisions and use our resources wisely. Campo Science clearly signals the importance that TASIS places on the sciences, and enables us to have the space and tools to stimulate and educate our students in science in an excellent environment. A building dedicated to science creates and enables the environment needed for inquiry-based learning to occur. Science education teaches students how to interpret data, analyze information, make observations, and make valid conclusions—all essential skills. Campo Science puts science physically at the heart of TASIS.



Science Department Chairman Alec Ogilvie is proud of our wonderful new facilities for Science

TASIS Global Village Expansion



Latest aerial view of the campus with the new Science Center to the right of the crane. Geothermal holes have been completed and half of the new sports field will be installed in front of Campo Science by the Inaugural Convocation of the Science Center in April.



Next, after the field, underground garage, and tunnel under Via Collina d'Oro connecting both sides of campus, comes the Corona classrooms and dorm buildings above the Ferit Şahenk Fine Arts Center



...then the new Elementary School that will replace all of the buildings on the Hadsall side of campus.

The Spaces Between

David Mayernik, TASIS Master Architect



Monticello terrace between the Palestra and the M.C. Fleming Library

One could naturally think that the character of the TASIS campus development over the last fifteen years is principally about new classical architecture, but that in fact misses the most radical part of the campus master plan: its attention to the spaces between the buildings. Indeed, the buildings can best be understood as frames to the piazzas, stairways, and "streets" that make up the academic village growing on the hillside around Monticello. Since one of the principal intentions of the master plan is to reserve the maximum amount of open, flat green space for school activities, compacting the new buildings into an urban environment means that attention has to be focused on the quality of space those buildings shape. When space is precious, it has added value, and quality matters. It could be said that an intimate, beautiful small space has greater value than a much larger, ill-formed space. It is what we cherish in the built landscape across Europe.

Whatever one might think of the style of building going up beyond the campus edge, or in the Lugano area generally, Modern buildings are unquestionably characterized by their quality as discrete objects, as autonomous forms, and not primarily as space-shapers. Traditional buildings, instead, have always privileged their role as shapers of space, whether of the streets and piazzas of villages and cities or the gardens of villas. It is the quality of urban space as a kind of outdoor room that we so appreciate in the great towns and cities of Europe; we feel at home, oriented, and ennobled. For a school like TASIS those urban rooms have the added didactic value of helping

to shape a community, a place where students learn to share space, encountering each other as citizens in the best sense; and it affords places where teaching can happen between classes, on the way to lunch, or when the day is done. These urban spaces frame the tableau of daily life on campus, and encourage an intellectual community.

Each of the campus' new building projects contributes something to these in-between places. With the Palestra (1999), not only was the scalinata created between it and Monticello, but the formerly isolated terrace in front of Monticello was enlivened as a point of intersection and a raised piazza, qualities reinforced with the building of the M. Crist Fleming Library (2004). That building also created more open space in front of the Monticello terrace, defining the piazza with its fountain and ilex trees; the piazza is like a basin that collects the traffic cascading down from the hillside, and from there it opens out to the world beyond—one can almost reach out and touch Certenago. Above the Palestra, the Şahenk Fine Arts Center, Fiammetta, and Lanterna frame a series of intimate outdoor spaces that often surprisingly reveal spectacular distant vistas.

It is important that these communal spaces are not only inward-looking: because of building on the hillside they also can open outward—to Certenago, to San Salvatore and Lake Lugano, and to the near and distant Alps. They create both an intimate, campus-focused environment, and a platform for engaging the world.

These are, indeed, more than "spaces" in the abstract sense of open areas. They are meant to be places, endowed with uniqueness, character, and coherence; they become knowable, memorable places because we can name them, define and understand them, and know when we are in and out of them. This is so different from the largely shapeless, placeless world built elsewhere over the last half-century, filled with what Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas has called "junkspace." There is nothing disposable about what TASIS is building: these places will stand for centuries as testament to our commitment to beauty, community, and durability. They are TASIS' way of building a better world, and an object lesson for its students about how to live and learn together.

TASIS campus architect David Mayernik is a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome and the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce; he is a Member of the INTBAU College of Traditional Practitioners. An Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame's School of Architecture (USA and Rome); he is also author of Timeless Cities: An Architect's Reflections on Renaissance Italy (Westview).

A Fond Farewell to Mariella

David's new book is *The Challenge of Emulation in Art and Architecture: Between Imitation and Invention* (Ashgate)

Emulation is a challenging middle ground between imitation and invention. The old idea of rivaling by means of imitation fits neither the pessimistic deference of the neoclassicists nor the revolutionary spirit of the Romantics, and so emulation disappeared along with the Renaissance humanist tradition. It is slowly being recovered in the scholarship of Roman art, which for long had been thought to be only imitative of Greek originals. It remains to recover how emulation worked in the Renaissance itself, and to revivify it for modern practice. David argues that it was the absence of a coherent understanding of emulation that fissured artistic production in the later eighteenth century into those devoted to copying the past and those interested in continual novelty, a situation solidified over the course of the nineteenth century and mostly taken for granted today. Illustrated largely by the author, this book is a unique contribution to our understanding of the historical phenomenon of emulation, and perhaps more importantly a timely argument for its relevance today.



Mariella Tullini with Lynn Aeschliman '63 and Gianni Patuzzo

In the whirlwind of the academic day it is easy to forget those behind the scenes who keep the campus running. For 15 years as Facilities Manager, Mariella Tullini was at the helm of the TASIS Personale, working as liaison between her staff and the rest of our community. Managing a host of buildings and apartments that range in age from months to centuries is no easy feat, and Mariella balanced this herculean task with grace.

Born in Bologna, Mariella attended the Accademia di Belle Arti before moving to Greece, then back to Italy. She then spent 18 years in Montreux, Switzerland, where her sister ran an international school for girls, before moving to Lugano and working for Franklin College as Director of Student Services. In 1999 she joined TASIS.

That was the year the Palestra was built, and Mariella enjoyed watching the building take shape. Since then, Mariella has watched the campus grow along with the rest of the community, while she has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Global Village. "Finding time to get everything done was challenging," Mariella admits, "and we tried to accomplish these things as quickly as possible while also keeping things to a high standard." This is especially tricky during the quick turnaround times between our academic year and summer programs. "That was the most challenging time," she says, laughing, "but we all felt a huge sense of accomplishment afterwards."

Mariella's favorite part of the job was decorating the rooms. She also enjoyed working with her staff, finding their skills and utilizing them to ensure each was in a place where their talents would shine. "It's the people I will miss the most," she says. We will miss her, too, and are deeply grateful for her indefatigable dedication to keeping our campus beautiful.



Palestra (left), Monticello dorm and classrooms (right)

Arrivederci Angelo!

Mention the name Angelo Piattini to anyone from the past five decades at TASIS and you'll immediately get a smile. Perhaps they received their pocket money from him, or ate his legendary sandwiches at the snack bar, or dealt with him after a fender-bender. Everyone has an Angelo story. And as he retires after over five decades at TASIS, it's time for his own story.

Angelo was born in 1943 in Montagnola, where he has lived all his life. In 1961 he started a little food store in Certenago alongside his mother, which students took to calling Angelo's Store. "I can honestly claim that the store is world-famous for its sandwiches," Angelo says. He later took on the Hadsall snack bar, where his sandwiches continued to be everyone's favorite snack.

In 1985, he became an employee of the School, tracking various supplies and working as the student banker. He has also handled numerous other tasks, including keeping the TASIS fleet of vans in good working order and helping new employees purchase cars.

Cars were important to Angelo, and even boosted his popularity in the '70s, as Yvonne Procyk, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, recently discovered. "Apparently in the '70s, Angelo used to have a Porsche and give kids a ride down to town in it. No wonder they loved him! He even used to give the keys of the car to Roubik Aftandilians '74 and let him drive, since he was a year older than the other seniors."

Angelo is frequently asked to attend reunions by alumni, and enjoys keeping in touch with former students. "Over the years I had the chance to get to know many hundreds of teachers, students and their families. Some have invited me to visit them in their hometowns in the US, and many others still keep in touch – in particular the 'Persian Power' people," he says, which includes his former 'driver' Roubik.



Angelo receiving a Gift from the Class of 74

Retirement isn't stopping Angelo. He continues to keep busy with the folks from La Pentola, making his famous risotto (he's already catered three evenings on the TASIS campus). The same magic prevails; everyone loves these evenings. Angelo continues to show his dedication and passion for whatever he does, and to serving the interests of the School.

So what does Angelo have to say about TASIS then and now? "The growth has been irresistible, as demonstrated by the regular appearance of building sites on campus," he says. A fair point, considering the student body has grown from 80 in 1961 to 700 today. "You all need to come and visit to see the differences with your own eyes!"

Angelo's TASIS Timeline

- '60: TASIS moved to Certenago**
- '61 - approx. '03: Proprietor of Angelo's Store in Certenago**
- '63 - '68: Angelo's snack bar in Coach House**
- '68 - '82: Angelo's snack bar in Hadsall**
- '82 - '84: Angelo's snack bar returns**
- '85 - '14: Angelo works for the Business Office**

Angelo's Amici

We asked alumni to share their memories of Angelo. Here are a few highlights:

James Dempsey '87

The best food I have ever had and a great friend when you needed to talk.

Sophie Desplaces '92

Angelo: my greatest memory of Fridays at De Nobili. I hope he will now have the time to tour the world to visit his past protégés!

Sammy Eitouni '85

Angelo is a TASIS pillar and icon.

Lucy Carolina Roman '78

Best sandwiches ever. Always smiling and energetic. Great example of a strong work ethic.

Omran Sheikh '96

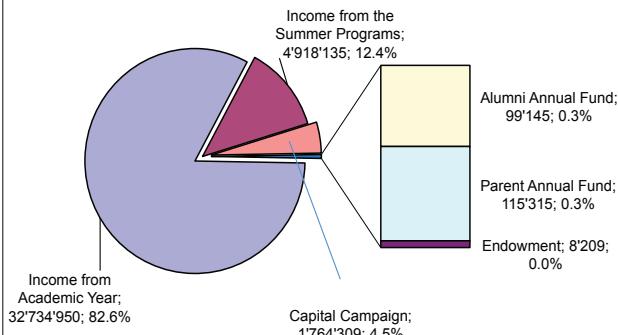
Whenever Angelo came around, I got the same feeling I'd get when an ice cream truck came around.

Ali Zoibi '75

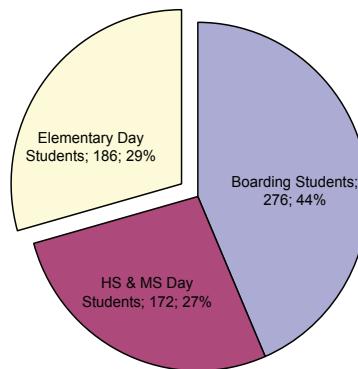
After study hall in the evening we'd gather in the lounge beneath the library where Angelo would set up shop. A sandwich, cola, and music were our nightly rituals. I suppose my total expenditures with Angelo over my two years at TASIS may have equaled the tuition!

Financial Report

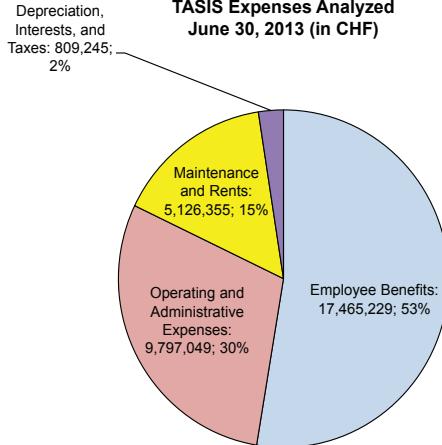
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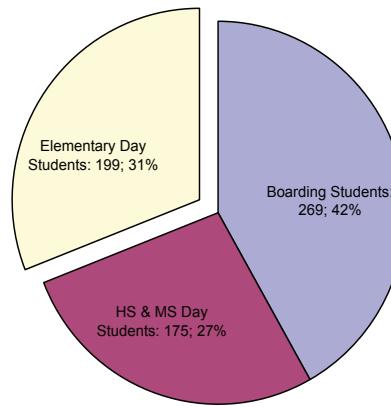
TASIS Students 2011-2012



TASIS Expenses Analyzed June 30, 2013 (in CHF)



TASIS Students 2012-2013



Operating Income and Expenses (in CHF)

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Tuition Income (Summer and Winter)	36,946,910	37,653,085
Financial Aid and Scholarships	-3,320,721	-3,190,797
Other Gains/Losses	-1,237,432	-1,213,942
Net Operating Revenues	32,388,757	33,248,346
Employee Benefits	16,954,365	17,465,229
Operating and Administrative Expenses	8,906,823	9,797,049
Maintenance and Rents	4,891,217	5,126,355
Depreciation, Interest, and Taxes	896,924	809,245
Total Operating Expenses	31,649,329	33,197,878
Net funds available for other programs/campus enhancements	739,428	50,468

Income Highlights (net increase by 2%)

Overall enrollment increased by 1%

Elementary School: +7%

Day Students in MS/HS: +2%

Boarding Students in MS/HS: -3%

Academic fees increased by an average of 2% for Boarding Students, 1% for Day Students

Expenses Highlights (net increase by 5%)

Employee benefits increased by 3%, representing 53% of total operating costs

Operating and Administrative expenses increased by 10%*

Maintenance and Rents increased by 5%**

Depreciation, Interest, and Taxes decreased by 10%

* The unexpected increase in the number of day students and the new Headmaster search caused a temporary increase in running costs

** New buildings in operation and campus security improvement contributed to this increase

Alumni Epicures

How our alumni are turning their passions for food into successes

We often look for patterns in our alumni's interests, and recently noticed that many alumni are involved in the food and wine worlds. We spoke with some of them about how they've turned a passion into their livelihood.

In 1971, **Isaac Tigrett '67** started one of the most recognized restaurants in the world: the Hard Rock Café, in London's Mayfair. Alongside his business partner Peter Morton, he combined rock music memorabilia with American cuisine to create the first themed restaurant chain in the world. After selling his interest in the business, he became involved in a number of charitable activities, including the Rama Foundation in Zurich, which created the Sai Institute of Higher Medicine in Andhra Pradesh, India, a free, 500-bed hospital that serves the rural poor.



Isaac Tigrett on the Dallas Morning News

In 1992, Isaac went back to being a restaurateur, creating House of Blues alongside actor Dan Aykroyd. The House of Blues brand soon extended beyond the music venue/restaurant/private club to include a record label, television production company, live Internet event company, and festival and events producer. He currently resides in Andhra Pradesh and is currently preparing to launch a teaching and healing center in the southern Indian rainforest. www.isaac-tigrett.com

Sarah Spitz '70 has been involved in the sustainable food movement for many years. "Food plays a central, essential and cultural role in our lives. Obviously we can't live without it. But there's something so grotesquely wrong about the simultaneous epidemics of obesity, diabetes and food insecurity on such a massive scale," she notes. And she's doing what she can to change this. As a Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver, she teaches others how to grow and preserve their own food sustainably and safely. She organizes regular free classes in conjunction with the Santa Monica Farmers Market



Sarah Spitz '70

on food preservation and food safety. Sarah is also involved with Food Forward (www.foodforward.org), which 'rescues' fresh local produce that would otherwise go to waste—from backyards, orchards, and even farmer's markets—and gives it to the needy. The organization works with over 100 social services agencies in Southern California to receive and distribute food. In the past five years, Food Forward has harvested and donated more than 2.1 million pounds of food. "Up to 40% of food goes to waste for many different reasons," she says. "In my own small way, I hope to change the balance of that equation."

Robert Salz (Project Europe '69, Summer School in France '70) has had three decades in the wine business, including roles at Corbett Canyon Vineyards in California's Central Valley and at Clos du Val in Napa. He currently works at Marimar Estate in Sonoma County, California. He's seen a lot during this time, especially as the industry has become more competitive. "There is now an interest in many wine varietals, and organic movement has also grown, as has the interest in wine from countries such as Chile, Argentina, South Africa, and Eastern Europe."

So what does a wine connoisseur like Robert recommend? "I love trying wine from anywhere. They all have personality and character, linked to the region and people from which they originate. For example, there is nothing better than a good rosé from Languedoc, near an old town like Pezenas. Combining grilled chicken with a good glass of rosé (Domaine de Nizas) on a summer evening...wonderful."

So what should novices remember when hosting a dinner party? "Don't overthink it," he says. "Use your imagination. For example, with salmon, don't immediately think white;

think a good, smooth, rich Pinot Noir, combining the cherry, plum fruit with the distinct salmon flavors, which are enhanced by salt and savory spices. Riesling with Chinese food, linguine and clams with a rich Côte Rotie Blanc from Southern France, oysters with a Sauvignon Blanc from Loire Valley (Pouilly Fumé), Sancerre (Jolivet), or Muscadet. Don't limit your imagination to Chardonnay and Cabernet. Go to stores that cover the world. Experiment. There are some great wines out there, and excellent values."

Robert credits his summers with TASIS to helping him develop his love of the arts – including the culinary and enology arts. "I think often of my experience. I met wonderful people from all over, and learned about many things. In Rome in 1969, I was by myself checking out the Via Veneto, and I ran into Sidney Poitier. I said, 'Hi Sidney,' and he pointed his finger at me and winked. I will never forget it. Also, in Paris, a group of us went to a Vietnamese restaurant in the Latin Quarter, and we were amazed and excited to try this food, for the first time. This was a time when the Vietnam War was a part of daily news. I could go on, but you get the idea that my experience at TASIS brings up great excitement, memories, and gratitude for the influence in my life." www.marimarestate.com

Food can often be a family affair, as it is with **Chiara Jasson '99** and her brother **Uberto Jasson '05**. Inspired by growing up on their family's farm and restaurant in Puglia, both have since become involved in the food industry. In July, Uberto opened Scarpetta (www.scarpetta.me), a London restaurant serving healthy, handmade semolina pasta with natural, seasonal produce. Located near the Monument tube stop, it's already becoming a popular destination for City workers. Chiara has started Better Food Consulting (www.betterfoodconsulting.com), which works with enterprises to improve the nutritional, environmental, and economical well-being of their operations.

Steve Heising '64 retired from his US Department of Defense aerospace career over a decade ago and found a lovely house on the water in Coupeville on Whidbey Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle. After winding down for a couple of years, he wanted to be productive, and at a family barbecue he blurted out, "Let's open a distillery!" – perhaps influenced by the bourbon he was sipping. His wife Beverly was the only one who didn't laugh.

Steve grew up in Saudi Arabia and learned to distill with his father, so the process wasn't unfamiliar. They began the arduous process of figuring out licensing, laws, and expenses without sacrificing their retirement fund. "So we decided to buy a beautiful old run-down farm with plentiful pure water and to just make it work," Steve says. They bought a small still

and equipment and put an 80-page plan together that had to jump through countless hoops, but were legal in August 2010.

Their first product was a recipe Beverly created for loganberry liqueur, a spirit that Whidbey Island was famous for in the last century. "It was killer good," Steve says, and their second batch used 13 gallons of alcohol and took eight months to make. Their first 'vintage' sold out in about a week! In 2013, their Loganberry Liqueur won Gold from the Beverage Tasting Institute with 94 points. They've since branched out into Blackberry and Raspberry liqueurs, which are also flying off the shelves. "Because we are growing so quickly and that it takes so long to produce our product, we are always barely keeping up with demand," Steve says. "If production is running behind demand we don't put the signs on the highway, so we will have a supply for our regulars." Steve's current challenge is creating the island's first whiskey – or Whidskey!

He invites any alumni visiting the Seattle area to make a trip across Puget Sound. "We have met thousands of people from the Island that want to see and support their distillery, and thousands of others that want to share our dream come true, and savor our liqueur," Steve says. It is the direct contact with customers that keeps Steve, Bev, and their team of family members going. "Operating a distillery is hard work: physically, mentally, and emotionally. Profits are meager at best. Our reward is in the smiles, and the praise we get every day." www.whidbeydistillery.com

Katie Wetzel Murphy '74 grew up in the wine business. "My situation is unique in that I'm a partner with my brothers, our spouses, and all our children," she says of her business, Alexander Valley Vineyards, which her parents bought in 1962. "I can't imagine what I'd be doing or where I would be if I wasn't in Sonoma County," she says.

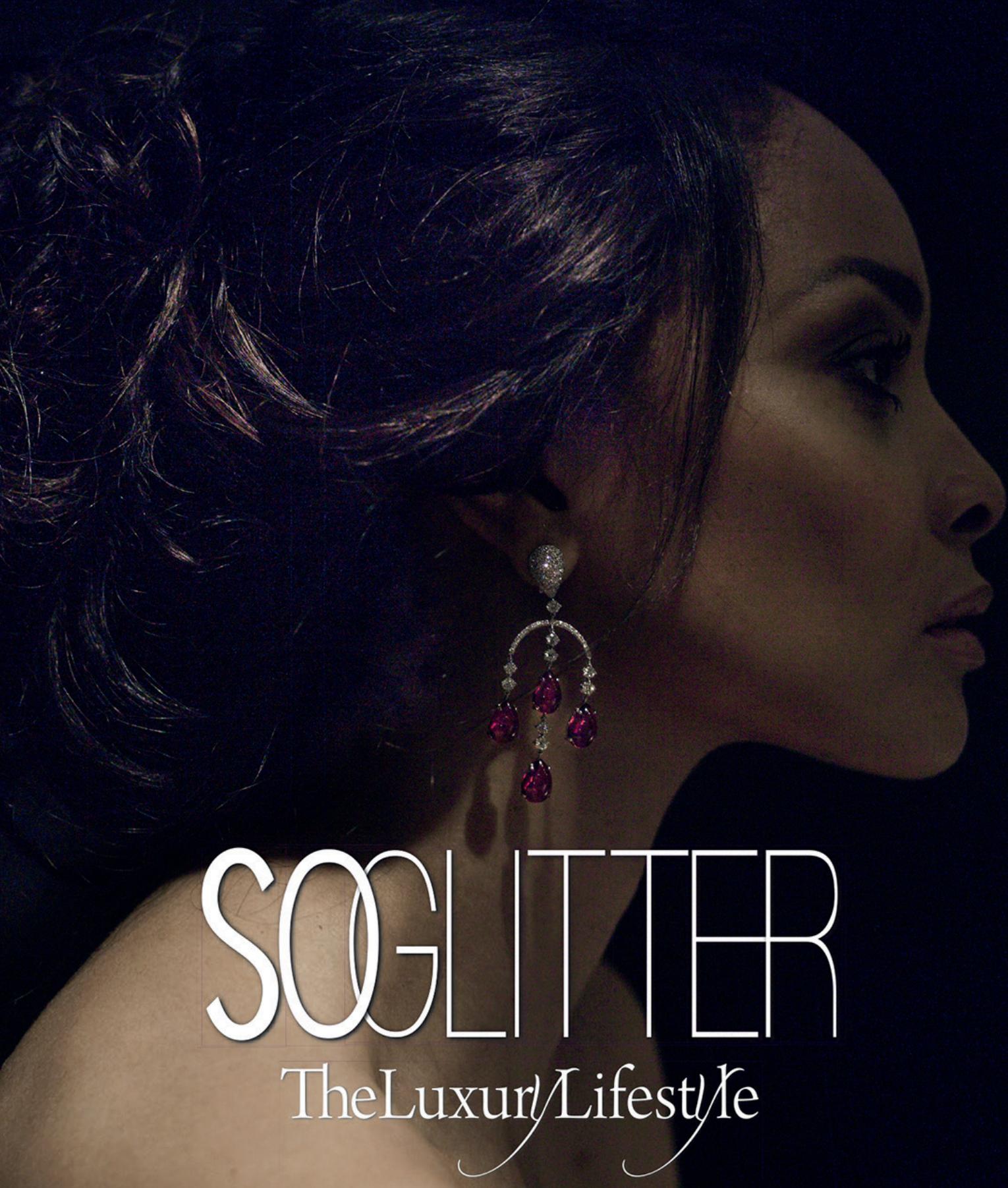
Katie is fascinated by the industry. "The land and climate are so much a part of the finished product," she says. "Very few products are different every year, which makes selling wine unique. We're telling people about something we do by hand."

She loves pairing food with their wine, and writes seasonal recipes every month that bring out the distinctive flavors of their wines. "Lately I've been using lots of herbs and simple, fresh ingredients," she says, "but it's tough to beat a really good steak with Cabernet Sauvignon."

Alexander Valley Vineyards is lucky to have a handsome cellar door that is open every day. They offer cave tours twice a day which allow visitors to taste directly from the barrel, learning how the same wine develops over time. "Come and see us!" www.avwine.com

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Adrien Aeschliman '99 in front of Bottega in Baltimore

If you find yourself in Baltimore, be sure to seek out Bottega, a boutique, 15-seat restaurant run by **Adrien Aeschliman '99** which opened in 2013 to rave reviews. Adrien has long been interested in food and becoming a restaurateur, and spent time working at Da Giorgione, a trattoria near Borgo San Lorenzo, north of Florence. Tuscan cuisine, created with seasonal, local ingredients, is the backbone of the Bottega menu, which changes daily.

The *Baltimore Sun* says Bottega "manages to evoke the experience of dining at the home of good friends without getting too precious or cornball about it," and *Baltimore* magazine said "Bottega woos its diners with a deft hand and deceptive simplicity. Be prepared to fall in love." In December

2013, Baltimore's *City Paper* named Bottega first in its Top New Restaurants list, and this past June, popular website OpenTable voted Bottega one of the "top 100 neighborhood gem restaurants in America."

Debra "Alice" Clason '73 is one of Bottega's fans. "My boyfriend threw my 60th birthday party at Bottega in June," she says. "Our guests were blown away by the food – even those picky eaters! I am a chef and dining there was extra special, not only because of the exceptional food but also because the style of food reminded me of my childhood summers in Tuscany."

Bottega posts its menu daily on Facebook. Keep an eye out for the salted caramel chocolate pie; Adrien shared the recipe with the *Baltimore Sun* and it's gone viral! bottega1729.com

Eat Well & Save the Planet by Gillian Sawyer-Price, GSP Ethical Food Advisor

The economics and politics of food have a huge impact on human health and on the health of our planet. The Ethical Food GSP group learns about the ethics and sources of our food choices, and works with the TASIS kitchen to make the food consumed at TASIS healthier, more ethical, and more delicious, as well as engaging in outreach to help all members of the School understand more about the impact of the food they eat on themselves and the world.

Over recent years the group has engaged in numerous in-school initiatives, ranging from an Oxfam Hunger banquet to raise awareness of global hunger, Fair Trade brunches during Fair Trade fortnight, and 'Meat Free Mondays' to reduce the global impact of meat production on environmental and climate change.

In 2013, the group made its first visit to the Tikondwe Freedom Gardens, a sustainable organic farm in rural Malawi, where students learned through practical experience key principles involved in organic agriculture. In addition to a first exposure to farming, students were challenged by their vision of the economic and political pressures placed on agricultural development in Malawi, which drives extensive farming of tobacco and maize in a land where malnutrition is rife. The students were able to exchange life experiences with local students and returned inspired and enlightened about real life and the challenges of sustainable food production in the developing world.

The Write Stuff

Look no further for your next book!

Writing a book is a huge endeavor, and we take our hats off to these alumni authors.

Wendy Banning '73 is director of Learning Outside, an organization in North Carolina dedicated to connecting children with the outdoors. Her book *Lens on Outdoor Learning* (Redleaf Press, 2010) is a collection of stories and images that illustrates how the outdoors can engage and support children's learning. Wendy is currently working on a second book.

Matthew Campbell '86 has recently completed the final book of his trilogy *Tether – Diatraechus*. The books mix the genres of science fiction, cyberpunk, and transcendental humanism. The third book will be available in fall 2014, and all are published on Lulu.com. Matthew is currently working with **Paige Drummond Schmidt PG '85**, who is narrating the audio book versions of the trilogy, which will be available in January 2015.

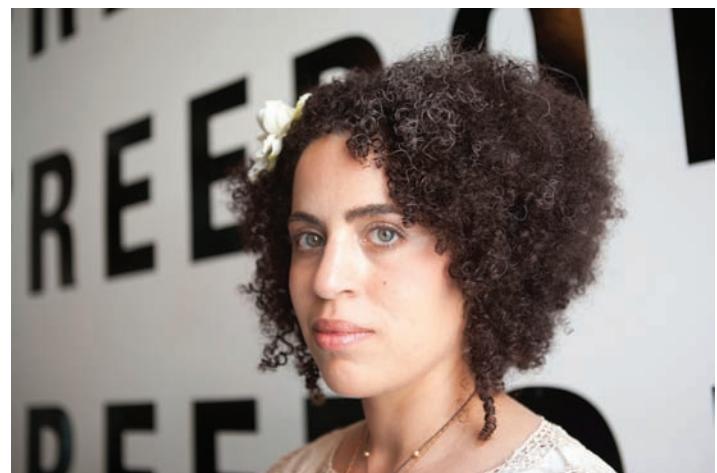
Iranian-born **Nazli Ghassemi '84**'s novel *Desert Mojito* follows a Midwestern-born, thirty-something jetsetter and her antics among Dubai's varied and colorful social scene. In June, *Desert Mojito* was nominated as a finalist in the contemporary fiction category by the San Diego Book and Writing Awards, and in April it was the #1 download in its category on Amazon. www.desertmojito.com

Professor Emerita of French at Boston University, **Elizabeth Clark Goldsmith '68** is the author of four books, including *The Kings' Mistresses: The Liberated Lives of Marie Mancini, Princess Colonna and her Sister Hortense, Duchess Mazarin* (PublicAffairs, 2012), which Kirkus Reviews called "the story of the 17th-century Kardashian sisters, but with the added touch of brains, literacy, and class."

Colleen Heater '69 and her husband JT are travel writers focusing on making the sacred adventures of pilgrims accessible to people of all faiths. Their books include *The Pilgrim's Italy* and *The Pilgrim's France*, both published by Inner Travel Books. They are currently working on a book about the sacred sites of India.

Many TASIS alumni can relate to **Kathy Gamble Pilugin '74**, who grew up a 'third-culture kid' and became a 'third-culture adult'. Her book *Expat Alien* (CreateSpace, 2012) discusses how she adjusted to university life in California after 18 years of living on five continents.

Former TASIS teacher **Kiki Petrosino** was recently promoted to Associate Professor of English at the University of Louisville, where she has taught since 2010. On July 1 she became Director of Creative Writing at the university. Her second collection of poetry, *Hymn for the Black Terrific* (Sarabande Books, 2013), was published to great acclaim and one of her poems was published in the anthology *Best American Poetry 2014*.



Kiki Petrosino

Andrea Simitch '73 and her husband and partner Val Warke just recently completed a book on the principles of architectural design entitled *The Language of Architecture* (Rockport Publishers). After serving for the past three years as Director of the Bachelor of Architecture program at Cornell's Department of Architecture she has relocated to Rome for her fall sabbatical and spring teaching assignment.

Larissa Shmailo '74's newest collection of poetry is *#specialcharacters* (Unlikely Books, 2014). Larissa is the editor of the anthology *Twenty-first Century Russian Poetry*. She translated *Victory over the Sun* for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's restaging of the multimedia opera and has been a translator of the Bible for the American Bible Society in Russia. Other books of poetry include *In Paran* (BlazeVOX) and the chapbook, *A Cure for Suicide* (Çervená Barva Press); her poetry CDs are *The No-Net World* and *Exorcism* (SongCrew), for which she received the New Century Best Spoken Word Album award.

Sarah Warner '91 owns a literary agency, Warner Literary Group. We spoke with Sarah about her life as an agent.

What inspired you to become an agent?

Working as an in-house acquisitions editor on nonfiction for many years, I learned how much work and how many devoted, interested people it takes to successfully publish a book. When properly done, it takes far longer than most people realize.

What keeps me going is a curiosity for others—nations, individuals, art, history, beliefs, cultures—and how things change as we go through this life. The funny thing about being human is that we can't escape the linear nature of our existence.

Reading is a pathway to understanding. While we're here, reading reminds us that life is worth cherishing, precisely because it opens us up to a vast, hidden landscape: the inner lives of others.

Did your time living in Europe and particularly at TASIS shape the sort of manuscripts that interest you?

My life as a young adult was dramatically changed by TASIS. My love for the mountains was immediate. I landed mid-year in St. Moritz for the winter session of school: math, science, and reading in the early morning and skiing the Alps all afternoon. It was stunning and full of compelling risks. All of a sudden, this was my life. Sometimes we don't realize we're oppressed until we get a taste of freedom and I tasted freedom from day one at TASIS.

My teachers were exemplary. I wrote my thesis on Tennessee Williams and Eugene O'Neill; I wanted to be a playwright. Of course, living in the boarding school environment, my friendships evolved into much more meaningful relationships. We traveled together, skied together, ate together, studied together, snuck out at night together, and made lifelong memories together. The hardest part was saying goodbye. There's no doubt my experience at TASIS shaped my career choices and the eclectic nature of the manuscripts and stories—fact or fiction—that I am drawn to. Place defines us whether we like it or not. Places are stories and they have the power to weave their narratives into who we are, who we become.

Any advice for aspiring alumni writers?

Writing must be a compulsive act for you. You will get rejected. Countless times. You must be fearless—sensitive, but fearless. Listen to your body, not just your mind. Write about what moves you. Read, read, and read some more. Join book groups, writing groups, find your tribe, pull together a posse. Find a mentor who cares and is candid. If you're uptight, relax. Remember that it takes as long as it takes and to trust the momentum of the process. Step away when it's not working. Then, once others tell you, and you agree, that you're really ready to share your work, reach out respectfully to those who might be able to help you get your work into interested hands. Don't consider sharing your work with editors or agents until your work has been read, at minimum, by a house full of people who are not editors or agents. And don't give up, ever.



Sarah Warner '91

Sarah's agency has just sold two novels and a cookbook. Recent releases include the novel *Future Flash* by Kita Helmetag Murdock; *Adventure at High Risk: Stories from Around the Globe* by father-son team Kerry and Cameron Burns. WLG also represents author Firoozeh Dumas, known for her bestselling books *Funny in Farsi* and *Laughing Without an Accent*.

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Alumni Reunions

Casa Italiana, New York November 23, 2013



Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63, Horst Dürrschmidt,
Luciano Radici '86 & wife Camile, Bill Eichner



Michael D. Aeschliman, Rudy Binder, MaryAnne Creech McIntire PG '66,
Dieter Metzger '74 & wife Maggie



Briana Fountain '07, Denise Chiang '07, Nola Seta '07



Leslie Downes FCF '74



Steven Kampmann PG '66



Curtis Webster '75, Daisy Bilbao '76, Kathy Gamble Pilugin '74,
Jennifer Greene '74, Ann Liederman '78



Headmaster Charles Skipper



Bert Spencer PG '66, Rob Perkin PG '66



Beverly Chan SH'55, Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63,
Beatrice Briggs '62



Former faculty Jen Blum, Courtney Hawes
& Jeremy Birk



Sarah Jassir, John Gaynor '66, Ewan Mirylees



Warner Bros Studios, Los Angeles February 22, 2014



Tali Levi-Crouch '04, Andrea Cansirro, Simi Serianni '04, Jessica Mejia '04, Khalid Bukhari PG'05



Taylor & Kirk Wright, Susan Sindoni Wright '82, Billy Zane '84, Bill Eichner, Alicia Brauns '82



Ava Klein '97, Michele Josue '97



Jan Opsahl '68, Andrew Tapper '75, Yvette Brault Rogers '69



Darby Hinton '75, Cindy Pender Guell '75 and husband Christopher, Shirin Amini '75, John Shaw, Tom Junker '75 with wife Angelica, Daryn Hinton Gabriel '73



Jimmy Narang '92, Lucas Fuica '92, Alyssum Wier '92, Bill Eichner



Randall Sabusawa '74, Yvette Vartanian Baroian '73



David '64 & Maureen Morehouse, Yvonne Procyk, and Batman!



Headmaster Charles Skipper and wife Anne



Christopher Guell, Cindy Pender Guell '75, Roubik Aftandilians '74

Top of the Hub, Boston, April 11, 2014



Jessica Portmann Hachmeister '66
and Kristen Lasker '66



Christina Miles '00 with Marc-Clovis Bertucchi



Marcus Liuzzi FCF'74 with Yvonne Procyk



Summer faculty Catherine Egan, Nicholas Moore,
Meghan Perks, & Jim Haley with Jacob Mulligan '10



Jan Vincent Huntenburg '13 with Mark Aeschliman



Rustam Guliyev '13, Berkun Zorlu '11, Marya Tabbara '09,
Titi Suarez '11, Tatiana Ceresa '10, Oyku Gur '10

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Emily McKee, Andrei Koulapov '01, Yuri Radchenko '02,
Olga Novikova, Anna Shevtchenko '00, Alex Shinkarik



Antonina Fedorova '00, Kate Belyakova '02,
Natalia Tcherniakova Rumantseva '00,
Andrei Koulapov '01, Anastasia Koulapova '00,
Adiya Khussaiynova PG '00, Anna Shevtchenko '00



Olga Novikova, Anna Shevtchenko '00, Alex Shinkarik,
Anastasia Koulapova '00, Adiya Khussaiynova PG '00,
Kate Belyakova '02

Classes of '63 & '64, 50th Anniversary New York, April 4-6, 2014

The first weekend in April 2014 found 25 alumni and faculty from the classes of 1963 and 1964 gathered in New York City for a 50 year reunion. For many it was the first time since graduation that we had seen each other, we were not of the internet generation. Happily, all looked great and appeared much younger than their ages. First was a meet and greet party on Saturday at the Orsay Restaurant. It was also Anne Harvey Taylor's birthday - what a nice present for Anne. Sunday found us together again for brunch at Ristorante Paola. It was truly a joyful and much remembered weekend. Kudos to Judy Meyerhoff Yale '64 for planning and organizing the reunion weekend. We won't wait another 50 years to get together again!

Joe Cook '64



*Stan Lipin '64, Marta Holsman Babson '64,
Joe Cook '64*



*Marta Holsman Babson '64, Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63,
Vicky Lorenz Steele '64*



*Diana Chatham '64, Sally Miller Harding '64,
Marta Holsman Babson '64, Stan Lipin '64, Judy Meyerhoff Yale '64*



Vicky Lorenz Steele '64, Martin Vogt '63



*Ann Hedlund Nichols '64, Mardi Fay Cone '64,
Fred Roland '64, Anne Harvey Taylor '64*



*Judy Meyerhoff Yale '64, Alan Yale,
Harold Block, Jim Yohe '64*

70s Big Bang Lugano Reunion June 11-16, 2014

In June, sixty-six TASIS alumni from the 1970s gathered in Lugano to celebrate the class of 1974's 40th high-school reunion. We had five wonderful days of beauty and friendship, starting with a risotto evening catered by Angelo - with a little help from his friends. The campus tour next day was an eye opener; we couldn't believe how much it had changed. After the tour, a group of us gathered at the cemetery around Mama Fleming's grave for a prayer. The rest of our stay passed in a whirl of familiar activities – a dinner at Casa Fleming; a trip to Valle Verzasca where some of us jumped off the bridge, and all of us lunched on Angelo's famous sandwiches; a pizza evening; funicular ride up to Monte Bre; and a boat dance followed by a gala dinner in Morcote. After the champagne brunch on our last day, we presented a plaque in honor of Mrs. Fleming, which is now proudly displayed on the TASIS campus.

Our time in Switzerland all those years ago changed us all. We experienced something that other people would never understand. It was our unique world and we came out of it as a unit. So when we meet each other now, even if we didn't know each other then, we immediately have a connection. At the end of our wonderful reunion it was hard to say goodbye, but we keep on reliving it on Facebook!

Kathleen Gamble Pilugin '74



Group shot on Monte Brè



Class of '74 and friends pose for a classic group shot



*Plaque presented by the reunion group
and now on the TASIS campus*



Angelo's famous sandwiches



*Committee members Daisy Bilbao '76, Kathy Gamble Pilugin '74,
Zarina Reinhard-Charlesworth '74, Ann Liederman '78, Roubik Aftandilians '74*

Group shot at Mrs. Fleming's grave



Ali Massoudi '74 takes the Valle Verzasca jump!



Class of 2004

Lugano, June 20-22, 2014

Our 2004 reunion exceeded all expectations! Being back on campus and seeing our old dorms immediately brought back vivid memories of our high school lives. It was awesome to meet each other again after so many years, eat on the De Nobili terrace, sit on the ping pong table and see the campus expanding. We had an unforgettable weekend with a lot of laughter, love, hugs, emotions, and joy. We are forever grateful to all our parents who had the brilliant idea and worked hard to send us to the school. TASIS wasn't just a great school and experience, but facilitated strong bonds of friendship that can never be broken. Thanks a million to everyone who helped make this weekend so successful.

Capucine Mabika '04



Group shot at Casa Fleming garden

Upcoming Reunions 2014-2015

All-Class Reunion in New York

November 22, 2014, The Asia Society
725 Park Ave, New York, 6-9 pm

All-Class Reunion in London

December 6, 2014, Charing Cross Hotel, The Strand
London 6:30-9:30 pm

All-Class Reunion in San Francisco

February 21, 2015, St. Francis Yacht Club, On the Marina
San Francisco, 6:30-9:30 pm

CLASS REUNIONS

Classes 1970 - 72 Reunion

September 26-28, 2014, Denver
Contact Debbie Billingsley Lichtenberg at debbiealan@comcast.net
or on Facebook for info

Class of 1989 – 25-Year Reunion

New York City, November 22-23 in conjunction with the all-class reunion
Contact Toni Clayton Hine at tclaytonhine@gmail.com for more info

Class of 2009 – 5-Year Reunion

London, December 6-7, 2014 in conjunction with the all-class reunion.
Get in touch with Serge Bollag at contact@sergebollag.com for more info!

Class of 2005 – 10-Year Reunion

Lugano, June 2015
Contact Shila Tursini maitri.tursini.09@ucl.ac.uk or Eda Aksoy edaksoy@gmail.com for more info

Class of 1990 – 25-Year Reunion

Las Vegas, October 10-12, 2015 (Columbus Day long-weekend)
Ken Tobe and Franca Marena Gullett met up for drinks in Tokyo in May and remembered how much fun everyone had at the 2010 reunion in Palm Beach so decided it was definitely time for another!
All are invited – classmates from other years, alumni families and friends, faculty and staff!
Contact Ken Tobe at ken.tobe@nihonshokuhin.co.jp for more info.

Save the Date: August 19-20, 2016

All-Class Reunion in Lugano to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of TASIS

How a Year Can Change a Life

Steven Kampmann PG'66 on his transformational year at TASIS



...and yet I believe that a school like this one is not merely a campus and some classrooms, or a stop on the way between childhood and college. It is – it must be – a step on that inner journey which does not demand that we ever go anywhere, yet which makes us awaken, slowly or suddenly, to the fullest meaning of our own existence.

- Mary Crist Fleming

How do I begin to describe my post-graduate year in 1966 that has so nurtured and formed me over the years? No school experience ever brought me more joy, adventures, growth, and learning than my year at TASIS. Not even close. For starters, how about the stunning beauty of Lugano, with all of her resplendent seasons? Late fall with the comingling smells of acrid vineyards and unfiltered cigarettes; cold mornings that morphed into golden afternoons; tall palm trees standing guard on Lake Lugano swooshing and swaying in lazy afternoon breezes; standing on the balcony of Villa Negroni mesmerized by a lithesome girl sauntering by, her beauty framed by snow-covered dustings on the peaks of distant hills and mountains. These treasured remembrances do not fade "gently into that

good night" like so much of everything else, but still hum and haunt, soothe and inspire to this very day, to this very moment.

I think about the friends I made in that wondrous year. The # 5 bus we all took from Vezia to Lugano every Friday night to see a foreign film; the blooming romances; the myriad adventures we undertook, beginning with the cruise on the S.S. Atlantic from NYC to Africa. Even my dented memory can fondly recall standing on the bow of that good ship smoking Lucky Strikes with Steve Fuller (smoking was cool then) as we glided out of New York Harbor past the Statue of Liberty. How my body, mind, and soul ached with anticipation for all the unknown experiences and possibilities that awaited me in distant lands. But in that moment I didn't care what those experiences would be. I just was so thrilled they were coming! For the first time in my life, I felt truly free. Free of my torturous, older brothers; free of the perils of high school with the countless burdens and anxieties of simply being a teenager. Even the searing memory of my father's tragic death some three years earlier (that later I would write about in the film *Stealing Home*) granted me a free pass that year. I don't know why it did. But I was relieved. I was thankful.

By day, as our cruise made its way to Casablanca, we actually studied, prepping for SATs, learning Italian, attending lectures on modern Europe given by David Mellon, a brilliant teacher, whose passion for his subject matter became my very own model and mantra years later when I fell into teaching at Blair Academy in New Jersey. At night we watched foreign films, mostly Federico Fellini or Ingmar Bergman, followed by lively discussions, followed by beers (we were allowed to drink! Were these people nuts?), followed by sitting in deck chairs gazing up into the heavens, counting our lucky stars that we were on such a grand adventure. Privileged? You're damn right. But not just because it was an elitist education (which it was) but because it was the first time that curiosity, the true engine of learning, awakened in us. Mary Crist Fleming, who founded the school in 1956, had a simple educational philosophy:

Find a beautiful property, both house and surroundings, for young people need and deserve to be surrounded with beauty. Fill this setting with young people from all over the world, because the world has become so very small. Fill all their waking hours with commitment to study, sports, the arts, and responsibility to others. Instruct – stretch them in all areas. They don't know the amazing potential they have! Place in this 'house' very special human beings as teachers, friends, counselors, and role models, people who have a sense of the excitement of life and learning – of the huge challenge this world presents, and above all, great faith in their young

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And my-oh-my did her recipe work! My board scores soared 150 total points; I finished fourth in a class of 100; and I was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania. But more importantly, my intellect came alive. My previous three years at a traditional US boarding school had suffocated then supplanted creative curiosity for the mind-numbing God of Achievement. Dread and fear of failure ruled there. My brain was dead. But as it works out, it wasn't dead at all! It had simply been put to sleep by the utter boredom of a rote memory education that was the way of learning in those days. TASIS changed all that. It engaged us, prodded our slumbering noggins, awakened and stretched our minds to "all the possibilities of our very existence." We studied and then we travelled. We were exposed to new lands, new cultures, new everything. Like the bus tour through Italy. Or the train trip to Russia, click-clacking our way over the gloomy, vast plains sipping black tea while reading Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky. Once we travelled to the opera in Venice on a foggy winter night to see and hear Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. We bused to the south of France in February, spending the night in Mrs. Fleming's castle under a full moon, then rode horses at daybreak (I'm not making this stuff up); later that same day we came upon the artist Joan Miró as he worked on a sculpture at the Foundation Maeght, which was but a stone's throw away from the seaside enchantment of Nice on the Riviera. And in the spring, on our Common Market sojourn, when most of us were in love or at least infatuated with someone, we made our way to Paris. How good was that you ask? Let's just say "very" and leave it at that, because what happens in Paris stays in Paris.

***It was a year-long fairy tale that
I deeply wished would never end.***

In those days, while most schools opened for business in September, we travelled through Italy experiencing the wonders of its ancient ruins, its ridiculously good food, and Rome's traffic madness of speeding Vespas and honking horns. We didn't actually arrive at school until early October. When our bus pulled into the school on that chilly October evening, there was the elegant Mrs. Fleming with her magnificently coiffed hair standing in the pebbled driveway of the historic Villa Negroni, welcoming us with open arms to our regal 18th-century home. Somehow Mrs. Fleming convinced the Swiss to allow her to renovate this national treasure and turn it into a school! What incredible showmanship she possessed. In another life I'm sure this remarkable woman could have made one hell of a theater or film producer, or anything else for that matter. She was that good. The last time I saw her was in July of 2005, when my wife Judith and I visited her in Lugano. She was well into her 90s by then but still had the same swagger and humor. When I first saw her, she said, "Hello, Steven. Look at me. I'm old. I've become the 'remains of the day.'" She had style, energy,

humor, and financial resources – all powerful ingredients for sure. But it was her educational vision that set her apart, that made her truly special.

How sophisticated I felt drinking wine at dinner that first night at Villa Negroni. It felt like a communion, a rite of passage, gently guiding us towards adulthood, ushering in a significant chapter in our lives. It proved to be a year when time seemed to have quickened as if it had places to get to, things to do, or maybe we were too busy, too alive, to even notice time at all. Years later, when I came to Blair Academy after a career in film and television, I became aware of how the passion, humor, and humanness of the TASIS teachers affected me profoundly, allowing my enthusiasm for learning to seed and bloom, to be expressed in countless creative ways in my new role as a teacher. David Mellon, whom I previously mentioned, was an exceptional teacher. His love of history, politics, Italy, good wine, great films or anything that brought a good laugh infused me with curiosity about...well, everything! He taught me to care for my work and my world. He was a mentor, who demonstrated every teaching day that passion for your material and a sense of humor are the two driving forces in becoming an impactful teacher. I am forever indebted to David Mellon and Mrs. Fleming for gracing my life. They proved that the powerful effects of teaching do not stop suddenly at graduation but run deeper, unfolding miraculously over the course of a lifetime.

It was a year-long fairy tale that I deeply wished would never end, but of course it had to. Even now as I write these words, I am drawn back to 1966, remembering the agonizing departure in June of that year, the upbeat farewells to friends and teachers when future plans and gatherings were planned. But I knew something profound and special was ending, a door closing, that even the best of reunions could never recapture; and then later that final day passing by the Villa Negroni on the train to Milano, on the way home, I caught a glimpse of workmen boarding up the Villa's windows for the summer. It was over. As the train moved on, the Villa Negroni fading from sight, I was left with that sinking empty feeling that would become a familiar inner visitor. Nothing is permanent. Nothing lasts. Dust to dust and all that. And yet, as I write this, I am realizing the dust has never fully settled from my PG year because, after almost 50 years, this sweet breath of time continues to serve as my mentor as if the year itself were a best friend still bestowing wisdom - still stirring and resonating within.

Thank you, TASIS. I am grateful to you forever. And to my dear mother "Binny," who had the foresight to understand the significance that this year could have in my life and for making it happen. Then again, maybe she just wanted me out of the house.

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This piece was originally written for Blair Academy.



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Diana Sears Panconesi enjoys living in Tuscany, where she connects from time to time with **Lynn Fleming Aeschliman** '63.

• **John Gage** reported on his summer vacation to Turkey and the Black Sea area: "Many aspects were delightful and interesting, but group travel presents its demands for Amy and me. It was an interesting trip, and included glimpses of Bulgaria and Romania. We particularly enjoyed the Turkish stops and are fond of Istanbul. We enjoyed a hot air balloon ride early morning in Cappadocia, Turkey although Amy fainted away in the basket when we ascended to 7,000 feet! All better now, and we are happy to be home with our dog, Max."

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Vacancy for class agent
Contact alumni@tasis.ch to learn more about taking on this role.
Robert Sears lives in the Philippines, but visited campus with his sister **Diana Sears Panconesi** '60 during a trip to Europe this summer. Robert attended TASIS for five years, from fall 1957 to May 1962, which means he went to all three TASIS campuses – Villa Verbanella in Minusio, Villa Soldati in Lugano, and the current campus in Montagnola! **1**

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Vacancy for class agent

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Pam Temple Abell attended the joint 50th anniversary reunion in New York of the classes of '63 and '64 and reconnected with her classmates after 50 years! Pam and her husband live in Pennsylvania and hope to visit TASIS for the 60th anniversary celebrations in 2016, which will also be their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Class Agent: Joe Cook
jacook4646@comcast.net

Jane Weihman Block was in New York for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the class of '64, then she accompanied her husband, Harold, to Burgundy for his elevation to Grand Pilier General of the

American branch of the *Confrerie Des Chevaliers du Tastevin*, an Order dedicated to the promotion of Burgundy with its wines and cuisine, folklore, and customs.

- **Diana Chatham** writes: "This July marked the 9th anniversary of my beating terminal cancer in my brain, by diet. (I had surgery, chemo, and radiation, at my family's insistence, then went on the diet as soon as I got out of the hospital) but after 3 years of being on the diet the cancer came back when I went off it too soon. So I went back on the diet, and have had perfect MRIs of my brain ever since, even though I'm no longer doing the diet religiously. Dianarchatham@gmail.com"

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- Are you interested in helping out with organizing a **50th anniversary class reunion**? Please let us know at alumni@tasis.ch.

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Jenny Holloway McHugh reports: "They say you can't go home again. But I disagree! Attending TASIS was a life-changing experience, especially because of the turmoil and tragedy all around me, both personally and internationally. This June, I visited the school in Montagnola for the third time since I graduated. It was every bit as beautiful as I remember, with the integrity of De Nobili intact and the new buildings in keeping with the surroundings. My husband of 39 years, the love of my life, sadly passed away last year after a long illness. I'm living in Miami, Florida

Where were you?



The 50th anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 2013 sparked many vivid memories among those who were TASIS seniors at that time. **Anne Harvey Taylor** wrote, "It was night. I was studying in my room on the third floor of De Nobili, to the accompaniment of rock music on Armed Services Radio. Everyone else was in study hall in Hadsall across the road. I heard the awful news on the radio, and was shocked and terrified and ran to Hadsall." **Marta Holsman Babson** adds, "We were so young, so far away, and news just trickled in. I remember everyone crying uncontrollably." **Nina Scott**, a teacher that year, remembers, "I was terrified of what might happen — it was, after all, the midst of the Cold War. The faculty spent an exhausting night comforting the students. The next evening the locals, who were every bit as shattered as we were, held a candlelight service for us in Sant' Abbondio. It was truly a grief shared by the world." **Joe Cook**'s future father-in-law was one of the men invited to the luncheon that would never hear Kennedy's speech. "In my possession now is the invitation that Ralph received, inviting him to the luncheon. I have had it framed."



again after spending most of the last 40 years in the northeast, where my children were raised. My brother, **Dean Holloway '71**, also lives here. It's time for me to re-invent my life, catch up with old friends, and do some traveling once again. If anyone is coming to south Florida, please get in touch. Miami isn't the small, sleepy city it used to be. It's an exciting international city with a lot happening all of the time. Come on down!" **2**

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Leslie Hughes Pierpont tells us, "On my way up to Nova Scotia for the summer, I stopped to visit **Susan Stover Hill** for a fun catchup. Learned how to curl last fall - a LOT harder than it looks! Grandparenting and working for another year keeps me busy."

• **Chuck Kitsman** reported, "Georgia and I had an interesting experience in Mississippi at a place called Holly Springs, which is full of antebellum houses. It was a key area for cotton production from 1845. Our tour host had restored an 1848 Federalist-style house (Burton Place) and has been a prime mover in getting the descendants of both plantation owners and slaves to meet and reconcile. We toured a plantation now owned by the Audubon Society called Strawberry Plains and afterwards met with students and professors from Ole Miss and Rust College, a historically African-American college in Holly Springs. The discussion of what we'd all seen was a moving experience and the students from Rust College were particularly impressive."

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Class Agent: Pamela Springer Bryant
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Jan Opsahl made a trip to Los Angeles in February where he attended the TASIS reunion and reconnected with his old roommate **Dave Ireys '67** after 46 years, as well as with classmate **Dorinda Dorsey. 3**

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Class Agent: Pamela Carrillo Jackson
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Pamela Carrillo Jackson and her husband Michael met up in May with **Pamela Springer Bryant '68** and her husband Carl for zip-lining at Crocodile Crossing in St. Augustine, Florida. **4**

• **Yvette Brault Rogers** shared a beautiful photo taken at her daughter's wedding. **5**

• **Gordon Kirkpatrick** writes: "My family and I were recently on a two-week vacation in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. We had a great time. We live north of Los Angeles, but we love to travel. My oldest son is helping to rebuild Christchurch, New Zealand. We're planning a trip to Europe next summer and may be able to visit the Lugano campus." **6**

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Debbie Billingsley Lichtenberg is organizing a reunion in Denver of the classes of '70-'71-'72 and thereabouts from September 26-28. Contact her on Facebook or at debbiealan@comcast.net if you see this in time!

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Class Agent: Wendy Barton Benson
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Andrea Lee Simitch and her husband Val Warke just recently completed a book on the principles of architectural design entitled *The Language of Architecture* (Rockport Publishers). After serving for the past three years as Director of the Bachelor of Architecture program at Cornell, Andrea is relocating to Rome for her fall sabbatical and spring teaching assignment. She looks forward to visits from anyone who might be passing through! **7**

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Dieter Metzger reports: "My wife Maggie and I had a fabulous vacation in Europe. Five days in Berlin, five days in Cologne, and five fabulous days in Lugano for the 40th anniversary of my graduation. We also managed to squeeze in a day in Heidelberg and in Milan. We had a great time reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones, and re-living many of our TASIS experiences:

Valle Verzasca, dorm life, dinner at Casa Fleming, Angelo's sandwiches, pizza at Federale, a cruise on the Lago, Monte Bre, etc. The campus looks fantastic. It was a great trip, but I am happily back home, selling Pennsylvania real estate." **8**

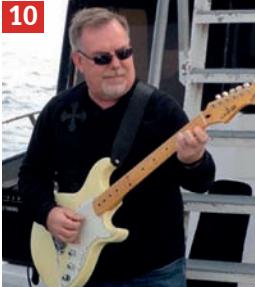
• **Barry Iverson** taught photography at **Fernando Gonzalez**'s summer program in Les Tapiés, France this summer. Prior to that, his photo exhibition at the Sultan Gallery in Kuwait, "The Tour", was a huge success. **9**

• **Kelly McQuilliams** writes "I work as catastrophe claim insurance adjuster. I only work larger events such as last year in Calgary - the flooding and then two hail storms. I do the physical field inspection or can work in the office on the counterpart work. I worked on Sandy, Katrina, Irene, Wilma, Charlie, Jeanne, Francis, Ike...more hurricanes I am sure than I can remember. Also the earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2011, and I was large loss manager for the Biloxi office of the BP oil spill (I do environmental as well). Tornadoes, fires... anything that is a large event. I am independent so I constantly have to be looking for the next job. I love it."

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Class Agent: Linda Avery
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John Luttrell reports: "I'm happy to announce the official release of my album *The Dream Exchange!* It includes a track co-written by TASIS alum **Dave Veirs** and me. I'm attaching photos; I believe the vintage photo was taken by alum **Kent Oztekin**. Throughout our lives we share our dreams with family and



friends, and they share their dreams with us. If we're lucky we can help them activate and achieve their dreams and also work on achieving our own. How wonderful it is to experience and share in this dream exchange." **10**

- **Barbara Levi James** tells us: "I unfortunately missed the '70s TASIS reunion but followed it on Facebook. The old pictures brought back great memories, and it was wonderful to see my classmates looking so well, and so young, too! None of us have aged a day! I have been busy with a new job I adore as office manager for a holistic naturopath and a chiropractor. I could not ask for better bosses or a better work atmosphere, and how many of us can say that. The kids are great. My daughter will be a junior in high school, where she is taking all AP and honors classes with her focus set on a great college and future as a forensic psychologist or a women's studies professor, at least that's today's plan. She is a vegetarian after many years of being a meat-lover, and trying hard to live a vegan lifestyle, all complicated by the fact she's a picky eater. After being accepted at every place he applied (costing us hundreds in application fees), my son enlisted in the Navy after high school rather than going straight to college. His test scores were high enough to qualify him to enter the nuclear training pipeline. He's currently studying in Charleston, South Carolina, and will be sent to a Navy submarine base upon graduation. Needless to say, I'm insanely proud of them both! Life for us is busy. I volunteer for various local groups, which I love. Have met some great friends, and feel like

I'm making my community a better place. I did have a touch of nostalgia last summer when we went to Italy and I revisited Florence and Venice. They have not changed since I was there with TASIS! Tuscany is simply gorgeous. We ate ourselves silly, drank gallons of amazing coffee, dodged insane drivers and spent an evening watching my musical idol, Bruce Springsteen, perform."

- **Carolyn Clark** recently published a book of poems, *Mnemosyne: The Long Traverse*. She currently teaches languages and mythology in Montgomery County, Maryland.

- **Hans Figi** is Executive Director of the Madison River Foundation. His wife Sharon is refurbishing their house in Bozeman after a nine-year absence.

- **Martha Freund Bradshaw** works in the art museum of the University of Texas in Austin. While her husband attended to work in Prague this summer, Martha brought her daughters to visit Lugano. **11**

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Nadine Kenel Mangold recently worked on research and role-development for a film her husband will be making about the architect Francesco Borromini. Some of the shooting will be done in Rome and the film will be produced in Berlin.

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Cristiane Cunial writes: "I'm living in Melbourne, Australia. My brother **Lawrence '77** also lives here. I returned to Australia after living in the US and Italy where I worked in theater and arts management. I founded the Baroque Chamber Orchestra Europa Galante with my ex-husband, Fabio Biondi, who is a violinist. Since returning to Australia I have worked in the NGO field, mostly in the youth sector, and now work with an organization called Headspace, a youth mental health foundation. I am really enjoying the job! I have four children between the ages of 13 and 26 so I am quite busy with family life. I really enjoyed following the TASIS '70s reunion on Facebook. It was almost like being there! Anyone wanting to contact me can do so on cunialc@internode.on.net." **12**

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Scott Lercel corresponded with us to set up a campus tour in May, and included this recollection: "Do I ever remember Angelo! He was like a GOD to all of the students and I think I spent half of my monthly allowance in his sandwich shop." Scott works with Target as their Director of Social Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability. **13**

- **Jennifer Mathieson Ito** writes, "Not much changes in the islands. My oldest daughter has graduated

from the University of Southern California and is in the graduate school of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science. Second in line will start her sophomore year at Chapman University in Orange, California. The youngest daughter will be a sophomore this year at Punahoa School. She continues her pursuit of the theater and all things related. I guess some of me rubbed off on one of the girls! I am in my eighth year working in Admissions at Punahoa School. I just returned from an East Coast trip with a group of 15-year-olds and their families. We visited the historical sites of Washington and Boston and stopped also in New York City for some theater fun and in Orlando for amusement. I continue to keep up with **Corina Kiefert Chester** in Canada and **Liz Lustig Beer** in California. I recently found my long lost friend **Angie Anderson Norris** in Florida and am very excited to be catching up with her after all these years."

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Waleed Albanawi is a business leader in the Middle East and helps unemployed youth in the Arab world. He has been involved in supporting organizations in the Middle East and North Africa that help prepare young people to succeed in a global economy by providing in-school and after-school programs for students which focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness skills.



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Class Agent: NouNou Taleghani
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Heather Cobb Hartsock and husband Robert are excited that their daughter Emma will be following in her mother's footsteps and attending TASIS in the Fall of 2014!

• **Tom Mullen** published a book of fiction in November 2013 titled *River of Dreams* (Roundwood Press). The book tells how three characters - from three different periods of history - in a young man's dreams provide clues as to who committed a murder. The book's cover was designed by Tom's sister, **Trish Mullen Rempen '72**.

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Babak Boghraty came to the Boston reunion in April. He moved to the US last year and is now a lecturer in law at Boston University (his alma mater). One of the textbooks he is using is written by **Lanny Breuer**, Babak's teacher at TASIS, who served as Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Criminal Justice in Washington, DC from 2009 till 2013.

• **Gretchen Schaefer** tells us: I was in Sarasota, Florida from November of 2013 until July 3, 2014 and will be returning in October. I would love to start a reunion in the Sarasota area if anyone is interested. My email address is swgfarm@gmail.com."

• **Susan Sindoni Wright, Jennifer Hiscox Andrews, Irene Smith,** and **Alicia Brauns** were guests of **Karin Knolle Sullivan** in November of 2013. Karin threw a small Texas-sized

party (300+ guests!) at her ranch to celebrate her wedding anniversary and a couple of important birthdays as well. **Wyatt Williams** came by to enjoy the festivities. "Fun was had by all! However, what happens at the ranch stays at the ranch! So the only way to pry the details out of us is to join us in Tuscany for a few drinks while we reminisce over past 'activities'!" **14**

• The **Class of '82** (and surrounding years) will spend next Easter in Tuscany, meeting up at Podere Capitignano from Good Friday (April 3) through Sunday, April 12. For reservations, contact **Lynn Fleming Aeschliman '63** directly. Questions can be sent to **Susan Sindoni Wright** via Facebook or at hlcchiro@aol.com.

• **Tania Nordstrom** writes: "Continuing on the XTR tradition, the classes on 81-84 are making a point to carve time out to see each other whenever possible. This year has been no exception. In April, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to have **Rebecca Perry Damsem** and **Rachel Dougan** over to my house for dinner. We were joined by **Eemen Sahebdivani Salehi** for a wonderful evening. Both Rebecca and Rachel were in LA and were able to carve out some time to see us. A group of us also got together for dinner. Although we try to get the LA residents of the classes of 81-83 together as much as we can, this time we were lucky enough to get **Alicia Brauns, Eemen, Dave Grove '81** and myself together. We celebrated the World Cup kick off with dinner at a Brazilian restaurant! My TASIS friends and I were busy on facebook commenting and cheering on the World Cup festivities. It was a lot of fun watching the matches together

(albeit virtually) and cheering for all of our home and adopted countries (including Switzerland) along. I'm looking forward to planning more trips to see my TASIS friends in the fall." **15**

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Tom Little shared with us, "Sold Little & Co. and left the company at the end of February. Just finished a two-week-long rafting and national parks trip with my wife Kim and two boys, Tommy (13) and Nicky (10). I split my time between Boston and Park City. Would love to reconnect with old friends." **16**

• **Billy Zane** starred as Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* at the Lyric Opera in Chicago. The production received stellar reviews! **17**

• **Kurt Mandeville** works with National Instruments in Texas and is helping TASIS set up a robotics program! **18**

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Harold Doley co-hosted Tunisia's Prime Minister Mehdi Jomaa at the New York Stock Exchange on April 1. • **Lisa Gage Star** wrote, "When I was in Lugano while my daughters attended the Summer Programs six years ago, I wrote a screenplay about my year at TASIS called 1984. It's a realistic but enchanting and often hilarious coming-of-age story based on my experience. It includes life in the dorms of De Nobili, an In-Pro excursion to Bern (when we got lost on our way), dorm raids and first drinking, as well as a spring In-Pro to the Soviet Union back when it was scary. The heart of the story is about being a teenager at a boarding school, halfway between childlike insanity and adult pressures, with no real parents in sight. And the setting in Switzerland, including a prom cruise on the lake, a Mrs. Fleming alter-ego running the school, and a raid of the kitchen pantry after curfew, would entertain many alumni from my era and beyond. I'm looking for alumni in the film world who might like to read it."

• **Susan Brasse Insley** tells us: "A group of us from the class of '86 have been getting together each summer for the last few years. We all went to Asheville, North Carolina to visit **Holly Musgrave** and spent the weekend hiking, zip-lining, rafting, catching up, and reminiscing about TASIS. Holly was an incredible host and we all had a fabulous weekend together. The group also included **Polly Short Mahoney, Heidi Hyndman, Andrea Cabada Strebini, Julie Gardner Cord, Angie Shelton Bracco, Kelly Stoddard Wood, Ian Cross '87** (and wife Edie), **Pietro Vago**, and me." **19**

• **Brad Keele** writes, "I am currently an Associate Professor at Baylor



in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience. I obtained my Ph.D. in neuroscience in 1997 from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Most of my research is on cellular and molecular properties of neurons – basic cell biology and genetics kinds of stuff. From a clinical relevance viewpoint, we investigate basic biological mechanisms involved in anxiety disorders such as PTSD, but since anxiety is common to so many other disorders (e.g. epilepsy and autism), we cross over into some of those areas too."

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Jennifer Wrapsir reports, "Life for me is good. I took a huge European trip with my mom and other family members this April. We started in Rome and then hopped on a cruise ship that took us to several different stops. It's the first time I've been back to Italy and Europe since I left TASIS. It was odd to see some familiar places in Rome that I saw 28 years ago on In-Pro. How time flies. I'm still working at Microsoft on contract, currently with the Xbox Privacy team. I'm doing project management work and love it. I've kept up with so many friends via Facebook that it's hard to mention them all. It was a tough year for the class of 1987 last year as we lost **Michael Greene** and **Geoff Ecker** from our class. Those two were so much a part of our class that no class reunions will ever be the same without them."

• **Alexander De Bruin** bought a couple of pavers in the Campo

Science Campaign, and dedicated one of them to deceased classmates **Cathy Clark**, **Mike Greene**, and **Geoff Ecker**.

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We received news about **Christopher Curtis '88** and **Jill Curtis '86** from their mother Nanci in March: "My two children attended TASIS for a year (1983-84) and it was one of their more significant life experiences. Julia (Jill) is now an MD in a dermatology residency at the University of Utah. **Christopher** is an attorney married to Abby White and father of two young sons, Will and Noah. TASIS was a magical year for them - and vicariously for me!"

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Emmanuel Tullini recently moved back to Switzerland from the US. Manny has been a pilot for many years and went through re-certification to be able to fly helicopters in Switzerland.

• **Tisha Illingworth-Huish** spent a few weeks with **Beatriz Raguan** and her kids. "It was a blast having our kids become such good friends. We are hoping to make this an annual summer tradition!" **20**

• **Toni Clayton Hine** has volunteered to organize a **25th anniversary reunion in New York** on November 22-23, to coincide with the all-class reunion that weekend. Contact her at tclaytonhine@gmail.com to find out more.

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Ken Tobe and **Franca Marena Gullett** met up for drinks in Tokyo in May and remembered how much fun everyone had at the 2010 reunion in Palm Beach, so decided it was time for another! *Save the Date:* October 10-12, 2015 (the long Columbus Day weekend) in Las Vegas. All are invited – classmates from other years, alumni families and friends, faculty and staff! Contact Ken Tobe at ken.tobe@nihonshokuhin.co.jp for more info. **21**

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Sophie Desplaces sent a picture of herself with **Antoine Bruneau '93**, commenting, "It was our first meeting in 21 years, and we enjoyed talking about the old days and walking around Paris like tourists."

• **Lexie Smart Mouton** dropped by the TASIS campus during her summer vacation in Europe to show her kids where she went to school.

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Erica Engstrom Cali updated us: "The Cali family is doing well and growing- Aliana is 4, Chiara is nearly a year old and we are getting adjusted to life in Jakarta. This June, we spent a few weeks in Switzerland and Italy and spent some time on campus." **23**

• **Betsy Blaisdell** recently took on a new position with Sustainable Apparel Coalition.

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Jorge Villanueva and his brother, **Luis '97** are living in Mexico where they both work in hospital administration, following in the footsteps of their parents who are both surgeons. Jorge visited the campus during the summer and is interested in sending his two kids to TASIS.

• **Brian Igel** is proud to announce that he and a partner co-wrote a chapter on manufacturing in *The ABA's Legal Guide to Fashion Law*. The book is out and available on the ABA website. It is the first book of its kind about fashion law written by lawyers for a non-legal audience.

• **Talal Kanafani** visited campus in July and caught up with **Christof Zanecchia '04** and **Mark Aeschliman** while on campus. Talal is CEO of ICS Control Systems and travels widely for business development. Along with his wife and two little girls (Mona, 7, and



Aya, 1), Talal recently moved to Bahrain after spending a few years in Brazil and Singapore. **24**

- **Trond Thorrud** is living in Norway. He left his post in finance and is now working freelance in the humanitarian field. So far he has worked on projects in Kenya, Cambodia, and India, which he found a fascinating country. Trond is pictured here on campus with **Tony Gibson '94**. **25**

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Class Agent: **Gina van Hoof**
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Toshie Yamashiro Kahane writes: "The Kahane household is settling in nicely into the new city, house. I've had two pleasant TASIS connections here in Frisco, Texas.

Lynn Thomas from my year lives nearby and her third son is in the same preschool(same classroom too!) as my son Jack. And **Julie Junker Anderson '95** moved in a few blocks away from me. Small world but TASIS makes that even smaller." **26**

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Michele Josue has had huge success with her documentary film *Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine*, which had its premiere in October 2013 at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and in Mill Valley, California, on the same day. Since then, the movie has gone on to pick up the top prize at the Cleveland Festival and rave reviews at festivals around the world. Congratulations, Michele!



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Nina Sander writes: "I'm married and living in São Paulo, Brazil and have a six-year-old daughter named Layla. I recently debuted my jewelry line, called SANDER, which has been a big success. I produce the pieces in India and they have an ethnic touch." **27**

- **John Procter** is a proud dad to daughter Nora Blythe Procter, born on May 2, 2014. Congratulations to the happy family! **28**

- **Andy North** has been based in Bahrain since January 2013, and spent time with **Brendon Forrest** during his final months (see In Memoriam). Andy is enjoying the change in location – and the improved climate versus Britain where he was living before!

- **Giorgia Di Lenardo** is working in Geneva for Webster University as Director of Admissions. She had lunch at TASIS recently and enjoyed catching up with friends.

- **Yvonne Gierczyk Skasko** updated us: "I live in Dallas, Texas and work as in-house legal counsel for AT&T as a product/marketing attorney. I am married and have a three-year-old daughter, Sophia. I hope one day she gets to live in Lugano and experience

TASIS. It was such a beautiful and unique time. I still keep in touch with many of the friends I made through Facebook. It's neat to see everyone having kids now." **29**

- **Chiara Jasson Soresina's** son Luca attended the CDE program this summer. We hope to see Luca again next summer!

- **Alexandra Labzina** is working in her family's business in Moscow. She visited campus during her honeymoon after her wedding to Sergey on Lake Garda. **32**

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Diego Allievi lives in Ticino and works for the family business in Bellinzona and Milan.

- **Paulette Maria Arias Ravelo** lives in Venezuela, has three daughters, and is a full-time mom. In her spare time, she models and stars in commercials.

01

Class Agent: **Caroline Rothstein**
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Gontran Lizarraga is working as Social Networks Director for the Minister of Infrastructure in Puebla, Mexico. "It's a huge project with lots of responsibility. I'm feeling great, and can't wait for a chance to go back to Lugano, one of the places I consider home."



- **Thiago de Aragao** made a presentation to 100 candidates from the PMDB (Brazilian Democratic Movement) party in Brazil in May.
- **Richard Dericks** is in Tulsa, Oklahoma for his family's energy-focused firm, Dericks Leasing & Financial Company, where he is Principal.

02

Class Agent: Daniella Einik
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Alex Zanecchia works remotely for a software company while producing music for many of his brother **Milo '08**'s short films. Alex and **Christof '04** are in a band accompanying TASIS Elementary School music teacher **Melody Tibbits**, who has quite a following as a stage vocalist. Alex and fiancée Liz were married in 2013. **33**

• **Mark Hansen** writes: "I am currently living in London where I work as Head of the Metals and Mining for Noble Group, a large Asian resources company. This is interesting work which keeps me traveling often and working with many different peoples and places, utilizing much of my early TASIS experiences." **Julia Fonseca Bennett** married Sjoerd Nikkelen in the Netherlands last year on August 3, 2014 and they have moved to Sao Paulo, Brasil where Julia currently works for The Leading Hotels of the World. They enjoyed the World Cup festivities! **34**

03

Class Agent: Remington Franklin
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Alice Passuello and **Stefano Brioschi '02** got married in Tuscany

in July. Congratulations to the happy couple! Like so many others, Alice and Stefano met each other and found love at TASIS. **35** • **Prisca Llagostera** writes, "Kelly Hau '04, Luciana Giangrandi '04 and I coincided 10 years after TASIS, working in a gastronomic show in San Sebastian! We worked together representing different food brands in San Sebastian Gastronomika." **36**

• **Colin Toole** is living in Denver and working for a hotel development company, managing the acquisition and development process of new hotel projects.

• **Vasiliy Vavilov** moved from Italy back to Perm, Russia, when he got an offer to manage a race track for go-karts and cars.

04

Class Agent: Masa Yo
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Lorraine Smith Chambon and her husband Hugo welcomed first-born Constantin to their family on May 15 in Houston, Texas, where they now live. **37**

• **Danilo Santucci** updated us in August 2013: "I received my J.D. in 2012 from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. I then got a Tax LLM (i.e. a masters in tax law) also at Wash. U. and received that degree in May 2013 and somehow finished top of my class. I took the Illinois Bar exam in July and won't find out the results before October. I have been working at a law firm in St. Louis since 2011, doing mostly tax and corporate law work, including some real estate and estate planning. I'll likely stay at this firm for the next few years."

• **Christof Zanecchia** is on his way to becoming a Swiss citizen and has secured a long-term position at VF Corporation in Lugano as a Business Analyst for Vans and Reef. • **Evgeniy Kazarez** and his wife Irina celebrated their first wedding anniversary on campus during the class of 2004 reunion in June. *Auguri!* Evgeniy and Irina met while studying at Bocconi in Milan and now live in London.

05

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Mollie Toole is based in Massachusetts and working in her family's hotel business. Her brother, **Luke '00** became a dad a year ago. **38**

• **Eda Aksoy** lunched at the White House in April 2014 along with her brother **Kerim '11**, and sent us this photo with US Vice President Joe Biden. **39**

• **Tyler Breton** has been busy: "I moved to Los Angeles and have been working very hard on starting a company that will be launching in the spring. It's a social network that allows people to create and share emoticons and emojis. I've already reached out to media outlets like Tech Crunch, Wired, and Beta Beat and am working right now on locking down some press and news articles for the launch."

• **Michael Bell PG'65**, has had over the community through his generous donations and unwavering support. **40**

• **Maggie Xue** made the long journey from China to Lugano to join the class

of 2004 for their reunion in June. Maggie is a doctor (just like her old roommate **Shila Tursini** – what a coincidence!) and is relocating to Singapore this fall to continue practising medicine there.

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Vacancy for class agent

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

Matt Schultz recently accepted a position with OPN Architects and will be getting married in November to Kristel Kautzky. Congratulations, Matt! **41**

• **James Eichner** updated us in October: "I had a great time at the *Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine* screening in Colorado. It was great to see **Michele Josue '97** and Liam and the film was fantastic! Very powerful and very beautiful. Michele has really done an incredible job. Unfortunately I didn't make it to the gala the next night but it looks like it was a success."

• **Sierra Quitiquit** visited TASIS in February. Sierra is a professional skier and model and she felt right at home in the light snow which fell that day. While on campus she shot some footage for a film telling the story of how her time at TASIS, including Ski Week, ultimately led to her choice of profession. **42**

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Class Agents: Chingiz Aliyev
morr25@gmail.com and **Consuelo Marzi**
consumz@hotmail.com



Simon David moved to London and is enjoying life as a freelance photographer. He has secured a desk space at Four Corners, an arts trust in Bethnal Green in East London that supports budding filmmakers and photographers. **43**

• **Jessica Cross** was in Costa Rica until June, teaching English to elementary students in a very deprived area. She loved working with the children and found Costa Rica a great experience which opened her eyes to all we take for granted in life. Right now Jessica is still thinking of going to graduate school or law school. She is interested in immigration and would love to do something in that area.

• **Milo Zanecchia** continues his freelance videography career as well as working as the Assistant to the TASIS Global Service Program, organizing service trips in Asia, Africa, and Europe. **44**

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Class Agents: **Stefano Cremasco** stefanocremasco@gmail.com,
Diane Salimkhan diane.salimkhan@gmail.com
and **Serge Bollag** contact@sergebollag.com

Waka Takahashi graduated from Parson's School of Design in 2013 and is based in New York. She plans

to launch her own fashion accessories collection in 2014, and visited the leather fair in Bologna last fall to check out the best factories. She stopped by at TASIS for a quick visit. **45**

• **Serge Bollag** updated us in May: "I am currently working for Square Capital LLP in London (a multi-family office and spin-off from the French desk of Goldman Sachs Private Wealth Management) and responsible for the Uruguayan farmland and commercial real estate operations. In addition, we are currently in the process of raising a private equity structured fund to expand our operations and offer this real asset investment opportunity to our other clients." Serge visited us recently, and while chatting he was persuaded to become a class agent. He already has many ideas. We look forward to seeing more from him! **46**

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Class Agents: **Sylvie Coll**

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Anna Shabalova

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Sizen Akcal graduated in May from Wagner College in Staten Island, New York. She will be going to Shanghai, China for her Masters in International Business at Hult International Business School. **47**

• **Patrick Cross** graduated from Notre Dame University in May. He received his accounting degree but does not have enough hours to take the CPA exam, so he is going back to Notre Dame for a Masters in Accountancy. This summer he is interning with Ernst and Young in Chicago, Illinois.

• **Tomaso Grossi** graduated with honors from the University of Kent in July 2013 and is now enrolled in an MBA program at Bentley University in Boston, Massachusetts. **48**

• **Aydin Aytac** shared with us: "I am currently in Florida working on my pilot's license. The weather is challenging during summer in Florida but that doesn't mean we can't fly anymore. I miss TASIS and would like to visit sometime and enjoy the magnificent mountains."

• **Tati Ceresa** writes, "I just moved back to San Diego, California and started working at a tech company, GreenRope, as a marketing coordinator. It's a startup and I am enjoying myself very much!"

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Class Agents: **Mark Pate**

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Marco Rosso marcorosso@me.com
and **Katya Brovkin** katerina.brovkin@gmail.com

Katya Brovkin visited in May and joined in the class of 2014 boat trip. Katya is transferring to Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton this year to continue her studies.

• **Kerim Aksoy** is working as a paralegal at an immigration law firm in New York. His interest and involvement in politics earned him an invitation to a luncheon at the White House. (See picture with his sister **Eda '05** and US Vice President Joe Biden, photo **39** above!)

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Class Agents: **Blair Darrell** bkdarrell@gmail.com and **Mark Schrotter** jmschrotter@gmail.com

Matthew Borghi finished his A-levels in Math, Advanced Math, Physics, and Spanish in 2013 and will start his M.Sc. engineering degree at the University of Warwick in October 2014. In the meantime, he took a gap year to work in Ghana, do charity in South America, and climb mountains in Ecuador.

• Earlier this year, **Azer Yagubov** visited with Kim Nelson and stopped by the Alumni Office to say hello. **49**

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Class Agents: **Samantha Hercules**

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Class Agents: Ryan Osgood
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Giacomo Braglia
giacomobraglia@ticino.com

Melissa Cross graduated from high school at the end of May. She is headed to Notre Dame in the fall and is thinking a degree in science (but not sure which field). She is looking forward to university!

- **Jake Figi** graduated from Charterhouse in the UK as House Monitor and Head of Rowing for the School. He wants to be a surgeon and is headed to University College London medical school after a gap year.

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Katherine Cross will be a senior in high school. She is doing great in school and has become a track star. She ended her track season this year with her personal best long jump in the state competition and placed fifth. She also ran in the 4x200 and her team placed second in the state and seventh in the nation.

- **Chris Borghi** is doing very well in school and this year will sit the GCSEs.

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Lucas Figi will attend his final two years of high school in Bozeman, Montana. He was sad to leave the British Junior National Rifle Team but will continue to shoot in Montana and has started biathlon training as well. He and **Jake '14** marched to Buckingham Palace on June 9 as part of the 350th Anniversary celebration

of the Royal Marines after taking part in a week-long Marines training camp in Gairlochhead, Scotland. **50**

Post Graduate

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Class Agent: Mimi Trieschmann
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Steve Maloney is working on his next exciting art project, and has called in Palm Springs neighbor **Jeanie (JC) Cunningham '75** and **Alicia Brauns '82** to work with him. With all that talent on board, it's going to be awesome! Steve will transform a historic Huey helicopter into a dynamic and provocative interactive fine art sculpture depicting sobering stories from the Vietnam War in contrast to the social and cultural dynamics that unfolded at home. JC has written the theme song and Alicia is working on the video. Follow the project on Facebook or on Steve's website (www.stevemaloneym.com). **51**

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We would like to appoint class agents for these classes. Are you interested in helping out? For more info, email alumni@tasis.ch.

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Class Agent: Rick Bell
rickbell@delawareinc.com

The 50th anniversary of the PG class of '65 class is approaching. Contact **Rick Bell** to work on plans for your reunion!

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Class Agent: Ned Lynch
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Kneeland Taylor writes: "Nat Fleck and Robin Leech will be visiting me in Anchorage at the end of August. We will be doing some hiking and ocean kayaking. I like visitors and suggest that my classmates invite themselves to Alaska for a visit."

- **Cindy Crabtree** writes: "Less than two years to the PG '66 50th Reunion...and the School's 60th! After the Lugano reunion I hope to visit my friend (former faculty) **Kate Gonzalez Woodward** in London. We stay in close touch. **Charlie James** and his wife Annie invited me to Lake Ely near Canada last summer. We had a wonderful time." **52**

- **Mary Seyfarth** is proud to report that her grandfather Robert Seyfarth will be honored by the city of Highland Park, Illinois in October 2014. (Architecture buffs take note: www.robertseyfartharchitect.com). Grandpa Seyfarth worked in George Maher's office, who had worked in Frank Lloyd Wright's office.

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Class Agent: Boris Bakovic bbakovic@mac.com

Paige Drummond Schmidt told us about her collaboration with **Matthew Campbell '87** on his audio book series. "I was a PG 84-85 in Lugano. At that time Matthew was my little brother's dormmate. My job title was Lead Producer, Coastal Cluster (which is the ice/indoor venues); Hockey (2 venues), Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Curling, and Long Track Speed Skating." **53**

We didn't know each other well but have since connected on Facebook via our TASIS friends. In any case, when he put out the audition call for a narrator for his audio book series, I tossed my hat in the ring! I have had a 30+ year career in the entertainment business from theater to television and recording to hosting morning radio. I was very excited when Matthew chose me for this task! We are happy to be working together in this electronic medium. Matthew is based in Los Angeles and I am in the Midwest. Although we haven't seen each other since TASIS in 1985, a creative bond was formed all because of a little talent and a shared experience of having both been at TASIS. I hope as this project moves forward (we are hoping for an early 2015 release) that our fellow alums will support our efforts to bring Matthew's intricate work to life!"

- **Karla Piper** was consultant to the Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. "Our department is called Sport Production which was all the entertainment within each competition venue. We hired all the Venue Producers, Announcers, and DJs; we developed requirements for video production on the big screens and worked with the video production vendors, any live entertainment in venues, field talent (in-stand hosts), and we were responsible for the medal ceremonies. We worked with Broadcast on the timing of everything to ensure correct start times. My job title was Lead Producer, Coastal Cluster (which is the ice/indoor venues); Hockey (2 venues), Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Curling, and Long Track Speed Skating." **53**



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Class Agent: **Laura West Presnol**
lpresnol@starbucks.com

John Shallal visited TASIS in August with his family and hopes to enroll his three sons in the summer program in 2015.

Swiss Holiday

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Ford Barrett reports: "My son Hugh Barrett and Nicole Johnson were married in September 2013 at the Chevy Chase Club in Maryland. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, Hugh and Nicole are living in the Glover Park neighborhood of Washington, D.C. My older son Blair and I travelled to Alaska in June 2014, visiting Denali National Park and taking a day cruise in Kenai Fjords National Park. I was recently elected to the board of Preservation Virginia, which owns historic properties in Virginia and promotes historic preservation." **54**

Project Europe

Class Agent for all PE alumni: **Bob Horner** bhorner30@yahoo.com

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Bob Horner writes: "Brock Foster joined me at the PGA Championship here in Louisville. We have touched base with **Michele Jackson Dammeyer** and **Gail Belansky**. I have attached a photo taken at

Valhalla of Brock and myself. I am interested in touching base with anyone from our summer trip. My email is bhorner30@yahoo.com."

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Robert Salz has used Facebook to find some of the people who were with him in Lugano in 1969 and Uzès in 1970, and hopes to find more! "The experience of re-connecting with people with whom I had such a great time has been very rewarding. I have such great memories, especially of Mrs. Fleming."

TSLP/TSP

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Linda Scandroglio reports: "Two years ago I graduated for the second time in naturopathy. After that I was invited to teach in the academy where I studied, and now I'm a health consultant and professor in Bach Flower Remedies and Reflexology. In my spare time I sing in a jazz choir and study flamenco dance and drums." **56**

• **Mohammad Albarak** wrote "I am an aircraft maintenance engineer working for the Amiri fleet (that's the government fleet) of Kuwait Airways. I'm a supervisor in my section." Mohammad's son Tariq attended MSP this summer, and we all hope that he had a good time. Mohammad is looking for photos from the summer program of 1982. If you have something, please get in touch with albarakmohammad@gmail.com.

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Julianne Kaplan's son Harry turned one on July 31. Hopefully he will be a TASIS student one day! **57**

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Enrico Fenotti's son Luigi attended the TSP program this year. We are pleased that alumni want to pass on the TASIS experience to their children! We hope to see Luigi again next summer.

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Luna Enriquez is a musician, and goes by the name **Luna Star** when she performs. Check out her music at <http://lunastar.bandcamp.com>.

Other Summer Programs

Three generations of summer program participants were happy to be on campus this summer. Grandmother **Dolores Desnica TELP'76** and mother **Naike Bokan CDE '95** proudly accompanied daughter **Kenia Bokan CDE '14** as she followed in their TASIS footsteps and began her first summer program! **58**

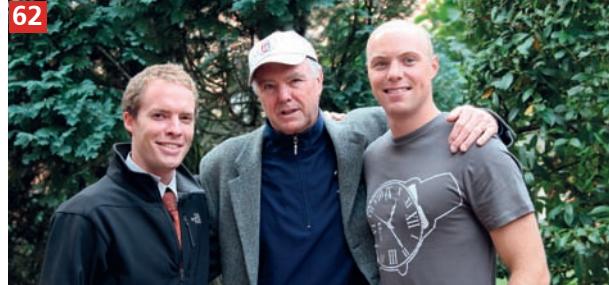
Former Faculty

Patrick and Ainslie Phillips made the move to the UK with their four

A Star is Born!



Congratulations to **Jolie Vanier** (MSP 2011, TSP 2012, 2013) on winning the Best Young Actress in Live Theater award at the 35th Annual Young Artist Awards! She was nominated for her role in "Detention", an original musical directed by Todd Fletcher and performed at the TASIS Palmer Cultural Center in 2013.



children in August 2013 and are working at TASIS England.

- **Kate Gonzalez Woodward** is now a grandmother. She wrote us in March: "It's a wonderful event to look forward to and I know many of you are ahead of me in this. Now I know just what you were talking about, and the baby isn't even here yet! We are feeling really blessed to have stayed dry during the winter's major flooding in the UK. Big portions of Chertsey, Staines, and Egham, which surround us, suffered badly, and the other end of Thorpe was under several feet of water. It is hard even to imagine all that those people have been through." Before going to Boston to meet her new grandchild in July, Kate spent several days in Lugano at the '70s alumni reunion, and commented, "It was wonderful to meet as grown-ups so many whom I remember well as teenagers!"

- **Michael Horak** updated us with the following: "Marta and I have enjoyed two lengthy group bicycle trips, one in very hilly South Bohemia, and one in the flat Wachau region (along the Danube River) west of Vienna, Austria. Further, we have been busy with home and garden improvement projects, and I with final preparations for a two-day, tailor-made seminar on the KISS Principle, very successfully conducted for a large Prague company at a country lodge in July. Looking forward to our next visit to Lugano, as always."

- **Vincent van Panhuys** sent happy news in May: "Julia Grace van Panhuys was born May 2, 2014 in Washington, DC. We are overjoyed!" **59**

- **Jim and Nina Scott** attended the 50th anniversary reunion of the

class of '64 in New York in April. Unfortunately **Gil Shasha** had to cancel his planned attendance because of his wife's health.

- **John Romer** was in touch this year: "I studied and renewed my German at Middlebury College during the summer of 2013, and this summer I'm teaching Writing & Speaking Enhancement at TASIS England. I have a ground floor classroom overlooking the rugby pitch, and accommodations in Thorpe Place IV. The weather is cool for the summer here in England - a good change of pace from the usual."

- **Carol Hanson Sibley** recently retired from Minnesota State University Moorhead where she was the Curriculum Center Librarian for over 32 years, working with pre-service and in-service Pre-K-12 teachers. Her first professional library position was at TASIS Switzerland from 1978-1980. **60**

- **John and Fabienne Levett** are still teaching in England. They are now the proud grand-parents of four-year old Lyra and baby Luca. **61**

- **Richard Mitchell** writes: "In true TASIS fashion, I produced Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at CazSonoma Inn in the Redwoods above San Francisco. The audience howled till they cried; *What fools we mortals be.*" Rich visited the School last year with his son Christopher, who was very impressed with Casa Fleming. They met up with **Milo Zanecchia'08**, and discussed a future collaboration.

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Special Olympics Haiti



This summer, two TASIS students took part in a project with Special Olympics Haiti. Former student **Sara Sosnowski '15** and current student **Claudia Zittle '15** spent part of July working at the first all-girls Camp Shriver, outfitting over 60 girls with brand-new running shoes and socks, uniforms, and a sports pack.

Each camper took part in a variety of sports, were fed nutritious meals, and given personal medical screenings. The event was sponsored by **BoulderShares®**, founded by TASIS alumna **Leslie Lishon Sosnowski '74**, an organization dedicated to supporting women and children in the Caribbean.

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In Memoriam

Geoff Ecker '87 died in October 2013 unexpectedly, suffering a massive stroke during the night.

Mark Allen Evans '78 died on December 6, 2013. Mark was born and raised in Marietta and had been living in White, Georgia for the past year. He was a graduate of Sprayberry High School and received his bachelor degree in Computer Science from Kennesaw State University. Mark worked for Automated Logic and Anheuser Busch. He was a loving son, brother, husband, and father. Survivors include his wife Susan, daughter Amber, and son Glen.

Ronald M. Farley PG'66 passed away on November 4, 2013 at the age of 67. Born in Syracuse, New York, Ron married Nancy LeValley in 1975 and moved to Cazenovia, New York in 1979. Ron worked at Thermold Corporation for 42 years where he was President and CEO. In his younger years, he played polo with the Skaneateles and Cazenovia Polo Clubs. He was a member of the Limestone Hunt Club and was an accomplished horseman. Ron loved the outdoors and his cabin in the Adirondacks where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, and snowmobiling. He also liked boating and tennis and his family reunions in Cazenovia. Ron was a member of the Manlius Fire Department, the Manlius

Lions Club, the Cavalry Club, the Century Club and the Cazenovia Club.

Brendon Forrest '98 passed away on May 1, 2014, following a courageous battle and heavy treatment for cancer. Brendon had been living in Bahrain and had his family at his side. Andy North '98 passed on the sad news; he and Brendon had spent time together in recent months while both of them were based in Bahrain.

Michael Greene '87 passed away peacefully on February 10, 2013 after a courageous 18-month battle with cancer. As part of a military family, Mike traveled the world and lived in many places. After TASIS he went on to graduate from George Washington University in 1992, where he met his wife Kate. They were happily married for 18 years, and had the joy of raising their two loving boys, Owen and Liam. Mike was awarded a commission in the US Army through the ROTC program at Georgetown, and served as a full-time soldier in the Massachusetts National Guard with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He spent a year-long tour in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2010. He took great pride in serving his country and enjoyed working alongside his fellow soldiers. He was buried with military honors at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Donations can

be made in Mike's memory to the Military Friends Foundation, www.militaryfriends.org.

Roger Greene PG'66 passed away this past winter. His brother Steve sent us the sad news: "Roger died in his apartment on December 1, 2013 of an apparent heart attack. While he had been in pain with a neck condition, he was biking to the coast right up to the end and generally enjoying life. Roger loved dogs and wolves. Some of his happiest times were when he walked and cared for dogs, and he treasured his trips to Wolf Mountain Sanctuary. His other love was the bay, especially Catalina Island, California. Donations in his memory to either Wolf Mountain Sanctuary (www.wolfmountain.com) or Heal the Bay (www.healthebay.org) are what would please him the most."

Johnny Harrison '73 died in December 2013 after a courageous battle with throat cancer. He is survived by his wife, Janice; stepson Michael Winge; his mother and father; and brother Michael L. Harrison. Donations in memory of Johnny may be made to American Cancer Society www.cancer.org/donate or to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

Keith Henderson '70 of Tempe, AZ, passed away of heart failure on July

1, 2013, at age 61. A brilliant scholar, freelance writer, and journalist, Keith was widely known as a great intellect and fascinating storyteller. With an IQ approaching 190, he was an undeniable genius. He studied Intellectual History and English at UC Berkley, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He also earned Master's Degrees in Journalism and Education at Berkeley and Harvard respectively. A veteran of the US Army, Keith served in Germany in the late 1970s as Administrative Specialist to General George Patton IV. He is survived and greatly missed by his sisters, Susan Brown of Golden, Colorado, and Elaine Henderson of New Milford, Connecticut; his nephew and niece, Austin and Alistair Matthews, both of Oakland, California; and countless friends. **63**

Libby Huntington PG'67, a long-time resident of Carmel, New York, died in May 2013 as a result of complications following open heart surgery. Libby was born in New York City on July 2, 1948, to the late Connie and John Huntington of Carmel, California. She married Harold Nicolaysen, who predeceased her in 2004. **64**

TASIS Summer Programs 2015



LUGANO



- English, French, and Italian for ages 4 to 18
- Musical Theater and Academic Writing for ages 11-18
- Introduction to the IB, Digital Photography and Filmmaking, Architecture & Design, Fashion & Textile Design 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

CHÂTEAU-D'OEX



- Ecological Leadership Adventure program for ages 13-18 with Eco-Action trip to Poland
- French and English for ages 13-18 with outdoor adventure activities and traditional Swiss experiences
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- Mountain climbing, hiking, biking, and swimming; sailing, whitewater rafting, canyoning, and riding
- Excursions to Lausanne, Geneva, Bern, castles, and Alpine villages
- Photography, filming, social media workshops
- First aid & wilderness survival; ecology workshops
- Small, family-like atmosphere housed in chalets in the charming high Alpine village of Château-d'Oex in French Switzerland

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- An array of academic courses including SAT and TOEFL review and an IB preparation course
- A robust English-as-an-Additional-Language program with countless opportunities to interact in English on- and off-campus
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- Weekend excursions to Wales, Edinburgh, and Paris
- Located on the beautiful TASIS England campus 18 miles southwest of London

FRANCE Les Tapiès Arts & Architecture Program



- Design and cultural experience for ages 16-19
- Hands-on study of French vernacular architecture, photography, drawing, and painting
- Excursions draw on the cultural richness of France
- Located in a picturesque hamlet in the highlands above the Rhone River in the south of France

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, gives ample opportunities to interact in Spanish
- Excursions explore the cultural riches of the island

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- **Help complete the TASIS Global Village, an ongoing challenge for the next six years.** Naming opportunities are still available for the Campo Science Center (see page 19), as well as the future **playing field with an underground garage below, new classrooms, music rooms, and dorms.** Donations are always welcome and will speed up the completion of the Global Village.
- **Donate to the Annual Appeal.** Tuition provides the base, generosity provides program enhancement. Proceeds from the annual fund are an important injection of funds to allow TASIS to take advantage of opportunities that arise part way through the budget cycle. Recent enhancements supported by the annual fund include: photo enlarger and printer for our student photographers; a nearly-new Steinway for our musicians; Harkness table for English classes; ping pong tables, a bouldering wall and other sports equipment for our athletes; invention kits for budding scientists in our middle school.
- **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.
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November 22, 2014, 6-9 pm

The Asia Society

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December 6, 2014, 6:30-9:30 pm

Charing Cross Hotel

San Francisco All-Class Reunion

February 21, 2015

6:30-9:30 pm, St. Francis Yacht Club

CLASS REUNIONS

Classes of 1970-1972 Reunion

Denver, September 26-28, 2014

Class of 1989 – 25-Year Reunion

New York City, November 22-23

Class of 2009 – 5-Year Reunion

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Lugano, June 2015

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