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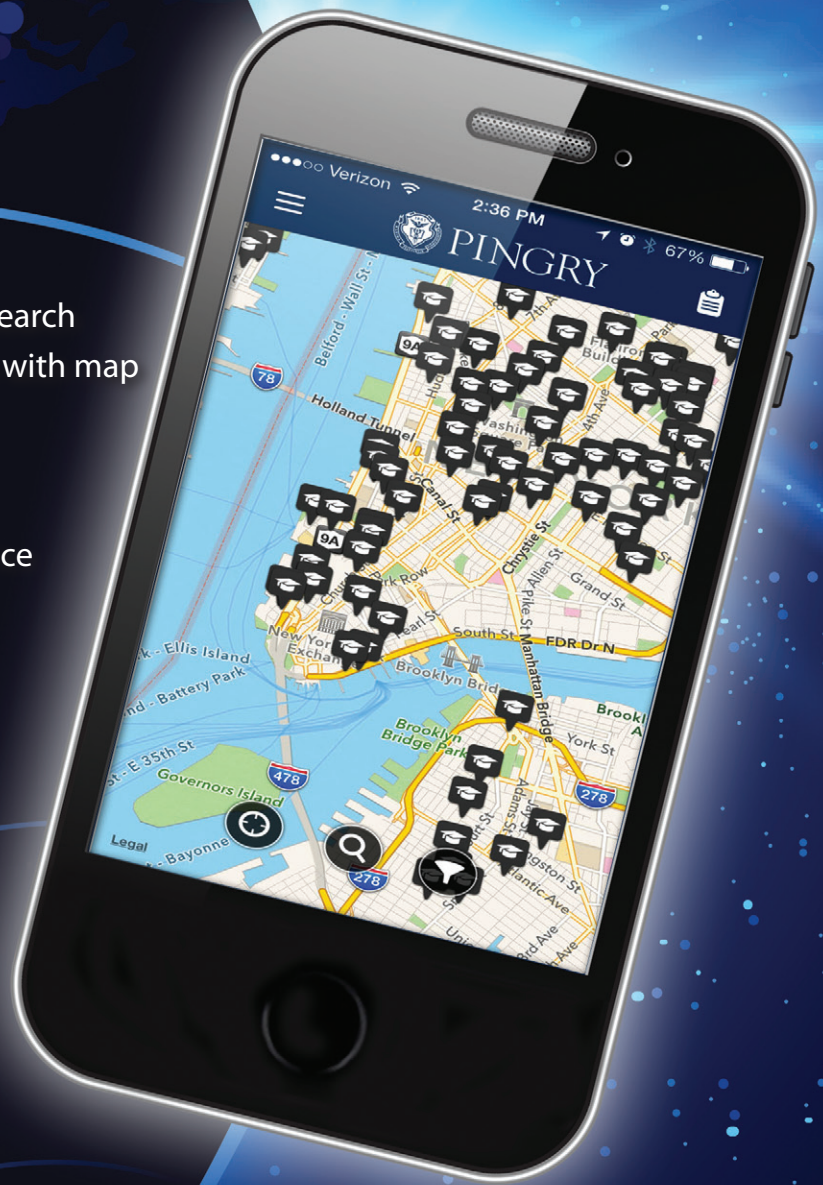
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Note from the Editor

With this issue, we introduce a new design of *The Pingry Review*. Just as the Pingry web site has been redesigned to be more engaging and easier to navigate, so, too, has the magazine. We hope you find that the larger photos and new graphic design make the content even more enjoyable. Your feedback is always welcome!

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A Lower School student with a gingerbread house that she decorated—an annual tradition for Pingry's Kindergarten classes.

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Corrections from the September 2013 issue
A Commencement picture on page 16 showed Brian Li '13, not Steven Sun '13. In a photo from the Washington, D.C. College Luncheon on page 80, Elisse Park '10 was misidentified as Sarah Park '12.

The Pingry Review is the official magazine of The Pingry School, with the primary purpose of disseminating alumni, school, faculty, and staff news and information. The editor tries to ensure the timeliness of each issue. Due to printing and production deadlines, this edition contains major events that happened by December 20, 2013. Occurrences after that date will be included in the next issue. Comments can be sent to the editor at The Pingry School, 131 Martinsville Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 or gwaxberg@pingry.org.

Dear Members of the Pingry Community



"Pingry's success depends on the talented people who come through our doors every morning—students, faculty, and staff—and we are proud of the endless curiosity and thirst for knowledge that they collectively bring to our classrooms."

The most compelling questions are like the onions grown in Pingry's community gardens—once you slice into them you find layer after layer. Take, as an example, the apparently simple question, "How many Pingry students do we have on campus?" At first glance, this might be best answered by quoting our Kindergarten-Form VI student enrollment of 1,085 students. However, since we also expect our 240 Pingry faculty and staff members to be lifelong learners, perhaps the more accurate—and certainly the more philosophical—answer would be to say that we really have 1,325 students on campus.

This issue of *The Pingry Review* highlights the important concept of teacher as student. The disciplines that we offer are constantly evolving, as is our understanding of learning and the brain. For our faculty, the craft of teaching and the art and science of education simply cannot be mastered without an ongoing process of returning to the classroom and bringing that learning back to our Pingry students. Although the descriptions of such programs might vary—professional growth, faculty development, and/or continuing education—they all share two common goals: educating the educators and modeling lifelong learning. In order to be true to our mission and its charge to "foster in students a lifelong commitment to intellectual exploration," it is essential to nourish that same commitment among our faculty and staff. Pingry's success depends on the talented people who come through our doors every morning—students, faculty, and staff—and we are proud of the endless curiosity and thirst for knowledge that they collectively bring to our classrooms.

The Pingry strategic plan also makes clear that investing in the finest faculty and staff is one of our top priorities. We expect these members of our community to collaborate with each other, to learn from fellow leaders in their academic disciplines, and to model the same high standards of intellectual engagement that we expect of our students. To ensure these outcomes, Pingry has developed an extensive program of ongoing assessment and professional growth. Faculty and staff workshops, conferences, seminars, travel opportunities, and graduate degree programs are just some of the many invaluable opportunities that support our commitment to lifelong learning. By returning to the classroom and embracing the concept of teacher as student, Pingry faculty members stay informed about the latest advances in neuroscience, pedagogy, adolescent development, technology, and curriculum planning. This knowledge and research drive the advances we make in our Pingry classrooms. The start of our 1-to-1 laptop program, the new academic schedule, and a host of other changes grounded in student-centered learning all derive from our collective willingness to be lifelong learners and to adapt to changes in best practices—and to take a few measured risks along the way, too!

As you take time to enjoy the news and photos in this issue, I hope you will also appreciate the new graphic design and layout of our magazine. We have refreshed the font styles, used larger photos, and made a host of other subtle updates that will now make this award-winning publication even better. Wondering about the origin of these design changes? They resulted from the professional growth workshops and conferences attended by our Pingry communications team, of course!

Sincerely,



Nathaniel E. Conard P '09, '11

Scene Around Campus



Community Service Day

Middle and Upper School students participated in this annual outreach on October 25. Over 30 organizations (more than in the past) benefited from the students' volunteer efforts. The Middle School also collected over one ton of candy for St. Justine Preschool in Newark. Pat Birotte '87, P '20 distributed the candy during Newark's "Keep the Children Safe" Halloween parade. Pictured are Middle School students at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. See a slideshow and learn more about the organizations at www.pingry.org. Under "Campus Life," select "School News" and scroll down to the Community Service Day story.

Convocation

During the official opening of Pingry's school year on September 10, Honor Board Chair Drew Topor '14 and Student Body President Akshay Rao '14 collected Honor Code pledges that all Middle and Upper School students signed in their advisory groups. In his remarks, Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 asked students to consider the mental obstacle that prevents them from doing something out of their comfort zones. "You must not limit your growth by avoiding the risk of failure," he said, urging students to take risks and push their limits. Read his complete remarks under "School News" at www.pingry.org.





All-School Winter Festival

Students, faculty, and staff from the Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools gathered on the Basking Ridge Campus on December 11 for this annual concert of seasonal music. It is an eagerly-anticipated event because Festival is the only time during the school year when students and teachers from both campuses are together at the same time.

Outdoor Classroom in the Garden

Pingry's kitchen gardens are being used for more than growing and picking vegetables—they are also being used as outdoor classrooms. Pictured is fine arts teacher Rebecca Sullivan's Art Fundamentals class in the Basking Ridge Campus garden, using India ink to create paintings based on close observations of plants and vegetables.





Lower School Fall Musical—*The Wizard of Oz*

Students in Grades 3 to 5 presented a "Young Performers' Edition" based on the classic movie. The cast included Sarah Gagliardi '22, Grace Wang '21, Shannen Gallagher '22 (all sharing the role of Dorothy), Justin Li '21 (The Wizard), Harper Cohen '21 (Scarecrow), Avidan Shah '21 (Tin Man), and Alex Kaplan '21 (Lion). Drama teacher Alicia Harabin '02 directed the production on December 13, with musical direction by Kindergarten teacher Judy Previti.

2013-14 AFS Student

Pingry has been hosting American Field Service (AFS) students annually since 1960. This year, Pingry welcomes Anouk Chocron from Marseille, France, who is being hosted by the Harrison family. Upper School students met Anouk at a welcome party on September 26 in the classroom of French teacher and AFS Advisor Kelly Jordan P '04, '06. Pictured: Anouk Chocron (top left) with the Harrison sisters: Madelaine'12, Bridget '15, Eleanor '17, and Charlotte '24.



Thomas A. Stewart wrote a book in the late 1990s, *Intellectual Capital: The New Wealth of Organizations*, which called attention to the fact that the companies that invest in the "best information (or wield it most effectively) have intellectual capital, the sum of everything everybody in a company knows… training, intuition, collective brainpower." Mr. Stewart suggests that this knowledge is at the core of a company's success, declaring that "knowledge is more valuable and more powerful than natural resources." Today, intellectual capital has become a term often used by businesses. In this issue's cover story, you will also see the many ways that intellectual capital applies to Pingry.

Teachers as Students

Investing in our teachers' professional growth and providing them with opportunities for learning and discovery keeps the faculty sharp, smart, and inspired; everyone at school benefits, especially the students. Teachers enjoy being students, and Pingry believes that every teacher is, in effect, a perpetual student at heart. Central to the school's mission is the development of a lifelong commitment to intellectual exploration, which is why the school encourages all teachers to pursue professional growth activities to remain at the forefront of their disciplines.

In fact, biology teacher Luke De is a perfect example of how *becoming* a student was a critical next step for him. As surprising as it might be to those who have observed the dramatic results of Pingry's science research program and seen students rapt in conversation with him, Mr. De once believed that he was out of touch with his students.

"Teaching is not static. Our teachers must be aware of current trends, practices, and technology."

Director of Studies Lydia Geacintov P '84, '88



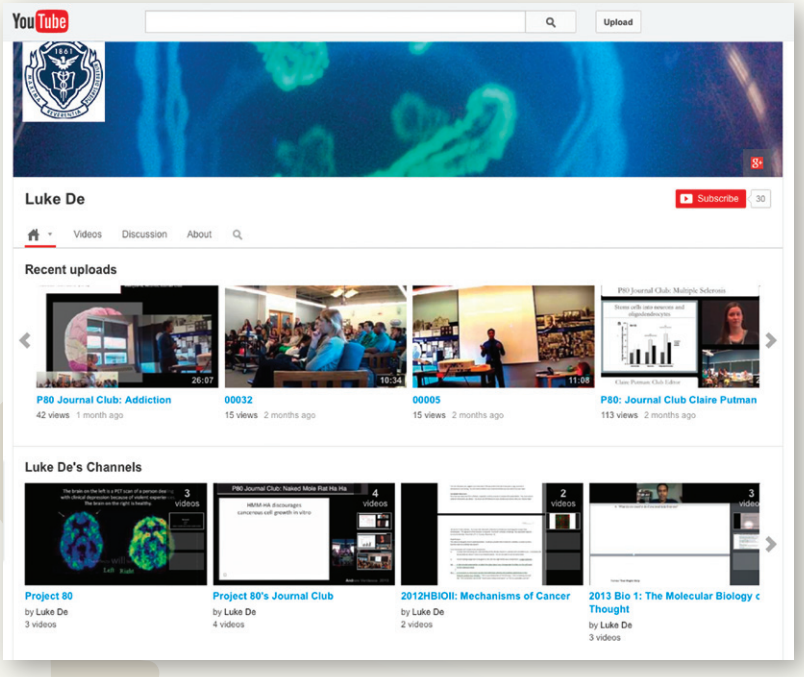
Relearning How a Student Learns

"When I started teaching at Pingry over seven years ago, I remembered my perspective as a high school student," he recalls, "but focusing on teaching caused me to lose sight of what it's like to be a student. Just because I can engage you and make something interesting doesn't mean I understand what it's like for you to learn it."

To re-experience life as a student and regain the student's perspective on learning, Mr. De attended summer classes at UCLA two years ago, supported by Pingry. He took pre-med and graduate level courses about neurophysiology and essential research in developmental biology, and the experience opened his eyes. "There was ambiguity about test content. I couldn't find information on professors' web sites. I had to figure out which resources were available to help me complete projects. I realized that our students have legitimate concerns, and I needed to address these issues when I returned to Pingry," he says. With Pingry's additional support, Mr. De has taken a web site design class and is polishing the third version of his site, which makes all content available on a single page (liquidbio.com/site).

While at UCLA, Mr. De also became aware of the value of recording a lecture so that both students and teachers can watch it more than once. "I was really engaged in lectures, and the information was interesting, but you can't get the whole picture from one lecture. You need to go over it again because you miss things the first time." As a result, he launched a YouTube channel that contains his own biology lessons. "That channel is great, because we can watch lessons at home, at our leisure, as often as needed," says Gabby Stern '15. As part of Pingry's 1-to-1 laptop program, Mr. De also creates other YouTube videos for homework assignments. Thanks to 1-to-1, Mr. De switched from images on paper to three-dimensional images that can be manipulated on the computer, like pictures of the brain. "With 2D images, it was harder to completely grasp the concept that there are so many different systems in the brain. The 3D images give us a better sense of where everything fits and how all of the systems are connected. Mr. De is always looking for new ways to present things," says Julia Friend '15.

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> **Gabby Stern '15**



Biology teacher Luke De's YouTube channel contains his own biology lessons.

Not only has his teaching focused more on students' needs, but Mr. De has also taken his desire to grow professionally a step further: evaluations. His students evaluate him at least three times per semester. "I ask students for their honest, anonymous feedback so that I can hold myself to the same standards that we expect of them."

The impact of Mr. De's experiences on his students is just one example of why Pingry is committed to the professional growth of its teachers, whether in the form of conferences, workshops, web seminars, advanced degrees, mentoring, or, in Mr. De's case, reinvigoration (among many other opportunities the school makes available each year). Simply put, information keeps changing and discoveries continue to be made, so teachers become students to learn about new ideas and skills and pass along their newfound knowledge to students.

"Teaching is not static. You wouldn't go to a dentist who is using the same techniques that he or she used 20 years ago, and who hasn't learned anything new since then," says Director of Studies Lydia Geacintov P '84, '88 (a member of Pingry's Professional Growth Committee) to illustrate the significance of growth in any line of work. "Our teachers must be aware of current trends, practices, and technology."

Revamping the Math Curriculum

Occasionally, Pingry's investment in a teacher's growth changes an entire program, as happened about 10 years ago when the school made it possible for Lower School teacher Chris Irish P '96, '99, who had already taught Grades 1, 3, and 4, to complete a master's degree in Leadership in Mathematics Education at Bank Street College of Education. That degree led to her current position as Lower School Math Specialist (she is also teaching Grade 5 math for the 2013-14 school year). "I have a passion for math and had attended many workshops since joining the school, but Pingry and I saw a need for one person to oversee Lower School math, so becoming Math Specialist has changed the curriculum to a problem-based exploratory program and made me a better teacher. I'm not telling students how to do math, but letting them discover and understand concepts on their own," she says.

As described by Lower School Director Ted Corvino, Sr. P '94, '97, '02, Pingry had some major issues with its math program that Mrs. Irish's new expertise helped to resolve. "The flow of material between grades wasn't consistent—some material was being introduced to students multiple times, and there was content missing—so we charged Chris with reviewing the entire curriculum," he says. "Now, we have horizontal and vertical continuity, with the same content across each grade and smooth transitions through the grades. Chris' dedication to the curriculum and co-teaching in the classroom have created a math program that functions very well for our students." In recognition of her important work with the math program, Mrs. Irish was the first recipient (2007) of the James P. Whitlock, Jr. '60 Award for Science, Mathematics, and Technology.

Of course, Mrs. Irish has continued her professional growth as Math Specialist. A seminar on the Connected Mathematics Project (CMP) at Michigan State University helped with problem solving, the Singapore Math Workshop encouraged pictorial representations of word problems, and iPad workshops have introduced math apps. Most recently, she is "thrilled about Pingry's new schedule. It is hard to do in-depth math in only 40 minutes because the process always takes longer than just giving students the concept. The extra 10 minutes provide us with more thinking and discussion time."

Digital Storytelling and Essays and Leadership, Oh My!

Also at the Lower School, Literacy Specialist Dara Polera has benefited from a number of professional growth opportunities, including literacy-focused workshops offered by The Reading & Writing Project and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJAIS); a writing workshop with teacher and author Nancie Atwell focused on skills for Grades 5 to 9; and a workshop about digital storytelling on the iPad introduced apps such as Book Creator, which enables the students to enhance their technology skills and share their writing with more people.

One particular workshop about third-grade essay writing (offered by The Reading & Writing Project) was useful for both paragraph structure and the importance of appealing to the audience's emotions in persuasive writing. "I have seen a difference in the students' essays, especially as they move to Grades 4 and 5. There has been more retention than in past years about topic sentences and supporting one's ideas," Mrs. Polera says.

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> **Literacy Specialist Dara Polera**

Seeking to continue learning and gain a strong background for the future, Mrs. Polera is enrolled in the Klingenstein program (through Teachers College at Columbia University), a two-summer master's program. The goal is to develop effective independent school leaders, with a focus on promoting social justice, fostering an environment of learning among everyone in a school, and collaboration and teamwork. Students are encouraged to explore various areas of independent school life, so Mrs. Polera chose to work with the Lower School Admission Office to increase her experience outside of her regular responsibilities and develop a better understanding of how the office functions. She is also serving as Co-Chair of Pingry's Self-Study in preparation for the school's 10-year reaccreditation by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools.

Independence in Sixth-Grade Sight Reading

A different type of literacy benefited from Middle School Latin teacher Margaret Kelleher '01 earning an M.A. in Classics at the University College Dublin (2008). As the teaching assistant for a Latin class that was required of all Latin majors, she observed sight reading skills when students read a passage of literature for the first time without knowing all of the vocabulary. "Teaching that class reminded me that sight reading encourages problem solving and independence, in terms of relying on knowledge of basic material. Now, I start sight reading with my sixth-grade students, which is great because they aren't scared to make mistakes and they love figuring out the stories," she says.

Her students clearly see the advantages. "Sight readings help our learning of Latin because we have to use all of our resources. We have to interpret the grammar and the words we do know," says Lexy Beard '19, while Christopher Yu '19 likes the intuitive approach to sight reading and Grace Brown '19 gains "insight into truly understanding how the language works, in context."

Among many other ideas, Ms. Kelleher reports that graduate school made her think about how to help her students better understand the significance of Roman history—specifically, the Roman Empire—so she now includes a historical figure, such as Julius Caesar or Aeneas, to accompany each chapter of her students' textbook. "I wanted to find a way to teach Roman



The Meeting of Dido and Aeneas, *by Sir Nathaniel Dance-Holland. Aeneas is one of the historical figures whom Latin teacher Margaret Kelleher '01 introduces to her students.*

history without making students read a whole history book, so I boil down the important details of each figure to a middle school level," she explains. For Grace Brown, these historical people give her a larger view of Latin's cultural context: "Those people spoke and developed the language, so learning about them makes it easier to understand how Latin was used. Once I see how Latin was used, other than in the stories in our textbook, I have a complete comprehension of the language and the influence it has had on society."

Ms. Kelleher emphasizes that "graduate school solidified my desire to stay exactly where I am—teaching Middle School Latin. I had always wondered if I would want to get a Ph.D. and, perhaps, go into higher education. While I was at UCD, I missed working with the Middle School students because they are old enough to be independent, to a certain degree, but are still fun to have in class."

Professional Growth Leads to Professional Growth

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>
> **Middle School English Teacher Laura Gerard**

The phrase "eye-opening" pops up several times when Middle School English teacher Laura Gerard talks about graduate school. She is in her fourth year pursuing an Ed.D. in Teacher Education and Teacher Development (TETD) at Montclair State University. In the future, she can help university students become teachers, and, more immediately, she can work with teachers to improve their skills.

Ms. Gerard has been immersed in research about the best ways for people to learn (so she can justify her decisions in the classroom), criteria for being a good teacher (such as being able to relate to students and parents and knowing how to give feedback), technology, language and cultural differences between people, and general professional development. Her approach to teaching is much different now—to name just one example, Ms. Gerard is fostering more social interaction among her students, perhaps grouping students who can help *each other* learn.

"The eye-opening part of what I've been learning is that I know why certain techniques work in the classroom, and I understand the theories behind them. So, for example, I am much more likely to do group work now—and *believe* in it—instead of just randomly deciding to do group work on a particular day," she says.

As a direct result of her practicum at Montclair State, Ms. Gerard started a pilot program with the Middle School faculty last year to incorporate technology into their teaching—valuable preparation for implementing the 1-to-1 laptop program this coming September. Research shows that some of the best learning among a company's employees takes place at the water cooler, so, in a formalized meeting structure, Middle School teachers choose a technology topic and share questions and concerns with each other. As Ms. Gerard puts it, "We are 'bottling the water cooler talk.'"

Cuban Dancing on the Pingry Stage

After learning the Casino style of dance (a form of salsa) from Denise Lionetti '85, drama and dance teacher Trisha Wheeler studied dance and movement in Cuba in 2008. "I've used Afro-Cuban and salsa dance styles in much of my choreography for both the Middle and Upper School musicals at Pingry, especially because some productions call for that style of dance. Every musical has a waltz, and the partner dancing that I use in Casino-style dance has a lot of European influence. So, our productions have an additional multicultural aspect," she says.

Ms. Wheeler found her time in Cuba enriching on so many levels. "Dance, music, and rhythm can nurture us in multiple ways—physically, socially, and spiritually. I was inspired by how Cubans have used their dance and music to sustain them through tough economic times and political upheavals. Personally, I have continued to dance weekly with a dance community in Brooklyn, and I have found Cuban dance enthusiasts all over New York to dance with, who come from every part of the world," she says.



The Ball in Pingry's production of Cinderella *(spring of 2013), choreographed by drama and dance teacher Trisha Wheeler, showed the influences of social dances from Cuba.*

Without exception, Pingry teachers remain grateful to the school for its ongoing financial support to help them expand their knowledge of their fields of study, primarily because they would not be able to have these opportunities without Pingry's assistance. Professional growth opportunities also have a domino effect, whereby teachers attend events, collaborate with their Pingry colleagues to implement change, and test the waters to see how their techniques resonate with students. Having implemented the new schedules to lengthen class periods, and launched the 1-to-1 program to help with real-time research in class, Pingry remains committed to its mission of giving teachers the best tools for their trade—in the long run, strengthening the faculty and helping to make the school even better than it is today.

Cathy Everett: 42 Years of Keeping Ancient History Alive

Fifth-grade social studies teacher Cathy Everett has been teaching at Pingry since 1972, but every day still feels like a discovery. "Ancient history is more alive than ever," she says without any hesitation. "Science, technology, and constantly evolving data give us *unending* sources of news. Archeological finds, like the terracotta warriors in China and tombs in Egypt, give us wonderful material for classroom discussions. I love learning about these things along with the students."

Mrs. Everett cites four reasons that her teaching remains fresh: the integration of technology; observing and providing feedback about students' interests and their research; parents' emails to her about archeological discoveries (prompted by the students' excitement of what they are studying); and her own lifelong love of learning.

Pingry funding has enabled her to take advantage of the Confucius Institute at Rutgers University (learning about cultural aspects of China for the fifth-grade unit about China), a five-week-end lecture series at the China Institute in Manhattan (learning about Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism), and a membership at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. With the membership, Mrs. Everett stays current about exhibits and artifacts, especially helpful for the fifth-grade's annual trip to the Met. Her membership also enhances the preparations for the annual "Pingry Museum of Art," a joint venture with Lindsay Baydin's art course. "I receive wonderful educational materials from the Met that enhance all aspects of learning. All of these resources are extraordinary," Mrs. Everett says.



A scene from the Lower School's Pingry Museum of Art, with Greek vase prints and Chinese brush paintings. Art teacher Lindsay Baydin and social studies teacher Cathy Everett help oversee the annual exhibit.

The Kimber Family Leads Reconstruction of The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field

"The Pingry School has been part of our family's history for decades, and the decision to make possible a new World Cup Soccer Field came from a joint family discussion and decision. It is with great pride and love that we honor all that soccer meant to our grandson Kimmy and, in particular, the extraordinary bond that he shared, and the Kimber family will always share, with Miller Bugliari—great friend, coach, counselor, and mentor," says Barbara Kimber P '76, '79, GP '07.

Mrs. Kimber motivated her family to make the lead gift in memory of Warren S. "Kim" Kimber IV '07 to reconstruct The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field*, rededicated on October 5 (see page 14). The Kimber family's gift—made by Mrs. Kimber, Honorary Trustee Warren S. Kimber, Jr. '52, P '76, '79, GP '07, Sarah Kimber and Warren S. Kimber III '76 (Parents '07), and Kathy Kimber '79—was part of the larger Friends of Miller initiative (see page 16).



Above: Barbara Kimber and Honorary Trustee Warren S. Kimber, Jr. '52 (Parents '76, '79, GP '07). Below: The reconstructed Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field and Reese Williams Baseball Field.

Kim Kimber '07 won 12 varsity letters in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. His father Warren S. Kimber III '76, P '07, a member of Pingry's Athletics Hall of Fame who played under Coach Bugliari as a Pingry student and is now an assistant soccer coach, says, "Pingry has had this world-class field for years, and it was worn out. We wanted to re-do it for Miller while he's still coaching." Reconstruction included new sod, a new underground system—encompassing a sand base, irrigation, and drainage—and the addition of a terraced, handicap-accessible seating area along the sideline.

* The 1971 Soccer Team (led by captain Paul Ciszak '72) proposed that any Pingry varsity soccer field be dedicated to and named in honor of Coach Bugliari. Pingry's World Cup Field was originally built in 1994 on the Basking Ridge Campus.



Pingry Rededicates The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field

What a scene for Miller Bugliari '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20 in his 71st year as a member of the Pingry community and his 55th year coaching the boys' varsity soccer team. Surrounded by the current boys' and girls' soccer teams (wearing t-shirts that read "Pingry Soccer: Where the Grass is Always Greener"), soccer coaches, former soccer players, and hundreds of Homecoming guests, Coach Bugliari and the Kimber family cut the ribbon to rededicate Pingry's World Cup Soccer Field on October 5.





Top: Coach Bugliari acknowledging the crowd at the rededication ceremony.

Right: Coach Bugliari and his wife Elizabeth with Rachel Jacob '15, Adam Jacob '11, Trustee Steve Newhouse '65, P '95, '97, '99, Board of Trustees Chair Jack Brescher '65, P '99, Friends of Miller Steering Committee Chair Steve Lipper '79, P '09, '12, '14, Director of Athletics Gerry Vanasse P '14, '20, Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11, the Mullett family (Claudia, Trustee Conor '84, Liam '14, and Griffin '15), and Alison and Jim Casey (Parents '10, '12, '14, '16).



At the ceremony, Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 presented a timeline of events in the field's storied history, including the fact that the 1971 Soccer Team (led by captain Paul Ciszak '72) proposed that any Pingry varsity soccer field be dedicated to and named in honor of Coach Bugliari. Constructed in 1994 on the Basking Ridge Campus, the original World Cup field was home for 19 seasons of games and championships for the boys' and girls' teams. Renovations last summer, including the addition of a terraced, handicap-accessible seating area for spectators, were made possible by the generosity and vision of several members of the Pingry community: the Kimber family's leadership gift in memory of Warren S. Kimber IV '07 (see page 13), as well as the Casey, Jacob, and Mullett families.

Coach Bugliari spoke emotionally about the late Kim Kimber '07, who played varsity soccer for four years. "What a great teacher and coach he would have been. What an outstanding player and athlete he was. In my mind, he is always on this field, and this dedication recognizes and acknowledges all that he meant to us, his family and friends. Our deepest gratitude goes to the Kimber family for their generosity and their courage. I would also like to recognize and thank the Casey family, Jacob family, and Mullett family for their support of the field renovation. Your collective efforts made this rededication possible. Thank you for your generosity, and for listening to me on a very sentimental and wonderful day."





Top: Warren Kimber '76, P '07, Barbara Kimber P '76, '79, GP '07, Coach Bugliari, and Sarah Kimber P '07 cutting the ribbon.

Right: Coach Bugliari and his wife Elizabeth, far right, with Casey Kimber, Pingry Athletics Hall of Fame member and Boys' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach Warren Kimber '76, Sarah Kimber (Parents '07), Barbara Kimber P '76, '79, GP '07, and Kathy Kimber '79.

Bottom Right: Charlie Moore-Gillon '14 and Matt Mangini '14 sporting t-shirts designed for the rededication.





Miller: One of a Kind



Why does the Pingry community hold Miller A. Bugliari '52 in such high esteem? Sit with him at lunch and listen to the way in which he interacts with a student. Speak with a few alumni who had him as a biology teacher or as a soccer coach, and listen to the stories they tell. You will soon understand—to know him is to love him.

To really understand Miller's impact on countless Pingry students and their families, one must look beyond science, soccer, or even athletics. This Pingry alumnus, teacher, coach, department chair, parent, grandparent, and friend has been a mentor, role model, confidant, and often lifelong friend to many whom he may never have taught or coached. He has been a counselor, an advocate, and a source of support in times of difficulty to countless members of the Pingry family. He embodies Pingry to generations of its sons, daughters, and families. His hard work, positive attitude, and patience, as well as his lessons in the classroom and beyond, have prepared many students for the rigors of life.

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Trustee
Stephan F. Newhouse '65,
P '95, '97, '99

As a member of the faculty starting in 1959, Miller found that he enjoyed teaching and coaching. In fact, Miller coached a number of different sports including baseball, lacrosse, track, basketball, golf, and, of course, soccer. By the following year, when he became head coach of the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team, he was hooked. As Miller accumulated wins for Pingry and grew into his position as a biology teacher, his mentorship of students came to embody the Pingry ideal. Just as his parents understood the value of the personal attention a Pingry education offered, so did their son in every role he played at the school.

Miller's approach was always inspired by education. In time, he earned a master's degree from New York University, eventually becoming chair of Pingry's science department. As the years went by, his soccer expertise grew, leading to four "National Coach of the Year" awards, seven "New Jersey State Coach of the Year" awards, and, most recently, membership in the National High

School Federation Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the New Jersey High School Hall of Fame, and the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Through all of his successes, Miller remains humble and devoted to academic life, always making sure that students understand that schoolwork comes first.

Friends of Miller Opportunity

The Pingry community has the opportunity to celebrate a living legend and perpetuate a legacy of excellence and honor. The Friends of Miller (FOM) initiative grew out of a desire to recognize Miller's contributions by raising $5 million and name Pingry's future Athletics Center in his honor. The total cost of the Center is $10 million, and fundraising is underway for this project.

"Helping to fund this Athletics Center in Miller's name shows that we not only respect the man, but the fact that perseverance and honorable behavior are still vitally important to Pingry's future, just as they were when Dr. John Pingry founded the school," says Trustee and Campaign Co-Chair Stephan F. Newhouse '65, P '95, '97, '99.

The Friends of Miller Steering Committee Chair Steve Lipper '79, P '09, '12, '14 is leading the fundraising effort. "Naming the center for Miller signifies all that he represents for Pingry athletics, and it cements his Pingry legacy," he asserts. "He defines excellence and sets the standard for every other athletics program, teaching the values of hard work, teamwork, sacrifice, persistence, and pride. He is a pace-setter for other coaches and teams."

In fact, a lesser-known way that Miller has influenced Pingry is by inspiring other coaches. Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach Judy Lee, for example, has adopted some of Miller's soccer drills and cannot count how many times she has consulted with him. Former Boys' Varsity Swimming Head Coach Bill Reichle P '00 also "stole" one of Miller's ideas—annual training trips to help build team chemistry and practice without distractions.

> *"Miller's ideals and the values that guide Pingry are one and the same. He models strength and constancy of character and compassion better than anyone I know, and is equally committed to the ideal of working harder and doing—and being—better each day. Miller has had a greater impact on more people than anyone else I know. He is Pingry, and he is, without question, one of a kind."*
>
> **Headmaster**
> **Nat Conard P '09, '11**

Tom Trynin '79 is one alumnus who, quite simply, is in awe of Miller's standards: "Miller *demands* a high level of performance, and he lives that idea himself. He has been, by far, the single most consistent visitor in all of the places I've lived. We are in touch today because regardless of what I have been doing or where I have lived, Coach has reached out to *me*. He's always made me feel important to him, something I know he does for so many of the people he stays in touch with. His energy and time are unfathomable in my mind—where does he find the time to make himself available to all of these people? The man is an amazing inspiration, and, to me, he is Pingry."

New Athletics Center: A Tribute to the Championship Spirit

At Pingry, Miller has fostered a champion spirit. Now, we have a way to preserve and inspire it. As to the importance of Pingry's Athletics Center, those associated with the Friends of Miller initiative underscore the fact that all athletes and anyone else involved in fitness will benefit from year-round training, conditioning, and meeting space. Pingry also wants to attract future college athletes. "They need to see our commitment to sports, and our Hall of Fame—in its new, permanent home—will inspire them to excel," Mr. Lipper says. He also points out that "we're usually competing against much larger schools, so we are asking our athletes to defy the odds. We need to provide them with the best fitness facilities to enable them to compete at the highest level."

Plans are to construct a 44,000-square-foot facility that will include a vast multipurpose, indoor practice area (larger than the size of two full-sized gyms) with a cross-functional surface to accommodate a variety of sports training, practice, and competition all year. Six squash courts are also planned, with additional flexible-use space for team meetings and smaller practices. A large, fully-equipped, state-of-the-art Strength and Conditioning Center will continue to focus on fitness and injury prevention.

The school thanks the members of the Pingry community who have already given to this initiative and hopes that many more parents and alumni will join the Friends of Miller fundraising effort. For more information, please contact David M. Fahey '99 in the Office of Alumni and Development at dfahey@pingry.org or (908) 647-7058.

Friends of Miller Steering Committee

Steve Lipper '79, P '09, '12, '14, *Chair*
Chip Carver, Jr. '77, P '09, '11, '14
Anne DeLaney '79, P '09, 11, '14
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Conor Mullett '84, P '14, '15
Tom Trynin '79

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Three easy steps to a great tax advantage:

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2. Make Pingry a beneficiary, with either a percentage or specific dollar amount.
3. Email your confirmation to Director of Major and Planned Gifts Rebecca Vollmer at rvollmer@pingry.org, or by mail to The Pingry School, 131 Martinsville Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

Thank you and congratulations! You are now a proud member of Pingry's C.B. Newton Society, which recognizes donors who make planned gifts to the school.

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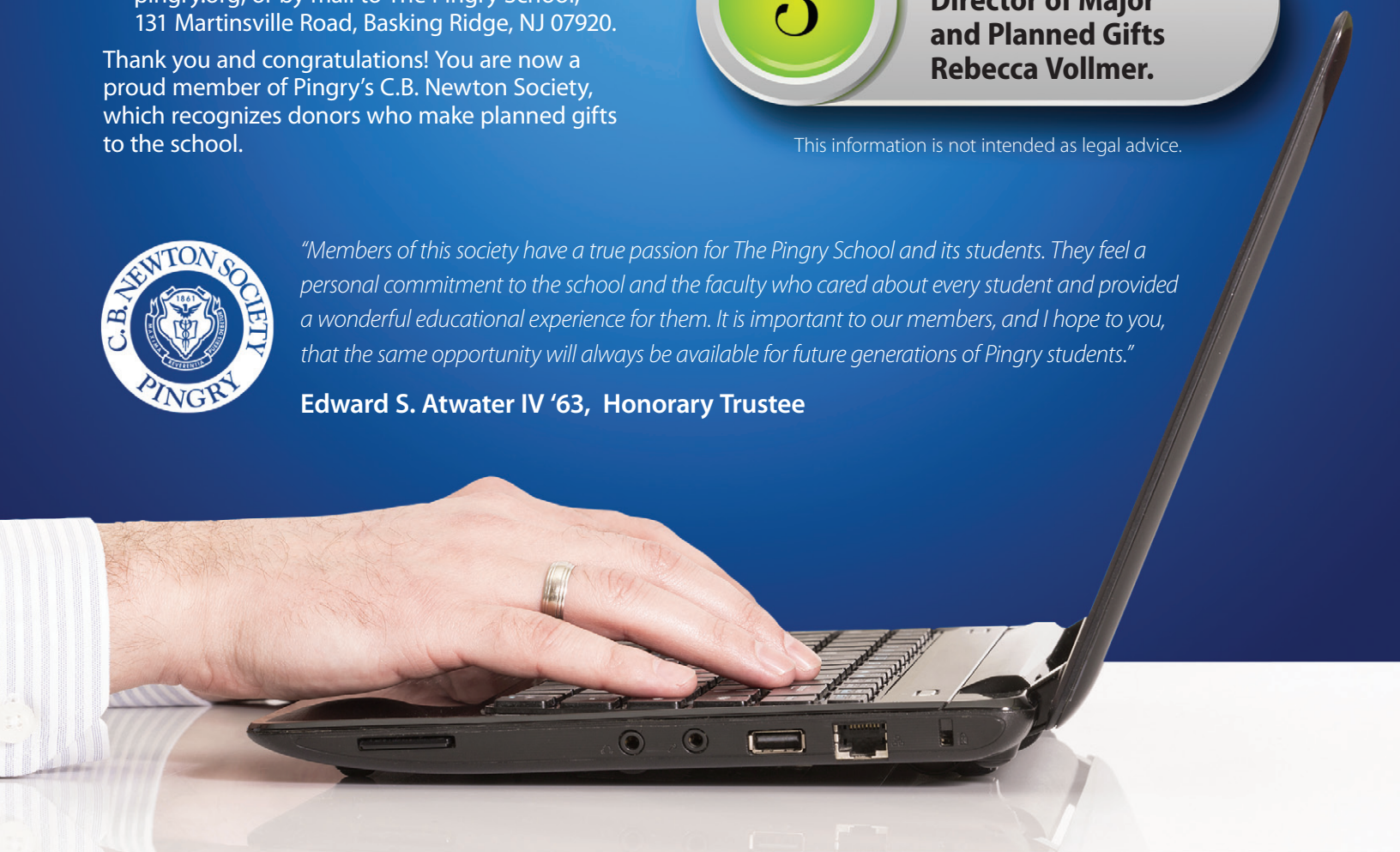
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"Members of this society have a true passion for The Pingry School and its students. They feel a personal commitment to the school and the faculty who cared about every student and provided a wonderful educational experience for them. It is important to our members, and I hope to you, that the same opportunity will always be available for future generations of Pingry students."

Edward S. Atwater IV '63, Honorary Trustee





Front row: Louis G. Zachary P '14, '16, '19, Janice C. Beckmen P '15, '19, Kent A. Clark P '15, '20, Holly Hegener Cummings P '14, '16, Henry G. Stifel III '83, Denise M. Grant P '23, Kurt G. Conti P '07, '09, '15, Laura E. San Miguel P '15, '17, '24, and Kathleen M. Hugin P '11, '13. Back row: John W. Holman III '79, P '09, '11, '14, Ian S. Shrank '71, Donald C. Mullins, Jr. P '15, '20, Jeffrey N. Edwards '78, P '12, '14, Board of Trustees Chair John B. Brescher, Jr. '65, P '99, Stephan F. Newhouse '65, P '95, '97, '99, Stuart M. Lederman '78, William G. Mennen IV '85, P '21, '22, Julian H.B.L. Scurci '99, and PAA President Peter L. "Chip" Korn '89.

(Not pictured: Deborah J. Barker P '12, '16, John T. Connor '92, P '22, '24, Genesia P. Kamen '79, P '11, '13, Conor T. Mullett '84, P '14, '15, and Alison C. Malin Zoellner '83, P '16, '18)

Board of Trustees Welcomes Two New Members



John T. "Josh" Connor '92 and his wife Patricia have three children, including Lily '22 and Jack '24. In November 2013, Mr. Connor was named Co-Head of Industrials at Barclays Capital, where he previously served as a Managing Director and Global Head of Transportation Investment Banking. He joined Barclays after 15 years at Morgan Stanley, where he was Co-Head of the Transportation & Infrastructure Investment Banking Group, a member of the Investment Banking Management Committee, and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Morgan Stanley Foundation.

Mr. Connor earned a degree in Economics at Williams College and serves on the Board of Directors of Youth, I.N.C., a non-profit that improves the lives of children in New York.



Laura E. San Miguel and her husband Alex are the parents of Tomas '15, Matthew '17, and Lucas '24. The President of the Pingry School Parents' Association (PSPA) for the 2013-2014 school year, Mrs. San Miguel previously served on the PSPA Executive Board as First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Volunteer Coordinator. She has been actively involved with the PSPA since 2004 in a variety of other volunteer roles.

Mrs. San Miguel received both a B.S.N. and an M.S.N. from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked for 14 years at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center—five years as a Pediatric Oncology staff nurse, and nine years in the Department of Pediatric Surgery as a Nurse Practitioner, retiring in 2004. Since 1994, she has been a volunteer nurse at Happiness is Camping (HIC), a summer camp for children with cancer and other serious illnesses, and joined their Board of Trustees in 2012.

"We are excited that Josh and Laura joined the Board. As Pingry parents, they have been active in many aspects of school life, and I am sure their experiences will enhance the outcomes of our discussions," says Board of Trustees Chair Jack Brescher '65, P '99.

Retired Trustees

Angela Burt-Murray P '17, '19, **Michele M. Keller P '17, '19, '21**, **Amy Temares P '10, 13, '16**, and **Audrey M. Wilf P '02, '04, '13** have retired from the board, and Pingry is grateful for their service.

- Mrs. Burt-Murray served on the Finance Committee and helped with financial issues facing independent schools.
- Mrs. Keller, 2012-13 PSPA President, was a member of the Community Task Force and suggested and initiated many ideas to provide for greater inclusion in the school community. She also served on the Finance and Building and Grounds Committees.
- Mrs. Temares was active on the Building and Grounds Committee and provided helpful insights about Pingry's modernization efforts.
- Mrs. Wilf participated on the Building and Grounds Committee and contributed greatly to discussions about the Middle School project and Pingry's modernization efforts. She has graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign, and Pingry will always value her leadership and generosity.

"These four members of our community were active on the board, and we deeply appreciate their time and years of service. We will miss their contributions," Mr. Brescher says.



Pingry Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Meredith Finkelstein, Erin Carannante, Jennifer Zagariello, Julianne Coxe, Steve Frantz, Jason Haber, Russell Christian (Lower School art), Donna Deutsch, Jeff Patten, Debra Tambor, Graham Touhey, Elizabeth Walker, Amelia Sarrazin, Richard Karrat, Shauna Leffler, Jake Ross '96, Meg Ryan Finegan, Dr. Mikaela Kilker, Indigo Dow, Christa Li, and Perry Bell.

Upper School Counselor **Perry Bell** is a New Jersey-certified school psychologist pursuing a Psy.D. at Rutgers University. He joins Pingry through the school's affiliation with Rutgers' School Psychology Internship Consortium (see page 24).



Second-grade teacher **Sara Berg** previously taught fifth-grade math at a Philadelphia charter school. She received a B.A. in Public Policy from Duke University and an M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Lesley University.

Assistant Director of Athletics **Erin Carannante** is also a certified athletic trainer. She previously worked at JAG Physical Therapy in Warren, New Jersey. Ms. Carannante has been an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, where she earned a B.S. in Biology and an M.S. in Athletic Training, and where she serves on the Academic Advisory Board for the graduate program in athletic training.

Upper School mathematics teacher (Algebra and Geometry) **Julianne Coxe** previously worked for the Woodbridge School District in Bridgeville, Delaware. She received a B.A. in Mathematics with a minor in French from James Madison University, an M.S. in Mathematical Physics from Massey University in Auckland, New Zealand, and an M.A. in Teaching from the University of Delaware.

First-grade teacher **Donna Deutsch** joins Pingry from the Hilltop Elementary School in Mendham, New Jersey and previously taught Pre-Kindergarten, Grade 2, and Grade 3 for 14 years at Montclair Kimberley Academy. Ms. Deutsch received a Bachelor of Music Education and a Bachelor of Music in Voice from Acadia University in Nova Scotia and an M.A. in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Basking Ridge Campus Permanent Substitute **Indigo Dow** is also coaching football, basketball, and track. He graduated from Colby College last May, having earned a B.A. in American Studies with a minor in Anthropology. Mr. Dow has worked as a music counselor in the Summer Program at Buckingham Browne & Nichols.

Associate Director of College Counseling **Meg Ryan Finegan** served for eight years as the Director of College Counseling at The Williams School in New London, Connecticut. She was also Assistant Director of Admissions at Boston University. Ms. Finegan received a B.A. in English from Connecticut College and an M.S. in Journalism from Boston University.

Basking Ridge Campus Technology Support Specialist **Steve Frantz** joins Pingry after serving for 14 years as Tri-Campus System Technician and Associate Director of Communication at Montclair Kimberley Academy. Among other accomplishments, he was a critical member of MKA's 1-to-1 Implementation Committee and assisted in the creation of MKA's Student Laptop Leadership Group. Mr. Frantz earned a B.S. in Industrial Technology at Montclair State University.

Fourth-grade social studies teacher **Jason Haber** taught Grade 3 at Little Red School House and Elizabeth Irwin High School (LREI) in New York City and Greene Hill School in Brooklyn. He co-founded the after-school sports program at Greene Hill. Mr. Haber received a B.A. in American Studies from Trinity College and earned an M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction at the Bank Street College of Education.

Middle School Spanish and Upper School French teacher **Richard Karrat** is also working on the Global Programs Team, helping organize trips and study-abroad options. He previously taught English at Philadelphia University in Amman, Jordan as a Fulbright Scholar. Mr. Karrat graduated from Hamilton College with a B.A. in French and World Politics and a minor in Arabic.

Middle School Counselor **Dr. Mikaela Kilker** is also teaching Grade 6 health, helping to facilitate Peer Leadership training, and coordinating the Counseling program. A New Jersey-certified school psychologist, she served as a school psychologist for the Newton Public School District, was in private practice, and has extensive experience working with middle school students and families. Dr. Kilker received a Psy.D. in School Psychology from Rutgers University's Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology and completed her doctoral internship training at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.



Lower School Admission Associate **Kara Korn** worked for 15 years as an account manager at Preferred Placement Services. Her brother is

Kevin O'Brien '97, and her husband Chip Korn '89 is President of the Pingry Alumni Association. She received a B.A. in Finance from Fairfield University.



Director of Donor Relations **Katie Kutney** comes to Pingry from the Rutgers University Foundation's Department of Donor Relations. Prior to Rutgers, she led development for the New York Council for the Humanities. Mrs. Kutney received a B.A. in Religion from Princeton University and is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at Rutgers.

Middle School science teacher (Grades 7 and 8) **Shauna Leffler** is co-teaching the sixth-grade co-curricular course on Service Learning. She taught Grade 7 life science and Grade 8 earth and physical science for eight years in the Edison, New Jersey school district, also helping rewrite the curriculum for both programs. Ms. Leffler earned a B.A. in Biology at Lafayette College and an M.E. at Rutgers University.

Staff Accountant and Payroll Administrator **Christa Li** served for nearly three years as an investment and accounting analyst at the Peddie School, and worked for Citigroup and PricewaterhouseCoopers. She received a Masters in Accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a Masters in Computer Science from the University of Bridgeport, and a Bachelor of Arts in German and business administration from Wuhan University in China.

Lower School physical education teacher **Jeff Patten** taught part-time at the Lower School last year and coached Middle School soccer and hockey. He received a B.S. in Physical Education and Health from Montclair State University and an Associate Degree in Applied Science Landscape Management and Design from County College of Morris.

Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving **Rebecca Patterson** earned a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology at Franklin & Marshall College, where she assisted their Major Gifts team.

Middle School history teacher (Grade 7) **Jake Ross '96**, a member of Pingry's Athletics Hall of Fame, is also coaching boys' varsity soccer and ice hockey. Mr. Ross earned a B.A. in history at Lafayette College and an M.A. in Educational Leadership and Policy at Seton Hall University. He previously taught history and coached soccer, hockey, and baseball at Delbarton.

Kindergarten teacher **Amelia Sarrazin** taught for four years at the Wolftrap Elementary School in Vienna, Virginia, and was highly involved in technology integration. Ms. Sarrazin received a B.A. in History and Elementary Education from Wake Forest University and an M.A. in Teaching from George Mason University.



Assistant to the Director of Institutional Advancement **Stacy Schuessler** has worked for NBC Studios, Condé Nast Publications, and, most recently, Weichert Realtors. She received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California. Her siblings are Beth Blanchard Field '91, Peter Blanchard '95, and Michael Blanchard '96.

Middle School science teacher (Grade 7) **Debra Tambor** is also coordinating the Middle School Science Olympiad. Formerly a Gifted and Talented Science Enrichment Specialist in the Warren Township Middle School, she received a B.A. in Biology from Lafayette College, a Master of Medical Humanities from Drew University, and an M.B.A. from New York University.

Chemistry teacher **Graham Touhey** is also coaching JV soccer and varsity and JV basketball. He previously worked for the vaccine company VaxForm and was a chemical engineer for Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and a process engineer at a chemical plant in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Touhey received a B.A. in Chemistry from Lehigh University and is pursuing a Master's in Education at Lehigh.



Director of Major and Planned Gifts **Rebecca Vollmer** recently served as Director of Development at the Ross School in East Hampton, New York, and was Assistant Director of Major Gifts at Yale University. She also spent five years in investor relations at The D. E. Shaw Group, a global investment and technology development firm, and taught undergraduate history at UC Berkeley. Ms. Vollmer received a B.A. in German Studies from Yale and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Medieval European History from UC Berkeley.

English teacher and permanent substitute **Elizabeth Walker** is also involved with Pingry's Outing Club, Green Group, and other environmental efforts, as well as an assistant coach for girls' varsity soccer. Ms. Walker received a B.S. in Environmental Studies and, more recently, a B.A. in English from Sewanee, The University of the South. She earned a minor in education.

Basking Ridge Campus Educational Technology Integrator **Jennifer Zagariello** has already been instrumental to Pingry, serving on the new schedule and 1-to-1 committees. Prior to Pingry, she taught Middle School science, chaired the Middle School science department, and served as Technology Coordinator, Director of Educational Technology, and Associate Director of Curriculum and Professional Development at Montclair Kimberley Academy. Ms. Zagariello received a B.A. in Environmental Science and Special Topics from Sweet Briar College and a Master of Education from the University of LaVerne.

Moving to New Positions

Lower School Educational Technology Specialist **Jill Driscoll** (taught Grade 2 from 2002 to 2013) is assisting teachers with seamless integration of technology throughout the curriculum (iPads in K-3, iPads and Chromebooks in Grade 4, Chromebooks in Grade 5). The position was created to help teachers integrate technology into their lessons so that students learn technology in the context of their subjects (instead of in a separate computer class). Ms. Driscoll received a master's degree in Technology Integration from the College of Saint Elizabeth and joined Pingry in 2001.

Middle School history teacher (Grade 6) **Meredith Finkelstein** (served as Assistant Director of Athletics from 2010 to 2013) is continuing as an assistant coach for Middle School girls' soccer and girls' varsity lacrosse. She earned a B.S. in Family Studies and a B.A. in Sociology at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Lower School science teacher (K-3) **Heather Smith-Willis P '16** (taught Grade 1 from 2003 to 2013) is a big proponent of environmental sustainability and hands-on science and garden activities, and she has been largely responsible for the development and oversight of the Lower School's kitchen garden. She received an M.S. from Bank Street College of Education.

Fellowships Take Teachers to Turkey, France, and Ireland

Whether students are learning about history, language, or immigration, their understanding is enhanced when a teacher can relate the lesson to an actual experience. This is an important aspect of keeping Pingry's curriculum interesting, relevant, and, most importantly, global. The school is thankful to the many donors who continue to help make these summer fellowships possible. Matt Horesta, Lydia Geacintov P '84, '88, and Ann D'Innocenzo were each awarded a fellowship for 2013.

"Middle East issues are often connected to Turkey because the Ottoman Empire controlled most of the land that's in conflict today," says Upper School history teacher **Matt Horesta**, who believes that a history curriculum must help students understand the Middle East. Since his course (World History 10, from 1500 to the present) focuses on revolution and modernization, Mr. Horesta wanted to study Turkey's history and learn how the Turks transformed the Byzantine (and Orthodox Christian) city of Constantinople into the Ottoman (and Islamic) city of Istanbul.

Highlights were mosques, Istanbul's Hagia Sophia (a magnificent church converted into a mosque), and Topkapı Palace (home of the Ottoman Sultans). Mr. Horesta gained a new understanding of the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople, an example of rulers overhauling a city to reflect their own values and culture.

Mr. Horesta has used images from the trip to better teach the methods used to take Constantinople, and, more importantly, to show how the sultans used the construction of mosques and monumental architecture to demonstrate their power. He also plans to improve World History 10 "by increasing students' exposure to and understanding of the Muslim world."

Director of Studies and Upper School French teacher **Lydia Geacintov P '84, '88** wanted to understand France's changing social landscape. The AP French Language and Culture Exam has shifted its focus to society, immigration, and culture, and she has attended lectures at New York University about "what is the French voice?" Yet, Mrs. Geacintov has also witnessed a strong French national identity in literature and film. These contrasts led her to wonder, "What is French identity in the 21st century?"



Upper School history teacher Matt Horesta in front of the Library of Celsus in Ephesus, the best preserved Greco-Roman ruin in Turkey.

To answer that question, she traveled to France to interview students, educators, and families from diverse backgrounds. Mrs. Geacintov concluded that there is a struggle for identity. "People are trying to keep their heritage in a world that is becoming more diverse, yet where assimilation is praised," she says. Maintaining French traditions, overall, concerns her. "Will students still read Molière's plays in 10 years?" she asks.

Mrs. Geacintov plans to create a documentary for her French classes, but there is a larger issue. "We need to teach about France as part of the global village. When students learn about tolerance and diversity in French class, that knowledge will connect with other issues they are studying in school and will face in the world," she says.

Working on Pingry's 150th Anniversary children's book (*The Pingry Story: The Dream Continues*) inspired Lower School Librarian **Ann D'Innocenzo** to write a children's book about her grandfather's immigration from Ireland to the United States and his commitment to family.

"Our fourth-grade students study immigration and come to the library to find books that tell these personal stories, so I want to share my grandfather's story with them," Mrs. D'Innocenzo says. She traveled to Ireland and Massachusetts to research her grandfather's roots, his motivation for coming to America, his experiences as an immigrant mill worker, and his struggles upon arriving in a new country…all in an effort to vividly convey the immigrant experience.

Mrs. D'Innocenzo will share her book and her investigative process with the fourth-grade students to inspire them to investigate their own ancestry. "I plan to introduce a project called Ancestor Detectives, for which students will use public records, books, online resources, interviews with family members, other primary sources, and photos to research their genealogy and design a family tree," she says.

New Science Research Journal

Last summer, Pingry's science department introduced *Pingry Community Research (PCR)*, a journal of students' experimental research. Pingry's science classes are placing a greater emphasis on "inquiry science," or learning by *doing*, which means thinking of a topic, researching the material, conducting experiments, and drawing conclusions.

"The whole point of doing science is to publish your work and share it with someone. For a scientist, the ultimate result is to publish in a journal, so Pingry students now have an outlet for their work," says AP biology teacher and *PCR* advisor David Maxwell.

With the addition of this journal to Pingry's growing research program, students are conducting their own research and learning the invaluable skills of communicating and marketing their work. Along with *PCR*, students can also share their work with the public in the annual research exhibit that returns on April 5, 2014.

PCR's first issue (www.pingry.org/pcr) was devoted to research conducted by last year's AP biology students. Topics included the generation of electricity from moss; the factors that influence healing rates from rotator cuff surgery; the effects of exercise on short-term cognitive ability; creation of natural insect repellent; and using algae to create biodiesel.

Subsequent issues will feature work from the iRT (Independent Research Team) and Journal Club, as well as more articles about general science. The editor for 2013-14 is Abhiram Karuppur '15.



The cover of the first issue of Pingry Community Research.

For the Love of Numbers



Chief Financial Officer and Director of Operations Olaf Weckesser P '25 and Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 with students in Financial Literacy class.

This past September, Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 and Chief Financial Officer and Director of Operations Olaf Weckesser P '25 began to co-teach Financial Literacy for Grade 9; Mr. Conard is a former math teacher and Bain consultant, and Mr. Weckesser trained new consultants during his tenure at McKinsey & Company. This co-teaching arrangement works well because of their travel schedules and provides a depth of perspective from two people who love to work with numbers.

"It is vitally important that Pingry students learn to be smart financial consumers so they can manage their money as they get older. Financial literacy is not a priority in many schools or states, but Pingry feels an obligation to prepare the next generation," Mr. Weckesser says.

For his part, Mr. Weckesser appreciates the chance to be part of Pingry's core function of education. Plus, as one who deals with numbers every day, he is helping students become more familiar and comfortable with topics like budgeting, credit cards, and loans. "I'm excited that Pingry offers this course because there are a vast number of financial skills that are practical and useful for life, regardless of what people choose to do after they leave Pingry," he says. Mr. Conard is also happy to be working closer with students, saying "it is great to have the opportunity to be back in the classroom."

Class projects allow students to practice skills like balancing a checkbook. Mr. Weckesser also shares real-life anecdotes because "students are motivated by knowing more about this important subject than many adults."

Even with the focus on numbers, the class takes a broader view of the students' potential careers. "We include the Myers-Briggs personality test. Students learn how their personalities might influence the things they are interested in doing, and they learn how best to work with others," Mr. Conard says. "We also want students to think more about their passions and how those interests can translate to careers."

New Developments for Pingry's Counseling Department

For the 2013-14 school year, Pingry welcomes Perry Bell, in his fourth year as a Psy.D. candidate in the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) at Rutgers University. He earned a B.A. in Psychology at Brandeis University and a Masters in School Psychology at Rutgers and is a New Jersey-certified school psychologist. Mr. Bell was a clinician in the Foster Care Counseling Project in Piscataway and was a consultant for the Rutgers School Climate Development Collaborative. Among his other credentials, he has worked in the Elizabeth and Livingston School Districts.

After learning that former Director of Counseling Dr. Angelica Diaz-Martinez '88 had accepted another position, Pingry was fortunate that Mr. Bell could transition from an intern to become a full-time Upper School counselor. He joins Dr. Mikaela Kilker in the Counseling Department (read more on page 20).



Rutgers doctoral candidate Perry Bell (Upper School Counselor) and Dr. Mikaela Kilker (Middle School Counselor).

At Pingry, Mr. Bell is counseling students, helping to train seniors in the Peer Leadership program, observing classes, teaching the social and emotional units of health classes, and consulting with faculty and parents, among other responsibilities. "Pingry's commitment to developing programming that affects the entire student experience attracted me," he says. "Their dedication to creating a warm, welcoming, and positive school community, in addition to fostering academic excellence, is on target with how a school should approach learning."

Last spring, Pingry became the only independent school in New Jersey to join Rutgers' newly-formed School Psychology Internship Consortium (developed by the GSAPP's renowned School Psychology Training Program), which led to Mr. Bell's initial position at the school. The doctoral internship is the final, required training in a practice setting that serves the psychological, educational, and health needs of children and adolescents. Prior to starting their internships, Rutgers students are certified as school psychologists by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Going forward, the partnership with Rutgers will lead to Pingry hosting either a doctoral student as a full-time intern or a practicum student supporting the counseling services two days each week.

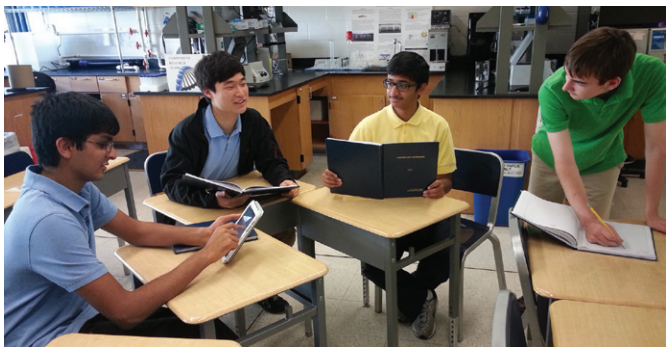
Pingry's Unique Five-Year Success in Siemens Competition

Pingry's research program continues its incredible success in the Siemens Competition, gaining national recognition for cancer research and a project that advanced people's knowledge of mathematics. The school has three Semifinalists and one Regional Finalist in the 2013-14 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. Overall, Pingry has now had nine Semifinalists in five years—the only school in New Jersey to have Semifinalists in the past five consecutive years.

Semifinalists are Amol Kapoor '14, Abhiram Karuppur '15, and Andrew Verdesca '15. The Regional Finalist is Peter Shim '15, who was team leader with a student from Choate Rosemary Hall and advanced to the Regional Competition at MIT. Amol is Pingry's first repeat Semifinalist, and Peter is the school's first Regional Finalist.

Administered annually by the College Board, this competition recognizes high school students' exemplary and authentic scientific and mathematics research. A record 2,440 students registered for this year's competition and submitted nearly 1,600 projects. "Siemens looks for a student's ability to describe data scientifically or mathematically, and it should be clear why the project is important. Independently, those two things are pretty difficult to do. Together, they are *extremely* difficult to do," says Luke De, biology teacher and Mentor to Independent Molecular Biology Projects.

Abhiram, the team leader, and Andrew researched how to prevent cancer cells from spreading throughout the body by measuring the effects of certain drugs on their movement. Amol, continuing a project for which he was recently published, studied the ability of cancer tumors to separate, and how to stop them from gaining that ability.



Amol Kapoor '14, Peter Shim '15, Abhiram Karuppur '15, and Andrew Verdesca '15.

Building on the work of mathematician Paul Erdős, Peter studied a number theory problem: the existence of a number that is not expressible as a sum of or difference between a Fibonacci number and a prime number (in the Fibonacci sequence, each number is the sum of the previous two). He reduced the smallest known number from 950 digits to only six. "Peter's methodology allowed him to simplify an extremely complicated problem and open a new area of math problems to solve," says math teacher Brad Poprik.

Among their other Pingry activities, Amol, Peter, and Abhiram are members of other science groups, and Peter recently received the US Squash Scholar Athlete Award.

1861 Leadership Society Reception on October 30

Named for the year of Pingry's founding, this society honors those who not only believe in the school's mission, but also support Pingry by making annual leadership gifts to The Pingry Fund. During the 2012-13 fiscal year, 547 leadership donors contributed 83 percent of the $2,728,911 raised for the fund. This annual reception recognizes these donors, as well as the efforts of Pingry Fund alumni, parent, past parent, grandparent, and faculty/staff volunteers. Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 and 2013 Pingry Fund Chair and Trustee Janice Beckmen P '15, '19 offered their gratitude to the members of The 1861 Leadership Society and to all Pingry Fund volunteers. Upper School biology teacher Luke De also shared his and his students' new science initiatives. His words resonated with everyone in the room when he said "all I had to do was ask," referring to the generosity of Pingry's donors and an easy process for purchasing equipment—both of which enable him to enhance his students' educational experience.


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Pingry Fund Volunteer Appreciation Event on October 30

Prior to the 1861 Leadership Society Reception, Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11 hosted an intimate reception at The Beinecke House to thank Pingry Fund volunteers for their hard work and dedication to make the 2013 Pingry Fund an outstanding success. The event was also an occasion to gain a renewed sense of excitement about the 2014 Pingry Fund and "kick off" the new fundraising year. Our volunteers are Pingry ambassadors, and we are grateful for their continued service to the school.



Math teacher Ginny McGrath P '95, '00, French teacher Gail Castaldo P '00, Jane (Shivers) Hoffman '94, and Wilma Pitman GP '15, '18.



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[1] Trustee and Pingry Fund Chair Janice Beckmen and Jeff Beckmen (Parents '15, '19). **[2]** Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11, Jennifer Higgins P '12, '18, Chip Carver, Jr. '77, P '09, '11, '14, and Leslie Pye P '13. **[3]** Lower School Co-Chair Cesar Ticas, Areti Ticas (Parents '18, '21, '23), Lower School Co-Chair Satyen Bhan, Dr. Mrinal Koul (Parents '23, '26), Sagar Bhimavarapu P '18, '21, and Nisha Kapur P '21. **[4]** Biology teacher and Mentor to Independent Molecular Biology Projects Luke De. **[5]** Ann Marie Lipper and former PAA President and former trustee Steve Lipper '79 (Parents '09, '12, '14) with Peter Kingsly '77. **[6]** Betty Galvan, Jose Galvan (Parents '25), Steven Kerr, and Julia Kerr (Parents '25). **[7]** Trustee Jeff Edwards '78, P '12, '14, Trustee John Holman III '79, P '09, '11, '14, and Craig Larson P '18, '20.


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For more information about The 1861 Leadership Society, visit www.pingry.org or contact Dawn Baker or Holland Sunyak '02 at (908) 647-7058.



A Dramatic Improvement: Fellowships for Alumni

Lighting board…or lighting *designer*? After years of purchasing hardware, Drama Department Chair Al Romano decided the time had come to invest in people.

"I've always used donations to the drama department to buy things for our productions, like body microphones. At this point, we have the necessities and can always buy more equipment," Mr. Romano says. "Now, we can invest in our arts alumni who are beginning their careers—it's wonderful to have the resources to bring back talented alumni who learned from our drama teachers and have new acting and production skills to share with our students."

Mr. Romano is referring to another generous grant from the William E. Simon Foundation, which enabled him to create Alumni Fellowships in Drama for the 2013-14 school year. He brought aspiring actress and drama teacher Sarah Paton '09 and lighting designer Diane Giangreco '09 back to Pingry. For the first trimester, Ms. Paton was assistant director of the Fall Play, *The Rimers of Eldritch*, and co-taught Drama 7, in which students make all of the staging decisions to create a piece of theater. Ms. Giangreco designed the lighting for the Fall Play and Winter Musical, *Seussical*, and will do the same for the Middle School Musical, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.

Sarah Paton '09: Working the Scenes

As assistant director of the Fall Play, Ms. Paton attended all rehearsals and observed Mr. Romano's directing style so that, when needed, she could work on scenes and monologues with the students and share acting advice. Mr. Romano frequently requested her opinions and perspectives on blocking, acting, and other topics. She even filled in for an actress who was unable to appear in the Upper School's Fall Play teaser the week before opening night.



Sarah Paton '09, right, co-teaching Drama 7 with Trisha Wheeler. They are following along as the students prepare their scripts for Devised Theater.

During her four years at Princeton University, Ms. Paton participated in Devised Theater, in which a safe space is created by the facilitator and ensemble, where students can explore their own experiences, use improvisation, write their own scripts, and showcase the results in a piece of theater. According to Mr. Romano, this approach mirrors Pingry drama teacher Trisha Wheeler's philosophy. "Trisha believes the finished piece should be shaped by students and gives them the tools to bring their ideas and creativity to the stage. Sarah co-taught Drama 7 with Trisha to bring a new approach to adolescent theater because Devised Theater helps students make the best use of improvisation."

A veteran of Pingry theater…

Ms. Paton, daughter of Pingry English teacher Nigel Paton (a former drama teacher), performed in four Fall Plays and the Drama IV Spring Play at Pingry and was a co-recipient of Pingry's Director's Award for Achievement in the Dramatic Arts. She then received a certificate in theater at Princeton, appearing in 10 productions and helping to run the student theater company, and acted in Princeton Summer Theater, the city's summer repertory theater company.

Reflecting on her Pingry experiences last fall, Ms. Paton says, "It was a great way to transition from college to the working world. Since I want to pursue a career in acting, participating in a show from a new perspective—as assistant director of the Fall Play—was very educational. I was also inspired by the way Drama 7 allows students to take risks, become more self-confident, and think creatively."

Diane Giangreco '09: Living a Lighting Designer's Dream

One reason that Ms. Giangreco's expertise in stage lighting was so helpful last fall is that Mr. Romano describes *The Rimers of Eldritch* as "the most light-intensive play I've ever done. Acting and lighting establish each scene's location and mood. Individual characters have to be lit a certain way. You need precise lighting when two scenes are taking place at the same time at different places on stage. The lights must be right for the play to work."

Cast member Stacey Chen '14 gives an example of how the lighting emphasized each character's true intentions and morals: "Skelly and Cora Groves seem to be disgusting, low-grade people who are ostracized by everyone, but, through lighting and the brilliance of Lanford Wilson's script, the audience is able to come to the conclusion that they are, ironically, the only truly good people in town—people who are willing to help selflessly, give to others, and find justice."

Ms. Giangreco's expertise is also benefiting students because she is teaching them more about light design and how to safely hang and focus lights. "I explain the math behind how I decide where to place a light, how lights work in systems known as 'washes,' and how washes complement each other. I also explain how and why I pick certain gels—filters in the lights—and how you can get them to blend to white light by choosing gels which will add up to the whole visible spectrum."

Lighting the way…

Her journey through stage lighting started at Georgetown University, where she completed an independent light design study: lighting Black Theatre Ensemble's *Harlem Renaissance Revisited*, a collaboration with the Department of Performing Arts (she had started a work-study job with that department in her freshman year, working as a carpenter and an electrician). She also took a Light Design course and designed for *Polk Street*, a student-written work co-produced by two of the university's student theater groups.

Fresh out of college, Ms. Giangreco is grateful to be able to return to Pingry. "This fellowship is such a unique opportunity to take on new lighting challenges," she says. *The Rimers of Eldritch* marked her first time working in a proscenium theatre (Pingry's Macrae Theatre). All of her previous design experiences have been in black box theaters, which offer more flexible light hanging positions than the Macrae, where all of the hang positions are fixed. Ms. Giangreco will also be lighting her first musical when Pingry presents *Seussical*, and she is excited to explore how to design a show with choreography. By the time the school year concludes, she will have worked with three different Pingry directors (Mr. Romano, Ms. Wheeler, and Stephanie Romankow), which equates to three different directing styles. "All of this is real-world experience. At the same time, it is a privilege to feel that I have something to contribute back to the Pingry community."

From Mr. Romano's perspective, these alumni fellowships are all about infusing Pingry's productions with fresh insights. "Since I graduated from college, a lot of different approaches to producing theater have been developed. We have young, recently-graduated artists sharing with us the most recent information and technology about theater. There are opportunities to start fellowships in other arts programs, and it's a win-win situation to get these young artists back in the community with their energy and skills."

Editor's Note: The grant from the William E. Simon Foundation was made on behalf of the Porges family. Billy Porges '13 was a drama student for all four years of high school at Pingry.



Lighting designed by Diane Giangreco '09 for The Rimers of Eldritch. *Opposite page: front-lighting the two actresses and showing the jury in silhouette. Above: a subtle green light makes the audience mistrust the character standing at the right, and a gentle blue light is used to mourn the loss of another character. Side-lighting with red suggests that blood is on the hands of the townspeople.*

Sports Results

BIG BLUE ROUNDUP: Fall 2013

Boys' Cross Country: 9-2

NJSIAA Non-Public B State Championships: State Champions (2nd consecutive year)—Pingry's 9th Non-Public B state title, tied for 6th in state history

NJISAA Prep A State Championships: 2nd place out of 8 teams

NJISAA Prep A State Champion: Liam Mullett

NJSIAA Meet of Champions: 17th place

Shore Coaches Invitational: Liam Mullett won the E division in a Holmdel Park personal best of 15:50

Somerset County Championships: 5th place out of 15 teams

Somerset County Champion: Liam Mullett

Skyland Conference: 7th place out of 23 teams

Skyland Conference Champion: Liam Mullett—set a new personal record with a time of 15:30, the fastest time in Natirar Park course history

***Star-Ledger* High School Top Performer of the Week (October 7):** Liam Mullett, for his performance at the Shore Coaches Invitational

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Raritan Division: Liam Mullett, Stewart Wood (1st team), Justin LeAndre (2nd team)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Liam Mullett (1st team)

***Courier News* Boys' Cross Country Runner of the Year:** Liam Mullett, two-time winner of this award (led Pingry to its second consecutive NJSIAA Non-Public B State Championship and became the first Pingry runner to qualify for the prestigious Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships held in San Diego)

***Star-Ledger* All-State:** Liam Mullett (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Non-Public:** Liam Mullett (1st team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Liam Mullett (1st team), Stewart Wood (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* Somerset County Boy's Cross Country Runner of the Year:** Liam Mullett, two-time winner of this award



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Liam Mullett '14: An All-American Season

Liam concluded his spectacular Pingry cross country career by qualifying for the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships in San Diego—he was the fastest runner from New Jersey at the Foot Locker Northeast Regional, finishing in 15:30 and placing fourth. He then earned All-American status in San Diego, placing 15th out of 40 runners and finishing the race in 15:36. Liam is the first Pingry runner to qualify for the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships in the race's 34-year history! His senior cross country season also included these highlights:

- Placing 2nd in the NJSIAA Non-Public B State Championships (15:49, new personal record)
- Winning the NJISAA Prep A State Championship
- Repeating as the Skyland Conference Champion
- Repeating as Somerset County Champion
- Repeating as the Shore Coaches Invitational Champion
- Being named Boys' Cross Country "Top Performer of the Week" by *The Star-Ledger*
- Leading the Pingry Boys' Cross Country team to a repeat win as the NJSIAA Non-Public B State Champions

Boys' Cross Country Repeats as Non-Public B State Champions



The team brought home their second consecutive state title at Holmdel Park. It's the ninth overall state championship for the boys of Big Blue cross country, a record of success that ties Pingry for the sixth most titles in New Jersey state history. Big Blue runners averaged a time of 17:19 over the 5K course and finished well ahead of Oratory Prep and 18 other Non-Public B teams. The winning Pingry average was even faster than the 17:30 average Big Blue runners posted during last year's state championship win on the same course. Liam Mullett '14 led the way in the team competition and finished in second place (15:49). Pingry also got valuable team scoring points from 6-Stewart Wood '14 (17:10), 8-Justin LeAndre '14 (17:24), 13-Thomas Tarantino '17 (17:48), 35-Jamie Chartouni '15 (18:28), and 42-Charlie Duryee '14 (18:43).

Girls' Cross Country: 8-2

NJSIAA Prep A State Championships: State Champions (14th in team history, and 8th in the past 10 years)

NJSIAA Non-Public B State Championships: 2nd place

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Raritan Division: Camille Vanasse, Anna Butrico (1st team), Sara Gagnon, Sydney Streicher, Ellen Li, Emma Palmer (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Prep:** Camille Vanasse, Anna Butrico

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Camille Vanasse (3rd team)

Girls' Cross Country Wins State Prep Championship



The team captured the NJISAA Prep A State Championship at Blair Academy, the 14th overall State Prep Championship for Big Blue and their eighth in the last 10 years. Big Blue averaged a time of 20:28 over the 5K course and finished ahead of Mount St. Mary. In the individual competition, Camille Vanasse '14 finished in 19:49 (fifth place) and Anna Butrico '14 posted a time of 20:17 (eighth place). The rest of the Pingry team finished as follows: 11-Rachel Wu '16 (20:38), 12-Ellen Li '17 (20:46), 13-Emma Palmer '15 (20:50), 14-Sara Gagnon '14 (20:55), and 19-Sydney Streicher '15 (21:13).

Field Hockey: 7-13-1

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Delaware Division: Emery Sorvino (1st team), Lily Neibart, Stephanie Yeh (2nd team), Erin Butrico, Amanda Celli, Annelise Kinney (Honorable Mentions)

Somerset County Coaches: Emery Sorvino (1st team), Lily Neibart (2nd team), Stephanie Yeh, Erin Butrico, Amanda Celli (Honorable Mentions)

NJFHCA: Emery Sorvino (1st team), Lily Neibart (2nd team), Stephanie Yeh (Honorable Mention)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Stephanie Yeh (1st team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Non-Public:** Emery Sorvino (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Emery Sorvino (1st team), Lily Neibart (2nd team), Stephanie Yeh (3rd team)

Senior All-Star Game: Lily Neibart

Football: 4-6

Skyland Conference/Hills Division: 3rd place

NJSIAA Non-Public Group 2 State Championships: Advanced to playoffs

NJFCA: Evan Key named to the "Super 100" list (as a linebacker, led Pingry with 96 tackles and 5.5 sacks, recovered one fumble, and made one interception; at tight end, led Pingry with 20 catches for 263 yards; as a running back, carried the ball 46 times for 138 yards and three touchdowns)

Skyland Conference/All Conference: Jake Greenberg, Chris Melligon (1st team offense/Hills Division), Will McDonald, Austin Schmidt (2nd team offense/Hills Division), Evan Key, Jake Moss, Mitch Suzuki, Kyle Walker (1st team defense/Hills Division), Mike Silbert, Charlie Muller, Ryan O'Reilly (2nd team defense, Hills Division), Thomas Foreman (Honorable Mention, defense)

Mid-State 38 Hills Division All-League Team: Chris Melligon, Jake Greenberg (1st team, offense), Austin Schmidt, Will McDonald (2nd team, offense), Kyle Walker, Evan Key, Jake Moss, Mitch Suzuki (1st team, defense), Mike Silbert, Charlie Muller, Ryan O'Reilly (2nd team, defense), Thomas Foreman, Jake Greenberg, Chris Melligon, Jake Moss, Mitch Suzuki, Kyle Walker (Honorable Mentions, defense)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset Defense:** Evan Key (1st team), Kyle Walker (3rd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset Offense:** Chris Melligon (2nd team)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Evan Key, Chris Melligon, Mitch Suzuki, Kyle Walker, Jake Moss, Jake Greenberg (Honorable Mentions)

Boys' Soccer: 15-5-1

NJSIAA Non-Public A State Tournament: Advanced to state championship game

NJSIAA Non-Public A, South Jersey: Sectional Champions (2nd consecutive year and 10th in team history)

Somerset County Tournament: Advanced to semifinals

***Star-Ledger*:** Ranked 2nd in Somerset County and 9th in New Jersey

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Delaware Division: Matt Mangini (1st team), Louis Monteagudo, Jack Casey (2nd team), Reeve Carver, Sean Carver (Honorable Mentions)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Matt Mangini (1st team), Jack Casey, Louis Monteagudo (Honorable Mentions)

***Star-Ledger* All-State:** Matt Mangini (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Non-Public:** Matt Mangini (1st team), Jack Casey (3rd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Matt Mangini (1st team), Jack Casey (2nd team), Jamie Cook, Louis Monteagudo (3rd team)

Dominating Season for Middle School A Boys Soccer

The team finished 9-1-1 and outscored its opponent 49-9. Its only loss was 3-2 to St. Benedict's.

Girls' Soccer: 11-4-4

Skyland Conference/Delaware Division: 1st place

NJSIAA Non-Public A State Tournament: Advanced to South sectional semifinals

Somerset County Tournament: Advanced to semifinals

***Courier News*:** Ranked 4th in Top 10

***Star-Ledger*:** Ranked 4th in Somerset County and 13th in New Jersey

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Delaware Division: Drew Topor, Rachel Corboz (1st team), Alexa Ferreira, Lauren McLaughlin, Tanika Roach (2nd team)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Drew Topor, Rachel Corboz (1st team), Alexa Ferreira (3rd team), Lexi Chang, Lauren McLaughlin, Tanika Roach, Maddie Temares (Honorable Mentions)

***Star-Ledger* All-State:** Rachel Corboz (1st team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Non-Public:** Rachel Corboz, Tanika Roach, Drew Topor (1st team), Lauren McLaughlin (2nd team), Alexis Ferreira (3rd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Rachel Corboz (1st team), Tanika Roach, Drew Topor (2nd team), Alexa Ferreira, Lauren McLaughlin (3rd team)

Two Varsity Soccer Players Invited to National Team Training Camps



Alexa Ferreira '17 accepted four prestigious invitations this fall from U.S. Soccer to participate in two sessions of both the U-14 and U-15 Girls' National Team training camps in California. During a week of intense practices and intra-squad scrimmages, these camps develop player talent and help identify girls who will compete for future spots on U.S. Women's National Teams.



Captain Rachel Corboz '14 received a return invitation to the U-18 Women's National Team training camp in California this past December. The midfielder was one of only 24 players nationwide—and one of just two players from New Jersey—selected for this elite camp. She had previously participated in the summer session of the U-18 national team camp, so the December trip marked her second visit of the season to the U.S. Soccer National Training Center. Rachel was also one of eight New Jersey players selected for the inaugural Girls High School All-American Game played in Raleigh on December 7.

Girls' Tennis: 17-2

NJSIAA Non-Public A State Tournament: State Champions (2nd consecutive year)

NJSIAA Non-Public A, South Jersey: Sectional Champions (4th consecutive year)

Skyland Conference/Delaware Division: 1st place

Somerset County Tournament: Champions

Somerset County Tournament Individual Winners: Madison Stevens (1st singles for the 2nd consecutive year), Jacquie Jakimowicz (3rd singles), Jennifer Guo and Avery Hatfield (1st doubles)

NJSIAA Tournament of Champions: Advanced to semifinals

***Star-Ledger* Somerset County Girls Tennis Team of the Year:** Pingry

***Star-Ledger*:** Ranked 1st in Somerset County and 5th in New Jersey

Skyland Conference Coaches All-Stars/Delaware Division: Madison Stevens (1st singles, 1st team), Christina Zajkowski (2nd singles, 1st team), Jacquie Jakimowicz (3rd singles, 1st team), Avery Hatfield and Jennifer Guo (1st doubles, 1st team), Wesley Streicher and Tiffany Yu (2nd doubles, 2nd team)

***Courier News* All-Area:** Madison Stevens (singles, 1st team), Jennifer Guo and Avery Hatfield (doubles, 1st team). By flight: Madison Stevens (1st singles), Jacquie Jakimowicz (3rd singles), Jennifer Guo and Avery Hatfield (1st doubles)

***Courier News* Girls Tennis Player of the Year:** Madison Stevens (led Pingry to state and county team championships, and won her second consecutive Somerset County Championship at first singles)

***Star-Ledger* Somerset County Girls Tennis Player of the Year:** Madison Stevens (undefeated in the regular season)

***Star-Ledger* All-State:** Madison Stevens (2nd team, singles), Jennifer Guo and Avery Hatfield (3rd team, doubles)

***Star-Ledger* All-Non-Public:** Jennifer Guo, Avery Hatfield, Madison Stevens (1st team), Christina Zajkowski (2nd team)

***Star-Ledger* All-Somerset:** Madison Stevens (1st team, singles), Avery Hatfield and Jennifer Guo (1st team, doubles), Christina Zajkowski (2nd team, singles), Jacquie Jakimowicz (3rd team, singles)

Jacquie Jakimowicz was an undefeated 22-0 at third singles this season. This record includes conference matches, county tournament matches, and state team tournament matches.

Girls' Tennis Repeats as NJSIAA State Champions



Game, set, match—repeat. In its fourth consecutive trip to the NJSIAA state group final, Pingry swept Holy Angels 5-0 to win its second straight NJSIAA Non-Public A State Championship. Pingry won all five matches in straight-set wins, and Big Blue players did not surrender more than four games in any one match. The winning state championship singles players were Madison Stevens '14 (S1), Christina Zajkowski '14 (S2), and Jacquie Jakimowicz '16 (S3). At doubles, the pairings of Jennifer Guo '14/Avery Hatfield '14 (D1) and Wesley Streicher '17/Tiffany Yu '15 (D2) also came off the court with victories. In the four rounds of the state tournament, Pingry never dropped a match—winning all four rounds by scores of 5-0. Over the entire season, 15 Pingry victories were 5-0 match sweeps.

Girls' Tennis Visits U.S. Open



Team bonding and motivation: the girls' tennis team attended the U.S. Open on August 28.

Water Polo: 0-14

Sam Scherl '17 Ranked #1 in the Nation by U.S. Squash



In recent rankings released by U.S. Squash, the Pingry freshman was ranked #1 in the nation for the Boys Under 15 age group. As the top player on the Middle School squash club team in 2012-2013, Sam led Big Blue to an upset of epic proportions in the United States Middle School Boys Squash Team National Championships (January 2013). He won the final match in five games to secure the 3-2 win for Pingry over the top seed and four-time defending national champions from the Brunswick School. Sam is one of 10 Pingry students who currently own Top 50 U.S. Squash national rankings.

Squash Players Honored for Academic Success

Nine members of Pingry's squash team received the US Squash Scholar Athlete Award as a result of their performances in the classroom and on the court during the 2012-2013 school year. The US Squash Scholar Athlete Award recognizes high school students who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher while also participating in at least four US Squash events during the season: Stephanie Clark '15, Liz Herman '14, Derek Hsue '14, Yash Jaggi '16, Diana Masch '15, Allie Ruggiero '15, Peter Shim '15, Mark Shtrakhman '16, and Jonathan Zeitels '15. "It speaks volumes about Pingry that so many of our student-athletes are committed to excellence in both academics and athletics, and it's gratifying to have US Squash recognize their hard work and dedication," says Pingry Squash Head Coach Ramsay Vehslage.

Swim Teams Honored for Academic Success

The boys' and girls' varsity swim teams both received Scholar Team Awards from The National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) as a result of their performances in the classroom and in the pool during the 2012-2013 school year. Both teams received the Bronze Level Award for posting an average cumulative team GPA within the range of 3.200-3.499. The average GPA for the girls' team was 3.458, and the average GPA for the boys' team was 3.203. Pingry was the only independent school in New Jersey to be honored with Scholar Team Awards.

Pingry Faculty at the Philadelphia Marathon in November 2013



Left: Katie Dlesk (13.1 miles) and Brian Burkhart (26.2 miles) sporting their finisher medals in Philadelphia. Right: Deirdre O'Mara (26.2 miles) and Eva Ostrowsky (26.2 miles) caught up with Emilia McManus '16 (13.1 miles).

Football Alumni Play in Basilone Bowl



The Pingry football coaching staff and five of their former players participated in the first United States Marine Corps Basilone Bowl on June 28 at John Basilone Field at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. Designed as an all-star game of 85 graduated senior football players from 14 area high schools, the Basilone Bowl honors the memory of USMC Gunnery Sergeant and Raritan native John Basilone (1916-1945). The game was a matchup between teams sporting familiar Marine Corps nicknames: the Leathernecks and the Devil Dogs. Pingry had five members of the Class of 2013 on the field for the Leathernecks: John Dugan, Jordan Flannery, Jack Galiardo, Tim Landers, and Adam Palmer (named Defensive MVP). The Leathernecks won by a final score of 23-20.

NJFCA — New Jersey Football Coaches Association
NJFHCA — North Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association
NJISAA — New Jersey Independent School Athletic Association
NJSIAA — New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association

Pingry Makes History with Four College Squash Captains

During the 2013-2014 winter season, four of the country's top colleges have Pingry alumni as captains of their squash teams: **MARTIN BAWDEN '10** (Hamilton College), **CHLOE BLACKER '10** (University of Pennsylvania), **DAVID KERR '10** (Amherst College), and **WILL MOORE '10** (Middlebury College). Pingry Squash Head Coach Ramsay Vehslage reports that even though Pingry graduates have captained their college squash teams in the past, this is the first time that Big Blue has four college captains in one season. Martin, Chloe, and Will also served as captains of the Pingry squash team.

Martin is the second Pingry graduate to serve as the captain at Hamilton, following Hal Lee '07. They also hold the distinction of being the first two Big Blue alumni who were squash teammates both at Pingry and in college.





Credit: Columbia University Athletics

Field Hockey

KATIE RUESTERHOLZ '13, forward (Columbia University), received All-Ivy League Second Team honors after an outstanding debut season for the Columbia Lions. Katie burst onto the college field hockey scene last fall, scoring 10 goals and setting a new Columbia University record for most goals by a freshman (the previous record was seven goals). She was also named Ivy League "Rookie of the Week" twice. In September, Katie scored three goals on her first three shots in the Lions' first two games, helping the team start the season 2-0. In October, she scored four goals in one weekend (two against Cornell and two against Fairfield). That weekend scoring onslaught gave Katie nine goals for the season.



Credit: Rutgers Athletics

Soccer

MAEL CORBOZ '12, midfielder and captain (Rutgers University), earned four honors in September after scoring three goals and making two assists over two games: Division I National Player of the Week (NSCAA),

Offensive Player of the Week (AAC), inclusion in *College Soccer News*' National Team of the Week, and Player of the Week (Top Drawer Soccer). Mael registered two goals in a 3-2 win against rival Princeton —the second straight year he has scored a pair of goals against the Tigers. Two days later, he notched another goal and two assists in a 3-0 win against South Carolina.

BRIAN COSTA '13, midfielder (Princeton University), earned All-Ivy League Honorable Mention honors. He played in all 17 games for the Princeton Tigers, including an impressive 15 starts. In his 2012 senior year for Big Blue, Brian was the first Pingry boys' soccer player to win the Gatorade New Jersey Boys' Soccer Player of the Year Award—a prestigious honor recognizing athletic excellence, academic achievement, and personal character.

COREY DELANEY '12, midfielder (Dartmouth College), earned All-Ivy League First Team honors for the second consecutive season after setting personal bests in 2013 for points (15) and goals (5) and matching her career-high in assists (5). This repeat All-Ivy First Team selection for Corey comes after a phenomenal freshman campaign in which she was a unanimous selection for Ivy League Women's Soccer Rookie of the Year. In 2012, she also became the first women's soccer player in Dartmouth Big Green history to be named Ivy League "Rookie of the Week" three separate times. A very accomplished athlete, Corey was honored by *Sports Illustrated* in 2010 as one of its "Faces in Crowd" after winning her fourth national title in junior doubles platform tennis.



Credit: Yale Sports Publicity

CAMERON KIRDZIK '13, forward (Yale University), received All-Ivy League Second Team honors. As one of the top-scoring rookies in the Ivy League, Cameron tied for the Yale Bulldogs team lead in points (11) and was second on the team in goals (4). He was also named Ivy League "Rookie of the Week" for scoring the winning goal in double overtime to lead the Bulldogs to a 1-0 victory against Dartmouth on October 12.

DANIELLE SEDILLO '13 (Lafayette College) was profiled in *Lafayette Magazine* as the starting goalie on the women's varsity soccer team. The article mentions that she developed an appreciation for goalkeeping after realizing that stopping goals wins as many games as scoring goals.

WILL STAMATIS '09, forward (Columbia University), earned All-Ivy League Second Team honors, adding to his All-Ivy League First Team selection from 2011. After sitting out the 2012 season, Will returned to the field last fall to score five goals, including three game-winners. He finished his Columbia Lions career with 14 goals, four assists, and 32 points.



Credit: Swimming World Magazine

Swimming

NIC FINK '11 (University of Georgia) was among the world-class swimmers competing in the sixth edition of the "Duel in the Pool" between Team USA and Team Europe in December. The event took place at the Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow, Scotland. Team USA staged a dramatic comeback in this Ryder Cup-style swim meet and defeated Team Europe 132-131 with a world-record time in the tiebreaker mixed relay that followed 30 scheduled races.

Nic's status as a college swimmer made his selection for Team USA especially notable: most of the other Duel in the Pool swimmers are professionals. As a junior on the powerhouse team at The University of Georgia, the two-time *Star-Ledger* Swimmer of the Year has three individual Southeastern Conference titles: two in the 100 BR (2012 and 2013) and one in the 200 BR (2012). He is also a First-Team All-American, a two-time member of the All-SEC First Team, and a former SEC Freshman of the Year.

Team USA was represented by 34 swimmers (17 men, 17 women) and Team Europe was represented by 37 swimmers (18 men, 19 women). Unlike other international competitions, the Duel in the Pool (short-course/25m) is scored in a true dual meet format with total points earned by both men and women combined to determine the winner. Team USA is undefeated in Duel in the Pool competition, with three wins over Team Australia (2003, 2005, 2007) and three wins over Team Europe (2009, 2011, 2013).

AAC — American Athletic Conference
NSCAA — National Soccer Coaches Association of America



Feature Film by Jeremy Teicher '06 Focuses on Human Rights Issue in West Africa

How gratifying it was for Pingry to have an alumnus return to the school after shooting his first feature film…a homecoming that combined an inspirational success story, Pingry's commitment to the arts, and the school's desire to prepare students to contribute to the global community.

Jeremy Teicher '06 screened his award-winning film *Tall as the Baobab Tree* on October 4 as part of Pingry's foreign and independent film series (coordinated by history teacher John Crowley-Delman '97). With cinematography by Chris Collins '05, who has worked on numerous feature films and documentaries, the film has been playing at film festivals around the world.

Recently recognized by *Filmmaker Magazine* as one of the "25 New Faces of Independent Film," Mr. Teicher told the students, parents, teachers, and alumni in attendance that "there is nothing quite like coming back to Pingry." Notably, he first met Mr. Collins in a Pingry filmmaking class taught by Peter Delman P '97, '98, then studied film at Dartmouth College, always wanting to direct a narrative film. He gives Mr. Collins, an Emerson College graduate, a lot of credit for teaching him about filmmaking as they worked on *Tall as the Baobab Tree*.



Jeremy Teicher '06 on location in Senegal.

Shot on location over six weeks in Senegal, the film is based on true stories and depicts a generational conflict faced by young people, one they consider to be the biggest challenge of their lives: early arranged marriages versus being able to attend school. In fact, the film's lead actress is the first generation in her family to go to school.

"It's our focus on telling a human story—with universally-accessible themes, characters, and emotions—that makes *Tall as the Baobab Tree* an effective educational and human rights awareness tool," Mr. Teicher says. "I strove to truthfully represent the villagers and their culture, countering the one-dimensional approach taken by many other media representations of rural Africans."

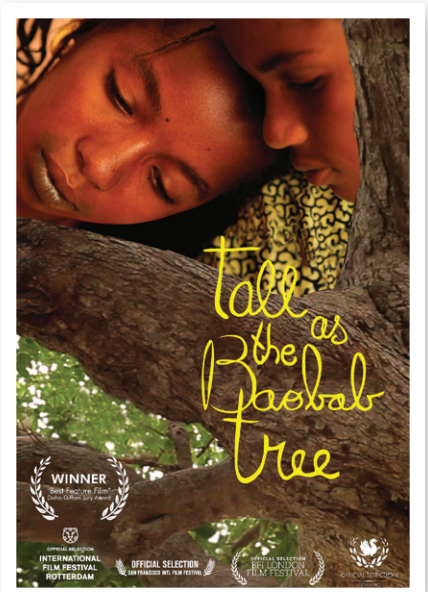
According to Sam Korn '14, Mr. Teicher's approach worked. "It was one of the best independent films I have seen in the past few years because it's about a

risky topic and keeps the audience on edge, unlike many other independent films that play it safe and don't tell as compelling a story," she says. "The cinematography made you feel as if you were actually there. Jeremy Teicher was very inspiring, as well. Getting the chance to talk to him made me want to work harder to possibly achieve the same things that he has at such a young age."

Mr. Teicher was inspired to make the film as a result of a story that surfaced in *This Is Us*, a documentary that he previously shot in Senegal with many of the same local students. "I have always been interested in stories about growing up, and *Tall as the Baobab Tree* is intended to help people understand the situation in rural Africa, not condemn or judge it. It is a story about traditional culture versus modern culture," he says.

At the conclusion of the October 4 screening, Jeanine Carr, who taught foreign languages at Pingry for 29 years, said, "The film is brilliant. It's very simple and serene, but captivating. I didn't know anything about the story beforehand, but I was hooked from the first scene."

Tall as the Baobab Tree (www.tallasthebaobtree.com) is available from Netflix, iTunes, Amazon Instant Video, Xbox Video, Sony Entertainment Network, and VUDU. On the film's web site, you can also sign up to be notified when the DVD (containing bonus features) is available.



Chris has a great eye and contributed many of the visual images that help make the film so compelling. Jeremy has a wonderful feel for envisioning "the big picture," pulling together all of the details of dialogue and shots into a unified whole. They were talented students back in their Pingry days, but their ability to develop all of their talents at a high level and in a short time is tremendously impressive.

Fine Arts teacher
Peter Delman P '97, '98

Here are some of the questions posed to Mr. Teicher during his Pingry visit on October 4:

How do you feel about the rave reviews and comparisons to other filmmakers?
It's very rewarding. I knew the film would appeal to certain people, so I made sure they saw it. The biggest reason for the film's success is that I made my own connections. I researched and targeted festival programmers and then sent emails or called their offices. Most conversations went along the lines of "I know you specialize in this area, so I'd love it if you could watch the film, pass it along, and put in a good word for me."

The film feels so natural. Was there any improvisation?
We did not use a traditional script because we were not working with professional actors. The film would have sounded "wooden" if every word had been written in the script. Instead, we wrote a plot outline with key turning points—bullet points—in each scene. We narrowed the bullet points to the action we wanted, and then filmed. There was a lot of flexibility with the script so the actors could make the action seem real and natural, and I trusted the translator to make sure we hit the key points.

How did you choose the actors?
The main actress had appeared in *This Is Us*, and she "had it." It's hard to describe, but she was the most passionate about the topic. Other actors had also appeared in the documentary, and we held auditions for the general village. I wasn't looking for skills as much as I was looking for people who could throw themselves into something and improvise a lot.

Was there any community pushback to the filming?
No, because the students wanted to tell their stories and comment on their own culture. Everyone trusted me from our previous work on the documentary.

Do the village adults place value on students being in school?
Parents understand the value, but school is not the only option for these families. Finances come into play, and marriage is a tradition, while school is new. It is a gray area.

How did you make choices to use the landscape and animals?
We knew the area was beautiful before we started filming, so we wanted to work it into the movie as much as possible. Chris Collins shot some B-roll [extra footage without actors] that was available for use in post-production.

Where did you get the music?
I wanted local sounds, so we recorded local musicians playing happy and sad melodies. Then, New York-based composer Jay Wadley wrote a score after watching the film, based on which scenes we felt needed certain moods.

How did the villagers react to the final film?
For the first few minutes, they were actually laughing because of this new, crazy experience of seeing themselves on screen. But, by the end, the elders could see the crossroads as we depicted it. They are aware of how fast the village is changing—not overnight, though. It is a generational change that feels like two steps forward and one step back.

Editor's Note: Mr. Teicher is working on his next fictional film, currently titled *Tracktown, USA*, a coming-of-age story about a young woman in the world of Olympic long-distance running. Filming is taking place in Oregon.

Andrew Young '11 Creates Healthier Energy Supplement

Literally and figuratively, Andrew Young '11 has a lot of energy.

Then again, he *needed* energy for all of his accomplishments at Pingry: 2010 semifinalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, S.M.A.R.T. (Students Modeling a Research Topic) Team, peer leader, student government, writer for *Vital Signs* and *The Pingry Record*, soccer captain, and track team.

In track, Andrew's best distance in the long jump was 20'8", and his best distance in the triple jump was 41'3"—ranking him third for both events in Pingry boys' track history. He also won the South Jersey sectionals in both events. For Siemens, he wrote about a method for analyzing the protein in nanobacteria particles, small calcification particles that form in people's bodies.

Now at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Andrew's energy level remains high. He has been a three-year starter for the MIT men's soccer team,



Andrew Young '11 with his Revivo Energy Chews.

which won the NEWMAC (New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference) Tournament for the first time in 2012 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. He is also working with the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, which helps students become effective entrepreneurs.

It is not surprising that Andrew founded his own company after arriving at MIT: Revivo Energy Chews (www.revivoenergy.com). "I use energy drinks regularly and saw a need for a healthier alternative and supplement to energy drinks on the market. The market had developed from drinks to shots, such as 5-hour ENERGY, and now it could move to a more convenient edible version," he says.

The chews, sold at college convenience stores, are over 99 percent all-natural with Vitamin B Complex, Vitamins C and E, zinc, magnesium, potassium, and caffeine. "We wanted a healthier alternative, but also a more transparent one without chemicals. We made it our goal to have ingredients that people recognize," Andrew explains. While there are other edible energy products available, he points out that the other companies are fairly small, so Revivo Energy Chews is trying to capture the market.

"What I've learned from Pingry in science and MIT in business and engineering all comes down to solving problems," he says, "and both Pingry and MIT have given me great foundations to succeed in this area."

Pingry on Wall Street: A Huge Success

The school's new industry-focused events were launched on October 24 with "Pingry on Wall Street." Over 100 members of Pingry's financial community, including alumni, current parents, and past parents, gathered at the Harvard Club in New York City. Trustee Jeff Edwards '78, P '12, '14, Partner and Chief Operating Officer of New Vernon Capital, facilitated a panel discussion and question-and-answer session about financial topics, followed by a networking cocktail reception.

Panelists were Peter Warlick '83, Vice President-Treasurer at American Airlines, responsible for American's debt and equity financing and derivatives programs; Laura Hunt '98, Portfolio Manager at Graham Capital Management, who runs a discretionary trading strategy focused on the U.S. electricity and natural gas markets; Crystal Mullins P '15, '20, Executive Director at J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, who has 22 years of experience in the municipal finance industry, focused primarily on issuers in the Northeast and in the transportation sector; and Meg Mulry '94, Economist, AM Best & Co., who focuses primarily on assessing country risk.

The event came to fruition thanks to Jason Kurz '03, an associate at Gabriele Wealth Management (operating at UBS Wealth Management), who founded and organized this group of alumni and parents who work in the financial services industries. As the group became more popular, Mr. Kurz recognized



Left: Jason Kurz '03. Right: Laura Hunt '98, Meg Mulry '94, Peter Warlick '83, Crystal Mullins P '15, '20, and Trustee Jeff Edwards '78, P '12, '14.

the opportunity to gather the network in person. "Having this type of finance network means nothing unless group members actively participate and have a strong understanding of what other members do in the field," he says. "The event was a first step in bringing everyone together to create this understanding. I could not have asked for better panelists and, through his financial prowess and deep understanding of the markets, Jeff Edwards [who spent 22 years at Merrill Lynch and has been Director of NASDAQ Stockmarket] was the ideal host, moderator, and leader for the evening."

Attendees were delighted to network with people in their own field, so Pingry is planning a legal-industry focused event for April 2.

Homecoming 2013

The Pingry community gathered for Homecoming on October 5, a brilliantly sunny, unexpectedly warm day on the Basking Ridge Campus. The event welcomed over 700 current students, parents, trustees, and alumni. With fall colors in the background, the guests filled every seat under the large tent, at picnic tables, and on decorative bales of hay as they enjoyed a barbeque lunch and reconnecting with one another. Many people also took home Pingry stadium seat cushions as a token of the school's appreciation for their gift or pledge to the 2014 Pingry Fund. The cushions were created in honor of the new bleachers and press box at Parsons Field.

After lunch, Homecoming attendees spread out to cheer for Pingry's football, soccer, tennis, and water polo teams. Along with the athletics events, Homecoming Weekend featured two other special events: a Friday evening screening of *Tall as the Baobab Tree*, the first feature film directed by Jeremy Teicher '06 (see page 34); and Saturday's rededication of The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field (see page 14), for which the boys' and girls' teams wore t-shirts that read "Pingry Soccer: Where the Grass is Always Greener."





Top Right: Qing Bao P '13, '15 and Maria Korogodsky P '15.
Right: Big Blue and Maya Artis '09.
Below: The varsity football team playing against New Providence High School.





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[1] Nic Carrion '16, Jackson Artis '16, Michael James '16, TanTan Wang '16, Lloyd Willis '16, and Carlo Taglietti '16. **[2]** Matthew Marvin '14 and Sam Korn '14. **[3]** Tom Trynin '79 with Brenda Hamm and Headmaster Nat Conard (Parents '09, '11). **[4]** Tom Curnin P '17 and Denise Bulgar P '18. **[5]** Elizabeth Bugliari P '86, '90, '97, GP '20, Barbara Kimber P '76, '79, GP '07, and former trustee Anne DeLaney '79, P '09, '11, '14. **[6]** Hanna Younghans, Jon Younghans '79, Jack Younghans, Keith Wargo, Anne Wargo (Parents '20), and Sally Younghans.



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[7] Emilia McManus '16, Jessica Foy '16, and Casey Malone '16. **[8]** Mackinley Taylor '17, Amanda Celli '17, Megan O'Reilly '17, Mary Pagano '17, Wesley Streicher '17, and Sophie Ricciardi '17. **[9]** Spectators in the new seating area at The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field. **[10]** The new bleachers and press box at Parsons Field.

Alumni Events



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[1] Jersey Shore Party on August 25 [2] Alumni Soccer Game on September 7 Front row: Eric Hynes '08, Jim Gensch '83, P '13, Tom Rusen '89, Austin Lan '07, Matt Fechter '09, Dick Steinbrenner '54, P '87, '95, Peter Hiscano '75, Brad Fechter '05, Grant Schonberg '08, Sean O'Donnell '75, P '05, '10, Michael DeGrande '94, David Bugliari '97, Nick Ross '97, Chris Marzoli '97, Jeff Mandelbaum '94, P '25, '26, Boys' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach Jake Ross '96, Bill Maass '70, Kevin Schmidt '98, and Boys' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach David M. Fahey '99. Back row: Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach Miller Bugliari '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20, Steve Lipper '79, P '09, '12, '14, Trustee Stuart Lederman '78, Skot Koenig '77, Charlie Louria '77, P '09, '11, Travis Lan '02, Brendan Burgdorf '09, Andrew Babbitt '09, Liam Griff '04, John Stamatis '05, Morgan Griff '06, Josh Gradwohl '80, Amadi Thiam '03, Park Smith '06, Conor Starr '09, Matt Rybak '09, Anthony Bugliari '90, P '20, J. Michael Coughlin '90, John Rhodes '02, Gianfranco Tripicchio '00, Trustee Conor Mullett '84, P '14, '15, Boys' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach Warren Kimber '76, P '07, Leonard Coleman '06, and Jim Corbett '69. **[3] Alumnae Soccer Game on September 7** Leslie Hynes '04, Sarah Dwyer '03, Nicole Rhodes '05, Maggie O'Toole '05, Katherine Sheeleigh '07, Marisa Stock '06, Kellen Kroll '03, Kim Kroll '08, Kathleen Soo Hoo '08, Rachel Askin '03, Girls' Varsity Soccer Head Coach Andrew Egginton, Ashley Kazmerowski Lan '02, and Lindsay Holmes '99. **[4] Turkey Bowl on November 28** Front row: Peter Hiscano '75, Brad Fechter '05, Boys' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach David M. Fahey '99, Christian Fechter '13, Sean O'Donnell '75, P '05, '10, Jerry Fechter P '05, '09, '13, Tom Strackhouse '06, Ari Marciscano '03, Christian O'Donnell '10, and Boys' JV Soccer Head Coach Tony Garcia P '06, '10. Back row: Jim Stamatis P '05, '09, Mark Zimering P '03, '07, Jeff Zimering '07, Lance Gould '83, Conor Starr '09, Matt Rybak '09, Tyler Smith '10, Will Stamatis '09, John Stamatis '05, Matt Fechter '09, Brendan Burgdorf '09, Mael Corboz '12, and Andrew Devine '13. (Not pictured: Morgan Griff '06, Liam Griff '04, Dick Smith P '10, '15, and Robert Oh '03) **[5] Alumni Ice Hockey Game on November 29** Front row: Brian Weiniger '10, Brad Bonner '93, P '20, '23, '25, Dan Weiniger '08, Conor Starr '09, Ben Lehrhoff '99, Jim Gensch '83, P '13, Thomas Diemar '96, and Jake Ross '96. Back row: Dan Ambrosia '07, Andrew Krill '07, Nic Meiring '10, Andrew La Fontaine '10, Justin Gump '13, Alex Russoniello '10, Andrew Dellapina '13, Steve Palazzolo '11, Stephen Friedman '13, Mac Hugin '13, Ben Rogers '11, Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Head Coach John Magadini, Peter Martin '10, Charlie Diemar '02, Ian Braunstein '99, Nick Ross '97, Chris Ulz '93, Rob Malin '86, and Andrew Houston '00.


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[6] Alumnae Field Hockey Game on November 30 Front row: Grace Lin '08, Katie Parsels '09, Leslie Springmeyer '08, Taylor Sankovich '08, Jordan Shelby '08, and Olivia Shelton '08. Back row: Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach Judy Lee, Brittany Gildea '07, Charlotte Small '10, Lauren Callaghan '02, Frances Callaghan '06, Danika Paulo '08, Jen Lang '09, Jessica (Saraceno) Carroll '02, and Georgia Cook '09. (Not pictured: Cameron Lan '09) **[7] San Francisco Pop-Up Event on December 10** Attendees included Sam Fisher '10, Palmer Emmitt '94, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving David M. Fahey '99, Dan Schuchinsky '09, Jonathan Reef '07, Ian Braunstein '99, Danna West '95, Rob Grantham '94, Kristen Brodgesell '05, Kara Brodgesell '03, Marc Werres '99, Michael Ames '98, Josh Dunn '99, Tim Moyer '02, Will Hetfield '01, Trustee Julian Scurci '99, and Jamil McClintock '04. **[8] San Francisco Alumni Reception on December 10** Attendees included Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11, Will Hetfield '01, Trustee Julian Scurci '99, Danna West '95, Michael Ames '98, Darin Cline '90, Blake Jarrell '95, Sean Honey '89 (host), Rob Grantham '94, Jennifer Raby, John Raby '90, PAA President Chip Korn '89, Sam Fisher '10, Matt Alexander '97, David Rapson '75, Ann Rapson, Tim Moyer '02, Stephanie Rosenbaum '85, Jamil McClintock '04, Jonathan Reef '07, Dodie Port Baker '89, Dan Schuchinsky '09, Marc Werres '99, Palmer Emmitt '94, Heather Emmitt, Special Assistant to the Headmaster Miller Bugliari '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20, Ian Braunstein '99, Michael Pence '89, Caroline Savello '05, Kara Brodgesell '03, Kristen Brodgesell '05, and Alex Savello '07. **[9] Los Angeles Alumni Reception on December 12** Gillian Vigman '90, Jen Weiss '89, Charles Iacuzzo '89, Roy Sykes '66, Jason Nadler '98, Lieutenant Rebekah Murphy '98, Steven Edell '99, Donald Szerlip '70, Tom Thomas '52, George Heller '97, Robert Green '84, Sherwood Kelley '62, Tamara Kelley, Robert Thurston '52, Jeremy Teicher '06, Alan Berger '68 (host), Dr. Tim Gustafson '71, Chris Collins '05, Don Blasius '68, Special Assistant to the Headmaster Miller Bugliari '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving David M. Fahey '99, Julie Johnson '05, Matt Fechter '09, Sharon Appelbaum '98, and Headmaster Nat Conard P '09, '11.



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The Pingry Alumni Association Board (PAA) has teamed with the school's Reunion planning efforts to launch a special fundraising initiative. We are challenging **YOU**—the Reunion Classes of 4s and 9s—to give back to Pingry by making a gift to The Pingry Fund. If alumni celebrating a Reunion this year reach the challenge goal of 30% participation in The Pingry Fund, the PAA Board will donate $30,000 to the PAA Financial Aid Endowment Fund in order to provide ongoing tuition support for current students—our future Pingry alumni.

Reunion alumni have already reached over 15% participation in The Pingry Fund. Donations from just 160 more graduates from the Classes ending in 4 and 9 will get us to the 30% challenge goal.

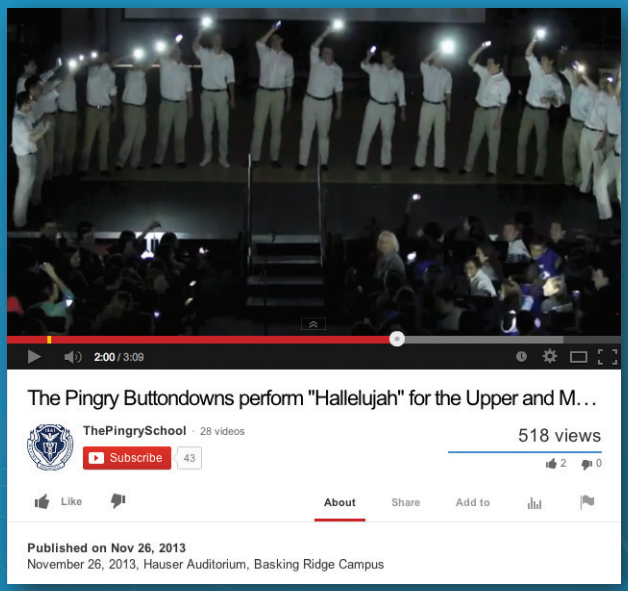
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Chip Korn '89
President, Pingry Alumni Association
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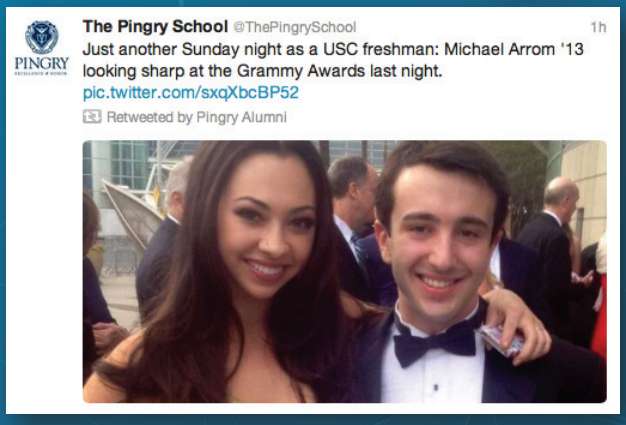
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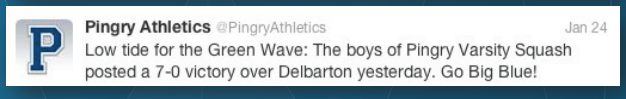












Ask the **Archivist**



Gathering on the Hillside Campus

Do you recognize anyone in this photo with Vince Lesneski, or remember the occasion? Please contact Greg Waxberg '96 at gwaxberg@pingry.org or (908) 647-5555, ext. 1296.

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CLASS NOTES

Share all your news! *Contact Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Tara Enzmann at tenzmann@pingry.org, The Pingry School, 131 Martinsville Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.*

1950

DUANE ST. JOHN was honored to be the Keynote Speaker at the USMC 238th Birthday Ball in November 2013, and he reports that his speech was very well-received by the Marines from World War II to Afghanistan (the complete address is available by emailing Duane at sinjonsr@cox.net). In his remarks, Duane reflected on the misery and bedlam of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, when, in the midst of 30-below-zero temperatures and waist-deep snow drifts, he was wounded by gunfire, then had to march 14 miles through enemy fire to reach Hagaru and air evacuation on a C-46 twin-engine aircraft from the Turkish Air Force—Duane was convinced that, if there was room for his truck load, the plane wouldn't get off the ground, or it would crash from a weight and balance problem. It turned out that the pilot was a member of the U.S. Air Force, and the plane did eventually become airborne. Duane also addressed the retiring active duty Marines seeking a civilian career. "Rest in the knowledge that you have the one of the most valuable assets to adorn your résumé: 'Served in the United States Marines Corps.' Consider the Marine Corps Core Values a gift that keeps on giving for the rest of your life. If you see something not working—fix it! If someone asks you a question—answer it, and, if you ask a question, expect an answer. Silence is not communication, and a prime reason for business and military dysfunction is failure to communicate. I must confess that being here to talk with you this evening is one of the proudest moments of my life. To stare into the eyes of ALL you Marines out there, spanning almost 75 years from WWII to Iraq and Afghanistan, fills me with profound humility, and I will honor this moment for the rest of my life."

1951

DR. JOE HANAWAY gets his varsity letter in football after 63 years. He explains: "Head Coach **REESE WILLIAMS** and I were presenting the varsity letters in the Chapel at Parker Road, November 1950. Halfway through the ceremony, he whispered that he was one letter short for an underclassman and would I give up my letter for him. Of course I did. The season was over, he coached basketball, I played touch football with **TONI BRISTOL**, and we forgot the event. In 2013, while looking at old letters from Pingry and McGill, I remembered that I had never received my football letter for 1950. We were Group III State Champions, and Williams was Coach of the Year for Union County. I called Pingry Football coach **CHRIS SHILTS** in May to tell my story, which he took to the Athletics Department. In June, I received my 1950 letter, but the saga doesn't end there. I kept a scrapbook of the 1950 season—with photographs, newspaper accounts, and telegrams—which I presented, with my No. 36 jersey, to Pingry (in custom-made archival boxes) on the occasion of our induction into the Pingry Athletics Hall of Fame at its first dinner ceremony in May 1991. A CD has been made, with articles and pictures from the 1950 team and season." J.K. Hanaway, MD, CM, FAAN



Dr. Joe Hanaway '51.

1952



RON COHN continues his multi-faceted cabaret career, encompassing the roles of performer, manager, director, coach, teacher, producer, and publicist. He loves to educate and entertain his audiences with stories about songs, including the shows and films in which they were used, and the singers who introduced the songs or made them famous. Ron has also produced over 60 benefits for charities in New York City. This winter, he produced Cole Porter's *Live and Let Live* in several theaters around the country.

1954 60th Reunion

The wife of former trustee **ROBERT C. HALL P '79**, Karen Hall P '79, died peacefully at her home in Grafton, Vermont on November 13. In addition to her husband, survivors include their son **DAVID HALL '79**, daughter **ADDIE HALL '79**, and four grandchildren. Karen was a dedicated alumni spouse and committed parent volunteer. She often raided the rose hedge by the tennis courts on the Hillside Campus to make beautiful flower arrangements for graduation. Play props and costumes were a specialty, as was cheering on the cross country runners.

BILL WACKER writes, "Miss those creaky halls at Parker Place, and Mr. Vars calling out to one of us with, 'Boy, how typical!'"

1957

PROFESSOR A. HARDING GANZ and his wife Diane Ganz were in Moscow and St. Petersburg. He writes, "A noticeable difference from the Soviet era in the traffic congestion! (The Metro remains excellent.)"

1959 55th Reunion

CHARLIE STEVENS enjoyed a wonderful '59 mini-reunion on June 2 hosted by Nancy and **JOE SICHLER**. Prior to dinner, the group enjoyed drinks at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Pictured below are Yuri Stevens, Ginny Hilyard, **JOE SICHLER**, Nancy Sichler, **WALTER HUNT**, Judy Hunt, **DAVE HILYARD**, and **CHARLIE STEVENS**. They were later joined by **NANCY** and **RICHARD DUBUSC P '87, '00**.

RICHARD DUBUSC P '87, '00, **CHARLIE STEVENS**, **JOE SICHLER**, **STEVE WILKERSON**, **CHARLIE HODGE**, and **ANTHONY MAZZUCCA** comprise the 1959 55th Reunion planning committee and are looking forward to catching up with classmates during prep and at the event in May.

1960

PETER JOHANNSEN writes, "All four children are now married. The oldest three have two kids each. The youngest (Lily) was married in August."

1961

DAVID ROGERS writes, "Don't forget, dear '61s, if you move, let the school and **BOB POPPER** or me know where you are. Our Reunion is only two years away!"



A mini-reunion for members of the Class of 1959.



Glenn Herrick '67, Bob Porter '62, Richard Koralek '62, *and* ***Tom Curtiss '62.*** *Not pictured: Helma Curtiss and Gayle Koralek.*

1962

RICHARD KORALEK writes, "The first 'meeting' of the Pingry Club of Maine took place in September 2013 in Hallowell. There were only six of us, out of the dozen 'members' who either live in Maine—seasonally or year-round—or visit the state regularly. It seems that a lot of Pingry alumni have connections to Maine, probably due partly to Camp Waganaki. We all certainly enjoyed getting together, and I hope we have more events and meet more people in the future."

1963

BOB MAYER writes, "At the end of September 2013, we celebrated the life of **JACK LAPORTE**. The memorial was filled with love and caring for Jack and for the family and friends he left behind. Over 700 people filled the church, along with **MILLER BUGLIARI '52**, Dr. & Mrs. **HENRY PITT**, **CHUCK ATWATER**, Mr. and Mrs. **JOHN KLEIN**, and me. We can't replace Jack, but his influence and good will remain to keep his spirit alive."

1964

50th Reunion

Members of the Class of 1964 from all over the country are planning to attend their 50th Reunion. **JOE MONIER** is coming from Florida. **DOUG SMITH** is coming from Texas. **BOB ZIEGENHAGEN** is coming from Colorado—all in addition to many class members living closer to Pingry. Join them for the weekend, May 8-10, and revisit the Hillside Campus, enjoy the Basking Ridge Campus, and reminisce about your time at Pingry. Keep an eye out for more information via letters and email over the next few months, or email or call **JUDY BROWN** in the Alumni Office at jbrown@pingry.org or (908) 647-7058. See you there!

1967

DR. AARON WELT P '06 writes, "I have been delighted to serve on the Pingry Alumni Association Board for these last two years. I was particularly pleased with the nomination of the outstanding sailor and sportsman **CARL VAN DUYNE '64** to the Athletics Hall of Fame. The all-but-forgotten history of sailing at Pingry conveys special lessons in honorable behavior and excellence in athletic ability. Since we are between Class Reunions, I have had the time to serve on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Psychological Association, which gives me a good vantage point on the revolution in health care financing and treatment."

1969

45th Reunion



THE REVEREND BRUCE SMITH has been called to serve a three-year term on the Corporate Board of Directors of Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. ERH, based in Cincinnati, operates two premier continuing care retirement communities in Cincinnati and several affordable living communities in central and southern Ohio. Fr. Smith also serves as Chair of the Affirmative Aging Commission in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio.

45 years? Yup. "Tempus Fugit" as **ALBIE BOOTH** probably said. But, yes, we will gather on Pingry's Basking Ridge Campus from May 8-10 for our 45th Reunion. And plans are well underway. Our Reunion Committee of **DR. CLAUS HAMANN** (chair), **GEOFF DUGAN** (co-chair), **BRUCE CONWAY**, **JIM CORBETT**, **WILL HEINS**, **JIM HODGE**, **REVEREND BRUCE SMITH**, and **JOHN**

An Unintentional Contribution to Public Debate about National Security



While serving as Presiding Judge of the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) in October 2011, **THE HONORABLE JOHN D. BATES '64** wrote a secret 85-page opinion regarding the National Security Agency's (NSA) then-gathering of thousands of Americans' domestic emails and other electronic communications (the NSA's attempt to find foreigners targeted for surveillance). Judge Bates found that the agency violated the Constitution, and he called attention to what he considered the NSA's misleading statements: "For the first time, the government has now advised the court that the volume and nature of the information it has been collecting is fundamentally different from what the court had been led to believe."

In a highly-unusual turn of events (FISC opinions normally remain secret because of sensitive subject matter), Judge Bates' opinion was declassified by U.S. intelligence officials on August 21 in the midst of the controversy about former NSA contractor Edward Snowden's leaks about government surveillance. Even though Judge Bates had issued a few public decisions during his seven-year tenure on the FISC, he has mixed feelings about his 2011 opinions being made public.

"On the one hand, I am very concerned about the serious risks to our intelligence operations and, hence, to national security. On the other hand, I believe that greater public knowledge of the intelligence community's activities—and the resulting public debate about our intelligence policies—is healthy for our democracy. Generally, then, I favor public disclosure of judicial opinions, except in those settings where national security interests may demand confidentiality," he says. "The 2011 opinion will contribute to a more vigorous and informed public discourse about possible legislative changes in the area of national security surveillance."

Judge Bates, who credits Pingry's high ethical standards as an important building block, has been a United States District Court Judge since being appointed by former President George W. Bush (December 2001). In February 2006, Chief Justice John Roberts appointed him to serve on the FISC, and he served as Presiding Judge from May 2009 to February 2013, when he completed his term of service on that court. In June 2013, Chief Justice Roberts appointed Judge Bates to serve as Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

ZOEPHEL P '03, '04, '08 is working with **HOLLAND SUNYAK '02** in the Alumni Office on all the details. There will be events on Friday and Saturday at Pingry and a private Class Party on Saturday evening. This will be a great way to catch up with classmates and, hopefully, some faculty whom we have not seen for a few years or for many years. It will also be a great time to trade jokes and memories with **MILLER BUGLIARI '52** (and he has an embarrassingly good memory)! So, please mark your calendars now and look forward to more information from the Reunion Committee. Please contact **HOLLAND SUNYAK '02** at (908) 657-7058 or hsunyak@pingry.org to ensure that we have your updated contact information.



History, the Entertaining Version

Yale presidential biographer **MICHAEL TAKIFF '73**, the author of several books, including *A Complicated Man: The Life of Bill Clinton as Told by Those Who Know Him* (Yale University Press, 2010), is now Executive Director of Gravitas History (www.gravitashistory.com).

A lifelong fan of history who particularly enjoyed Pingry history classes with **FRED FAYEN P '90, '02**, Michael founded Gravitas History to create high-quality works of history for individuals, families, and organizations so that everyone can examine and learn from stories of the past. "Gravitas History combines my publishing credentials, including extensive interviewing experience, with my love of storytelling," he says. Since his previous writing work required him to go inconsistently from project to project (as is the nature of the book business), Michael took a course on entrepreneurship offered by the Kauffman Foundation and launched his start-up.

"My company takes projects and history seriously, with attention to details, facts, and writing. Every word counts, every fact counts," he says. "It's all got to be right." As far as storytelling is concerned, he says he is "not fond of much academic history, which all too often is nearly unreadable. History should be engaging, so I take great pride in making my writing readable, persuasive, and accessible."

Specifically, Michael believes that stories need anecdotes, quotations, and descriptions to bring them alive. "These elements can often do more to move a story forward and elucidate the point of a particular passage than a page full of charts, graphs, numbers, and dates." The key to his approach is in-depth oral history interviews, which he considers his specialty—getting the inside stories by prompting his interviewees "to reflect and dig deep."

Examples of Gravitas History projects are biographies, autobiographies, company histories, and compilations of family oral history archives. Anyone interested in Michael's services should contact him at (212) 866-2738 or mtakiff@gravitashistory.com. He will interview essential people, beginning with older individuals (to make sure their stories are captured), preferably at their homes or businesses. Even though he is based in New York City, he travels the country to conduct interviews. "Face-to-face meetings are the best way to establish a bond and ensure a successful journey back in time."

1974 40th Reunion

JONATHAN SHELBY P '08, '11, '19 writes "I am looking forward to the Class of 1974's 40th Reunion this May! Our Class dinner is planned for Saturday, May 10 in Summit, New Jersey. I have already heard from a few members of our Class—**GUY CIPRIANO** is a definite; **ANDY MAYER**, **TODD ARNOW**, and **SCOTT BIEDRON** are definite maybes. We hope you can join us, as this should be our best turnout ever!"

1975

DAVID JEFFREY is the founder of Calluna Vineyards in Sonoma County, California. After studying



enology at Fresno State and working in Bordeaux, he planted 12 acres of Bordeaux varietals in 2004 and now produces approximately 2,500 cases per year from his vineyards. You can learn more and purchase his wines at www.CallunaVineyards.com.



***Todd Arnow '74** and CDR Michael Weeldreyer.*

In the fall of 2012, Boston-based freelance motion picture producer **TODD ARNOW '74** produced the pilot of TNT's *The Last Ship*, a series executive produced by Michael Bay that will air this summer. The ship in question is a naval destroyer (the crew has to save humanity from a global pandemic), and it turned out that filming took place aboard the USS Halsey (DDG-97), named for Fleet Admiral **WILLIAM "BULL" HALSEY, JR., CLASS OF 1900**.

"We needed to shoot on a real Navy destroyer, and it turned out that the USS Halsey would be in port in San Diego for three weeks, undergoing maintenance. The timing was fortuitous with our shooting schedule, and it is rare for a film crew to get complete access to a missile destroyer. The ship's crew couldn't have been more cooperative," Todd says.

He came to the project through his involvement with the movie *Battleship*, working closely with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon. When Mr. Bay's production company began to work on *The Last Ship*, they asked Todd to produce the pilot. "I had to reach out to the Pentagon because you can't portray the armed forces in a negative light. The Pentagon reviewed the script to address some issues, but without interfering with the story," Todd explains.

The USS Halsey crew became extras in the pilot, and filming took place all over the ship. "It was interesting to watch," Todd recalls, "because, in pre-production, we walked through all of the scenes, and the crew checked to make sure that all confidential information was removed and that computer screens were blank." While no sets were needed for the pilot, sets were built at Manhattan Beach Studios in California to film the remainder of the series.

"There truly was incredible cooperation for the pilot," Todd says. "CDR Michael Weeldreyer's crew was phenomenal and embraced us."

SEAN O'DONNELL P '05, '10 enjoyed attending Pingry's Turkey Bowl with his son **CHRISTIAN O'DONNELL '10**. Despite the frigid conditions, over 25 alumni came out to the Basking Ridge Campus to play this pick-up soccer game on Thanksgiving morning. It was a great way to start the long weekend.

DAVID RAPSON writes, "Now that I'm semi-retired from my law practice, I am enjoying other activities, including travel and serving as pitching coach for the Head-Royce School's varsity baseball team, a private school in Oakland, California."

1976

DR. RICHARD JACOBS writes, "I am married to my wife Linda, and our two children are in college. Our son Ryan is at the University of Michigan. Our daughter Dana is attending Columbia College Chicago. I am busy as Chief of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the VA St. Louis Health Care System, where we are building a high-quality program to care for veterans with cancer. When not busy with work, we are enjoying Saint Louis."

1977

CHIP CARVER, JR. P '09, '11, '14 was happy to attend The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field Rededication Ceremony at Homecoming last fall.

1978

JEFF EDWARDS P '12, '14 led the panel discussion at the Pingry on Wall Street networking event on October 24 at the Harvard Club in New York City. Jeff noted that "based on the number of attendees, the quality of the Q&A, and the breadth of conversations, the event was a tremendous success. This is a true testament to the original vision of **JASON KURZ '03**. I would like to especially thank all of the panelists for their participation and insightful comments." Read more about the event on page 36.



1979 35th Reunion

ANNE DELANEY P '09, '11, '14 writes, "Both happy and sad to have attended my last Back-to-School Day last fall. It was great to cheer on Big Blue soccer on a beautiful Homecoming day! Go Big Blue Soccer!"



Go Navy, Beat Army! **DR. ROBERT KING P '07, '12** and his son **JOSH KING '12** at the Army Navy football game in December 2012. Josh is a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy.

STEVE LIPPER P '09, '12, '14 writes, "'79ers: all of the members of your Reunion committee—**MARK BIGOS**, **MIKE BRODY**, **CHUCK CONNANT**, **JOHN HOLMAN**, **GENESIA PERLMUTTER KAMEN**, **SUSAN (RESANOVICH) RATCLIFFE**, **HEIDI SORVINO**, **TOM TRYNIN**, and me—want to see you on May 9 and 10 at our 35th Reunion. There will be activities on Pingry's campus Thursday, May 8 through Saturday, May 10, with the festivities culminating at Steve and Ann Marie Lipper's house Saturday evening, where there's bound to be lots of Springsteen playing. Mark your calendar and make your plans! Look forward to seeing you all."

TOM TRYNIN was glad to be at Homecoming last fall and to be a part of the rededication ceremony for The Miller A. Bugliari '52 World Cup Soccer Field. Tom hopes to see many of his classmates at his upcoming 35th Reunion this May.

1980

TODD EISENBUD writes, "Thanks to Facebook, I engage with the Pingry community in some way or another almost every day. **LEE BEFELER '79** and I have reconnected and see each other every once in a while. I am in a close 'Words with Friends' game with **DAVID PERLMUTTER**. I have contacted and messaged **JACK CORRADI**, **DR. MICHAEL BIUNNO**, and **BOB WITSENHAUSEN** (all musicians or related to the 'biz'). **DAVID STANTON '74** and **HERB GRICE** hurl a comment my way once in a while. And, although I haven't seen him in years, as recently as November 2012 **JON PASTERNAK '81** posted photos of *Furthur* from behind the soundboard, capturing the back of my head while I was listening right in front of the soundboard (we keep missing each other at *Furthur* concerts). Last year, I figured out that one of **SALLY ROMANO SKOGEN**'s photos was taken from the exact angle as the photo from Pink Floyd's *Wish You Were Here* album. Recently, **VIRGINIA MEBANE RADER**, **PAUL DENNISON**, and I were reminiscing about our French class' ninth- or 10th-grade trip to France with **MR. FEDER**."

LINDSAY (LIOTTA) FORNESS P '11, '14 enjoyed seeing **MATT BEATTIE '11** play for Yale's ice hockey team in the game against Princeton on October 26 at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

1984 30th Reunion

MARTHA (RYAN) GRAFF P '15, '17, '20, **BETSY (LUCAS) VREELAND P '11, '12, '15**, **EDIE (MCLAUGHLIN) NUSSBAUMER P '18, '21**, **MIMI (HUBER) LOWE**, **CONOR MULLETT P '14, '15**, and **DR. MICHAEL NITABACH**…and, hopefully, a few more folks…are working together to plan the Class of 1984's 30th Reunion. They write, "It will be fun! We're excited to be Reunion volunteers and hope that all 1984ers will save the date for Pingry's Reunion Weekend, May 8-10. We are especially looking forward to our Class Party on the evening of Saturday, May 10…stay tuned for details. Please send **HOLLAND SUNYAK '02** at Pingry (hsunyak@pingry.org) your current contact information so that we can send you information about our Class Party and Reunion Weekend as it unfolds. We look forward to seeing you in May!"



JON YOUNGHANS '79, **SUSAN (RESANOVICH) RATCLIFFE '79**, **BRAD HALL '79**, **STEVE LIPPER '79, P '09, '12, '14**, **GENESIA PERLMUTTER KAMEN '79, P '11, '13**, **ANNE DELANEY '79, P '09, '11, '14**, **CHUCK CONNANT '79**, **HEIDI SORVINO '79**, **MARK BIGOS '79**, **TOM TRYNIN '79**, **ROBIN FEMAN TRYNIN '85**, and **MIKE BRODY '79** celebrated the holiday season and their upcoming Reunion at the Class of 1979's second annual holiday party on December 3.

1985

CHRISSY STAFFORD CHAPIN is the designer and creator of Chrissy Chapin Jewelry, a line of finely hand-crafted jewelry that she





Jack Faherty '85, Pat Birotte '87, P '20, and football coach Tom Boyer P '96, '98.

describes as "clean and classic, with a boho twist." Chrissy donates a portion of each sale to charity. Customers are invited to select a charity from the list provided on the web site. To learn more about her jewelry line, please visit www.chrissychapin.com or www.facebook.com/ChrissyChapinJewelry.

JACK FAHERTY, **PAT BIROTTE '87, P '20**, and math teacher and football coach **TOM BOYER P '96, '98** caught up in September. Jack was Pingry's 1984 football captain—Coach Boyer's first football captain as varsity head coach.

DENISE LIONETTI writes, "Still loving life on Maui after 15 years! Now, in addition to teaching Spanish and salsa at Seabury Hall, I am exploring a new passion—therapeutic essential oils. I'm planning to go back to school to become a holistic health coach!"

1987

DR. KATHERINE GAMBLE writes, "I have really enjoyed getting back in touch with a number of Pingry friends from my Balladeers days. It has been a long time since I have checked in. I am married to an architect (Frank Shirley) and living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with my children Olivia and Elias. In 2012, I finally left my first 'real job' and started my own pediatric neuropsychology practice. I still love working with young kids and kids with autism spectrum disorders; after decades of being a student and another decade-plus of being an employee, it is great to be my own boss."

1988

DR. ANGELICA DIAZ-MARTINEZ, Pingry's former Director of Counseling, is now Senior Vice President for Operations at Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey in Livingston.



JASON GOLDBERG and his wife Liliana (above) had a wonderful time at Pingry's Jersey Shore Party in August 2013. Jason, Liliana, and their son Dominik live in Long Branch, New Jersey.



NED WARD '85, **HEADMASTER NAT CONARD P '09, '11**, and **P.J. LEWIS '95** at Ned and P.J.'s company, Mattel, Inc., in California. They are pictured with a life-size GTO Hot Wheels car.

ANDY GOTTESMAN P '20 writes, "Our son Joe has begun Pingry in Grade 6. We wish him the best!"

1989

25th Reunion



Chip Korn '89, Sean Honey '89, Dodie Port Baker '89, and Michael Pence '89.

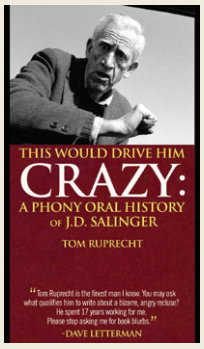
Mini-Reunion for members of the Class of 1989 at Pingry's San Francisco Area Reception hosted by Kerry and **SEAN HONEY** on December 10.

Get ready to party like it's 1989! **CHIP KORN**, **DAN MARCHESE**, **GRETCHEN WEISS OATMAN**, and **PETER ROSENBAUER** are planning a fantastic fiesta on Saturday, May 10 for the '89 Class Party. Join them on campus on May 8-10, then round out the weekend at Kara and **CHIP KORN**'s house for tacos and more!

1990

MICHELLE FRIEDLAND has been nominated by President Obama to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is a litigation partner in the San Francisco office of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, where her practice focuses primarily on antitrust litigation, appellate matters, and constitutional and academic affairs litigation for higher education institutions. Michelle has extensive experience at the state and federal trial court and appellate levels, including litigating before the United States Supreme Court.

SANJIV JHAVERI is an actor for television, film, and theatre. In December 2012, Sanjiv's *Bumbug the Musical* enjoyed its world premiere at the Harold Clurman Theatre in New York. The rock opera, co-written with Samrat Chakrabarti, is a musical reinvention of *A Christmas Carol* told through the eyes of New York City immigrants. Sanjiv is also a narrator of audiobooks, most recently having recorded Jaspreet Singh's novel *Helium*.



TOM RUPRECHT '87 took a break from writing for TV to pen a humorous ebook, *This Would Drive Him Crazy: A Phony Oral History of J.D. Salinger*. Using a fake oral history format, it tells the story of what Salinger was up to during his decades of seclusion. The book also includes fake excerpts from the unpublished novels Salinger was working on.

"I became a big fan of Salinger's while at Pingry," Tom says. "**DEAN SLUYTER** taught us *Nine Stories* in English class. It was truly a moment of the perfect book and perfect teacher finding me at just the right age. I've always been curious what Salinger was up to during his seclusion. Since there was a big documentary on Salinger about to play in theaters and air on PBS, I thought someone should tell a humorous version of what his life was like."

This Would Drive Him Crazy is available on Amazon Kindle—be sure to tell any Salinger fans you know! Tom has written for the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *How I Met Your Mother*, and *The Goodwin Games*.

MATT NICHOLS was profiled in *The SandPaper* (November 14) as the owner of Anchor Wine & Spirits in Surf City, New Jersey. He purchased the property and existing business (liquor store and restaurant, both called Callahan's) from Gene and Vicky Callahan and changed the liquor store's name. The restaurant is being renovated and will reopen as a sports bar named North Side Bar & Grille. Matt formerly worked in finance and started his new job in early November.

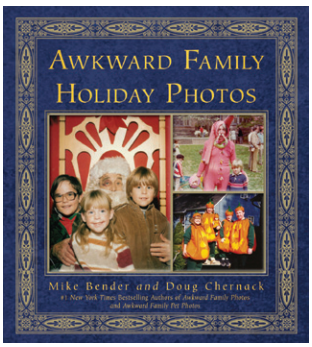
1991

WOODY WELDON writes, "My wife and I really valued the insider access provided by Pingry's Admission team for alumni at the Alumni Admission Open House during Homecoming last fall."

1992

JOSH CONNOR P '22, '24 joined Pingry's Board of Trustees in July. Read more about the new trustees on page 19.

1993



MIKE BENDER and **DOUG CHERNACK '92** published their third book, *Awkward Family Holiday Photos*, in November. Their first two books were both *New York Times* bestsellers. The two friends from Pingry created the popular web site AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com in May 2009 and have built the brand to include a TV show in development, books, calendars, greeting cards, shirts, and a board game.

BRAD BONNER P '20, '23, '25 (above) writes, "I ran the New York City Marathon on November 3 for the second and probably last time. I had the most amazing day, despite my finishing time. I probably should



have trained harder. However, it proved difficult finding adequate time to train with three kids (James '20, Elizabeth '23, and Douglas '25) on multiple sports teams. Without all of the Facebook messages from many in the Pingry community, I don't think I could have accomplished my goal of finishing. Thank you for your support! Finishing a marathon is an amazing feeling, but I think I'm going to stick to ice hockey for a hobby."

JACKIE HENKE married Kyle Wolff last spring in a beautiful ceremony with friends and family in the Turks & Caicos.

REBECCA (HORWITZ) MCCARTHY writes, "I've been working as a writer-for-hire for the past 12-plus years, writing and publishing more than 40 books with Simon & Schuster, Penguin, and Scholastic, and working with licensors such as Disney, DreamWorks, 20th Century Fox, and Nick Jr. In 2012, I launched my own business, The Written Coach, to help creative individuals write the children's or young adult book of their dreams (www.thewrittencoach.com). I enjoy reading *The Pingry Review* and continue to be a very proud Pingry alum!"

SEAN NOLAN (below) married Tracy McNulty on June 15 in Dublin, Ireland, joined by their family and friends. Tracy and Sean met at JP Morgan four years ago. As you can see in the picture, they have never been happier.





EMILY YORKE SCHAUERS (above) flew in from Little Rock to run the New York City Marathon on November 3. It was her first time running the marathon, and she completed it in 4:41.

HEATHER (SMITH) STEINMAN writes, "I am still teaching Kindergarten at Pingry. I am enjoying the opportunity to teach many children of alumni."

CHRISTOPHER ULZ and **HILARY (SUNYAK) ULZ '96** welcomed twins Owen Henry and Orly Iliana to their family.

1994 20th Reunion

MARK FRANKLIN writes, "I'm loving life in Hanover, New Hampshire with my wife Julie and our children

SARA FARBER '92 and her husband Bryan Wilson are the founders of the Brooklyn-based fun stuff think tank, Galactic Sneeze—concepts for toys, games, television, films, and more. Of the name Galactic Sneeze, Sara says it captures "the moment when you're first struck with a great idea, as well as the energy of it growing and spreading. Galactic Sneeze feels big, fun, and fitting for the type of work we do."

They're thrilled to announce the launch of their first product to hit the shelves, a tabletop party game called *Schmovie: The Hilarious Game of Outlandish Films*. The object of the game, a film-themed spinoff of a previous game they designed, is to come up with funny titles for make-believe movies, based on random combinations of film genres and wacky characters. For example, what would you call an action film about a killer sandwich? "Rye Hard"? "Stop or I'll Prosciutto"? "Breadator"? *Schmovie* is available on Amazon as well as at select retailers nationwide. The game has also garnered a cult-like following on its play-along Facebook page (facebook.com/schmovie), where fans have entered over 30,000 *Schmovie* titles. In addition to Facebook, you can follow *Schmovie* on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and Vine.

Sara has been designing, writing, and producing content for toys and games for 15 years for companies including Hasbro, Mattel, VTech, and Sesame Workshop. Bryan was a creative director in the advertising world, having created multi-dimensional campaigns for clients including M&Ms, AT&T, and Duncan Hines.



***Sara Farber '92**, Bryan Wilson, and their daughter Sadie.*

Elizabeth and Joey. I'm working as a critical care medicine physician and the ICU Medical Director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. We love to hike, ski, bike, and kayak up here. Despite all of this, I haven't forgotten New Jersey, and we come down to the shore for two weeks every summer."

AMANDA FREEMAN enjoyed hosting Pingry's fall alumnae event at her fitness studio SLT (Strengthen, Lengthen, Tone) in New York City. Participants enjoyed a free "Heart Pumping Cardio" class—this 50-minute Shred Class combines signature moves from traditional yoga with strength training elements (lite weights, gliders) and plyometrics. Amanda's studio has been featured in *The New York Times*, on HarpersBazaar.com, on fitnessmagazine.com, and in many other media. Her first New Jersey studio opened in Short Hills in early November.

MEG HARJES MULRY was a panelist at the Pingry on Wall Street networking event on October 24 at the Harvard Club in New York City. Meg spent 13 years in institutional equity research sales at Credit Suisse, holds an M.B.A. in Finance and Economics from New York University, and is an Economist at AM Best & Co., where she focuses primarily on assessing country risk. She lives in Basking Ridge with her husband Tom, son Christian, and daughter Bridget.

TED CORVINO, JR., CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN, **JANE (SHIVERS) HOFFMAN**, **AMANDA FREEMAN**, and **REBECCA (FROST) ULZ** write, "We are extremely excited to be serving on 1994's Reunion Committee and are looking forward to planning our 20th Pingry Reunion! There will be activities and events on Pingry's Basking Ridge Campus from Thursday, May 8 through Saturday, May 10, culminating with our Class Party on Saturday evening. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more information! Please send **HOLLAND SUNYAK '02** at Pingry (hsunyak@pingry.org) your current contact information so that we can send you information about our Class Party and Reunion Weekend."



***Sara Hamilton Terry '02, Ann O'Connell '85, Brittany Waser '08, Mary Lee Donahue Trousdale '78, P '08, '13, Lauren Callaghan '02, Nicole Daniele '05, Robin Moore '07, Amanda Freeman '94, Michelle Aueron '07, Lauren Tanenbaum '05, Julie Ann Aueron '05,** and **Heath Freeman '98**.*

1995

KRISTA HALEY has opened New Jersey's first distillery since Prohibition! Krista, with her business partner Brant Braue, opened Jersey Artisan Distilling in Fairfield, and their Busted Barrel Silver Rum and Busted Barrel Dark Rum are available for purchase at liquor stores, restaurants, and bars all over the state. Jersey Artisan Distilling offers tours and open houses to the public.

GWYNETH K. MURRAY-NOLAN, ESQ. and her husband John A. Forsman III joyfully welcomed their son John Axel Patrick Forsman IV on March 15 (right). Little J.P. is growing by leaps and bounds and has brought so much happiness to their lives. He already traveled to Ireland in June 2013 for the wedding of his uncle **SEAN MURRAY-NOLAN '93** to Tracy McNulty. He was joined by his aunt and godmother **MICHAELA MURRAY-NOLAN '98**. The wedding was fabulous, and J.P. was the hit of the show. Meanwhile, back in the U.S., the family continues to reside in Hoboken, and Gwyneth continues to work as a commercial defense attorney. The family enjoyed many relaxing summer weekends bonding together and trying to get some sleep at their house in Brielle, New Jersey. They planned fall trips to Notre Dame, Seattle, and Portland, Oregon.



*Business partners Brant Braue and **Krista Haley '95**.*





1996

ALEX BROUNSTEIN is busy building his hamburger empire in Georgia. He has franchised his original lunch counter restaurant, Grindhouse Killer Burgers, in Atlanta and opened a new one in Terminal D of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. In addition to the free-standing Grindhouse in midtown Atlanta, Alex recently opened another in Athens near the University of Georgia. A more recent venture is a sandwich shop called Villains, a collaboration with two other chefs. They serve Wicked Heroes.

Maggie and **CHRIS FRANKLIN** welcomed a baby boy, Charles Louis Franklin (above), on October 8. He joins big sister Libby and big brother Henry. Charlie has already had his first play date with Lily Vinnakota, daughter of **RAHUL VINNAKOTA**, and first Benihana lunch with **SAM WILSON**.

JAKE ROSS joined the Pingry faculty in September (read more on page 20). He had taught middle school history and coached soccer, hockey, and baseball at Delbarton since 2003. He writes, "After 10 good years at Delbarton, I decided to return to Pingry to work and coach with people like **MILLER BUGLIARI '52**, **DAVID FAHEY '99**, and **JOHN MAGADINI**, and to finally be able to give something back to such a great school."

JONATHAN SHORT writes, "My wife Linsey and I live in Maplewood with our two boys Merritt and Camden. Linsey and I met at Bowdoin College, from which we both graduated in 2000. For some reason, Linsey continued to like

me enough to travel south to William & Mary, where she graduated from the business school and I graduated from the law school in 2003. Linsey is the Director of Individual Giving at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, and I am a partner at McCarter & English, LLP, practicing in the area of intellectual property litigation and counseling."

HILARY (SUNYAK) ULZ and **CHRISTOPHER ULZ '93** and big sister Olivia welcomed twins to their family. Owen Henry and Orly Iliana were born on November 2. All are happy, healthy, and doing great!



Orly Iliana Ulz and Owen Henry Ulz.

RAHUL VINNAKOTA and his wife Kim are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Lily Davis Vinnakota on July 18.

1997

CASEY HANNON, his wife Kristin, and their son Brady have moved to Philadelphia. They look forward to re-connecting with Pingry alumni in the area.

1998



Quinn Pearl Convery.

NOLAN CONVERY and his wife Erika are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Quinn Pearl Convery on November 5. Quinn weighed 9 pounds and measured 22 inches. They enjoyed spending their first Christmas together as a family.



***David Greig '98** and Callahan Greig.*

DAVID GREIG writes, "Back from my semester abroad at NYU Stern's partner school in Australia—University of New South Wales' Australian Graduate School of Management. This finishes my M.B.A.! My wife Sarah and daughter Callahan had a great time hitting Coogee Beach and exploring Sydney, while my schedule left plenty of time to join them. We traveled all over the country during our four months and finished our time in the southern hemisphere with a two-week finale in New Zealand. While in Oz, I got to keep the Pingry alumni network strong by seeing **JAMIE NEWHOUSE '95**. It was a great experience, but we are excited to be back in the good old U.S.A."

ANDREW GRUEL's restaurant Slapfish has begun working with a local franchising firm to grow the brand to 500 restaurants over the next 10 years. The first franchises debuted in the Middle East, where a well-established restaurant operator bought the rights to open at least 50 Slapfish restaurants, the first opening in Dubai in early 2014.



***Andrew Gruel '98** and Jethro Naude, owners of Slapfish.*

Andrew and his partner Jethro Naude began Slapfish with a food truck in California, but put a brake to the mobile business to open their first restaurant in April 2012. To find out more about Slapfish, visit www.slapfishrestaurant.com.

Emily and **JUSTIN MANLY** welcomed a baby boy, Canon James Manly, on August 6. Justin writes, "He is enjoying the adoration of his parents and big sister Eliza. We get the kids together frequently with Kate and **PAUL ANDERSON '99**, who live around the corner in Chicago and recently welcomed twin girls!"



Canon James Manly.



*Juan L. Sanchez and **Dr. Nicole Murray '98**.*

DR. NICOLE MURRAY writes, "I graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine in Havana, Cuba. In October 2012, I married Juan L. Sanchez, a Marine and course director and college professor at Full Sail University in Florida. Our wedding took place at the Basking Ridge Country Club in New Jersey. My sister **MORGAN MURRAY '02**, who lives in New York and is Director of Disability Services at Barnard College, sister school to Columbia University, was my Maid of Honor. I have left Warren, and my husband and I have moved into our newly-built five-bedroom home in Winter Springs, Florida.

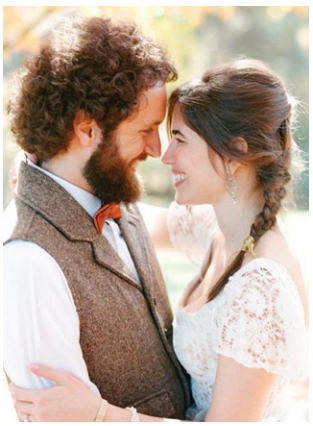
1999 15th Reunion



***Paul Anderson '99** and his wife Kate with their twins Clara and Violet.*

PAUL ANDERSON writes, "My wife Kate and I are proud to announce the arrival of our twins Clara Jane Anderson and Violet Adrian Anderson. Clara and Violet arrived on September 15, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and 5 pounds, 5 ounces, respectively. Our girls are lucky to have two Pingry 'cousins' close by here in Chicago, Eliza and Canon Manly (parents Emily and **JUSTIN MANLY '98**)."

AMY BROUNSTEIN CAROTA married Nathaniel (Nate) Carota on October 21, 2012, in an Audubon, Pennsylvania apple orchard, followed by an elegant reception in a historic barn. In attendance were **ALEX BROUNSTEIN '96**, **SARAH KEIL CHERNOFF**, **MIKE CHERNOFF**, **BARRIE SUESKIND**, **ERICA (GRAUERHOLZ)**



*Nate Carota and **Amy Brounstein Carota '99**.*

HARMON, and **EMILY BURNS**. Coincidentally, the musician at the wedding was **DAVID FRIEDLAND '94** (under the stage name of David Berkeley). Amy works at Currenex as an Integration Specialist. Nate works as a Production Accountant at JFA Production Accounting. The couple resides in New York City.

ALRYN DAVICH and **ERIC DAVICH '02**, siblings and entrepreneurs, were recently featured in both *Fortune* magazine and *Bowdoin Magazine*. Both music majors at Bowdoin College, they used their creativity and passion to found their own companies. Arlyn is founder and CEO of Manhattan-based PayPerks, a financial capability and rewards platform for low- and middle-income consumers. Eric works as Chief Content Officer for Songza, a company he co-founded that offers a streaming music service of curated playlists. Read the full article at tech.fortune.cnn.com/2013/12/11/accidental-entrepreneurs.

LEXI FALLON is highly involved with Zimkids, a charity in Zimbabwe that helps orphaned children with educational opportunities, recreational activities, food, medical care, and skills training. Via Skype calls and email, the organization also promotes relationships between the children of Zimkids and their American peers. To learn more about this great organization, please visit www.zimkids.com, and, if you would like to get involved, please contact Lexi at lexi.fallon@gmail.com.

DR. ALEXA GALE married **MICHAEL RENDA '00** on June 1 in Annapolis, Maryland.

LAURA (COWAN) KEHOE and Todd Kehoe welcomed their third child, Morgan Carole Kehoe, on January 23, 2013.



***Laura (Cowan) Kehoe '99** and **Todd Kehoe '99** with their children Morgan, Sean, and Molly.*

Reunion volunteers **AMA BURNHAM**, **CAROLINE DIEMAR**, **DAVID M. FAHEY**, **LEXI FALLON**, **CHERIE FUHRMAN**, **LINDSAY HOLMES**, **BEN LEHRHOFF**, **MICHAEL ROBERTS**, **ADAM SCHAYOWITZ**, **JULIAN SCURCI**, and **NATASHA SUNDERAM** are looking forward to their 15-year Pingry Reunion! Save the date for 1999's Class Party on Saturday, May 10. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **JUDY BROWN** in the Office of Alumni & Development at (908) 647-7058 or jbrown@pingry.org.



AMA BURNHAM '99 met up with **TODD KEHOE '99**, **NICK SARROWAITE '99**, **JULIAN SCURCI '99**, **DAVID M. FAHEY '99**, **KELLY (SHERIDAN) FLORENTINO '99**, **MATT MARGOLIS '99**, **NATASHA SUNDERAM '99**, Agnese Roberts, **MICHAEL ROBERTS '99**, **MIKE ZEILER '99**, and **DAN BUELL '99** at the October networking event Pingry on Wall Street. She even was convinced to join the Reunion committee for their 15th Reunion, so you all better be there, too!

2000

DR. JESSICA MERKEL-KELLER recently returned from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She was invited to teach psychiatry to the inaugural class of medical students at Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine, which was founded in 2010 in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Jessica writes, "This was truly an experience of a lifetime. I traveled halfway around the world and saw the mind break in predictable ways. For me, practicing psychiatry in South Asia meant practicing human rights. Family members of the mentally ill still chain and shackle their difficult-to-control loved ones. It was not long ago that this was still a practice in the U.S. While it exists in our social memory, it was a singular experience to be confronted with the physicality of it. The mind is truly the last frontier in medicine."

MICHAEL RENDA married **DR. ALEXA GALE '99** on June 1 in Annapolis, Maryland. In attendance were **ANTONINA RENDA '98**, **MICHELLE RENDA '02**, **JAMES GREGOIRE**, **DR. JAMES SKIBA**, and **DAVID RISKIN**, who served as Best Man. Alexa and Michael dated back in their Pingry days and attended the 1998 prom together. They began dating again in 2009. The happy couple lives together in a house they purchased in 2012 in Arlington, Virginia. Alexa works as an emergency room physician in La Plata, Maryland, while Michael works for DC Energy in Vienna, Virginia. When not working, they enjoy sailing on the Potomac River and out in Annapolis.

GIANFRANCO TRIPICCHIO and his wife Kristen welcomed Charlie, a healthy baby boy, on Halloween. Mom and Charlie are doing great, and he's looking forward to joining the Big Blue family.



Charlie Tripicchio.



***Dr. Jessica Merkel-Keller '00** and colleagues from Hospital Kuala Lumpur prepare for psychiatric home visits through the community psychiatry program.*



***Michelle Renda '02, Michael Renda '00, Dr. Alexa Gale '99, David Riskin '00, James Gregoire '00,** and **Dr. James Skiba '00**.*

2001

CHARLES BARSAMIAN writes, "Greetings from the West Coast Pingry fam! It's been quite a ride since walking out the doors back in 2001 and plunging into the real world. Following my graduation from Rice University in '05 and from New York Law School in '09 (and gaining admission to the New York State Bar Association), I moved to Los Angeles to pursue work in the entertainment industry. I'm proud to say, a few short years later, I've been fortunate enough to have associate produced six films, including *Plush* for director Catherine Hardwicke and the upcoming Martin Scorsese film *Revenge of the Green Dragons*. I have also served as the music and business legal executive on 70-plus feature films, including *Side Effects*, *Drive*, *Looper*, *Don Jon*, and *End of Watch*, arranging for and procuring film financing in exchange for the acquisition of music rights. This has allowed me to work with some truly talented (and Oscar award-winning) composers, songwriters, and artists, including Dario Marianelli, Mychael Danna, Slash, and Dr. John. Despite the madness, I make it to the East Coast a few times a year, usually during winter no less, and still keep in touch with the old crew. I encourage anyone interested to look me up—please note, however, that I have resisted Facebook for over a decade now. This is probably my greatest achievement so far!"

Robert Siegel Studio, owned by **ROBERT SIEGEL**, was featured in *Zagat's LA Holiday Guide* and in the December 2013 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*. His colorful line—from bowls to coffee mugs, plates, and more—is stylishly rustic and comes in a full array of colors! You can follow him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RSHANDMADE, order from his Etsy shop, Robertsiegel, or visit his web site: www.robertsiegelstudio.com.

2002

JAMES CUMMINS married Marina Thompson on August 10 in Old Lyme, Connecticut. They celebrated with friends and other alumni. James is a rare book dealer in New York for his family business James Cummins Bookseller. Marina graduated from Dartmouth College and received an M.B.A. from The Wharton School in June 2013. They live on the Upper West Side with their puppy Stella.



*Marina Thompson and **James Cummins '02**.*

ERIC DAVICH and **ALRYN DAVICH '99**, siblings and entrepreneurs, were recently featured in both *Fortune* magazine and *Bowdoin Magazine*. Eric co-founded and works as Chief Content Officer for Songza, and Arlyn is founder and CEO of Manhattan-based PayPerks.

There was a strong showing of Diemars at Pingry's annual Alumni Ice Hockey Game over Thanksgiving weekend. **CHARLIE DIEMAR** and **THOMAS DIEMAR '96** took to the ice while **CAROLINE DIEMAR '99**, **LAUREN (GRUEL) DIEMAR '96**, Eleanor, Bob, and Abby cheered in the cold.

KATIE ROBERTS DINNEEN married Brian Dinneen on July 6 in Beaver Creek, Colorado. They celebrated with family and friends, including many Pingry alumni and parents. Katie and Brian live in Stamford, Connecticut.

On September 1, **COURTNEY MATSON** married sweetheart Michael Katigbak in Ludlow, Vermont, surrounded by friends and family, including **LIZ DEE**, **JESSICA DEE SAWYER '99**, **MICHAEL DEE '68, P '99, '02**, and **KRISTIN GHABRIAL**.

KENNY OLMSTEAD writes, "I have worked at the Pew Research Center studying how technology has changed the news media for the last seven years. More recently, I have expanded into research and polling on technology policy topics like privacy, intellectual property, and media consumption."



*Front row: **Lauren Callaghan '02**, **Caitlin Morahan '02**, **Katie Roberts Dinneen '02**, and Brian Dinneen. Back row: **Loraine Callaghan P '02, '03, '06**, **Jane Roberts P '99, '02, '09**, **Michael Roberts '99**, Agnese Roberts, **Dan Roberts P '99, '02, '09**, Meredith Scurci, **Julian Scurci '99**, and **Elizabeth Roberts '09**.*



***Liz Dee '02**, **Jessica Dee Sawyer '99**, **Michael Dee '68, P '99, '02**, **Courtney Matson '02**, Michael Katigbak, and **Kristin Ghabrial '02**.*

AMANDA RICHARDSON is a land tenure specialist at the Landesa Center for Women's Land Rights in Seattle. She works to secure land rights for women in developing countries in order to improve their financial and social status. In June, she was tapped by the State Department's U.S. Speaker Program to speak about women's land rights and food security at various events in Geneva, Bern, Zurich, and Florence, and at United Nations agencies in Rome.



***Amanda Richardson '02** discussing the correlation between landlessness and hunger.*

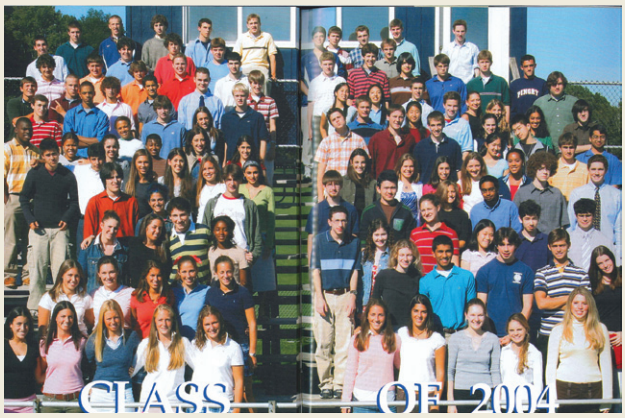


***Jessica Thomson '02** and Wes Szafran.*

JESSICA THOMSON married Wes Szafran on September 1 in Warren, New Jersey. The couple celebrated their day with close family and friends, including Jessica's sisters Heather Saum, **KACIE (THOMSON) OSWORTH '94**, and **KAREN THOMSON '08**.

2003

RACHEL ASKIN writes, "Recently moved to Boston to continue working for LevelUp, a mobile payment startup. So glad to be back at Pingry [for the Alumnae Soccer Game], especially to see old teammates and play on the new World Cup Field!"



Class of 2004, remember this photo? It may have been 10 years, but **JOHN ANAGNOSTIS**, **ANNA BALCH**, **BOBBY GILDEA**, **LIAM GRIFF**, **ALEX HOLLAND**, and **ELANA WILF TANZMAN** can't wait for their Reunion, May 8-10, 2014, and hope you will all join them on campus and at the Class Party on Saturday night!

LAURA FUHRMAN is engaged to Benjamin Phillips, originally from St. Louis. Laura is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Pediatric Neuropsychology at Columbia University in New York City. Benjamin is pursuing an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. They are planning a June 2015 wedding.

JASON KURZ helped organize "Pingry on Wall Street," the school's first industry-focused networking event. He writes, "I've been working hard to build the Pingry on Wall Street network. We held our first event at the Harvard Club on October 24, and I was astounded by the response and turnout. I am looking forward to continuing to grow this network of alumni and parents in the finance industry." Read more about the event on page 36.

2004 10th Reunion

JASON LEVINN is engaged to Emilee Ritchie. They are planning to marry in June 2014 in Pennsylvania.

2005

KATHARINE HAMPSON married Phillip Perkins of Andover, Massachusetts on September 14 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. They met at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and reside in Boston. The bridal party included **CHRISTOPHER HAMPSON '98**, **ELIZABETH HAMPSON '00**, and **TANYA NAHVI '04**.



*Phillip Perkins and **Katharine Hampson '05**.*



***Ashley Ulker '06** and **Alison Sarokhan '05**.*

ALISON SAROKHAN is in her third year at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and is greatly enjoying herself.

DANA VAN BRUNT, **CAROLINE BOYER**, and **CATHERINE DONNE** had a great time catching up at the Pingry on Wall Street networking event. It was nice to see the Pingry community get together for such a fun event.



TANYA NAHVI '04 married Ryan McLelland on July 20 in Bethpage, New York. The two met as freshmen at Johns Hopkins University and reside in New York City. The wedding ceremony was officiated by **JAIME DELIA '04**, and the bridal party included **JENNIFER NAHVI-SICKLES '95**, **SHADI NAHVI '93**, **MELISSA TYSON '04**, and **KATIE HAMPSON '05**. Also joining the celebration were **MELISSA KRONTHAL '04**, **JES TAYLOR '04**, **MATT ROOKE '04**, **DAVID NOYES '04**, **AMANDA KAVANAUGH '02**, **JACK FALCONE '04**, **BRYAN ZUPON '04**, **GUY MERIN '04**, **ALEX HOLLAND '04**, **ALI CLARKE '04**, and **STEVEN HOROWITZ '04** (Ali and Steven are not pictured).

2006

LEN COLEMAN writes, "It was great to be back at Pingry for the World Cup Field rededication ceremony. Honoring Coach and remembering Kim in one moment was pretty special."

JULIANNE DILEO and **PARK SMITH** moved back to New Jersey from Florida following Julie's graduation from law school. Park works in administration for Jersey College, and Julie is the law clerk to The Honorable Joseph Turula in Hudson County. The couple will wed in May 2014 in Central Valley, New York.

MORGAN GRIFF writes, "The World Cup Field rededication ceremony was a resounding success. It was a pleasure to see the school recognize the indelible and transformative impact that **MILLER BUGLIARI '52** has had on thousands of student-athletes. I always loved hearing **SARAH KIMBER** scream, 'Here we go, Kimbo!' when I was an athlete, so it was awesome to sit next to her and Casey Kimber on this historic day. I will always cherish the memories that I have of playing on the World Cup Field (but mostly watching from the sidelines) with **KIM KIMBER '07**."

KELLY PEELER had a great time reconnecting with **MARGOT GIANIS**, **CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS**, **SAM BLUM**, **KIWANII POND**, **MATT KUDZIELA**, **ANTHONY FEENICK**, **TAI DIMAIO**, and **WILL PARHAM** on the rooftop of Rare in Chelsea, New York City—coincidentally on Dr. Pingry's 195th Birthday [September 26, 2013].

JEREMY TEICHER returned to Pingry on October 4 for a pri-



Morgan Griff '06, Katrina Pregibon '06, Julie Hamilton '06, Alex Budd '06, Tom Strackhouse '06, Sam Jurist '06, Len Coleman '06, Logan Marshall '06, and **Chris Cummins '07** at Pingry's Homecoming in October.



Liam Griff '04, Conor Griff '02, Eric Hynes '08, Len Coleman '06, *and* ***Morgan Griff '06*** *at Pingry's Homecoming in October.*

vate community screening of his first feature film *Tall as the Baobab Tree*. Read more on page 34.

KATRINA WELCH enjoyed catching up with fellow Pingry alumni at a pop-up Boston event on November 14 at Meadhall in Cambridge. In attendance were **NATASHA (TASHA) WELCH '09**, **SARA MOURADIAN**, **DENISE LAFORGIA '03**, **CHRISTIN GIANIS '03**, and **ADAM SCHAYOWITZ '99**.

2007

SCOTT DAVIMOS writes, "I had a great time at 'Pingry on Wall Street.' I love the Pingry network! I will always stay connected to the Pingry community."

JASON KLUGER is working as an analyst at JP Morgan's Private Bank in New York.

2008

KIM KROLL plays soccer in a recreation league on weekends with **KATHLEEN SOO HOO**.

JOHN SOO HOO recently started consulting at IBM. He lives nine streets down from his sister **KATHLEEN SOO HOO** in NYC!

2009 5th Reunion

MATT FECHTER moved out to L.A. to try to work in the entertainment industry. After two months of meeting professionals—**ALAN BERGER '68**, **DAVID BUGLIARI '97**, **GEORGE HELLER '97**, and **CHRIS BENDER '89**—and interviewing, he was offered an internship at Chris Bender's production company Benderspink. Later that week, Matt had his first interview with United Talent Agency. He was offered a spot in UTA's Agent Training Program, directly after a second interview in front of a panel of 10 agents. Matt finished his internship at Benderspink and started working for United Talent Agency in January.

DIANE GIANGRECO is working with Pingry's drama program during the 2013-14 school year as part of the new "Alumni Fellowships in Drama." Read more on page 26.



Natasha (Tasha) Welch '09, Sara Mouradian '06, Katrina Welch '06, Denise LaForgia '03, *and* ***Christin Gianis '03.***



TAYLOR WALSH '08, **ASHLEY ULKER '06**, **KRISTIN MALETSKY '06**, and **ANITA GANTI '09** gathered for the White Coat Ceremony at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School on August 9. Orientation week culminates with the traditional White Coat Ceremony, when they were coated by RWJ Medical School faculty and recited the Hippocratic Oath.

Fresh off his month-long 16-state tour, hip-hop and rap artist **GRANT PALMER**, known as "IamG," volunteered to perform at the Newark Halloween parade this past October. The performance was organized by **PAT BIROTTE '87, P '20**.

SARAH PATON returned to Pingry for the first trimester of the 2013-14 school year as part of the new "Alumni Fellowships in Drama." She has been accepted into the Love Creek Productions acting company and is working for The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey as a teacher in their residency program in January and February. Read more on page 26.

WILL STAMATIS, playing soccer at Columbia University, received All-Ivy League honors this past fall. Read more on page 32.

RACHEL ADELEYE, **MAYA ARTIS**, **ANDREW BABBITT**, **DANIEL KISSEL**, **ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, and **GIANCARLO RIOTTO** write, "We are looking forward to planning the Class of 2009's five-year Class Reunion this May. Save the date for our Class Party on Saturday, May 10 in New York City. We are hoping for a great turnout and are excited to see the entire Class celebrate the first of many fun Reunions! Check your email, mailbox, and Facebook for updates. To update your contact information, please contact **HOLLAND SUNYAK '02** at hsunyak@pingry.org.

2010

MARTIN BAWDEN, **CHLOE BLACKER**, **DAVID KERR**, and **WILL MOORE** are part of Pingry squash history. Read more on page 32.

CALVIN JONES is in his third season on the Yale University men's swim team.



CAROLINE KWON '07, **JOHN KWON '10**, and **EMILY KWON '16** participated in the 13th Annual Boston Half Marathon on October 13. Emily was one of only two 15-year-old runners in the race, out of 8,000 registered runners. She finished in 2:09:02.

2011



A soccer reunion for **CAMERON KIRDZIK '13** (Yale University), **MATT SHEELEIGH** (Harvard University), and **HENRY FLUGSTAD-CLARKE '13** (Yale).

VICTORIA MUNN is studying in Australia at Griffith University: Gold Coast Campus. She is majoring in exercise science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy. She looks forward to potentially meeting up with **TANYA WELCH**!"

TANYA WELCH is studying at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia this spring and will be taking courses related to her civil engineering degree.

ANDREW YOUNG, a junior at MIT, started his own company to offer a healthier alternative and supplement to energy drinks. He has been a three-year starter for the MIT men's soccer team and led the defense for the 2012 team that won the NEWMAC Tournament for the first time in MIT men's soccer history. Read more about Andrew's business on page 36.

HARRISON YU finished a three-week intensive German language course in Vienna and began the 11-week-long history class component of the study abroad program. In the week between, he traveled to London for The University of Chicago's business program.

2012

RYAN CAMPBELL returned to Pingry on October 23 to sing with his fellow members of The Yale Spizzwinks(?), America's oldest underclassman a cappella group.



RANDY FALK '11 won his second Big Ten Championship with the men's soccer team at Penn State. He is pictured above, immediately to the right of the trophy.



Ryan Campbell '12, center, as soloist in The Beatles' "Let It Be."



MAEL CORBOZ (Rutgers), Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach **MILLER BUGLIARI '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20**, and **RANDY FALK '11** (Penn State) reunited on September 6 when the Rutgers men's soccer team hosted Penn State. Mael earned a number of honors this past fall. Read more on page 32.

COREY DELANEY, playing soccer at Dartmouth College, received All-Ivy League honors this past fall. Read more on page 32.

ANDREW HANNA spent last summer in Jordan's capital city, learning Arabic with a program made available by the Qasid Institute and earning college credits at Princeton. It was an interesting time to study in Jordan, as Egypt's coup broke out and students studying in Egypt had to be evacuated and join his program in Jordan. During his fall break, Andrew spent some time at Pingry to work on a project for a Princeton media class, which asked him to write about a local happening while he was home. He decided to focus on Pingry's new schedule and how it impacted students and faculty.

ALEX MANGO (Columbia), **WILL LACOSTA '13** (Brown), and **DORIAN ALLEN '13** (Dartmouth) enjoyed a Pingry swimming mini-reunion when they swam in an Ivy League meet at Princeton University in December.

SARAH PARK is enjoying a busy and fulfilling sophomore year at Brown University. Aside from being a section editor for the "Business & Startups" section and Senior Staff Writer for *The Intercollegiate Finance Journal*, a member of *The Brown Daily Herald* business staff, a freshman peer advisor, and a teacher's assistant for the class "Management of Industrial and Nonprofit Organizations," Sarah loves her Economics and Political Science classes and plans to declare a double concentration in these two subjects. She enjoyed catching up with Pingry friends and teachers over winter break.



***Alex Mango '12**, **Will LaCosta '13**, former Boys' Varsity Swimming Head Coach **Bill Reichle P '00**, **Dorian Allen '13**, and Upper School Director **Dr. Denise Brown-Allen P '13**.*



A soccer reunion for **EMILY DAMSTROM '12** (Villanova University) and **BRIAN COSTA '13** (Princeton University). Pictured are Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach **MILLER BUGLIARI '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20**, **JAMIE SMITH '15, GRIFFIN MULLETT '15**, **ROB DIAZ '15**, **JACK DE LANEY '16**, **GEN KANEKO '16**, **CHARLIE MOORE-GILLON '14**, **BRIAN COSTA '13**, **STEWART WOOD '14**, **AKSHAY RAO '14**, **CHRISTINA COSTA '16**, **EMILY DAMSTROM '12**, **RACHEL CORBOZ '14**, and **DREW TOPOR '14**.



Lisa Ulker '13, Herminia Ulker, Ashley Ulker '06, Dr. Erol Ulker, and Kaitlin Ulker '12.

DAVID SUKHIN, creator of the Snow Day Calculator, is donating 10 percent of his app sales to The 2014 Pingry Fund. Check out his app at www.snowdaycalculator.com to see the chances of your school or business closing, and help Pingry!

KAITLIN ULKER and **LISA ULKER '13** proudly attended the White Coat Ceremony at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School on August 9 to support their sister **ASHLEY ULKER '06**.

MARISA WERNER traveled to Italy for three weeks and interned at a pasta company near Naples. As a Romance Language Major at Dartmouth College, she sought to improve her Italian and gain exposure to European business culture.

2013

BRIAN COSTA (Princeton) had a soccer reunion with **MAEL CORBOZ '12** (Rutgers University) when Rutgers hosted Princeton on September 13.

A soccer reunion for **CHRISTIAN FECHTER '13** (Davidson) and **MATT SHEELEIGH '11** (Harvard).



ELLIS FLANNERY is enjoying wrestling at Johns Hopkins University. He has also had the opportunity to see many Pingry friends during his first year at college.

CAMERON KIRDZIK, playing soccer at Yale University, received All-Ivy League honors and was named "Rookie of the Week" in October. Read more on page 32.

TIM LANDERS enjoyed catching up with **COACH MAGS** and his former teammates at the annual Alumni Ice Hockey Game on November 29. He writes, "It was great to see all my buddies from my year and years past and enjoy such a fun night at the Beacon Hill Club."

KATIE RUESTERHOLZ, playing field hockey at Columbia University, received multiple honors this past fall and set a new Columbia record. Read more on page 32.

DANIELLE SEDILLO, playing soccer at Lafayette College, was profiled in the college's magazine this past fall. Read more on page 32.

JUSTIN SULLIVAN and **JOHN KWON '10** appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* in Times Square on September 11 when the Tufts Beelzebubs performed as part of ABC's College Week. This back-to-school series of performances featured a cappella, theater, cheerleading, and marching band groups.



College freshmen return to Pingry: **RAHUL RAKHIT '13** (Boston College), **HUGH THOMPSON '13** (Wake Forest University), Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach **MILLER BUGLIARI '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20**, **MICHAEL PATRIZIO '13** (Hobart and William Smith Colleges), and **SPENCER BIANCO '13** (Lehigh University).



Boys' Varsity Swimming Head Coach **STEVE DROSTE** was thrilled to welcome former Pingry swimmers **ALEX TUNG '13** (UCLA), **NIC FINK '11** (Georgia), **ALEX MANGO '12** (Columbia), **WILL LACOSTA** (Brown), **JAMES ROSS '12** (Stanford), and **JASON RING '12** (Williams) back on deck for practice during Thanksgiving break.



*Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Head Coach **John Magadini, Justin Gump '13, Henry Meiring '13, Ryan Lander '13, Thomas Fowler '13,** and **Tim Landers '13**.*



Charlie Moore-Gillon '14, Gen Kaneko '16, Akshay Rao '14, Mael Corboz '12, Brian Costa '13,** and **Max Helfman '14.

In **Memoriam**

Pingry Remembers Honorary Trustee David M. Baldwin '47

David M. Baldwin '47
February 16, 2014, age 85, Short Hills, N.J.



Mr. Baldwin was a distinguished leader in Pingry's community, serving in various positions as a Trustee from 1968 to 1985. He was named an Honorary Trustee upon his retirement from the board, received Pingry's Letter-in-Life Award in 1986, played a major role in Pingry's move from Hillside to Basking Ridge, and commissioned the school's two statues of Dr. Pingry.

A graduate of The College of William & Mary and Lehigh University (B.S. in Business Administration), Mr. Baldwin served in the U.S. Army before joining the former Charles F. Noyes Company as a real estate broker in 1954, beginning his career as an award-winning and widely-respected real estate investor and executive. Ten years later, at age 35, he became President and Chief Executive of the company, the youngest chief executive officer of a major national real estate company. He formed the David M. Baldwin Realty Company, Inc. in 1994 to specialize in the management of real estate in downtown Manhattan. Mr. Baldwin was also heavily involved with charities and organizations, including serving as a founding member of the board of the Henry Stifel Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and ultimately a Vice-Chair of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

Pingry will always be grateful for Mr. Baldwin's decades of commitment to the school. During his term on the board, he served as Vice President (1969-1979) and Vice Chair (1980-84), and was a member of the Executive Committee (1969-84). He also served as Chair of the Development and Real Estate Committees, as well as Chair of the 1969 Headmaster Selection and Nominating Committees that resulted in H. Westcott "Scotty" Cunningham '38, P '78, '80 becoming Pingry's 11th Headmaster in 1970.

Also during his years on the board, Mr. Baldwin was a pivotal member of the group of trustees who helped Pingry move from Hillside to Basking Ridge. He was both a major contributor to and effective solicitor for the New Building Fund, and his major responsibility was selling the Hillside property, including trying to find buyers and determining the value of the Hillside Campus. Due to his extensive experience and connections in real estate, he was involved with all of Pingry's activities relating to real estate, including negotiations with architects and bankers. His energy, wisdom, and generous support helped bring the project to fruition.

The school also benefited tremendously from Mr. Baldwin's philanthropy. He gave generously to The Pingry Fund, was a member of the 1861 Leadership Society, was a founding member of the C.B. Newton Society, and commissioned both of *The Beginning of Wisdom* statues that adorn the entrances of Pingry's two campuses. At the dedication ceremony in Basking Ridge, Mr. Baldwin's friend Dr. Bill Tansey III '62, P '89, '90, '92 described him as a "persistent optimist" who wanted to give an appropriate "symbol of immeasurable gratitude." As such, Mr. Baldwin hoped that these memorials to Dr. Pingry would, in some way, inspire generations of young people, and they have certainly done so.

In honor of his parents, Mr. Baldwin and his wife Barbara also established the Cyril and Beatrice Baldwin Family Citizen of the Year Award, first presented on May 12, 1984 at the dedication ceremony of the Basking Ridge Campus. Subsequently presented at Commencement, the award recognizes "members of the Pingry family who, in rendering meritorious service to the community, have demonstrated those qualities of responsible citizenship that Pingry aspires to instill in all of those associated with the school."

Also part of his Pingry legacy, Mr. Baldwin was captain of the football and golf teams and is a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame; he was an all-star fullback, state-ranked track star, and highly-accomplished golf player. Mr. Baldwin is also in the Hall of Fame as a member of the 1943 Football, 1947 Golf, and 1947 Track Teams. He is featured in Pingry's commemorative 25th Anniversary video that tells the story of the campus move. When the school celebrated its 150th Anniversary, Mr. Baldwin served as Honorary Co-Chair, served on the Sesquicentennial Honorary Committee, and was interviewed for *The Greatest Respect: Pingry at 150 Years*.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Barbara M. Baldwin; sons Dr. David M. Baldwin, Jr. '75, Alfred D. Baldwin '76, and William S. Baldwin '78; brother Theodore D. Baldwin '47; stepdaughter Kimberly (Stein) Fleming '81 and stepson Martin "Fritz" Stein III '82; and three grandchildren. Mr. Baldwin was predeceased by his youngest son Theodore D. Baldwin '81.





The Beginning of Wisdom *statues on the Basking Ridge Campus (left, in the Baldwin Courtyard) and Short Hills Campus (right).*

William Woodruff Betteridge '42

November 20, 2013, age 89, Boston, Mass.



Mr. Betteridge, a Pingry trustee from 1974 to 1978, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated from Yale University, and received an M.B.A. from New York University. He spent his career in numerous executive positions with AT&T. His wife of 55 years, Jane, predeceased him. Survivors include his sons James '72 and Dr. David '75, daughter Ann, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Henry G. Stifel

September 18, 2013, age 85, Springfield, N.J.



Mr. Stifel, a Pingry trustee from 1974 to 1984, graduated from Princeton University and served in the U.S. Air Force. He served as Vice President and General Manger of Xerox of Canada Ltd. and as CEO and Chairman of Armotek Industries, Inc., and was a founding partner of the New York Islanders. Motivated by an automobile accident that left his 17-year-old son Henry G. Stifel III '83 in a wheelchair in 1982, Mr. Stifel led the efforts to find a cure for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury. Conventional wisdom at the time was that spinal cord injuries were permanent, so, as a consequence, there were very few researchers (or research dollars) in the field. With the help of friends and others who were touched by spinal cord injury, Mr. Stifel founded and was President, CEO, and Chairman of the Stifel Paralysis Research Foundation (SPRF), whose mission was to raise funds and encourage research for a cure for paralysis and related neurological disorders. After also serving as Director of the American Paralysis Association (APA), he was elected Chairman and CEO of the APA, into which he merged SPRF; APA was re-named the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation after Mr. Reeve and his wife Dana joined the board. In honor of their son Henry, Mr. Stifel and his wife Charlotte established the Henry G. Stifel III Scholarship Fund at Pingry (1998) to honor the recipients of the Henry G. Stifel III Award since its inception in 1984. The fund, which offers need-based financial aid, is used to award scholarships—in honor of all Stifel Award recipients—to students who otherwise would be unable to attend Pingry. The Stifel Award is presented to an individual at Pingry who has overcome adversity and exhibited qualities of courage, endurance, optimism, compassion, and spirit. Survivors include his wife Charlotte; daughters Wendy, Stephanie, and Amy; son Henry G. Stifel III '83, a Pingry trustee; three sons-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

Harold L. Crane, Jr. '36

June 13, 2013, age 95, Santa Barbara, Calif.



Mr. Crane attended Princeton University and served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery. He joined the College Board, which evolved into a job at the Educational Testing Service (ETS), where he became Director of Operations. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth; sons Bruce and Gordon; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Ronald Kellogg MacMaster, Jr. '39

August 20, 2013, age 91, Chatsworth, Calif.

Mr. MacMaster earned a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Princeton University and an M.B.A. at Rutgers University, and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He spent his career in the airplane and aerospace industries. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Joan; children Timothy, Emily, and Douglass; and seven grandchildren.

Robert Nelson Chamberlin '48

December 27, 2013, age 83, Stuart, Fla.



Mr. Chamberlin, praised by Pingry classmates for his abilities in soccer and basketball, attended the University of Virginia, where he earned All-Athletic Coast Conference honors for soccer in 1956 and 1957. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Chamberlin became a marketing director at the Xerox Corporation. Survivors include his wife Judith; sons Andrew and Ames; sister Gayle; brother R. Guy; and three granddaughters.

Robert B. O'Brien, Jr. '53

December 4, 2013, age 79, Bay Head, N.J.



Mr. O'Brien, a graduate of Lehigh University, spent his career in banking, including 18 years as Chairman of Carteret Bancorp. He was also the Founding President of the Community Foundation of New Jersey, Chairman of the New Jersey Historical Society, and President of the Bay Head School Foundation. Additionally, Mr. O'Brien co-founded the New Jersey Museum of Boating, was President of WoodenBoatsNJ and O'Brien Yacht Sales, and was inducted into the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Sarah; children Robert B. III, William S., and Jennifer, and eight grandchildren, including Timothy Landers '13.

John A. Ward '55

October 5, 2013, age 76, Brewster, Mass.



Mr. Ward graduated from Brown University and spent his career in landscape design and construction. He is survived by his brother Richard B. Ward '58.

Nils O. Andersen '58

November 11, 2008, age 67, Colchester, Vt.

Mr. Andersen graduated from New York University, served in the U.S. Army, and was business manager for the Vermont National Guard. Survivors include his companion Sue, son Scott, daughter Kari, and five grandchildren.

John R. Brandeis, Jr. '58

January 24, 2014, age 73, Summit, N.J.

Mr. Brandeis graduated from Colgate University and the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School. Following his military service, Mr. Brandeis joined Hallmark Cards, Inc. and owned two Hallmark franchises. Survivors include his wife Anne; daughters Alison and Kimberly; son John; and five grandchildren.

Carl H. Goehringer '58

Robert Eaton Schorr '62

September 30, 2013, age 69, Warren, N.J.

Mr. Schorr attended Union County Vocational Institute, became a tool-and-die maker, and worked as a manufacturing engineer with Ohaus Scale Corporation. Survivors include his wife Lucille, children Robert and Anthony, and two grandchildren.

William Thiele '65

September 21, 2013, age 66, Knoxville, Tenn.



Mr. Thiele attended Hamilton College and became involved with various entrepreneurial enterprises. Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Patricia; children Jessie, Tod, and Scott; step-son David; brother Donald '68; and two granddaughters.

Donald M. Wagman '66

January 24, 2014, age 65, Ann Arbor, Mich.



Mr. Wagman graduated from Cornell University and Stanford University. He was a bookstore owner whose "Geography Limited" carried maps, atlases, and geography and travel books. His wife Janet predeceased him. Survivors include his daughter Maida.

Dr. William D. Prevost '67

January 15, 2014, age 64, Belle Mead, N.J.



Dr. Prevost graduated from Trinity College and the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He retired from his veterinary practice, Town and Country Animal Hospital, after 31 years. He was inducted into Pingry's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007 for his accomplishments in football, basketball, and baseball—he is particularly remembered for a grand slam home run against Newark Academy in his junior year. At Trinity, he swam and excelled in lacrosse; for the latter, he earned First Team All-New England, All-Northeast defenseman, and All-American Honorable Mention. Survivors include his wife Anita; sons Jonathan, Jesse, Joshua, and William; daughter Carolyn; and brothers Major Sterett Prevost III '60 and The Reverend Edward S. Prevost '63.

Steven B. Garfinkel '74

August 18, 2009, age 52, Westfield, N.J.

Peter von der Linde '75

Mr. von der Linde was inducted into Pingry's Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the 1974 Soccer Team.

Christopher A. Fox '78

Philip Marvel Maroney

December 13, 2013, age 86, Lancaster, Pa.



Mr. Maroney worked at Pingry from 1951 to 1955, where he taught English and math and coached the football, wrestling, and tennis teams, the beginning of a teaching and coaching career around the country. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he earned a B.A. at Haverford College and a Masters of Education at Rutgers University. Mr. Maroney served as a wrestling official for 50 years and was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (2003) and Southeast Wrestling Hall of Fame (2012). Survivors include his wife Ruth, brother David, children Andy, Anne, Linden, Donna, Cherry, and Elizabeth; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Bernadette "Bernie" Parlato

December 31, 2013, age 70, Frenchtown, N.J.



Mrs. Parlato was a receptionist at Pingry from 1985 to 2001. She was also a teacher's aide at Mount Horeb School in Warren. Survivors include her husband Anthony, son Joseph, daughter Susan, and two grandchildren.

Judith A. Smith

December 9, 2013, age 71, Cranford, N.J.



Mrs. Smith worked in Pingry's College Guidance Office from 1988 to 1997. She attended St. Peter's Nursing School in New Brunswick and worked for Bell Telephone prior to her years at Pingry. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Donald; daughter Jennifer; and three grandchildren.

Why Does Pingry Support Professional Growth for Teachers?

By Director of Studies Lydia Geacintov P '84, '88

Teaching is a highly-skilled profession that requires multiple talents that span from creativity to what we call intuition. One could define good teaching in its complexity as a form of art. A teacher must not only know his/her chosen discipline well, but also understand children, their emotional and intellectual development, and their needs and learning styles. Additionally, information/communication tools are in constant evolution, knowledge in all areas is changing and growing, and the global community is becoming simultaneously both more diverse and inclusive. Therefore, the outcomes that are expected of high school graduates demand a preparation that is driven by more than subject content. Teachers become coaches, counselors, facilitators, and guides in the student's journey in a hyper-connected world.

What is needed for such a journey? A teacher is immersed in the moment with the students, yet educational preparation looks to the future. As with other professions, ongoing learning and growth are very important. Research in neurosciences, in learning and the brain, in psychology, and in technology have all made advances in applications for education. We are privileged at Pingry to have a supportive administration that believes that excellence in teaching is closely linked to best practices as supported by educational research.

To that end, teachers have attended and continue to attend conferences on learning and the brain, workshops about the Harkness Method, Independent School Management (ISM) workshops on teaching in longer blocks of time, numerous technology workshops, curriculum planning workshops, summer programs such as the Pingry SITE (Summer Institute for Teaching Excellence), and summer courses directly related to a discipline (such as creative writing workshops or science research offerings), among many others. Several teachers have even gone back to school to pursue advanced degrees.

We are privileged at Pingry to have a supportive administration that believes that excellence in teaching is closely linked to best practices as supported by educational research.

Our students also benefit directly from teachers' professional growth. The classroom setting has changed to a student-centered environment—a traditional classroom with a teacher lecturing and students taking notes is no longer the primary method of teaching. Students are at the center, taking an active role in their learning and using cognitive, analytical, organizational, and leadership skills to master the material at hand. Watching a Harkness class, one sees that students have done the preparation for class because they are the ones asking the essential questions, challenging each other's ideas, interpreting facts, coming up with conclusions; meanwhile, the teacher is the facilitator who makes sure that everyone participates. In the sciences, students are exploring theories in laboratory sessions, researching theories, and coming up with data. With technology undergoing a huge transformation, we now have at the tip of our fingers literary books, TED talks, YouTube videos of different actors interpreting the same Shakespearean lines; we can share and discuss ideas online before coming to class, view enrichment materials, and sift through many of the discoveries that have been made throughout centuries of civilization. In essence, students become "researchers" in the disciplines they study.

To develop and nurture the students' talents, teachers themselves must be trained in the best practices and have full confidence in their knowledge of the subjects they teach to be able to "coach" students in a constantly-changing world. Meeting the above challenges in an ever-evolving global community means that every teacher must continue to be a student.



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Pingry Sets the Bar: Excellence in the Practice of Law
University Club of New York
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Princeton Reception
Hosted by Tom Keating and Dr. Jennifer Winell '88
The Keating/Winell Home
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Alumnae Event in New York City
The COACH Store at the Time Warner Center
6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25, 2014
Washington, D.C. Reception
The University Club
6:30 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10, 2014
Reunion Weekend
Basking Ridge Campus
Classes ending in "4" and "9" are celebrating benchmark Reunions!
Events include the Achievement in the Arts Awards Ceremony, Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Alumni Lacrosse Game, and PAA Annual Meeting.

Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees:
Carey Egan '92, Carl Van Duyne '64 (posthumously), 1994 Baseball Team, and Coach Bill Reichle P '00

Achievement in the Arts Awardees:
Chris Bender '89 and Meredith Ward '78
Appearance by Harry Allen '82 (2012 Awardee)

30 for 30 reunion giving challenge

Reunion Alumni—Accept the Challenge!
See page 44 for more information.

Monday, June 16, 2014
Golf Outing
Somerset Hills Country Club
10:00 a.m.

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New Addition to Middle School Entrance

This past fall, Pingry completed a formidable hand-cut stone wall in front of the Middle School entrance. The wall provides a beautiful backdrop for signage that recognizes the generosity of Middle School donors Carol and Park B. Smith '50.

