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A Letter from Sister Margaret



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the summer edition of Veritas! I welcome this opportunity to write to you.

Before long, our students will be arriving at Dominican Academy for the next academic year. This is a very special time for all of us at D.A.; we have inaugurated many changes to showcase our school. Now do not fear! Though change is sometimes a danger to the trusted order, the intent is to enhance the Dominican Academy tradition that you and I hold dear. Let me tell you about some of these improvements.

First of all, the Board of Trustees has initiated a new governance structure: a President and Principal Model. What is so exciting about this new structure is that it will enable me, as President, to reach out more intentionally to good people like you.

While at the same time, the Principal, Dr. Nicole Grimes, who is eminently qualified to assume the academic leadership of the school, will ensure that the students will enjoy “pride of place” each day. Together we will collaborate to ensure that the same high standards that have been set previously at D.A. are maintained and improved.

Another change is that we have made physical improvements at the school: we have a new red carpet in the entryway (you can even walk on it!), improved IT capacities and plans are in the work for an art room. This is a result of listening to your suggestions and those of our students and parents. We understand that technology has to work all the time if our students are to maximize their skills in this area and that art is necessary for students to express themselves creatively. We are also updating our branding and communications. Our website and materials need to show that we are moving forward to attract the next generation of young girls who want to become intelligent women, steeped in prayer, committed to community and engaged in service.

We are able to make these changes because we are the fortunate recipients of Sr. Barbara Kane’s leadership these past six years. She is leaving the school in better academic, physical and spiritual condition. There are no words to express my profound gratitude to her for all that she has done to position us for the next generation of D.A. students. We are also grateful for your generous support over the years.

I look forward to meeting more of you and telling you in person what the future at D.A. will look like and how you can help us maintain the high standards that you and I enjoyed many years ago. With gratitude for your support, past and present, and in the hopes of seeing you before too long, I remain,

Your sister,

Margaret Ormond, OP, ‘60
President



Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



Meaghan Attard
Valedictorian
Mother Stephanie Award Recipient



Jamie Gearhart
Salutatorian



Amanda Miller
All Dominican Girl

The members of the Class of 2015 will be attending the following Colleges and Universities...

American University

Akai Floyd

Bard College

Blythe Calderley
Vittoria Ciaraldi

Berkeley College

Pamela Da Silva

Boston University

Kristen Lay

Simmons College

Bryanna Denise Brown

Carnegie Mellon University

Abbey Mandracchia
Krystal Suero
Samantha Suero

**City University of
New York, Hunter**

Audrey Rios

**City University of New York,
Macaulay Honors at Baruch**

Sabrina Yu

College of William & Mary

Heather MacRae

DeSales University

Christina Grochowski

Emory University

Faith Patterson Burns

Fordham University

Samantha Hamilton

Georgetown University

Brooke Fiedler

Lafayette College

Nancy Fievre

Manhattan College

Mariellen Said
Emily White

Middlebury College

Grace Bendik

New York University

Laura Peralta

Northeastern University

Kaitlyn LiPuma

Princeton University

Meaghan Attard

**Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute**

Jamie Gearhart

Sacred Heart University

Amanda Miller

Spelman College

Elioenai Rufen-Blanchette

St. John's University

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New York, Stony Brook**

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Technology**

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**University of California,
San Diego**

Sabrina Lau

University of Delaware

Lauren Hollmann

University of Miami

Olivia Cupo

University of Rochester

Melissa Gomez

University of St. Andrews

Emma Glennon

Villanova University

Nicolette Cotona
Keily Gleason-Chapell

Wagner College

Taylor Smerina



A Note from the Valedictorian

Written by Meaghan Attard, '15

It is with great pleasure that I write here in Veritas, now a D.A. alumna, and reflect upon my experience here at Dominican Academy with fondness. I cannot completely put into words what my experience at D.A. has been like and the effects it has had on me, but I embrace this opportunity to at least try.

When I first entered D.A. as a freshman, I looked ahead into my future as a high school student with confusion and curiosity. Like any other freshman, I was nervous if I would be able to make close friends, excel in my classes, and be able to get involved in extracurricular activities that I would enjoy. I hardly gave a thought to SAT scores and college and what my life would be like after high school; those worries all came a little later. Simply put, I was wide-eyed, lost, and in need of guidance, but nonetheless eager to learn and take advantage of everything D.A. had to offer.

I learned quickly that I had nothing to fear while at D.A. The entire faculty was welcoming and dedicated to seeing their students learn, the small size of the student body kept us functioning as a tight-knit community, and the multitude of opportunities offered to me outside of the classroom allowed me to stay busy, sharpen my skills, and explore my interests and passions. I saw every member of the Class of 2015 as a sister to me rather than simply a classmate, and I have made friends I know I will hold close for a long time.

Although I had grown comfortable in my second home at 44 East 68th Street, when senior year rolled around it was time to prepare for the next chapter. Fall semester of senior year was probably one of the most stressful times of my life so far—I had to manage three AP classes, the afterschool activities I had involved myself in, and of course, the dreaded college application process. Being the naturally indecisive person I am, I struggled to narrow

down the seemingly never-ending list of available colleges into the eleven I ultimately chose to apply to. The early morning rises for the SATs, the hours spent laboring over the Common Application and staring at a blank screen waiting for inspiration for my college essays, all the work I have put into my classes and schoolwork over the past few years, and the long wait to hear back from colleges was all worth it in the end. I was accepted into ten of the schools I applied to (whatever, Yale), including of course the school I have chosen to attend: Princeton University.

Graduation in May was a surreal experience; it was a graceful ending to four years I look back on warmly. It is hard to describe how I'm feeling entering college next year; I am excited for all the new faces and new setting, but I'm of course nervous to leave my home in the city behind and to be so far away from all the friends I have made. However, I am anticipating the new experience that college will be as a whole. I am ready to take everything I have acquired at D.A., like my time managing skills, my ability to keep working hard even when I am tempted to give up, and a mind that is more open to new ideas, and apply everything I have learned to every class I take, club I join, and new experience I seek out at Princeton.

A big thank you goes out to every member of Dominican Academy who has helped me get to Princeton, especially Sr. Barbara, Dr. Grimes, Ms. Hoang, Ms. Serpagli, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Louis, my classmates, and every teacher who I've had the pleasure of learning from in the classroom. I am so grateful for everything that all of you have done for me, and I attribute a large part of my success to you all. Good luck to all the students at D.A., present and future, especially the Class of 2016. Take full advantage of D.A. and enjoy your time there while it lasts!

Meaghan Attard
Class of 2015

Events & Happenings



Upper Left: Students have fun during Spirit Week. These girls dressed up for 'Disney Day'. *Upper Right:* 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participate in the D.A. Summer Camp. *Lower Left:* Class of 2015 celebrates school spirit all dressed in blue! *Lower Right:* Mother and Daughter have fun at the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon

Spring Auction & Benefit

Another Successful Night at the
D.A. Spring Auction & Benefit!





This year was an overwhelming success for the Spring Auction & Benefit. We were thrilled to honor Kathryn Jean Lopez, '94, Editor-in-Chief of the National Review Online, and Timothy Cardinal Dolan. We hosted the event at 3 West and welcomed 175 alumnae, parents, and friends. The room was buzzing with excitement and energy as guests mingled, bid on items, ate and drank. Upon arrival, the Cardinal mingled with guests and took photos. He made a lovely speech commending the Dominican Academy education and also praising Kathryn and all of her work saying, "We are gathered this evening to support one of the best, Dominican Academy. We all know firsthand what a magnificent school it is... If anybody wants to see the great product that D.A. offers all you have to do is look at Kathryn Lopez. You talk about an

amazing woman who is able to blend professionalism with journalistic integrity and administrative ability all while keeping her faith and humor – that to me is a great result from the Dominicans." It was truly remarkable for D.A. to honor two people who embody the Dominican pillars of prayer, community, study and justice so fully.

The bidding for the night was fierce! The silent auction had a collection of 40 lots in categories including art, jewelry, dining, theater and exercise/lifestyle. Nothing was quite as exciting however as the live auction and live ask. This year we were able to offer three very exciting lots including, a behind-the-scenes tour of Grand Central with a party at Public House for up to ten people, a week-long stay at a house in the Hamptons, and golfing for three at

the prestigious Winged Foot golf club. During the live ask, run by our Director of Development, Br. Jim Simon, we asked for critical funds to update and purchase new technology equipment for the school. As everyone in the room collectively held their breath the 'bidding' began, our first donation was from a generous parent who committed to a pledge of \$10,000. In total, the Auction brought in an unprecedented \$165,000+ dollars, \$60,000 of these funds will be used for scholarships and \$35,000 towards upgraded technology.

The Dominican Academy faculty, staff and students thank you for your unwavering support. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Auction & Benefit on March 18th, 2016.



Summer Camp at D.A.!

Taking a Bite out of the Big Apple

By *Madeleine B. Metzler, '07*

This July, Dominican Academy opened its doors for a week of inspiration, friendship, and creativity with the third year of the D.A. Summer Connection. The Summer Connection, unlike many other camps aimed at middle-school students, unites extracurricular visits to some of Manhattan's greatest historic and cultural landmarks with in-class activities aimed at honing skills necessary for success in high school.

Dominican Academy hosted two one-week sessions of the Summer Connection this July. Forty-one girls, ranging from seventh graders to incoming D.A. freshmen, participated in the Program from July 6th through July 17th. Designed by the Director of Admissions, Madeleine Metzler, the program was directed by D.A. faculty including Katherine Leo, Lauren Serpagli, and Mary Lou Somboonchoke, with the assistance of four impassioned student chaperones.

The idea for the Summer Connection arose in 2011 after the success of Dominican Academy's summer Math and TACHS prep courses. The goal? To offer a program that balanced academics with extracurricular activities while giving prospective students an opportunity to become familiar with the school. This was many participants' first time traveling out of their home borough or within the city by themselves. The program allows students to become more comfortable with the idea of traveling to school and interacting

with new people, but in a low-stress environment.

Visits included a scavenger hunt in Central Park, social activism exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York, a robotics demonstration at the SONY Center, classes on maps and textiles at the Morgan Library, and visits to the High Line, Museum of Natural History, and Metropolitan Museum of Art. Instructors built upon themes from each visit with classes, games, and activities each day.

Students and parents alike shared their enthusiastic response to the Summer Connection. "Though some of it had to do with a country mouse taking a nibble of the Big Apple, the days were full of just the right balance of fun and facts," wrote the parent of a rising eighth grader from Westchester. "Thanks to you and your lovely staff for such a positive exposure to Dominican Academy!"

Another prospective parent declared that her daughter, "will definitely be applying. D.A. is her first choice. We took a tour of the school when she was in the 6th grade and thought it would be an excellent fit with its strong academics and nurturing environment. [Her] time at Summer Connection has reinforced our opinion. I can't think of a better place for her to be to continue her secondary education."

A big thank you to our instructors, chaperones, faculty, and staff for their tireless work in making the Summer Connection a positive experience for all involved!







New Course Offerings

Civil Rights in America

Congratulations to Katie Leo, Theology Department Chair on being awarded the Margot Stern Strom Innovation Grant from Facing History and Ourselves! “Facing History and Ourselves” is an international educational and professional development organization whose mission is to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice and anti-Semitism in order to promote the development of

events [...]. In addition to classroom learning, students will tour several major sites from the civil rights era in Atlanta, Georgia” (facinghistory.org). When asked about the class Katie wrote, “it is my hope that through examining our country’s history of racism, while also celebrating those who resisted such unjust policies, we can inspire the next generation of upstanders.” Great work Katie! We look forward to seeing how the class inspires our D.A. girls!

Law and Society

Designed for students interested in law, government, and politics. The course covers a wide range of contemporary issues that are subject to constitutional interpretation. There will be a great focus on the role of the courts and the key players of the justice system. Students are exposed to current constitutional challenges and are given an opportunity to explore the relationship between law and society. The highlight of the



a more humane and informed citizenry. By studying the historical development of the Holocaust and other examples of genocide, students make the essential connection between history and the moral choices they confront in their own lives. The Margot Stern Strom Innovation Grants granted by the organization, support educators who want to bring their ideas for classroom projects to life. The grants are an opportunity for educators to deepen their work in Facing History, and to use our content in new and inventive ways. Grant winners solve problems, address important issues, and inspire their students to make a difference. Thanks to the generous funding from Facing History, Katie will design and implement a course dedicated to the exploration of race and racism in America. The course will deepen students’ understanding of the American civil rights movement while also encouraging them to connect these historical moments with recent

New Course Offerings: AP Environmental Science

Thanks to the generous support of the Tracy Family Foundation and Mary and Jay Sullivan, P’13, we are proud to announce we will be offering our 12th Advanced Placement Course, AP Environmental Science, at Dominican Academy. This is the first hybrid online/in-person course offered at D.A. and opens up a world of opportunities for future classes. We have partnered with Online School for Girls to give 9 students the opportunity to take AP Environmental Science. It is a College Board approved course that uses an online platform to present lessons, activities, and discussions. Students will be dedicating 8 - 9 hours a week to this course online. They will also meet Science Department Chair, Lauren Serpagli, once a week for an hour to enhance their experience, work on assignments, and help each other.

course is when students are given to opportunity to apply the basic concepts learned in class in the New York City Mock Trial competition in February and March 2016.

The Basic Principles of Programming (or Computer Science I)

The Basic Principles of Programming Course (or Computer Science I) is an introductory course where students may learn the basic principles of programming using JavaScript programming language. Upon completion of this course, students will know how to create JavaScript applications. They will also have the basic foundation that will make subsequent learning of other scripting languages or object oriented languages easier. This is a half credit course and another way in which we are continually strengthening our STEAM programming here at Dominican Academy.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead for D.A. Students!

By Madeleine B. Metzler, '07

On the afternoon of May 12, 2015, the Science Department, under the guidance of Lauren Serpagli and Nicole Grimes, hosted D.A.'s very first—but certainly not last!—S.T.E.A.M. Expo for interested students. The multitude of students in attendance were able to vote for their favorite female scientist, participate in fun activities including ice-cream making with Sr. Pat Connick, meet with graduates and friends of D.A. with careers in the sciences, and discuss the work of current students from Girls Who Code, Science Club, and Mathletes.

The event was well-attended and allowed us to learn a little more about why our girls value S.T.E.A.M. One student said that, “I like S.T.E.A.M. because I can bring all of me to what I love: Science, Math, and Art!” Another stressed the importance of female representation in scientific careers. Of all the attendees we asked, many mentioned the value of a well-rounded education with a firm foundation in both science and the humanities.

In recent years, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) has captured the attention of educators as an attractive interdisciplinary approach to learning academic concepts that have tangible real-world lessons. According to researcher, Nancy Tsupros, students' ability to “make connections between

school, community, work, and the global enterprise” enables them “to compete in the new economy.”

Principal, Dr. Nicole Grimes, brings a wealth of experience in science, and specifically S.T.E.A.M. education. An alumna of The C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center, Dr. Grimes received her Ph.D. in Urban Education with a concentration in Mathematics, Science, and Technology. For over twelve years, she has been an enthusiastic S.T.E.A.M. educator working with both public and private school students from grades 2-12. Dr. Grimes brings her experience, enthusiasm, and expertise to the D.A. community as we strive to strengthen our science and math programs.

In the context of Dominican Academy, S.T.E.A.M. represents a renewed and expanded focus on science, math, technology, and engineering coupled with a solid foundation in the arts. Students are required to take at least three years each of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, and either Algebra II/Trigonometry or Calculus) in addition to their Liberal Arts coursework; however, an increased number of our students are expressing interest not only in additional science and math classes, but also in scientific study in college with the goal of a career in the sciences. To meet demand, D.A. has added a number of elective courses, including A.P. Environmental Science, Forensics, Introduction to



Computer Programming, Psychology, and Statistics. In 2014, a grant from Girls Who Code enabled us to provide basic programming courses to a select number of students after school. Due to the success of the program, the grant has been renewed for the upcoming school year. In 2010, we were able to renovate the science lab fully thanks to the generous support of donors and alumnae. Now, each girl in a class has her own work station and microscope.

Thank you to our students, faculty, staff, and alumnae who participated and made the event a great success. We eagerly anticipate next year's S.T.E.A.M. Expo, and cannot wait to see the remarkable things our students will accomplish in the year to come!



Italy April 2015 & Greece in Summer 2016!

Venice, Florence, Rome and more!

This past Easter, we welcomed over 100 students, families, and friends on a ten day grand tour of the highlight cities of Italy - Venice, Florence, and Rome. The trip started in Venice with a gondola ride and walking tour around the city with visits to St. Mark's, the Bridge of Sighs and of course a Murano glass factory! The next stop was Florence, where the group participated in Easter Mass at The Duomo. On the way from Florence to Rome there was a layover in the town of Assisi, home of the famous Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, an astonishing frescoed masterpiece from the late 13th century. In Rome, D.A. was fortunate enough to be included in the Papal Audience for the week - a highlight of the trip. Vatican City was bustling with energy

on an early Wednesday morning as more than 60,000 people waited to see Pope Francis. Upon arrival, the Pope circled the crowd in his car waving and blessing the audience. He said Mass, and expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude for all of those who waited for him. After the Mass it was on to the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and of course, St. Peter's Basilica. The students also visited The Colosseum and The Roman Forum as they walked the ancient city and recalled facts learned in their history and Latin classes. On the final day of the tour, students went on an excursion to Pompeii with a guided tour of the famously preserved city and an authentic Neapolitan pizza lunch. It was a whirlwind of a trip with exciting sightseeing, good friends

and, of course, great food! In summer 2016 D.A. will be traveling to Greece and the Greek Isles. Alumnae are invited to join us! If you would like more information, please email Jo Ann Fannon at jfannon@dominicanacademy.org.



Spring Development Events

Career Day

Thank you to all those who participated in both the morning and afternoon sessions of Career Day this past May. We had representatives from many different fields including, medicine, accounting, law, marketing, education, publishing and more. In the morning, we welcomed 20+ alumnae to join in small group discussions with our junior class and then in the afternoon alumnae presented on topics ranging from resume editing, interviews, etc. We had class representatives from the 1960s through as recently as 2009! It was a well received and successful day!

Deo Gratia

This year we welcomed 30 of our most generous donors for our annual Deo Gratia reception hosted at Dominican Academy in May. The attendees are those in the Leadersip, Lady Wellesley, Veritas, and Friedsam societies who give \$5,000 or more each year. The event is always a highlight for our donors as it is an intimate affair with Mass in the Chapel, cocktails on the Mezzanine, dinner in Room 4 with the beautiful chandelier and hardwood floors, and finally dessert in the Library. The event was created to move through

the house and use the space as Col. Friedsam would (Room 4 was his personal dining room)! We thank 3 Sisters Caterers who worked on-site throughout the night and served a delicious meal to our guests. As this was Sr. Barbara's last time at the reception she presented the last six years of progress at D.A. to our donors. It is truly amazing to see how far D.A. has come and all of the potential we have to grow even more in the future. We thank all of our donors for their continued support of the school and for allowing us to reach new heights.

Reunions 2015

Classes Ending in '5' and '0'— It's Reunion Time!

Your Reunion will take place on October 24th from 2-5:30pm at Dominican Academy. Follow us on Facebook and the D.A. website to check out all the latest reunion news including up to date RSVP lists, personalized class pages, and photos of classes throughout the years. We can include personalized memory letters with the Reunion invitations and send out individualized class emails! We will be asking the reunion classes to help us with some important fundraising

initiatives including Scholarships, Building Maintenance, and Technology updates. Class Reps, if you would like to help organize your class, and wish to write a note to include with the invitation, please email Katie Hennessy at khennessy@dominicanacademy.org.

Please note the cost to attend the event is \$50 and you will be able to purchase your tickets in advance online. Look out for the invitation in the coming weeks!



Class of 1965—It's Your 50th Reunion!

Alum Notes

**ATTENTION ALL CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:
A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNAE
ASSOCIATION**

At this point, all listed class representatives have been contacted via the email address on file with the Alumnae Association. We need representatives for the classes of 1974, 1975, 1981 and 1982. If you are interested in the position, please contact Mary Wachowicz, '06, Coresponding Secretatry, ASAP at alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org

In addition, the Development Office has been doing some summer cleaning and has many extra copies of yearbooks. If you would like a copy of your yearbook please email us at development@dominicanacademy.org. We will be holding on to them until the end of October—claim yours now!

1943

Beatrice Duross Foley

1948

Cynthia Halley Caulfield

1950

In mid July, Mary Alyce Farrell Fields and Catherine Healy Abbot shared 'Happy Birthday Wishes' via phone. We are still "best friends" at age 83 tho Cathy lives in Maryland and Mary Alyce, on eastern end of Long Island. Our Academy played a starring role in our lives for which we are grateful to parents, teachers (- Miss Evelyn Jantzer, instructor in theater and dance in the 50's visited my home when my first son was born ten years after graduation!) benefactors and especially the "Author of all Good Gifts." My lifelong love of Shakespeare, the Dominicans, art masterpieces (and simpler beauty) and New York City were shaped in DA's lovely halls and though I cannot present an outstanding life achievement, I did attend Fordham Law School as one of a handful of women in the mid 1950's. Married life took me to Atlanta Ga where my career in the Emory University Libraries and graduate courses in Philosophy helped me thru difficult years until my glorious return to beautiful Long Island ten years ago. Congratulations and thankful best wishes to all who serve on DA's behalf.

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Jeanne McAnaney writes: "As of this writing Dorothy Filoramo is "relaxing" in Spring Lake on the north Jersey shore with her children and the famous 12 granddaughters and the McAnaneys are at the south Jersey shore "relaxing" also with their children and 12 grandchildren. "Relaxing", of course, is a joke. Dorothy was also in Palm Springs, CA, in June to watch two of her granddaughters collect a boatload of awards for their prowess in a gymnastics at the USAIGC competition. Other classmates enjoyed somewhat more cosmopolitan travels. Frank and Barbara Ondercheck Black went to Australia and New Zealand with a bonus day in Dubai due to a missed flight connection (by the airlines, not the Blacks). JoAnn Liberali Cardone and Barbara Sullivan Ertel happily spent an accident-free extended holiday in Greece and Turkey in June. Florence Jachara Mirti's 2nd knee replacement surgery was so successful that she and Tony were able to get away for a week in London. John and Pat Mostyn Aker are heading to France in September where they will spend Pat's 75th birthday in Paris followed by a river cruise in Normandy. Edward and I spent a week in Jamaica and in April I had a delightful lunch with the always stunning Mary Walsh Fox while visiting my daughter in San Francisco. Beth Wagner is a regular commuter to California where her son, Chris, and his wife are expecting their 2nd child and Beth's first granddaughter. Beth - check in with Dorothy on how to deal with granddaughters. Somewhat closer to home, Jim and Sheila Fannon McArdle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversar a year late with a gathering of all of their clan for a festive few days on Cape Cod. Sheila assures me that one year late didn't make it any less fun. Speaking of festive, Edward and I, Dorothy and Lauretta joined Tony and Marilyn Buckley Aniano at the Central Park Boathouse for such an evening in April to celebrate their 25th anniversary and it was the right year! The usual suspects, Dorothy, Lauretta, Florence

and Tony and Edward and I attended the Trustee's Reception honoring Sr. Barbara on her retirement as Principal of DA. Marilyn Reynolds Canty reports that she is still busy helping the citizens of south Florida remain culturally engaged. Many of you know that Teri O'Neill Ruddy suffered a serious intestinal issue in June and you were kind enough to flood her with good wishes for her recovery. Her son Stephen assures me that she expects to be 100% and by the time you read this, she will be back to her usual hale and hearty self. That's all the news we have! Please keep us posted on your activities and interests. Special thanks to all who contributed so generously to the 2014-2015 Annual Fund, your loyalty and support are vital to keeping DA the outstanding school we all enjoyed.



Alum Notes



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Regina Birkner Hartley writes: Laguna is famous for the Pageant of the Masters, a tableaux vivant or living pictures where locals are cast in famous paintings, standing still for 90 seconds of fame as the portrait subjects. My granddaughters Christina and Miranda are in it this year. Christina is doing the "live action" revving up the audience (while the boys load into the scene) for Snap the Whip a Winslow Homer portrait of a game played by children in 1872 and Miranda is in The Season of Rest, OldAge, a Currier and Ives lithograph featuring grandparents and their granddaughter.

Gloria Schenck Ghedini writes: I am still a Spanish professor at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. Adding to our 3 grandsons will arrive two more in the autumn.



1964

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Our 50th Class reunion will be held at Dominican Academy on Saturday, October 24th. Most of you have received phone calls, e-mails, and encouragement to attend. The reunion will start at 44 East 68th Street where we all spent many wonderful days with each other. We will continue to the Isle of Capri Restaurant for dinner. Instructions concerning all of this will be in the formal letter that you should have received. Please send your bio info, picture and pictures from our school days to Marion at the e-mail address given. She will then load them on to our class website for all of us to view. Send the info as e-mail attachments and scan or take a photo of the pictures that you have with your phone and then send on to Marion's e-mail address. Contact Marion or Barbara if you are having trouble with the logistics of doing this. There are classmates on the lost list. If you have any idea of their whereabouts, please let us know and contact them about our reunion. They are:

Christine Reiser, Eileen Walker, Marlene Toth, Sabrina Taylor, Cathleen Carroll, Susan Evans, Johanna Duke, Eithne Boland.

It will be so great to see you all on October 24th!!!

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1968

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Joan Mazzone writes: I'll be joining City Lit Theater in June as managing director. City Lit is a respected Chicago "storefront" theater focused mainly if not exclusively on literary adaptation. I've known City Lit ever since I got to Chicago and I'm really happy they asked me to jump back into the fray with them.

1969

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Some of the Class of 1970 got together at the Isle of Capri Restaurant (where else?) on June 12th. The ladies are looking good as they contemplate their 45th reunion!



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Alum Notes

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1980

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1981

Jennifer O'Grady writes: My full-length play *Paranormal Love* was selected by Manhattan Theatre Works for its 2015 Newborn Festival of New Plays and by Wild Rumpus Productions as its Fall 2014 Reading in New York. A monologue from my play *Quasars* was published in *The Best Women's Stage Monologues 2014* (Smith and Kraus) and *Best Contemporary Monologues for Women 18-35* (Applause Theatre & Cinema Books). My poem "Tomorrow" was nominated by Tar River Poetry for a Pushcart Prize. "Tomorrow" and "Photograph" were published in the journal's Fall 2014 issue.

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Margaret Crowley, Esq., of Manhasset, New York is now working with Bernadette Crowley, Esq., (81) of Douglaston, New York and concentrating her practice in Elder Law, including Medicaid planning, wills, trusts, and estates. Margaret's son, John Patrick Farrell, graduated from Manhasset High School in June and he will be attending Fordham University, Gabelli School of Business in the fall.

Sally Behringer Finkelstein's son, Christopher, will be attending Regis High School in the fall. He graduated from Our Lady of Victory School in Floral Park in June. Congratulations and good luck.

Jeanine Veracochea Driscoll was recently appointed Acting Village Justice for her town, Bellerose Village on Long Island. Jeanine also works as Of Counsel at a law firm in New York City, Kaplan, Massamillo & Andrews.

Lisa Cadette Detwiler and Jim Cramer were married this past April. The announcement was featured in the *New York Times*.

1986

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1990

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Tatiana Serafin graduated from The New School with a Master in Fine Arts in May. She is shifting her freelance focus to book writing and is working on a proposal to expand her thesis into a book-length project. She will also begin teaching journalism as an adjunct professor at Marymount Manhattan College this fall.

1991

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1992

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Jennifer Vasquez Reidy writes: my son Will Reidy just graduated kindergarten at the Immaculate Conception School in Tuckahoe, NY along with 2 other sons of DA graduates, Denise Doyle, '88 and Jean-Marie Janos McMullen '84!

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On July 12 Irene Parker Turbert & her husband Tona Schnee welcomed their first child, Aiden

Alum Notes

Francis, to the world. Both mom & son are doing well.

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Adrienne Mountis, '04, is engaged to be married! Her fiancé popped the question with a surprise picnic on the D.A. rooftop. They look forward to getting married next summer!



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Gwendolyn Siska Williams and her husband are expecting a little girl (their first) in early September!

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Mary Wachowicz '06 is a rising 3L at St. John's University School of Law. She was recently named Research Editor of the Journal of Civil Rights & Economic Development. This summer, Mary will be working as a legal intern at PricewaterhouseCoopers in midtown. In April, Mary was engaged to Stephen Kulhanek. An August 2015 wedding is planned.

2007

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Actor Lacey Gutekunst '07 will be getting married on June 27, 2015 to Peter Madden, Regis H.S.'05 and a Senior Producer at Sports Illustrated. The wedding will be held at the Regis High School Chapel and the reception will be in the quad surrounded by lots of friends and family including Dominican Academy and Regis alumni. Father Anthony Andreassi, C.O. will officiate at the ceremony. Lacey, an actress known as Lacey Keane can be seen at www.laceykeane.wix.com/laceykeane. Our best wishes to Lacey and Pete.

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In Memoriam

Mary Flynn De Bard '39
Patricia O'Brien Gavin, '47
Nancy McAward, O.P., '50
Margaret (Peggy) Gallagher, '57
Denise Moore Hyland, '69
Ida Goosmann, P'67
Dorothea Pechulis, P'84
Gregory Geis, P'85

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