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On the Cover: Students show their school spirit as each class competes in color wars. The proceeds from these student events supported their favorite non-profits including D.A.

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A Letter from Sister Barbara

Dear friends of D.A.,

Welcome to our graduation issue. Every day, I read a random selection from a book titled *“Shared Hope Inspiration for a Woman’s Soul”*. On the morning of our Baccalaureate Mass, I read this line, “If we hold tightly to anything given to us, unwilling to let it go when the time comes to let it go or unwilling to allow it to be used as the Giver means it to be used, we stunt the growth of the soul” (p. 154 Elisabeth Elliot, *Passion and Purity*). It seemed the perfect reminder for me that each year, I have to let go of a group of amazing, talented young women. It is a bittersweet time for me. I am sad to see them go but excited about their futures. I will miss saying “hello” to them each morning but pleased to see how mature they have become. Each day, I watched them and all our students grow from smart girls into intelligent women.

In this issue, you will see some exciting additions to our curriculum from the introduction of Mandarin to Sr. Pat’s post AP Chemistry Exam labs and activities. We have an exciting partnership with the Hance Family Foundation who provided the “Beautiful Me” program to our freshmen. Each year, we endeavor to make our program a little stronger and more relevant to the needs of our students. We are also always looking for ways that differentiate D.A. from other girl and co-ed schools in the area.

I wish you could have joined me for our Junior Advocacy Expo which is described in this edition. You would have been so proud and amazed at the performance of each of the girls. Their research, knowledge, presentations, actions and materials were first-rate and the passion they felt for their topics was palpable.

Another first for D.A. is the “Big Onion Service Week”. Students from the Dominican Sisters of Peace sister schools in Akron, Ohio and Memphis, Tennessee joined our students to explore the four Dominican Pillars of prayer, study, community and service here and at a variety of sites around the city. Four of our students also gathered with other DSP students at the Dominican High School Preaching Conference in Adrian, Michigan at the end of June.

Mr. Larry Watkins will be retiring at the end of this year. Larry has been a member of the Social Studies Department for 20 years. He has also been the moderator of our Mock Trial Team. We wish Larry all the best.

I leave you with a quote from our Valedictorian, Cristina Pelin: “Dominican Academy has certainly allowed my values to evolve in ways that have led me closer towards an understanding of who I am and who I wish to be. In an intercession yesterday, we mentioned how we are to be grateful for an academically illuminating and morally transformative education. D.A. has awakened us to the true meaning of integrity, friendship, global concern, and social justice. Countless projects and endeavors through advocacy, service, and learning have also served to shape our values.”

May you have a relaxing and refreshing summer.

Peace,

Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P.
Principal



Miss your winter *Veritas*?

Due to a technical glitch with the mailing list, it appears that many of you did not receive the winter issue of *Veritas*. As soon as we discovered this, we emailed it to all of those for whom we have a valid email address. If we do not have your email address, please send it to Khennessy@dominicanacademy.org. If you do not use email and would like a copy of the magazine but did not receive one, please call us and we will send one. You can view this and other past issues of *Veritas* on our web site at www.dominicanacademy.org under the “About” tab.



Seniors enjoy their last day of classes up on the roof!



4 Truth Through Study

“Create community! Whether you know it now or not, you have experienced something unique in your years at D.A.—community. Is it the size of the school? Shared traditions and experiences? Our common pledge to search for truth? Studying in the Friedsam mansion together for four years? Honestly, I am not sure what it is, and maybe it is all of those aspects and more.”

—*Dr. Julia Upton, '63, RSM, commencement speaker at D.A. graduation*

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!



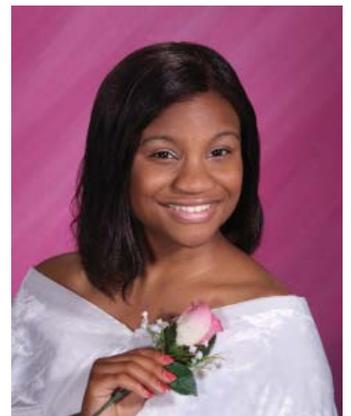
Christina Pelin
Valedictorian



Marta Antoniv
Salutatorian



Michelle Costanza
All Dominican Girl



Sawyer Rae Joseph
Mother Stephanie
Award Recipient

The members of the Class of 2013 will be attending the following Colleges and Universities...

Boston College

Krysta Marie Hartley
Teresa Marie Sullivan

Boston University

Jiang Min Liang

College of the Holy Cross

Grainne Marie Fitzpatrick

Columbia University

Cristina Pelin

Duquesne University

Mary Elizabeth McMahon

Fairfield University

Mary Frances Cacace
Anya Sinéad Cullen
Caroline Elizabeth McConnell

Fordham University

Aryana McKayla Azari
Katrina Takako Bernhardt
Daniella Marie Funaro
Lauren Alyssa Hernandez
Ashley Lucia Krammer
Vasiliki Soldatos
Jeannie Tang

Georgetown University

Jennifer Truong

Hamilton College

Marta Antoniv

Iona College

Victoria Marie Pineyro

Lafayette College

Megan Rose Pollastro

Loyola University Chicago

Catalina Cipri
Alexa Maria Marino

Loyola University Maryland

Celeste Colón
Morgan Marie DeMartis
Ninagabriella Sparacio

McGill University

Christina Maria Ragone

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Shannen Eileen McGregor

New York University

Priscilla Caroline Canals
Elizabeth Joanna McIntosh
Mary Margaret O'Brien
Catherine Geraldine Zaccardi

Ramapo College

Tiffany Rose Rodriguez

Sacred Heart University

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Margaret-Rose Roazzi

State University of New York Geneseo

Catherine Elizabeth Hobart
Allegra Nicole Miccio
Shannon Walsh

State University of New York Stony Brook

Ivanna Kiyashka
Nina Walendziuk

The University of Scranton

Aleksandra Swiech

University New Orleans

Sawyer Rae Joseph

University of Colorado Boulder

Nora Campbell Hickins

University of Navarre

Maria Soledad

University of New York New Paltz

Sabrina Bodé

University of North Texas

Morgan Brittany Francis

University of Pennsylvania

Camilla Josephine Davila

Villanova University

Michelle Regina Costanza

Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Kristina Weston
Diana Weston

To see a more complete list of acceptances, please visit www.dominicanacademy.org

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D.A. 学普通话!

(D.A. Learns Mandarin!)

As you all know, D.A. offers a rigorous language program. Students are required to complete five years of languages with at least two years of a modern language. This year we expanded the options even further by offering Mandarin as a language for the sophomores. The class is taught by Ms. Ling Chen and had seven students in its debut year.

Ling sat down with us to talk about the mission and philosophy of the class. She said the ideology of the program is to “start teaching the class to sophomores as a new foreign language that they will learn for three years. This way, when they graduate from D.A., they will have command not only

of the spoken word but also be able to read and write rather fluently.”

Learning an eastern language in an American school is a significant challenge. Ling is amazed and inspired by how well our students have been handling the challenging curriculum. She explained that in the first year of the program a strong foundation must be set starting with ‘the pinyin system,’ which is a way to teach the basic phonetics. The primary text of the class, *Integrated Chinese*, is also used in many colleges throughout the country.

Learning the Chinese culture is also a significant part of the class. The students had the opportunity to go on a culture trip to the China Institute where they were shown how to use calligraphy brushes to write and also viewed various traditional and contemporary artworks. One of the most significant ways that D.A. will work to integrate the Chinese culture into our small community is by expanding admissions to include



Ms. Ling Chen, D.A.'s Mandarin instructor

five study abroad students from China every year starting with the Class of 2017. This decision is part of a strategic plan that will allow D.A. to become a more global community as well as expand global awareness within the student body.

Science and the City

— by Sr. Patricia Connick, O.P.

After the AP exam was over in early May, the girls from the AP Chemistry class performed a number of additional experiments to round out the year AND they took four wonderful field trips: The city truly makes an inspirational classroom/ laboratory!!! Together we explored the worlds of gemology and art as well as medical and food sciences.

Our first trip was to the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) at 8 a.m. on a Thursday morning in early June. Diamonds are a girls’ best

friend and we saw plenty of them, along with a variety of pearls and other precious gemstones! Our tour was of the GIA’s secured lab near the corner of 47th and Fifth Avenue, in the heart of the diamond district. The tour was broad in scope, but with enough detail to make strong connections to the girls’ knowledge base and experience in both chemistry and physics. We talked about refraction of light and the elemental analysis of gems to identify the particular mine from which they originated, as well as how to determine if gems have been artificially treated to enhance their value. Rich Greene, our tour guide, was fabulous at encouraging the girls to consider

careers in the sciences, especially, of course, gemology. By the time we returned to school for classes at 9:25 a.m. the girls were convinced beyond doubt that with a college degree in the sciences there are even more exciting possibilities than they had previously imagined!

The Metropolitan Museum of Art was next on our list. We prepared for our trip by watching a Youtube video produced by the MET on our particular destination, the Department of Scientific Research. On a Monday afternoon during our usual lab time at the end of the day, we set out uptown on Fifth Avenue to the 84th

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Street entrance. Katie Hennessy, '08 and Margaret Mary Soderquist, '11, with their love of art instilled by Rita Salfeld's Art History class, accompanied us as additional chaperones. Although the MET does much to reach out to students about art in general, it is highly unusual for a group to be privileged with the opportunity to tour their research arm as we did. Dr. Julie Arslanoglu, Associate Research Scientist, was our guide, par excellence! She started off by showing us her personal research project which concerns how paintings age to form "soap bubbles." From there, we looked at X-ray diffraction and fluorescence techniques which help to determine the structure and composition of metals, ceramics, and paints. We were also introduced to the work of other scientists throughout the facility during our 75-minute tour. Although internships for the department are quite competitive and require a college degree, it was clear that some of our

girls were already considering the possibility of using a science degree in combination with their love of art to apply when they are able.

Our last trip was to the Hospital for Special Surgery near the East River on 70th Street. They have a variety of labs which support the extensive work done at the hospital. We viewed the pathology lab with its microtomes for cutting very thin slices of bones and tissues for microscopic analysis as well as the blood bank where the process of cross-typing blood was demonstrated to us. We also visited the oncology, hematology, microbiology, and immunology labs. In every area the staff was most welcoming and encouraging to the girls to consider this type of career for themselves.

Our last "out of the lab" experience took us to our own Cafeteria, where we explored the latest in chic food science, molecular gastronomy. Our

menu for the day included an Italian appetizer, caprese, made with arugula spaghetti and balsamic vinegar pearls and followed by a dessert of chocolate wind with raspberry raviolis. The spaghetti and balsamic vinegar pearls were made by gelification with agar-agar, the chocolate wind (air whipped chocolate) by emulsification with sodium lactate, and the raspberry raviolis by spherification with sodium alginate and calcium lactate. The girls put their laboratory skills to good use for an outstanding culinary experience. Our thanks to the Fernandez family for supplying the special materials needed for this wonderful experience.

New York City, and in particular our own neighborhood, is filled with opportunities to see how chemical knowledge is used in a wide variety of areas. The challenge for them now will be to decide among all the wonderful things one can do with such knowledge and experience!



A.P. Chem Students visit the labs at the Hospital for Special Surgery

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I am Beautiful!

The Beautiful Me Program – Encouraging Self-Esteem and Promoting Inner Beauty for Women

This year, The Hance Family Foundation implemented programming at D.A. This foundation was formed after Emma, Alyson, & Katie Hance were killed in a tragic car accident on July 26, 2009 at the young ages of 8, 7, and 5. Their parents, Jackie and Warren Hance, are proud to offer their foundation's unique program, Beautiful Me, to honor their wonderful daughters.

The mission of the Beautiful Me

Project is to teach girls of all ages how to think positively and with assurance about their bodies, their skills, and their relationships with others.

The Hance Family Foundation promotes the idea that self esteem comes directly from knowing that you are important, you are worthy of love, that you are unique, and that you are valued by others. The Hance Family Foundation is proud to provide the materials and our consultants at no charge to schools, universities, and in community settings. Thousands of girls and women have learned valuable lessons from the Beautiful Me Project. Thousands of participants have heard Emma's, Alyson's, and Katie's real

examples and have used these stories to improve their own coping skills. Beautiful Me is designed to be the start of a conversation; our hope is that parents and teachers can continue the dialogue.

Warren Hance and Kate Tuffy (co-creator of Beautiful Me) were thrilled to meet with the administrators at Dominican Academy this year to implement bringing the Beautiful Me Project to the Freshmen Health Classes!

Kate Tuffy and Peggy Schlecter (Beautiful Me consultants) absolutely loved their time with the amazing girls at D.A.! They were so happy to meet such different, capable, vulnerable, and



Freshmen engage in a Beautiful Me workshop

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insightful freshman girls. At one point in the workshop, the participants took the time to define themselves using over 200 adhesive labels. The goal of this activity is for girls to “own” the pleasant and unpleasant qualities they recognize in themselves--because we know that accepting what makes us unique is a direct step towards improving self esteem. The girls at D.A. were incredibly honest and brave when defining themselves; within five minutes they seemed to stop worrying about what others thought and they

really took the time to focus solely on themselves in an honest way. As they shared their labels with the larger group, the girls listened to one another and showed respect for each other.

We look forward to returning to DA in 2013-14! Please visit the Hance Family Foundation website for more information about the Beautiful Me Project at www.hancefamilyfoundation.org and “like” us on Facebook: Beautiful Me...the EAK Project, Instagram: EAKBEAUTIFULME,



“Beautiful Three”: Alyson, Emma, and Katie Hance

An Out of This World Experience, D.A. Meets an Astronaut!

By Hannah Stanke, '14

On Tuesday, April 17th, Science Club met Dr. Greg Olsen, the third private citizen to fund a trip to the International Space Station. There

were no expectations, only anxious students who raced down the stairs for a good view. Dr. Olsen began his presentation by saying, “You can do anything you want to, if you work hard and really want to do it. That is how I ended up in space.” He was so enlightened and fulfilled by his experience. Olsen told us about zero gravity food consumption, the wonder of seeing earth through the window, and the feeling of sleeping weightlessly for the first time. We often hear about

space, but it was more understandable and incredible to hear his firsthand experience. Dr. Olsen’s presentation was empowering and informative. Everyone agreed that this was truly an “out of this world” experience. There was a Q&A session following Dr. Olsen’s presentation and the Science Club gave him a thank you card with each student’s signature. In the spirit of Dr. Olsen, “Wherever you are and whatever you’re doing, just remember--anything’s possible!”



Science Club members gather around Dr. Gregory Olsen, astronaut, after his exciting talk.



Mr. Watkins — 20 Years of Service

We Fondly Look Back at Mr. Watkins' Tenure at D.A.

"The size and beauty of the school along with the intimacy of small classes and the personality of the students here all make D.A. a unique place that I will remember fondly."

Mr. Watkins taught at D.A. for 20 years always working passionately to teach Government, Economics, Debate, American History and World History. He is a man who has a deep respect for both facts and philosophy. Many students will fondly remember the way he was able to tell stories and relate information by talking in metaphors and allegories. He was always able to paint a vivid and interesting portrait of history. Aside from his time teaching, Mr. Watkins was the moderator of the Mock Trial team and assisted with Student Prints, the student newspaper.

He started his career working in a Presbyterian seminary as a pastor. For close to ten years he oversaw baptisms, communions, anointing of the sick and more. After his time doing this he wanted to go back to graduate school

intent on becoming a teacher. In the midst of his dissertation he went to Paris where he met his future wife. Together they moved to New York and after a brief period where he was a substitute teacher at St. Vincent Ferrer High School, he was led to an opening in the history department at Dominican Academy- which has been his home ever since.



Mr. Watkins looks forward to the potential of coming back next year to work with Ms. Sudeikis on a Faith and Reason course that the two designed together this year. However, he is excited to retire. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife and enjoying some additional free time. He will always be grateful for the love and support of the students, faculty, and staff here at D.A.

Junior Career Day

Each year we host a Career Day for the junior class. It is coordinated by the Guidance Department in conjunction with the Development Department and the Alumnae Association. Many dedicated alumnae provide their time and energy to raising awareness about the many different degrees and job opportunities the young students may have the opportunity to explore in the future.

This year, more than twenty alumnae gathered together at D.A. on May 21st to talk about fields ranging from acoustic architecture, to public relations, medicine, government, and even landscape design. We welcomed two alumnae to speak via Skype from France and Boston.

After the alumnae gave short descriptions of their day-to-day lives, the juniors were able to ask questions about anything from the college application process to transitioning into a new career. Following these group sessions, there was a networking portion of the event where students had a chance to talk with the alumnae individually.

We thank everyone who was able to attend this event! As always, we

welcome all alumnae to volunteer their time for Career Day. If you are interested in learning more please contact the Development Department at 212-744-0195 or the Alumnae Association at alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org. Even if you are unable to participate in the event you can schedule a time to speak with students about your profession or even offer internships and shadow days.



2013 Spring Sports at D.A.

Billiards

D.A. began billiards right after basketball shut down and before softball started up. Two seniors – Katrina Bernhardt and Shannon Walsh – spearheaded a revival of the sports activity that they have enjoyed since their freshman year. Two other seniors – Jeannie Tang and Jiang Min Liang – elevated their play to an artistic level by defying geometric principles with impossibly angled shots.

Four juniors showed comfortable command at moving the cue ball around the green table. Rebecca Carney and Claudia Pelczarska are veterans whereas Courtney McMahon and Shirmane Cordova-Chahu are new to the group but not new to shooting the white ball.

Two sophomores – Amanda Miller and Mariellen Said – were excited with their ability to drive the cue ball on the rail the length of the table into a corner pocket. Five freshmen likewise showed creative prowess. Claudia Bernhardt and Jacqueline Grogan played Eight-Ball, while Stephanie Ritman, Mary Kate O’Connell and Allison Gallante played Australian Knockout (a similar game for three).

Tennis

D.A. played on two of the 26 tennis courts in Central Park once a week during May and June. Eight girls showed up each time so doubles became the normal order of the day. The veterans were Cristina Pelin (senior) and Hannah Stanke (junior). Newcomers included eight freshmen:

Xiaofei Cui, Isabella Holker, Alex Coddington, Jacqueline Grogan, Claire Kelly, Esthela Ocampo, Athina Giouvalakis, and the player most adept with easily handling forehands and backhands, Uriel Rufen-Blanchette.

Track

D.A. reserved Wednesdays for runs in Central Park around the preppy oval circling the Great Lawn or onto the cinder track at the reservoir further on. Most of the 30 runners were freshmen who wanted some recreation after a busy school day. In some “fun” races, Athina Giouvalakis was the best at the short distance (half-mile) while Olivia Hughes was clearly the best at long distance (two-mile).

Softball

D.A. seemed destined for a dire softball season when the team lost its first two games (first time ever) before notching a win. But the players overcame their inauspicious start and concentrated on becoming a better team. Their reward came when Sabrina Bode pitched a no-hitter in the fifth game of the seven-game season. It was a remarkable feat that went unattained by some of D.A.’s most accomplished pitchers, like Kirsten Smith, ’07, (18-0) and Olivia Cabrera, ’11, (15-3). There are countless ways to dominate a game, and Sabrina Bode did them all. She not only pitched supremely well, she hit a home run, a double and a single to drive in five runs. Her big-moment dominance changed the memory of the entire season for the team.



The Spring Auction & Benefit



*Honoree, Jacqueline Cosgrove Morriss '79, with her family
All photos featured from the Auction & Benefit courtesy of Jennifer McKenna Photography*

A Successful Night of Fundraising and Bidding to Support D.A.

An opportunity to have pizza with SNL's Jason Sudeikis, the once in a lifetime chance to host your own private party on the roof of D.A., the ability to have your very own manuscript reviewed by an accomplished book editor – all of these and more were just some of the highlights of our Spring Auction & Benefit on March 8th at the Yale Club.

Thanks to the hard work of our committee and staff, we managed

to exceed every expectation of this benefit with leaps and bounds. More than 220 people were in attendance at the event and another 80 participated in the Online Auction. This strong show of support helped us raise close to \$150,000 in revenue.

The room at the Yale Club was large and open allowing guests to mingle with one another and peruse the item tables at their leisure. The energy and excitement of the crowd was tangible

throughout the night. Many of our guests this year came in support of our honoree, Jackie Cosgrove Morris, '79. Jackie served in various roles on the Board of Trustees, including Board President, and has been a pivotal influence for many years within the D.A. community. We are so grateful for her overwhelming dedication.

Emma Soderquist, '14, was our scholarship speaker of the night. She

addressed the crowd about her time thus far at D.A. In an emotional speech, she thanked each guest for the time, money, and support they have provided to allow her and many other students the opportunity to come to D.A. Emma reminded everyone of the things that make D.A. so special including an excellence in education, overwhelming support of teachers and staff, and a close-knit community of students.

The highlight of the event was the Live Ask that included a fundraising effort to bring tablet technology into the school. Auctioneer, Brady Loeck, invigoratingly asked the crowd to participate in this important fundraising initiative. In an impromptu moment, Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P., got up on stage and took over the mic, inspiring several bidding wars! Overall, we were able to raise money for 90 tablets.

Thank you for a wildly successful event. We look forward to once again seeing all of you at the Spring Auction & Benefit 2014, to be hosted again at the Yale Club on March 28th, 2014. Remember, if you are unable to attend in person, there is always opportunity to participate in our Online Auction which will be at www.biddingforgood.com/dauction



Student Ambassadors gather together for a photo op!



Members of the Class of '06 volunteered to assist the Auction Committee



Katie Leo, Theology Department Chair, Tracy Torre, '99, and Lauren Serpagli, Science Department Chair, join us as guests at the event



Auction Co-Chairs, Wendy Fernandez, P'14, '16, Ann Marie Flynn, Esq., '69, and Izabella Stasicki, '04 (far right), pose with Honoree Jackie Cosgrove Morriss, '79 (center with daughter Claire), and Board Member, Kristin Shea, Esq., '82 (second from right).

Annual Mother Daughter Luncheon

Spirits Sailed at the Annual Mother Daughter Luncheon

By Shirley Carney P'14



The 2013 Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon went sailing again this year in the fabulous New York Harbor. I had the privilege of Co-Chairing this event with Beth Pollastro, P'13, and together with our wonderful committee and approximately 280 D.A. moms, daughters, faculty and staff, we set sail aboard the *Spirit of New York* on April 27th 2013, a perfect and sunny day.

On arrival at Chelsea Piers, our volunteer D.A. girls were in full swing directing guests to the check-in table. Whilst guests lined up to have their souvenir photo taken, the girls also sold tickets for the raffle prizes displayed on the yacht. We pulled away from the dock as Lizanne Mobini, P'16, our Mistress of Ceremonies for the day, introduced Sr. Barbara who said grace and announced the Grand Buffet was open. This year's menu consisted of a variety of salads, including pasta and potato salad and tilapia fillet with lobster cream, herb infused rotisserie chicken, and apricot

glazed loin of pork. Of course we could not leave out the favorite from last year – the smoked Gouda mac'n cheese! Dessert was a delicious chocolate mousse truffle and vanilla bean cheesecake.

As is now tradition, the Mother-Daughter Luncheon is a “fun-raiser” as the major “fundraising” event is the Spring Auction & Benefit. Each homeroom class donated a uniquely themed basket filled with goodies. There was something for everyone ranging from a candy basket, to a beach basket, and even baking and gardening baskets. We also had a number of stunning designer dresses and silent auction items including a DVF “Lips” tote, a D.A. sleepover, Mr. Gillen’s SAT Prep class, D.A. handmade pillows, Valentino sunglasses and a very cool 32 GB Ipad.

The DJ started spinning the latest hits, and suddenly the dance floor was packed. Girls were singing at the top

of their voices and dancing to their favorite songs and moms were giving it their best moves even if they did not make it to the dance floor. Sr. Barbara lead the Cotton-Eye Joe and the class of 2013 then descended on the dance floor to have their “senior moment” and embraced in a circle to their senior song “Gone, Gone, Gone” by Phillip Phillips. There is no better back drop for this than the Manhattan skyline and Lady Liberty herself!

This has been my fourth Mother-Daughter Luncheon to attend and first to Co-Chair. It is such a wonderful tradition and so worth all the hard work that goes into making it so successful. A special thanks to Sr. Barbara, our committee members, volunteers, contributors, faculty, staff and also Alum Moms who helped. This event would not work without you all. Here's to the 2014 Mother Daughter Luncheon – looking forward to seeing you all there!

Deo Gratia Celebration

As a student at D.A., it is often easy to take for granted the beautiful rooms that your classes take place in everyday. As an alumna, you long for the opportunity to roam the hallowed halls of the Friedsam Mansion once again. On Ascension Thursday, May 9th, we opened our doors to 30 of our donors who were able to join us for a behind-the-scenes experience here at D.A.

The guests arrived at 5:00 pm for a special Holy Day Mass, celebrated by Father Rick Jastrzebski, O.P. in the chapel. Immediately following the Mass, our guests were greeted with a beautiful cocktail hour on the mezzanine with passed hors d'oeuvres, sparkling champagne, cheese, and fruit.

The group then moved through the hallways up to one of our most special rooms, Room 4, with the gorgeous chandelier and sleek hardwood floors. As one alum guest reflected, she fondly remembered that room as the place she learned Latin. Guests were seated at tables dressed in white and treated to a meal that included salad and a choice of filet of beef or salmon. Room 4 was chosen not only for its beauty but also because this was Mr. Michael Friedsam's personal dining room in the early 1800's. Sr. Barbara, the host for the evening, thanked the group for all of the hard work and dedication they gave the school and talked to them about some of the amazing students that attend

our school thanks to their generous support.

Finally, after dinner, the group retired to the Library for coffee, tea, and dessert. They mingled and expressed how excited they were to have such a unique look at the school – viewing it through the lens of a homeowner. They felt the presence and energy of the students as well as the legacy of Mr. Friedsam every step of the way.

Thank you to all those who attended. We will be hosting our next Deo Gratia Celebration on May 21st, 2014.

All donors who support D.A. with gifts of \$2,500 or more by June 30 will be invited to Deo Gratia the following spring.



Service Trips & Experiences

Freshmen Urban Plunge

The Urban Plunge is a service experience for freshman created by Theology Department Teacher, Lindsay Sudeikis. This was a day long experience where the students worked with the hungry, the homeless, the elderly, and those with developmental disabilities. The girls, paired with volunteer chaperones (many of whom were from our dedicated alumnae population!), visited sites such as the Yorkville Common Pantry, ABC Cassidy's Place, United Cerebral Palsy, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen and more. This was a great opportunity for the students to enjoy time bonding outside of the school while also learning the importance of community and social justice within our society.



Freshmen volunteer at United Cerebral Palsy

Catholic Social Teaching Seminar with D.A. and Regis Seniors

This seminar, also overseen by Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis, was created to provide an opportunity for students to engage each other on many important social justice and Christian service issues that affect our world every day. Each week of the fourth quarter, the D.A. Seniors met at Regis in the afternoon to hear from various leaders and social justice advocates including, Judge Michael Corriero from the New York Center for Juvenile Justice, where he works to treat juvenile delinquents as children and to teach them to become constructive members of the society. Another speaker for this series was Jim Keady, who is the Director of Educating for Justice Inc., a non-profit that promotes peace in the world. He is most well-known for his efforts to investigate how Nike Inc., was treating their manufacturing employees in Indonesia. Finally, we welcomed back, activist/actress Olivia Wilde to our guest speaker series. This year, she addressed the group on "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." The seminar ran for ten weeks and the students were able to hear from many wonderful speakers, work within their communities as emblems of change, and engage in debate over each of these issues of oppression.



D.A. and Regis Seniors listen to a speech from Judge Michael Corriero

Junior Advocacy Expo

Each year Theology teacher, Ms. Lindsay Sudeikis provides her junior Christian Ethics class with a challenging and thought provoking assignment. She asks them to break into groups of three and pick a topic of social injustice or oppression that they feel passionate about. It is then up to the students to work within their communities to create measurable changes that will ultimately help the greater good. Some of the subjects featured were teen bullying, veteran benefits issues, homelessness, hunger, and more. The students worked tirelessly on their projects to create websites, Facebook pages and gather online pledges. Many

wrote to local government officials and held meetings to inform the general public with what they had learned. The juniors presented their efforts to their schoolmates, faculty, parents and alumnae judges at the Junior Advocacy Expo on June 5th. Seeing the hard work, passion and dedication of this group was truly inspiring. They were not only able to become more educated about modern issues themselves but also helped the local community and Dominican Academy students to become more aware of their surroundings and the struggles many people face.



Above: Natalie Frankowski, Katharine Ferrante, and Hannab Stanke worked to stop childhood hunger in the U.S.

Right: Junior Advocacy Expo: Juniors, Joanne Lim and Alexandra De Bard present their Junior Advocacy Project against teen bullying. You can see their music video by going to youtube.com and searching, "Trapped by Joanne Lim and Alex DeBard."



The Big Onion

“Peeling back the layers to discover the true New York”

This year, Ms. Katie Leo, Dominican’s Theology Chair and Campus Minister created a new service and cultural immersion experience for juniors and seniors. This one week program included some of D.A.’s own students along with other girls from other Dominican schools, St. Agnes & St. Dominic in Memphis, Tennessee and Our Lady of the Elms in Akron, Ohio. Together they learned the role of the four Pillars of the Dominican Order in everyday life: community, prayer, study, and just actions. They spent their days volunteering in marginalized communities where homelessness, disability, and poverty are prevalent. The

students also explored cultural and culinary sites to get a taste of the flavor and uniqueness of each community. Finally, at the end of each day, the students came back to D.A., their ‘home’ during the week, where they spent time in prayer and reflection. This wonderful program allowed them the opportunity to respond to Christ’s call to use their talents in service to others. It helped them foster a deeper spirituality as well as learn to appreciate different cultures and accept diversity. The group from Tennessee left us with this reflection on their experiences, “this service immersion experience, led by Ms. Leo and Ms. Sudeikis, was life changing for every student who attended. Because of this journey together, it is evident that we are able to become agents of change in our own communities. We will forever see that it is our responsibility to reach out to those who need a helping hand. St. Agnes & St. Dominic, Memphis, TN will never forget this week.”



The group volunteered at POTS (part of the solution), a soup kitchen in the Bronx.



Students from D.A. work at an Urban Farm alongside those from Our Lady of Elms, Akron, OH and St. Dominic – St. Agnes, Memphis, TN

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We have listed all the class years with a Class Representative, followed by their email address when available. If your class is not included and you are interested in serving or know a friend who would be, please email the Alumnae Association at alumassoc@dominicanacademy.org. Reconnecting is an activity best when shared, it is not a lot of work but it is a lot of fun to get in touch with your classmates.

1943

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1953

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Sister Doris Regan a member of the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, received an honorary degree from Albertus Magnus College in May, which she attended from 1954 to 1956. Sr. Doris was honored for her fifteen years of service in San Pedro Sula, Honoduras.

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Attention Class of 1958: your Class Reps are planning a 55th Reunion dinner at the *Isle of Capri* to take place on September 20th, the same day as The Rooftop Reconnection Reception. Please contact Jeanne or Lauretta if you would like more information or to RSVP to this special event!

1959

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Joanne Milo Salaverry is excited to announce that her son David Salaverry married Dr. Kristina Rodriguez on June 8th at St. Thomas More.



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Jo Ann Schilling Fannon, congratulates her daughter Emily (D.A. '02) on receiving an MBA from the Boston College Carroll School of Management. The whole family gathered for the celebration!



Peggy Hanley writes, "I am still living in San Diego and continue my organization leadership consulting practice. I am trying to back off a bit and my two grandsons are helping me do so since they are cuter than any client. Our grown children returned to San Diego post college/grad school and our

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family expands to a larger one with all the great in-laws. Our son was married this past fall and we have a grand-dog too. My husband is still on UCSD faculty in psychiatry. We aspire to more time in Big Sky Montana for hiking, fly fishing and skiing at our condo there. We count our blessings daily. Best to you all and call if you get to San Diego or Big Sky."

Joan Mazzonelli was asked by two writing colleagues to write the book to a short musical. She did and it got accepted in a contest! The book and lyrics by Marianne Kallen, book by Joan Mazzonelli, music by Karen Mendoza. It is a musical adaptation based of the short story *Reasonable Terms* from the collection of stories, *Animal Crackers*, by Hannah Tinti (who wrote *The Good Thief* in 2008). Performances on July 19, 20, 21 at The Art of Adaptation at City Lit Theater in Chicago.

1969

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'69 classmates (l to r) **Joanne Guarasci Yost, Joan Bodgen Brandt, Alice Consigli Onady, Ann Marie Flynn, and Denise Moores Hyland** gathered for dinner in June when Alice flew in from Dayton, Ohio to visit her mother, Marie, who is a very spry 92 !



1970

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The Class of 1970 will offer a Memorial Mass on Saturday afternoon, November 2, 2013, for their deceased classmates, **Gail Goodwin** and **Frances Zawacky**. Please contact development@dominicanacademy.org for additional details.

Mona Bonamarte is excited to be celebrating her grand-daughter's 3rd birthday – Victoria Elizabeth Bonamarte turned three on June 8th!



Carol Hessler is thrilled to announce that her daughter, Diana, gave birth to Leonard Francis Toole on December 31st, 2012. Carol was present at Francis's birth; she is a totally engaged Nana Carol! (p.s. doesn't Diana look just like her gorgeous Mom?)



Melody Deprez was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for all academic disciplines after being granted tenure. She is an Associate Professor of Graduate Education at Georgetown College.

Annemarie Mena welcomed her first grandchild to her family in

November 2012– a perennially happy little boy named Milo James.



The Curse of the Mayans: while visiting the Mayan pyramids at Chichen Itza, Mexico, **Maureen McCarthy** twisted her leg and suffered a dislocated hip. She's fine now, but this illustrates how NOT to spend your vacation – Maureen was inside the ambulance when this picture was taken.



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Ann Downey O'Brien, along with her husband Tim and triplets, Aidan, Brendan and Connor, were travelers on the fourth voyage of the Norwegian Breakaway on June 2nd. Everyone had a wonderful time and we highly recommend the ship and the amazing experiences it offers.



1977

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Jane Sniffin, '17, daughter of **Julie Grimes Sniffin**, was awarded Best Advocate in the Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial competition in May 2013, and was also named Valedictorian for the Class of 2013 of the Epiphany School in Manhattan.

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Sally Behringer Finkelstein is proud of her daughter Elizabeth who recently graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, NY and will be headed to Manhattan College in the fall to study engineering. Congratulations and good luck!

Vanessa Contrastano Reggiardo wishes congratulations to her son, Luca, who graduated from eighth grade with high honors and won the Principal's Gold Award. He is headed to Nyack High School where he will join his older brother Nico who plays on the varsity tennis team. Their brother Marco just completed fifth grade in Upper Nyack and won a Physical Fitness award.

Margaret Crowley Farrell is pleased to share a photo of the latest addition to her family. His name is Sergeant and Margaret's husband John won him at an

auction at a Wounded Warrior dinner.



Patricia Hillman Pender shared a photo of her family's latest addition – his name is Buddy and her husband won him at a Juvenile Diabetes dinner. As she learned from seeing Margaret's note, winning dogs at auctions seems to be a trend!



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Christopher and **Ana Mock-Diaz** have two children Gavin and Georgia Mock



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Tatiana Serafin writes, "We are excited (and a little bit sad) to see our daughter graduate from Kindergarten. We are looking forward to spending the summer at our newly redone weekend home in Rhinebeck. Anyone up in the area, give us a shout!"

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Mrs. Luisa Rios Heinz had another daughter Elsa born 4-8-13 making Sofia a big sister and Matt a proud father of his girls. The family will be moving to

Bay Ridge, Brooklyn this summer to make room for their growing family.

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Anne Reidy will marry Timothy Sullivan of Massachusetts on July 27, 2013 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the Lady Chapel. One of her attendants will be her classmate and now sister-in-law **Jennifer Vasquez Reidy!**

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A group from the Class of 1997 got together on May 16 at La Biblioteca in midtown for some after work drinks. We had a fantastic time and hope to get together again and with more from our class later this summer/early fall. Attached is a photo of us.

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Aidan Schmitt who attends Catholic University, at 2013 March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C



2013

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In Memoriam

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Teresa Rowe, '44

Michael Kelly
Husband of Catharine Kelly Kelly, '47

Maureen Farrell McCarthy, '54

Roger Keating
Brother of Pam Keating, '59

Gail Goodwin, '70

Marie Caisson Marano O'Toole
Stepmother of Missy O'Toole Long, '82 and John O'Toole, Board Member

Juan Diaz
Father of Ann Diaz Mock, '89

Patrick Raftery
Father of Eileen Raftery, '91

Antonio Bruno
Husband of Maria Bruno, Staff and father of Artemisia, '00

Louis Macchiaruolo
Father of Stephania Macchiarulo '03 and Alexandra Macchiarulo, '10

Calendar of Events

September 20th

Annual Rooftop Reconnection Reception

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

October 19th

Open House

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 26th

50th Reunion

All Class Reunion years ending in '3' and '8'

Both from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

November 14th

Major Benefactors Reception

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

December 20th

Young Alumnae Welcome Back ('13, '12, '11, '10)

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A new printed Alumnae Directory is in the works for this year. This is a wonderful tool for all alumnae to stay in touch with each other and for professional networking. Dominican Academy has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI), a family owned publishing company operating since 1921. PCI has begun the process of collecting and cleaning up data in a secure manner. Thank you for your participation in this project, as it helps all D.A. alumnae stay connected and enables the Development Office to update our database.

We need your help. Please call 1-877-303-6591 (toll free) to verify the accuracy of the data currently listed on file.

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An accurate database goes a long way to save postage and printing costs for D.A. Be on the lookout for e-mails and mailings from PCI on behalf of Sheila Joyce, Director of Development. There are some very simple instructions to follow. If you do not complete this step on the first round, PCI will continue to contact you over the next several weeks to complete this project.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to make this important project a success!

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Students pose at the entrance to the Louvre



Jo Ann Schilling Fannon, '68, Susan DeBard, '72, Sr. Barbara Kane, O.P., Laurretta Clancy Leddy, '58, and Susan Leddy Midas, '83 enjoy the view from The London Eye.