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This year's National Merit Scholarship Finalists and Commended Scholars (left to right): Isaac Lee, Ellen Snow, Olivia Dorow Hovland, Emily Wagner, and Brady Ryan.

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A word from the **President**



“Dear Dr. Harris,

You were one of my favorite teachers ... Dr. Harris, you were a great inspiration to my future career choice—becoming a teacher... When I’ve dealt with students, I always remember how kind, patient and accepting you were ...”

Communications like these, which I have occasionally received from former students, humble me. I believe that heartfelt gratitude expressed to others flows from one’s realization that personal or professional accomplishments are not solely the result of one’s own energy, ingenuity and intellect. We witness this during celebratory events when the threads of encouragement, support and affirmation woven into people’s lives are shared in public and poignant tributes to family members, mentors, teachers and friends.

It is important for us to seek public opportunities to express our thanks to the special people who have made differences in our lives because these expressions benefit both givers and beneficiaries. Those who receive recognition are humbled to know that their efforts are worthwhile, and inspired to continue contributing and adding value to others. In turn, they are rooted in the fertile soil of humility, and sensitized to “pay forward” the commendations they have received.

I am confident that Minnehaha’s graduates recognize the debt of gratitude they owe to so many who have contributed to their personal growth, and will offer public thanks now and in the future. Most of all, I hope they recognize God’s love for and faithfulness to each of us. He provides the yearning and capacity for us to be rich in both generosity and humility.

As we conclude this school year, I thank God for this wonderful school community.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Psalm 107:8

Sincerely,

Donna M Harris

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Commencement 2012



The family of graduate Jennifer Webster.



Taylor Besser receiving diploma from President Donna Harris.



Rachel Koebele and Isaac Lee.

On a glorious summer evening, the Class of 2012 celebrated commencement with smiles, advice, and laughs. Inside Benson Hall at Bethel University, 123 excited seniors listened intently to the chosen speakers and the music, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to cross the stage, shake hands with President Harris, and finally receive, after years of hard work, their high-school diplomas. Everyone graduated, no one tripped, and all got a cap back after the traditional celebratory toss. At the end of the evening, Bethel's shady campus lawn was replete with smiles, hugs, cookies and cameras!



Graduate Madison Cowmeadow with parents.



Left to right: Olivia Dorow-Hovland, Matt Penzenstadler, Cameron Ubel, Brady Ryan, Madeline Myers, Ellie Snow, Amelia Schurke, Charlie Gibbons, Chris Garcia.

Class Verse "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3: 5-6



Ryan Chun and Maggie Moran.



Graduate Emily Wagner and social studies teacher David Hoffner.



Graduate Angie Earley celebrating with her family.



Ruendy Lopez '12 and his family, including brothers Eddie '19 and Edwin '14.



Left to right: Michael Ganter, Jenn Bazzichini, Brigid Kelly, Sarah Yockers, Nick Manoles, Jordan Lutter, Ruendy Lopez, Sara Lind, Stefanie Lim.

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

Baccalaureate Service

On June 2, 123 members of Minnehaha's class of 2012 assembled in Hognander Chapel for worship and to hear three classmates deliver testimonies of their Christian faith. Megan Carlson, Jeff Riley, and Franeda Williams shared inspiring stories about their walks with Christ.

Megan Carlson

For my 18th birthday, my dad gave me a beautiful stained glass window. Forged from fragments of colored glass, it is a melting swirl of fluorescent hues and mosaic shapes. My dad lovingly restored it after he discovered it dusty, battered and abandoned in an antique store. Now, hanging in my window, it is just a dull collage of pigments, until the light comes.



Megan Carlson

When the sun shines through the window, the full splendor of the stained glass is revealed, and the sight is breathtaking. Sometimes I feel my life is like the fragmented glass of the stained glass window. My life is split into distinct pieces, identities that I can't seem to weld together. I have the "England self" of

my childhood—a piece dark green with the rich countryside. Here, God planted my interest in different cultures and grew me up in his love. He showed me, through the scriptures, to delight myself in him and He would give me the desires of my heart (Psalm 37:4).

In 2010 we moved to Africa, the continent I had always dreamed of visiting. My year in South Africa is a radiant ocean blue. God showed me that even on the other side of the world, He is with me. I saw His love in the township congregation that sang their hearts out to God, with their voices as the only instruments. I saw His caring hands in the small mountain church in Lesotho that provided needed medical care to the villagers. I saw His faithfulness in the praise and prayers of our friend Gladys, who started a Bible study for women with AIDS in her township. I saw His provision in the school that welcomed me so eagerly, and in the friends

that made me feel at home. I saw His glory in the towering mountains and sparkling sea. And I saw His work throughout the world when Christians from every different tribe and nation gathered in Cape Town for the Lausanne Congress.

Now back again in Minnesota, my piece of glass is yellow for friendships and growth. After adjusting back to life in America and reconnecting with friends at Minnehaha, yet still homesick for South Africa, God helped me to be content with where I am and showed me that even in my little neighborhood, He can use me.

In the midst of my worry about moving to different countries and starting a new life, God kept leading me to the verse in Philippians that says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6,7). This verse is a thread that connects all the pieces of my life, as God reminds me to stop trying to piece the fragments back together with my own design.

I am reminded again of this verse as I stand before my graduation. I don't know what color this next segment of my life will be, or the many yet to come. But through all the sections of my life, God has shown me that He is trustworthy. He has sought me for Himself and given me His peace that covers all the pieces of my life. He is the maker and fulfiller of my identity, uniting all my experiences, dreams and failures. I am the glass, He, the life-restoring light. Light through glass—a picture of God's love in my life. God can take the fragments of our lives, jagged and split, and put the pieces together to reflect His design. His light restores, unites and gives purpose to the pieces we hold out before Him, transforming dull glass into brilliant color.



Jeff Riley

Jeff Riley

A couple of weeks ago, a newly wedded couple from my Bible study group at church approached me with questions about Minnehaha Academy. They were in the process of trying to decide the best option for their son, and curious about what insight I might be able to

share as someone who is rounding off a decade between the two campuses. While I expected to give them some basic information, I did not expect for this to be such a pivotal reflection for me. When I think about what I have gained from this institution, what jumps out at me is not the material or quantitative knowledge, but the maturity in which I aspire to conduct myself.

Whether we claim the title of “lifer” or have attended Minnehaha since freshman year, there is something unique about this environment. We can reminisce about the academic challenges or clubs or extracurriculars, but what continue to be undeniably prominent are our relationships with each other. Growing up with your acquaintances and best friends in such a small setting creates a built-in atmosphere of accountability that you can’t find everywhere.

We all know the high standards Minnehaha expects of us, and the majority of us have successfully “put on” an acceptable persona when it comes to the hallways; but I found my integrity was almost exclusively challenged outside the walls of the building. Beginning freshman year, I had high aspirations for myself. I wanted to achieve academically, grow spiritually, and connect myself socially. Little did I know that I would be faced with inconsistencies in these areas. With a couple friend groups forming, I found myself acting one way with certain friends, differently with others, and slightly more differently with others still. I began to lose what I truly valued in order to achieve what different people claim to be various forms of “success.”

This past September was my 18th birthday. After much prayerful deliberation, I decided on a rite-of-passage method of celebrating adulthood and got a tattoo on my calf. The time I spent in the Word and in prayer opened my eyes to the most meaningful reoccurring theme in scripture to me. Forever inscribed on my body is Matthew 5:13-16, which says: “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer

good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.”

For years, we have all been surrounded by faculty and staff who model these qualities, and although, in reflection, I can understand and truly appreciate this blessing, this has not always been the case. I fell into the bad habit of filtering advice or insight given to me. Whether the source was teachers, staff or even peers, I was inclined to strain out anything I thought controversial or a “push-back” to my behavior. This prideful mindset prevented me from becoming a person who demonstrates the actions that I knew were aligned with God’s purpose for me.

Proverbs 16:18-19 says, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Attending Minnehaha has been a learning experience with these principles and has led me to recognize the importance of seeking examples that embody the qualities I would want for myself. As this chapter of our lives comes to a close, we enter a new one full of opportunity. While we all are certainly apprehensive about the next steps, it can be dangerous to be tantalized by ideals of status or financial success, and to belittle or forget the importance of connecting with peers and mentors that will keep you accountable. As people, God created us to be in relationship with one another. Make sure those relationships do not encourage complacency, but rather, challenge and fortify you to be salt and light to the world.

Franeda Williams

As one raised in a family with deep spiritual convictions, I became aware of my spirituality at a very young age and have been exposed to the teachings of Christ my entire life. My parents, my church, and Minnehaha Academy have been positive influences that have helped me grow in my faith. All the people, places and events that have impacted me



Franeda Williams

have taught me to remain faithful to God even during hard times. Additionally, they have taught me to desire to live a virtuous life in service of God and other people.

A struggle for me has been trying to live a life for Christ even when the world is pressuring me to do otherwise. I believe this will be a struggle for my whole

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spiritual journey, because temptations are always being thrown at us. Right now in my spiritual journey, I am working on living out the Christian doctrine I believe.

In many aspects of my Christian walk, things are easier said than done. I pray daily, asking God to provide me with wisdom and clarity, and to remember to make his will my will.

A major event that influenced my spiritual journey was my baptism. I was baptized in late August this past summer, which was both a heartwarming and humbling experience for me.

Earlier this year, I became convicted in my spirit to be baptized. I have always believed that baptism should be a conscious choice that people made when they were ready to declare their desire to follow Christ. I talked to my parents about my desire to be baptized, and they prayed with me and counseled me in the weeks leading up to my baptism. On the day I was baptized, my family and a few members of our church came and gathered for a picnic, and then we went down to the beach so I could be baptized. When we gathered by the beach, the middle-aged lifeguard became angry with us and called security. My dad, the officiating minister, talked to the security guard and the lifeguard to explain what was going on. They said what we were doing might “offend” other people on the beach when in fact, many people gave a “thumbs-up” of approval. After talking a little while longer, they allowed us to continue. I gave a brief message about my convictions to be baptized and why I had chosen to follow Jesus, but the whole time I was just so furious over what had just happened. Afterwards, my dad talked to me about how, when I get into the world outside my Christian community, I will face a lot of hatred and opposition. This gave me comfort, and reminded me that God commands believers to be “in” the world but not “of” the world.

Today, I want to remind us all that when we follow Jesus, we surrender our will, plans and entire life for His

mission, knowing that our faithfulness in sharing the Good News and doing the will of the Father is the purpose for our lives. When we are faithful and compliant to His message and his mission, we will sometimes experience opposition. The opposition we encounter results from the contrasting views of the Kingdom of Heaven and this world. When we choose to follow Christ, we are committing to live a life that is contradictory to the culture we live in. When we experience opposition as a result of following Jesus, we are not headed in the wrong direction. Instead, it is a sign we are being faithful to the Gospel.

Jesus has beckoned us on a voyage that requires us to take on a worldview and way of life that stands in contrast to the culture we live in. Jesus proclaimed a message that fundamentally opposed the ways of the world—that’s why the world was in favor of His crucifixion. With that said, we shouldn’t be taken aback when we’re faithful to the Gospel and experience conflict.

Our society perpetuates materialism and glorifies money, while Jesus teaches us to be generous and not to store up earthly treasures. Our culture emphasizes individualism, while Jesus calls us to serve our neighbors. Our society tells us that the topic of faith is confidential and not politically correct to speak about, while Jesus tells us that sharing the Gospel is essential in our walk with Him. We live in a culture in which worship is limited to church, when Jesus wants our whole lives to be worship.

Although Jesus Christ did not come preaching a message that supported the ways of this world, He does not leave us alone in facing opposition. In Romans 8:28,

we are offered these reassuring words: “We know that in all things God works for good for those who love Him, those whom He has called according

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to His purpose.” In the midst of opposition, we need to remember that resolution will come. In Matthew 10:22, Jesus said, “Everyone will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

Class of 2012, I challenge you to stay firm in your faith as you transition into this new phase of life, and ask yourselves, “Am I living for society or am I living for Christ?”

Commencement 2012

James L. Volling is a partner in the Business Litigation Group of the law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels. He has been chair of the Minnehaha Academy Board of Education since 2005, and has served as a board member since 2002. He and his wife, Connie, have three sons: Jon (Jessie), Jeff (Lisa), and Justin. Jim will complete his term as chair at the end of June.

Speaking to the Class of 2012, Mr. Volling offered this guidance (excerpted):

I learned as a new student my prep school's motto *Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret*, which means "Not to be served, but to serve." This seminal idea originated from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Matthew 20: 26-28, Jesus said: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Class of 2012, I tell you today, with all the conviction I can muster, that these words of Christ are the key to a happy and fulfilling life.

I came to understand more about that motto as I got involved in a service program at school. One afternoon each week, I would tutor a boy named Dom, who had cerebral palsy and spent his days in a wheelchair attempting to cope with that debilitating and incurable disorder. Of course, I got much more out of that tutoring experience than I am sure Dom ever did. Every time I went to tutor, my seeming problems and concerns melted away, and I was reminded of the myriad blessings I had received.

In my professional life, God caught me looking at justice issues surrounding the death penalty. I vowed that if I ever found the opportunity to contribute in some way to greater fairness in a justice system that seeks to impose the most severe of punishments, I would do so. God provided that very opportunity a few years later ...

I urge you, Class of 2012, to be attentive to what God catches you looking at, for He will make available ways for you to serve. And there is great need for your service! ... In order to find examples of true Christian service, you do not have to search far ... You have been surrounded by teachers, administrators, and staff at Minnehaha who have served you because they heard God's call to ministry ... With the perfect example of Jesus and the other servant role models who have positively influenced your lives, Class of 2012, how will you determine what you do to serve?

The acclaimed Christian author Max Lucado, in his best-selling book *Cure for the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot*, urges you to look back on your life and consider what you have consistently done well and what you love to do. He writes: "Stand at the intersection of your affections and successes and find your uniqueness. You have one. A divine spark. An uncommon call to an uncommon life ... Don't worry about skills you don't have. Don't covet strengths others do have. Just extract your uniqueness ... And do so to make a big deal out of God ... every day of your life."

Class of 2012, the world needs servants. It desperately longs for people like Jesus, who "do not come to be served, but to serve." This secular culture will tell you that "you're worth it" and "you deserve it" and "you're entitled" and "you should look out for number one." Reject those seductive and deceptive voices. Lose yourselves in genuine Christian service. Live like it's not about you.

Live like
it's not
about
you



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THE STUDENT CHALLENGE

by

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MINNEHAHA ACADEMY 4.0 SCHOLARS

On June 3, the 123 members of the Class of 2012 received their diplomas at Minnehaha Academy's 99th Commencement ceremony. Six class valedictorians delivered the Student Challenge to their classmates that evening.

Graduates, congratulations! We've climbed our way up a winding path to the crossroads where we sit now. We've seen the ups and downs of high school, we've tasted the air of victory—and defeat—on the sports field, we've heard the wisdom of our teachers, and we've touched the books that have helped shape our minds. We've had four years of self-reflection—being encouraged by our teachers and families to find our talents, values and morals amidst a culture of conformity and an environment of pressures. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. introduces a new path to consider:

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

Dr. King poses a great challenge to us all—to look beyond our own individual selves, and see the greater concerns of our neighbors, communities, and world. This seems like a simple enough task—just be less selfish. But in fact, it goes against the natural way in which we relate to the world, it goes against our cultural norms, and it goes against how we have thought and lived for 18 years. This is no small order!

But we should be careful to convey that our individual concerns and our quest for self-understanding are not bad. Up until now, and especially in high school, we have been given the opportunity to find and invent ourselves. We have been able to discover what we love, and what we don't love; what we hold dear, and what we reject; what we are good at, and what we are not so good at—we have been able to grow. In economics, we learned that at least sometimes things work best when everyone acts in their own “rational self-interest.”

But what if we never moved past economic thinking? Is there more than simply living for yourself? . . .

*I toss my pebble into the pond
I see the waves ripple outward, proof of my own action
moving, directing other droplets toward the course I desire
This sight belongs to me*

*Whooshing, rushing, clapping for me
I compose the water's beat into a symphony
This sound belongs to me*

*I taste the quenching water as it paints my lips with its reflective,
glistening gloss
It coats my throat with its sustaining power
to keep me alive for another sunrise, another season
This taste belongs to me*

*I smell the water as the drops fall
The scent rises from the puddle below
It fills me with peace, with comfort, with contentment
This smell belongs to me*

*I feel the shrill, cold water as it covers me
It pinches me with assurance that I'm alive and worthy of life
This touch belongs to me*

*Deep within me, I sense that in some profound, mystical way
in this moment, this water is mine
each rapid, tide and rain belongs to me*

The influences present in our society are necessary for growth and for understanding who we are as individuals. Self-discovery is a vital aspect to a successful education that prepares us for a fulfilling life. High school is a great place to explore who we are and discover where our talents lie . . . The beliefs that we have developed in high school will play key roles in shaping who we become in future years.

However, the time for self-discovery alone is drawing to a close. As we move forward, we will continue to shape our own identities, but it must not be the sole purpose of our lives. If it were, we may understand ourselves, but we would be isolated from the people and communities surrounding us. What if we could extend beyond ourselves to serve a bigger purpose?

This is not an easy endeavor. We have been practicing the lessons of self-discovery for 18 years. It will take intentional choices to redirect our focus outward. We may even have to surrender old habits of self-concern. That could mean less time building our Facebook profiles and more time building human relationships with our neighbors; less time focusing on our personal progress of

tomorrow and more time celebrating the people, opportunities and beauty of today; less time worrying about our personal reputations and more time acting with integrity. Regardless . . . this new mindset will, undoubtedly, require intentional efforts and continued practice.

If we strive to find meaning beyond ourselves, we must live by values that challenge us to reach beyond our own senses and feelings. Whether they be honesty, genuine compassion, selfless love, service, humility or faithfulness, the values we choose to live by are ultimately up to us. In order for them to mean anything at all, we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly. When we face the most challenging situations, when it is most difficult to act virtuously, it is then that our values will hold the most significance. The next few years will certainly promise many such challenges that will grant us opportunities to live out our values. Furthermore, a life driven by higher values will bless us with an outward perspective and a sense of purpose.

*I toss my pebble into the pond
I see my waves overlap with others proof of our coexistence
I belong to the water*

*Whooshing, rushing, clapping for all
This time I wait, I hear the beauty, I learn the rhythm
I yearn to join the symphony
I belong to the water*

*I taste the quenching water as it paints my lips with its reflective,
glistening gloss
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The scent rises from the puddle below
It blesses all with a sense of peace and unity
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*I feel the shrill, cold water as it covers me
It pinches me with humility, reminding me of all the lives it's touched
before me
I belong to the water*

*I can feel that this water is far more majestic than me
that in this moment I am part of a life and a world that is shared
with each person who senses the water
I belong to the water*

As we move forward, we must strive to experience the world just as we have now experienced the water. With an intentionally outward-focused mindset, the same water, the same experience, the same life, takes on radically different meaning. Graduates, remember those words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Let us challenge ourselves to reach beyond the narrow confines of our own senses, to embrace a virtuous mindset, and to find meaning in serving a greater purpose. It's time to see. It's time to hear. It's time to taste. It's time to smell. It's time to touch. It's time to feel. It's time to live!





ARLENE ANDERSON

Teacher, dean, principal and board member Arlene Anderson—a pillar of Minnehaha Academy—passed away on March 4. She was 92.

Beloved educator Arlene E. Anderson was a formidable advocate for Minnehaha Academy who helped shape the school's culture of academic excellence. Her career with Minnehaha spanned almost 50 years—about half the school's history. From 1945 to 1963, Arlene taught English and history. From 1963 to 1984, she served as dean of students, then dean of instruction, and finally, as the first middle-school principal. Even after retiring in 1984, Arlene continued to chart the school's course as a board member, then chairwoman of the school board for three years.

“If I had ever wondered who we were or where we were going, I would have only had to visit Arlene, who was a living reminder of the highest written and unwritten standards of our identity.”

Kathy Johnson

Arlene remained actively involved in school activities until 1995. Her thoughts about Minnehaha's mission then, and until her passing, reflected a commitment to Christ.

Throughout Arlene's career she strove to integrate academic excellence with Christian faith. “What makes Minnehaha so special is its determination to challenge all students before they graduate to come face-to-face with the claims of Jesus Christ,” she said. “This can change a life ... a sound spiritual philosophy transcends the past and gives strength to the future. At Minnehaha Academy, when we're doing the job right, our Christian faith will be reflected in everything we do. I believe the Christian faith is an aggressive part of every teacher's responsibility.”

When Arlene was asked why she chose “aggressive” she said, “Yes, aggressive! If a school is going to be Christian, then it must be more than mottos or lip-service. Our faith has to show. Of course, as humans we sometimes fail. Yet our Lord's standards must always be there to point the direction.”

“I'd rate our academics extremely high,” said Arlene. “Of course, a high standard of academics does not necessarily follow every new fashion in educational thought. Innovations untested by time often hold little merit ... Ethics and logic are basic to good Christian thinking. We can develop better ways of teaching, but the basic content remains the same. We ought to focus on Christian character even though the present culture is challenging the integrity of our thought.”

The oldest of nine children, Arlene was born in Suring, Wisconsin, and grew up in Iron Mountain, Michigan. In 1941, she graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and began teaching in Kingsford, Michigan. She married Courtney Anderson in 1942, and they moved to Minneapolis. Four years later, she began her career at Minnehaha Academy.

In 1949, her twins, David and Dennis, were born; Dennis died in infancy. Arlene continued to pursue studies in education while working

full-time and rearing David. Her husband died in 1964, but she went on to receive a master's degree in education from the University of Minnesota. In addition to her son, she is survived by a brother, Clyde Carpenter, of Suring; two sisters, Sara Jane Huchnuth of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Nona Troutman of Denver, Colorado; and a granddaughter, Courtney (Anderson) DaCosta '99.

Several of Arlene's friends and colleagues shared their remembrances:

Arlene was the principal of the Upper School when Minnehaha hired me. She was approachable and accessible, and she invariably supported me. She helped me grow as a teacher, and granted me the independence to teach to my strengths. To me and countless others, she embodied what Minnehaha Academy is. Hers was a life of service to God and to others, a life well-lived.

Jim Erickson, History Teacher (1969–2005)

Arlene was one of the formative influences in my life. I used to tell her I wanted to grow up to be like her! And I think for all her accolades her significance was underestimated. Minnehaha can never overstate the shaping influence she was in its history. She hired and nurtured hundreds of teachers, passing on passionate visions of an education for the whole child, treasuring each as an image of God. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for Arlene.

Barb Olson, Teacher (1973–1985), Upper School Principal (1996–2001)

Arlene exemplified and articulated what Minnehaha is. If I had ever wondered who we were or where we were going, I would have had to only visit Arlene—a living reminder of the highest written and unwritten standards of our identity.

Kathy Johnson, Teacher, Lower School Principal, Development Director, Admission Director (1984–2011)

In addition to being a career woman, Arlene was also a gracious hostess. On many occasions, even when Arlene was 90 years old, I was invited for lunch or dessert. It always started with a prayer and ended with good Swedish coffee! In between was a stimulating exchange of ideas, including titles of books to recommend to each other. She was a serious-minded woman, to be sure, but she was also quick to laugh. She was always interested in hearing about people, but never uttered or listened to a word of gossip. She was direct but never rude. She knew the art of conversation.

Jan Johnson, Upper School English Teacher (1972-present)

There is no question that Arlene was a legend at Minnehaha. During my time as alumni manager, I was told countless stories by alumni whose lives were impacted by her. Some were funny, some were serious, but all who met Arlene had tremendous respect for her. And I appreciated that every time I saw her, she had an encouraging word for me.

Heidi Douglass Carlson '96, Alumni Manager (2002-2009)



From yearbook: "Mrs. Anderson, History, Bible II teacher"



1984: Middle School Principal



1968: Dean of Students



1981: Dean of Instruction



2010: Administrative Office Dedication Ceremony



2010: Arlene pictured with President John Engstrom (school president from '94-'09) at the Administrative Office Dedication ceremony.

Sports in Review



Sophomore Sam Mullinix moves the ball up the field against a tough Roseville defense.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

The girls' lacrosse team finished their season with a 12-4 record, ranking eighth among all Minnesota schools. The team lost three games in the regular season by a total of five goals, with two of those games going into overtime. The girls won their first two playoff games against Breck and Roseville before falling to Blake (the defending state champions) in the section semifinals. Seniors Gabbi Stienstra and Amy Hendrickson earned All-State recognition.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

The Minnehaha Academy softball team finished the season with an 11-10 record after falling to SPA 6-1 in the second round of the sectional playoffs. Minnehaha finished sixth out of 13 teams in the Tri-Metro Conference with a 7-5 conference record. Several seniors on this close-knit team sustained injuries, making it a difficult season.

Players who were named First Team All Tri-Metro Conference included Sara Lind '12, Jennifer Mrozek '15, Mara Raymond '12, and Andrea Scharf '12. Honorable Mention All Tri-Metro Conference was awarded to Angela



Andrea Scharf '12 chosen to play in the Star Softball Series.

Scharf '15 and Jess Von Arx '14.

Shortstop Mrozek received Honorable Mention All-State from the Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches Association. Mrozek had 41 hits and a .539 batting average, placing her in the state's top 10 in batting and top 5 in hits.

Scharf, a first baseman and captain on this year's team, was chosen to participate in the 24th Annual Minnesota High School Fastpitch All-Star Softball Series held on June 10 in Mankato. The All-Star Softball Series features 72 of the state's best senior softball players. Congratulations, Andrea!

The 2012 softball team earned the Academic Gold Award for having a team GPA greater than 3.75. Brigid Kelly '12 and Laurel Meier '12 received Academic All-State honors. Mrozek and Megan Thurow '15 were awarded All-Section 4AA honors.

BOYS' TENNIS

Boys' tennis welcomed a large number of new younger players to the team this spring. The team ended its season with a 7-6 record.

John Hellevik '13 earned the team's Best Sportsmanship award and Connor Erlandson '13 earned the Most Improved award. All Conference Honorable Mention went to Hellevik and classmate Derek Coughlan '13.

GIRLS' GOLF

While returning golfers perfected their swings, an enthusiastic group of new girls took up the sport and joined the girls' golf team. Led by captains Rachel Koebele '12 and Rachel Worthman '12, the girls enjoyed being out on the course by day and team bonding plus ice cream by night! We thank our senior captains, along with senior Anna Betz, for their time and dedication to the program.

BASEBALL

The Minnehaha baseball team finished the season ranked fourth in Class AA in the state coaches poll. It was another outstanding season under coaches Scott Glenn and Josh Thurow as the boys won the Tri-Metro Conference for the third straight season.

The team was led by these All-Conference selections: Wesley Peterson '12, Adam Schiffman '12, John Pryor '13, Eamonn Manion '13, and Ryan Evenson '13. Chris Wolpert '12 and James Goth '13 won All-Conference Honorable Mention. Juniors Alec Chamberlain and Josh Wintz, along with senior captain Michael Ganter and freshman Ford Schroeder, rounded out the starting lineup. The team was pleased with their achievements this year and looks forward to several prominent members returning next season.

At state, Ethan Wagner '14 came in second in the 3,200-meter race. The boys 4x800 relay team (Luke Brown '12, Brady Ryan '12, Ethan Wagner '14, Jacob Eggers '13, and alternates Mark Lind '13 and Mike LeGrand '12) finished first. Xavier Scott '12 placed second in the 3,000-meter hurdles. Ellie Snow '12 and Jacob Eggers each finished first in their respective 800-meter races. Nicole Nipper '13 finished second in the 1,600-meter race. Jackie Bedingham '13 was first in the 100-meter and first in the 200-meter. The boys 4x400 ran to a second straight sections victory with two freshmen on the first two legs: Jonathan Webb ran leadoff, handing to Andrew Wintz (alternate) with about a 15-meter lead; Wintz ran the best race of his life and handed on in first to Scott. Scott and Eggers closed things down, holding off challenges from Mayer Lutheran and Blake.



Senior Chris Wolpert sliding into home plate. (Minnehaha vs. DeLaSalle).

BOYS' GOLF

The boys' golf team completed a successful season with three members—Nick Manoles '12, Nick Cochrane '13 and Ben Johnsen '12—all playing well at sections. Congratulations to Manoles, who was one of five individual top scores at sections with rounds of 77-76-153, putting him in a tie for third place over all. He will compete in the state tournament at the Ridges of Sand Creek in Jordan.

BOYS' & GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

The boys' track and field team finished third in their section meet, sending several runners to the Minnesota State Meet on June 8 and 9. The girls' team finished seventh, also qualifying members for the state meet.



Senior Ellie Snow finishing first in the 800 meter race, followed closely by senior Amelia Schurke and junior Nicole Nipper.



Junior Jacob Eggers leading Minnehaha runners, Luke Brown and Brady Ryan to the finish line of the 800 meter race on their home track.

C.F.E.!

CULTURAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

CFE is a yearlong, authentic learning opportunity with a week of off-site experience for Upper School students. The off-site segment of the course occurred just before spring break, enabling students to “build bridges” within our school, neighborhood, and global communities among people from diverse socioeconomic, generational, religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds.

“When people are taken out of their comfort zone it makes them see that there is more than just their little world. They find that it’s not all about them. It gives them a new outlook on life.”

~ student



From left: Juniors Bengt Nelson, Elliot Fink, Charlie Schroeder, Sandy Mahar, Leah Fredrickson, Anna Scholl, Sophie Law.

Exploring Local Faith Communities

Endeavoring to understand more about local faith communities, seven Minnehaha juniors and publications teacher Reid Westrem '84 spent their CFE week investigating religion in the metro area and its surrounds.

On their first outing, they attended the Shabbat service of Temple Israel in Minneapolis, where they were warmly welcomed and impressed by the energetic worship. On Sunday, they attended a worship service at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in northeast Minneapolis; Father Andrew Morbey, a former Minnehaha parent, presides over the congregation. After the service, Minnehaha alum and priest Nicholas Hubbard answered the students' questions about Orthodoxy. Hubbard mentioned that the first time he stepped inside an Orthodox church was as a Minnehaha junior on a school-related project.

The group's third stop was at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. The students toured the abbey, and participated in contemplative prayer led by a Benedictine monk. They also attended a presentation on the St. John's Bible, examining this acclaimed manuscript at the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library. On the way back to Minnehaha, the group stopped at the Hindu Temple of Minnesota in Maple Grove. Westrem said, “It turned out to be one of the most surprising and majestic sights of our week.”

During the week, the students checked out the amazing religious art at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts as well. They also met with Tibetan monks at the Gyuto Wheel of Dharma Monastery in northeast Minneapolis who enlightened them on Tibetan religious practices and traditions.

Asked if this week of religious exploration was worth repeating, one student replied, “Everyone should do this. [Although] we didn't understand everything we saw or heard, we agreed that we were thankful for a week of new, thought-provoking experiences.”

France

Fourteen Minnehaha students traveled overseas to immerse themselves in the culture of France. They covered notable sites in Paris, and then ventured south to Provence. Setting out from the city of Avignon, the students explored regional treasures including the mountaintop village of Les Baux de Provence and the village of Saintes Mairies de la Mer on the Mediterranean Sea. On horseback, they ventured into the Camargue Wildlife Refuge, observing a species of flamingo indigenous to this delta area of the Rhône River.

The group also spent three days at Taizé, a world-renowned ecumenical retreat center for youth. Spending time there in worship, silence, and prayer, students welcomed the chance to interact with hundreds of teens from France and other countries.

Greece

Twenty-two Minnehaha students embarked on a nine-day voyage through Greece. On their first day in Athens, they explored the historic streets of the ancient city and the vast architecture of the Acropolis. On the Hill of Ares outside the Parthenon, Minnehaha teacher David Hoffner relayed the historical account of the disciple Paul's address to the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. From Athens, the students visited cemetery sites with riveting histories and legends.

Trekking up a mountainside to the Acrocorinth, the group took in a stunning panorama. Mycenae, the home of Agamemnon, proved equally intriguing with its history, hiking, and spectacular views. The quaint seaside village of Nafplion provided authentic Greek entertainment, and students participated in a dance taught by local men in the town square. A cooling swim in the sea and delicious gelato provided a welcome respite!

The Greek adventure resumed with a visit and hike in the idyllic countryside surrounding the Byzantine monastery and village of Mystras, resplendent with wildflowers and olive groves. Here, students visited with nuns, and gleaned a historical perspective on Greek Orthodoxy. After a quick trip to the Sparta ruins, the final days of the trip were spent seaside in Monemvasia. The charm of this old town and views from the rocky island left students wishing for a return visit to legendary Greece!

Slovenia

Minnehaha's music ensembles have a lengthy tradition of concert touring. This year, Minnehaha added a new dimension by combining the tours of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Orchestra with the CFE program. In addition to performances in Prague, Bratislava and

Salzburg, students participated in educational opportunities that enriched their understanding of the culture and history of these areas.

Students spent two days with gracious host families from Minnehaha's sister school, the C.S. Lewis Bilingual Academy, in Bratislava. They prepared a short presentation and video about Minnehaha to share with the students at the C.S. Lewis school. In return, C.S. Lewis students relayed some amazing stories about their country's "Velvet Revolution" as the communist regime was overthrown in 1989. For the group, it was an eye-opening opportunity to hear firsthand from students whose parents had been involved in the political overthrow.

In addition, students spent some one-on-one time with students in the class: playing "American football" with first-graders, helping middle-school students practice English, and discussing politics and stereotypes in high-school social studies. Minnehaha students concluded their stay with a concert performance for the entire student body.

Also on this trip, students read *Light from the Yellow Star* written by Dr. Robert Fisch, a Holocaust survivor, and toured the concentration camp where Dr. Fisch was imprisoned. Band teacher Diane Hallberg said, "That will be a lasting memory for many."

Of course, the chance to perform great music was a highlight of this CFE program. "Our tour repertoire was a mixture of music of the classical European tradition and music of American composers," Hallberg said. "The opportunity to walk in the places that Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn worked helped to make the music we played come alive for us in a way that a lecture or textbook never could."



Students at the Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral. Left to right, front to back: Peter Whitman, Haley Anderson, Bryanna Williamson, Berit Neiderluecke, Ashley Lundeen, Casey Haffield, Hannah Ridders, Tatianna Thurik, Linnea Graham, Lauren Heidi, Toria McKenzie, Ena Bahtia, Connor Graham, Max Buffie.

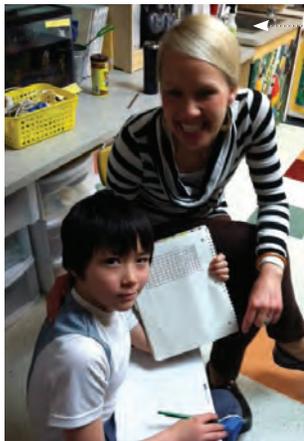
Around Campus



• Thanks-a-Latte, an annual celebration to appreciate school libraries, was held Thursday, April 12, at the Upper School library. Author Sarah Stonich read from her recent book, *Shelter* at assembly and then appeared in the library to autograph her books. Above, freshman Taylor Bye interviews the author for a class assignment.



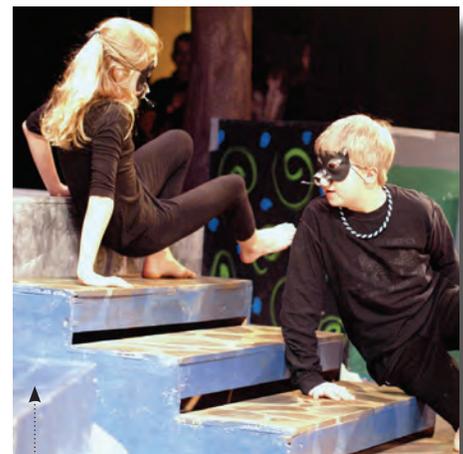
• The lack of snow made dogsledding a challenge this year, but preschoolers still enjoyed many indoor activities for their annual study of Alaska.



• Jakob Hagberg was learning how to multiply a five-digit number (72,321) by a four-digit number (1,425) in Naomi Peterson's class when he announced, "I love this school!"



• "Granny Pauline" was a huge hit with the first-graders this spring. The "College in the Schools" Anatomy and Physiology students taught Lower School students about health and nutrition as part of their educational outreach on wellness.



• Fifth-graders Greta Wold and Matt Doty perform in their class play "Mozart It Isn't."



BLAST Day opportunity: Henry Dustrude and Jesse Retzlaff learn about glass-making from Malcom Potek of PotekGlass.



Early on January 28, the entire Minnehaha High School Boys' Basketball team took part in a service opportunity at Minnehaha United Methodist Church in South Minneapolis: They distributed groceries to people in need. It was also a time of great fellowship and team bonding. Pictured is Kaharri Carter '13 and a couple of new friends!

Minnehaha Academy Upper School students Ben Gifford, Madison Parker, Erin LaVahn, Alex Hummel, Matthew Hultman, Calvin Treichler, Blake Brumley, Max Thompson, and film teacher Nicholas Freeman celebrate receiving first place in the state for the Kohl's/Children's Hospital PSA Flu Prevention film entries.



In the the style of artist Jim Dine, fifth-grade students created Valentine's Day cards. The artists of these three cards are Olivia Hansing, Liam Casey, and Evalin Olson.

In a special Middle School chapel presentation, the NED Show was presented to help students develop character qualities. The word NED stands for three character qualities: Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best.

The first weekend in May, the Middle School Theater department performed Sherlock Holmes.



President's Reception Honors Contributors

President Donna Harris hosted a Reception on Saturday, April 14, at the Westin Edina Galleria. It was a time to honor and thank individuals who generously support Minnehaha Academy. Guests included members of the Fellowship and President's Associates of the Annual Fund, T.W. Anderson Legacy Society, Cornerstone Consecutive Giving Society, and the Redhawk Grandparents Club. Cornerstone Volunteers, Ambassadors, and Benefactor and Capstone Honorees were acknowledged.

Cornerstone Volunteers *Individuals who have faithfully and exceptionally given of their time and talents to the school community without expecting anything in return.*

Sherrill (Anderson)'56 and Mark '54 Nelson

Sherrill and Mark have been faithful volunteers to Minnehaha in various capacities for 40 years providing leadership and support to alumni engagement and fundraising efforts. During this time, their children—Todd '79 (Beth '79 Koepp Griggs-Nelson), Linda '82 Lehman, Jill '85 Chelgren, and Sara '90 Peterson—attended school here. They now have six grandchildren attending Minnehaha: Kersten Chelgren '13, Ben Nelson '13, Desirae Griggs '13, Anders Chelgren '15, Annika Nelson '16, and Britta Chelgren '17. Both Mark and Sherrill serve as alumni class



representatives. Sherrill served on the Board of Education from 1983–1989, and chaired the Alumni Committee for three of those years. She also volunteered for many years as the school nurse as part of the volunteer school nurse program she helped create. Mark served on the Board of Education from 1991–1995 and as board chair beginning in 1992. He also provided the leadership that brought John Engstrom to Minnehaha Academy as its sixth president. Mark was named the distinguished alumni in 1995 for his volunteer work on behalf of Minnehaha, his church Bloomington Covenant and professional and service organizations in the Twin Cities. Currently, Sherrill and Mark serve on the Centennial Alumni Committee. They are grateful for their years at Minnehaha, especially because it is where, as a student, Mark dedicated his life to Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Cornerstone Ambassadors *Individuals who have faithfully and exceptionally served as long-term representatives of the school to the students, parents, Covenant denomination and community.*

Barbara and John '53 Carlson

It is not possible to have a conversation with John without hearing him talk fondly about Minnehaha Academy. He may be recalling a memory of when he was a student here or retelling a recent conversation he has had with a student while serving Minnehaha as custodian at the Upper School, a role he has held since 2003. John and



Barbara have connections to the Academy as far back as 1917, when Barbara's uncle, Milton Opsahl, graduated from the Minnehaha. During the 1940s John's family attended Bethlehem Covenant when its services were held in the south end of the Minnehaha (now the French and math classrooms). Since then, John and Barbara have been part of the Minnehaha community as ambassadors, telling anyone who will listen about the mission and what it has meant to them. The word "ambassador" originates in the late 14th century, meaning "messenger servant." John and Barbara exemplify this meaning. Since 2003, John has sought sponsorship for and

participated in the annual Redhawk Run. The money raised supports the Allen Ahlquist Class of 1953 Endowment Fund which provides a scholarship to a student each year. Nearly \$21,000 has been added to this fund through John's efforts thus far. Minnehaha Academy is grateful for John and

Barbara's witness as messenger servants for more than 50 years. The Carlsons continue their heritage of service as members of the T.W. Anderson Society. The Carlson's four children are Minnehaha Academy alumni: Lynnda '79 Nelson, Beth '82 Morgan, Lisa '84, and James '91.

Cornerstone Benefactors *Individuals who have faithfully and exceptionally supported the school financially over time.*

Wayne and Beverly Thompson and LaVonne Sauter
Beverly and LaVonne's mother, Helen Nordquist Benson, was a member of the first class at Minnehaha Academy beginning in 1913, graduating from the commercial department in 1914. (Her graduation dress will be on display as part of the Centennial exhibit.) Her sister, Alpha Nordquist Rasmuson, graduated in 1916. Their family attended the Tabernacle in Minneapolis, which we now know as First Covenant. They were part of the Covenant community that supported Minnehaha Academy in those early days. After Alpha's death in 1983, her husband Erick established the Alpha Nordquist Rasmuson Memorial Scholarship to honor her memory as a Minnehaha graduate. At the time of Erick's death at age 101, Minnehaha Academy received a gift from his estate. A second endowment was established in honor of Erick and his second wife, Esther. In 2009, the two funds were joined. To date, 29 students have received scholarships to attend Minnehaha through these endowments. Beverly and Wayne Thompson and

LaVonne Sauter are honored to carry on their family's commitment of support to Minnehaha Academy. "We feel education with a Christian emphasis gives a meaningful purpose to life.



Supporting scholarships helps provide a Christian education for those who otherwise would be unable to attend Minnehaha Academy. There are so many students needing financial aid and the benefit of a Christian education at Minnehaha is valuable not only to the student, but to the community at large. It is a good investment. We have found the students to be truly grateful." Wayne and Beverly's two children are also alumni: Greta '88 Schramm and Scott '90.

Capstone Honorees *Individuals who have faithfully and extraordinarily served in all three capacities simultaneously – volunteer, benefactor and ambassador – to advance the mission of the school.*

David '67 and Jeanne Anderson

Jeanne and David Anderson's connection with Minnehaha is filled with wonderful memories along with service and support. Shortly after college, David said his mother, Arlene Anderson, "pressed [him] into service for a week or so as a substitute wood shop teacher. I am proud of my teaching career in that no student sawed off any body parts while in my charge." David also drove a bus for Minnehaha at that time. David and Jeanne were active volunteers during the time their daughter Courtney '99 DaCosta was in school. Jeanne co-led a Girl Scout troop for many years. David said, "Because our house is close to South Campus, Jeanne was the second mom to Courtney's pack of friends all the while she was in school. Our refrigerator was community property." Jeanne worked the Arena Sale for several years, and both Jeanne and David were Captain's Parents for Volleyball and Track. For a number of years, David was the Minnehaha Academy representative for Elim Covenant Church, Minneapolis (now Crosstown

Covenant), which he attended growing up. Each Covenant church had a Minnehaha representative who served as a school ambassador and helped with a Minnehaha Academy Sunday held annually. Currently, David serves on the Board of Education and chairs the Trusteeship Committee. Minnehaha Academy is grateful and honored to have David, Jeanne and Courtney representing Minnehaha as the school's Centennial Chairs commemorating the school's 100th anniversary. The Andersons have generously supported the school financially over many years, through gifts to the Minnehaha Fund, endowment, capital campaigns, the annual Golf Classic and the Heritage & Hope Scholarship. The Anderson's legacy of faithful and generous support is a blessing to the Academy.



Minnehaha Legacy Giving

Win-Win Giving

Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) can help you reach your charitable dreams as well as your financial goals. Though a CGA is first and foremost a way to donate money, it also provides tax deductions and a lifetime stream of income for donors.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is an irrevocable contract between a donor and a charity. If, for example, you were to set up a CGA between yourself and Minnehaha Academy, you would agree to make a donation to MA, and the school would agree to make fixed payments to you (or someone else of your choosing) for the rest of your life. A two-life gift annuity (for a married couple, for example) pays throughout the life of the survivor. After the payments end, Minnehaha Academy would keep the remainder of the donation.

The amounts of these fixed payments are based on several different factors, including the amount of money donated, the age of the donor(s), and the payout rates set by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Though payments deplete the principal of the donation, they are ultimately backed by all of the charity's assets so donors can feel secure that their payments will always be there.

Part of your payments during your life expectancy will not be subject to state or federal income tax. And if you itemize deductions, your gift qualifies for a charitable deduction. Also, the amount given is removed from your estate, so it will not be subject to tax later on. For a more accurate understanding of how a CGA will affect your tax situation, be sure to contact your tax adviser.

So what are your financial and charitable goals? How can a CGA help you reach them? Contact Kevin Lawson, CFP® Financial Service Representative at Covenant Trust Company at 1-877-222-3960 or kelawson@covenanttrust.com to find out. Request a personalized and free illustration of how a CGA can help you, your family, and your favorite ministries.

“As we started our family, we realized the importance of including a will in our financial planning. We felt strongly about making a legacy gift to Minnehaha. We included Minnehaha as one of our charity beneficiaries because we know the impact it has made on our lives, and know that it will continue to be a place that upholds our values.”

~ Heidi and Jey Carlson



Heidi (Douglass) '96 and Jey Carlson with sons, Bjorn and Alex.

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September 7 & 8, 2012

Mark your calendars for the 39th Annual

Minnehaha ARENA SALE!

This HUGE garage sale plays an important role in supporting the school financially, benefiting all students.

Friday, September 7, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Admission for Adults: \$3 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Donation Drop-Off Days

Wednesdays August 8, 15, 22, 29 Drop-Off Times: 1 – 8 p.m.

Saturdays August 11, 18, 25 Drop-Off Times: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS OTHER THAN AT THESE TIMES.

Occasionally, items are left near the arena at non-designated drop-off times. These items are often thrown out due to damage from rain.

Sorry, no pick-up service is available.

Items Not Accepted

Anything in poor or soiled condition, any items NOT in working order, large appliances, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, building materials, sinks, toilets, car seats, carpet, Nordic Tracks, projector screens, organs, pianos (portable keyboards accepted), curtains, curtain rods, pillows, magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, mini blinds, electric typewriters, weapons of any kind, hazardous materials (paint, oil, insect repellents, etc.), sofa beds, mattresses or box springs, crib mattresses, plastic outdoor furniture, ceiling lighting fixtures or ceiling fans, propane tanks (even if part of gas grill), tires, downhill ski equipment, school desks and chairs, used printers, PCs prior to Windows XP, non-operational PCs, small or very large analog TVs. No recalled toys or baby items.

Questions, please contact:

Jane Anfang, Alumni and Parent Relations Manager, at 612-728-7721,
or AnfangJane@MinnehahaAcademy.net

Location – Lower and Middle School Campus

Minnehaha Academy Ice Arena, 4200 W. River Pkwy., Minneapolis, MN 55406



Minnehaha Academy Benefit Auction

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80s

On Saturday, April 28, 250 people gathered at the Minneapolis Convention Center to celebrate the Awesome 80s at the Minnehaha Academy Auction. Everyone was in the spirit of the evening, and costumes featured leg warmers, crimped hair and big bangs, mullets, Zubaz, letter jackets and other 80s-inspired attire. Guests enjoyed delicious food and bid on silent auction items including sporting event packages, a Toro lawnmower, jewelry, children's toys, tools and more. Auctioneer Karen Sorbo '78, led the live auction. One round of bidding in the live auction raised \$25,000 for the Opportunity Fund which provides non-tuition assistance for busing, athletic fees, field trips, and lunches for Minnehaha families. Overall, the auction raised more than \$85,000 (net) for Minnehaha programs.



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Photos: 1 Live auction bidding: current parent Wade Sedgewick. 2 Paul Slininger, Kim Christianson, and Abe and Tara Quiring. 3 Current parents Lorie and Scott Larson. 4 Current parents Dave and Ann Wasson, Jeff and Shannon Boehm, and Steve and Liz Bejarano. 5 Current parents Peggy and Kip Kirkpatrick, Rob and Betsy Bakke. 6 Master of Ceremonies Blake Christiansen.



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Faculty Spotlight

Sandy Elhardt Middle School Physical Education/Health

Education: B.A. in Physical Education and Health, coaching endorsement from Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Graduate studies in Physical Education at St. Catherine University, University of St. Thomas, and Hamline University.

Years teaching at Minnehaha Academy: 27

Classes I teach: Sixth and seventh-grade Physical Education/Health, and Learning Lab.

Hometown: Morristown, MN.

Family: I am married to Terry Elhardt. We have three children—Katie (25), Chris (23), and Kelli (19)—and one family dog, Maggie.

Interests and hobbies: I enjoy doing things with my family and friends, flower and vegetable gardening, canning the produce from my garden, hiking, bike riding, traveling, and a good movie.

How would your students describe you? I hope they would say: “She makes learning fun, and cares about wanting her students to become healthy and good people.”

I am currently reading: “The Ragamuffin Gospel” by Brennan Manning.

What inspires your teaching? I get excited when a non-athlete comes into class and develops skills where they feel comfortable and confident to participate in activities in their leisure time. I feel I can have a real impact on my students’ quality of life by helping them learn how to keep their bodies healthy. Last but not least, the energy that middle-school students have is infectious! I love it! Teaching is never boring.

Who are your role models? My mom, my grandmother and my godmother. These kind, wise, confident Christian women have shaped who I am.

When did you decide to become a physical education teacher? A high-school teacher encouraged me to go into teaching. I started out in elementary education, but soon discovered health and physical education was my real passion.

Summer plans? I look forward to pursuing my interests and hobbies whenever I want. I will also enjoy getting to the Elhardt family lake cabin to relax.





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L I V I N G T H E L E G A C Y

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER." HEBREWS 13:8

Homecoming

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday
SEPTEMBER

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Homecoming Chapel

Hognander Chapel, North Campus
10:30 a.m.

Friday
SEPTEMBER

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All-Alumni Open House and Reception

(Registration Required)
Bergstrom Court, North Campus
5 - 7 :30 p.m.

Don't miss this all-school reunion featuring:

- Program; hearty hors d' oeuvres served
- Historical exhibits displaying 100 years of Minnehaha history
- Alumni Art Exhibit
- Group affinity photographs
- Madrigals performing school hymn

Alumni Jazz Band Rehearsal

Band Room, North Campus 6:30 p.m.

Homecoming Coronation

(Registration Required)
Hognander Chapel, North Campus
7:30 p.m.
Presentation of former Kings and Queens by the Centennial Homecoming Court. Centennial Homecoming Queen and King announced. Alumni Jazz Band performs Bird Land.

Alumni Art and Historical Exhibits

Sundet Commons and Watson Gallery, North Campus
8 :30 a.m. - Noon

Morning Coffee with Our Famous Rolls

(Registration Required)
Watson Gallery and Campus Room, North Campus 8:30 a.m.

Hall of Fame Induction Program

(Registration Required)
Hognander Chapel, North Campus
9 a.m.

- First public performance of the Minnehaha Academy Centennial Hymn
- Fine Arts Hall of Fame Induction
- Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
- Distinguished and Young Alumni Recognition

Redhawk Run 5K Benefiting Scholarship Aid

(Special Registration Required - \$7 entry fee in advance, \$10 race day, t-shirt included)
West Parking Lot, by Soccer Field, North Campus
Registration at noon. Race begins at 12:30 p.m.

Athletic Events

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Girls Volleyball, 10 a.m., Bergstrom Court, North Campus
- Boys Soccer, 11 a.m., Kauls Athletic Field, North Campus
- Girls Soccer, 1 p.m., Kauls Athletic Field, North Campus
- Football, 3:30 p.m., Athletic Field, South Campus

Tours of Alumni House and Offices of Northwest Conference, Evangelical Covenant Church

Alumni House, 3105 46th Ave South
Northwest Conference Office, 3106 47th Ave South
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tours of South Campus

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Minnehaha Golf Classic

(Entrance Fee: \$215 - Registration Required)
Town & Country Club,
300 North Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul, MN
11 a.m. until Dusk
Registration, deli-buffet lunch, and warm-up on range and putting green,
11 a.m.
Welcome and instructions on 4-Person Scramble,
Noon
Shotgun Start, 12:15 p.m.
Clubhouse dinner and program, 6 p.m.
(Golfers' spouses and others are welcome, dinner fee applies)

Saturday
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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

We invite you to come back to the Minnehaha Academy Centennial Celebration and Worship

Hognander Chapel, North Campus

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INTRODUCING THE
MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

Alumni House

During Homecoming, don't forget to visit the Alumni House located at 3105 46th Avenue. This new "home" for permanent Minnehaha Academy archives is a welcoming place for alumni and friends. You are invited to use the space to gather for meetings, share your memories, peruse issues of the Antler, Quiver, Talon, Arrow, and view school photos and artifacts that document 100 years of our history!

Limited Edition Commemorative Centennial Book and Spirit Wear available for purchase throughout Homecoming

COMMEMORATIVE *Centennial Book*

Take 100 years of Minnehaha Academy history home with you! A limited edition Commemorative Centennial Book has been produced just for this special occasion. Learn how the school got started and explore the school's legacy through images and stories from every decade.

- Pre-order your copy online at MinnehahaAcademy.net/100 and save \$5 on the purchase price of the book.
- Pre-order purchase price: \$29.95 including shipping
- Purchase price at Homecoming: \$35
- Purchase price after Homecoming: \$39 including shipping

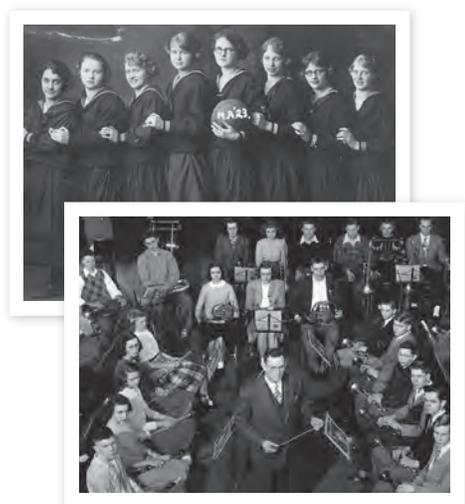
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MINNEHAHA
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Mosaic

NOMINATE FELLOW ALUMNI FOR THE MINNEHAHA ACADEMY MOSAIC

Help us celebrate the legacy of Minnehaha Academy alumni by nominating a graduate for the Mosaic. It will include diverse examples of alumni who have shaped the communities around them. Consider alumni that you know: Sunday school teachers, accomplished performers, dedicated teachers and coaches, acclaimed athletes, insightful scholars, brave veterans, or humble leaders among others. To nominate, simply write a paragraph or two describing his or her impact in the community on the form found on the Centennial website. The Mosaic will be displayed during Homecoming Weekend.



ANNOUNCING MINNEHAHA ACADEMY'S HALLS OF FAME FOR FINE ARTS AND ATHLETICS

Two Halls of Fame have been created to commemorate our rich and diverse programs in Fine Arts and Athletics. Join us in honoring the contributions of individuals from the Minnehaha community. Honorees for both Fine Arts and Athletics will be inducted into the Fine Arts and Athletics Halls of Fame at the Induction Program on Saturday, September 22.

Hall
OF
Fame

AQUATENNIAL
*Torchlight
Parade*

MINNEHAHA FLOAT

Be a part of Minnehaha history when we take part in our first Aquatennial Torchlight Parade since the 60s on Wednesday, July 18 at 8:30 p.m. Our float will be kicking off Minnehaha's Centennial celebration. Join us in building, decorating or donating to our float. Work days in June and July for students, parents and alumni. Contact Melissa Mortenson (mortenson5@comcast.net) to get involved in this fun summer event. Plan to be at the parade to cheer us on!



Art
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Exhibit

Calling all Alumni! Submit art pieces to display in the Alumni Art Exhibit during Homecoming. Visit MinnehahaAcademy.net/100 to complete your application.

For more information, to register for events or complete forms, visit MinnehahaAcademy.net/100 or call 612-728-7722.

Check out

Minnehaha Academy's History

through an **Interactive Timeline**



Through Our Eyes

These oral histories have been collected from individuals with a variety of experiences and connections to the school over the years. Hear their stories about what Minnehaha Academy has meant to them and their families - and their hopes for its future.



Harvey Lundin



Jeff Crafton



Kathy Johnson



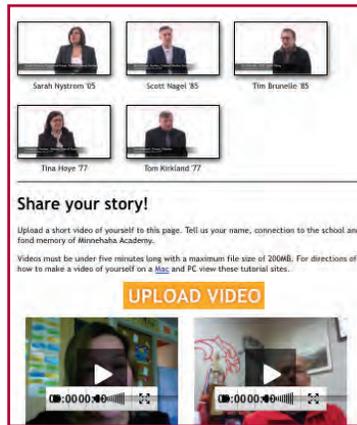
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Mark Norlander



Share your story!

Upload a short video of yourself to this page. Tell us your name, connection to the school and a fond memory of Minnehaha Academy.

Video must be under five minutes long with a maximum file size of 200MB. For directions of how to make a video of yourself on a Mac and PC view these tutorial sites.

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July 18

Aquatennial Torchlight Parade - Minnehaha Float

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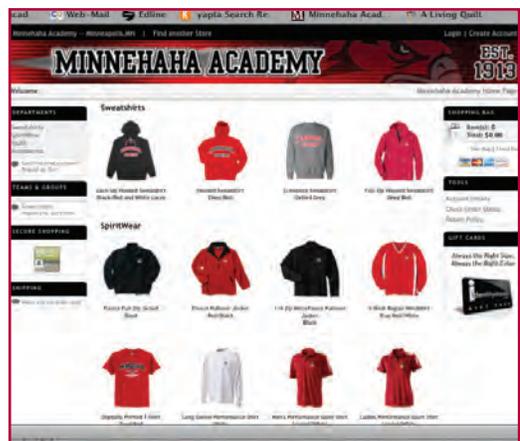
Centennial First Day of School

Kick-off fest

September 20

Homecoming Chapel

10:30 a.m. Hognander Chapel



Give a gift to help launch Minnehaha Academy into the next 100 years.

Ready to do good, ready to share . . .



Pictured with Minnehaha President Donna Harris are Presidential Award recipients, from left to right: seniors Wesley Peterson, Madeline Myers, Brigid Kelly, Brady Ryan.

As we celebrate the graduation of another class, we see the transformative power of Christian education. A recent quantitative study suggests that Minnehaha Academy's model of integrating Christian faith and learning is foundational in preparing students to make a difference in our world.

According to the Cardus Education Survey:

- Christian schools play a vital role in the long-term faith of their students.
- Christian school graduates are uniquely generous with both their time and financial resources.
- Christian school graduates are outwardly focused individuals who stabilize their communities by their uncommon commitment to their families, churches and society.
- Christian school graduates are foundational, reliable, indispensable members of society.

Graduates of Minnehaha

. . . are ready to do good, to be generous and ready to share, because they have stored up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future (I Timothy 6:18-19).

Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Your gift in any amount will make an impact, and on behalf of our students, we thank you.



Thank you Jim Volling

Board chair retires after ten years



James L. Volling is a native Minnesotan, who grew up in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He graduated from The Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, and then received his A.B. degree with honors from Harvard University in 1976. In 1979, Jim received his J.D. degree with high honors from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Today Jim works for the Minneapolis law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP. He is a partner in the Business Litigation Group practicing in the areas of complex civil and criminal commercial litigation, and is a member of the firm's Management Board. He has been honored to receive Faegre's John C. Benson Pro Bono Award, the Minnesota Justice Foundation's Private Practice Award for Outstanding Community Service, and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights' Volunteer Award.

Jim began his association with Minnehaha Academy as a parent when his son Justin enrolled in sixth grade. Jim became a member of the Board of Education in 2002, and then assumed the role of Chair in 2005. He also served as Chair of the Search Committee in 2009 that recommended Dr. Donna Harris to be Head of School. "We are grateful for his faithful service in orchestrating significant strategic planning initiatives," said Dr. Harris. "He has led policy decisions by our Board of Education during a period of transition and economic challenges. These have positioned Minnehaha's vibrant community well as we look forward to our Centennial celebration."

"It has been my privilege to work alongside of Jim Volling on the Board of Education for Minnehaha Academy. Jim is an outstanding leader and a man of great integrity. I have never doubted his commitment to the school and its mission to integrate Christian faith and learning. He will be sorely missed on the board, yet I know that his passion for Minnehaha Academy will continue to express itself in other constructive ways through which the school and its leaders will still benefit from his participation."

~ Mark Stromberg
Superintendent of the Northwest Conference
for the Evangelical Covenant Church

Outside of his professional life, Jim has been engaged in the community and in faith-based organizations. He has been Chair of the Boards of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and of Charis of Minnesota, Inc., a prison ministry, and has been Vice Chair of the Board of Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Jim has also been active in leadership at Excelsior Covenant Church, serving twice as Church Chair and twice as Building Committee Chair for two significant building projects at the church.

Dr. Harris added, "Our school has been blessed by the leadership, talents and gifts of Jim over the past ten years. He has been an exemplary leader with a passion to use his expertise to advance the mission of Minnehaha Academy. His core Christian values are evident in all aspects of his work and in his professional and personal relationships."

Jim will complete his term as Chair of the Board of Education at the end of June.

Betsy Benito '94 and Nicole Bahena '98

Serving the homeless of Chicago



Nicole (Prichard) Bahena '98 and Betsy (Mahler) Benito '94

In a meeting room in Chicago, on a cold winter day several years ago, a manager said to two young women: “You two should know how to deal with this [weather] since you’re both from Minnesota.”

It was then that **Betsy (Mahler) Benito '94** and **Nicole (Prichard) Bahena '98** discovered they were both from Minneapolis, they both had gone to a small Christian school, and that school was Minnehaha Academy.

“It was such a surprise!” said Betsy. “It blew us both away that two people from a small Christian high school would wind up in Chicago doing unique and innovative work in the field of homelessness.”

Betsy started working on Chicago’s Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness right at its beginning in 2001. “I liked that it was about making good policy sense on the ground,” she said. She worked directly with providers who were trying to lead changes in their agencies and across the system to focus on housing, not shelter. That led her to the city of Chicago to oversee the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan. In 2010 Betsy moved to her current position where she works as the Director of Corporation for Supportive Housing’s Illinois Office (www.csh.org). Her office also focuses on helping government systems change the way they do

business to invest more in supportive housing. They provide loans to entities developing supportive housing, and deliver technical assistance to nonprofits to create high-quality supportive housing programs.

While Nicole was pursuing her master’s degree in social work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she interned at an agency that provided housing for those experiencing homelessness. They were members of the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness—the agency where she works now. Nicole started attending Alliance meetings while interning. When a position opened up, she jumped at the opportunity to apply because she was drawn to the “systems change” efforts that were being carried out there.

The common organizational goals of Betsy and Nicole are to end homelessness by increasing resources for people facing homelessness.

One common current project is revising Chicago’s Plan to End Homelessness: Nicole’s organization is the private partner to the city of Chicago, and Betsy’s organization is working as the consultant to facilitate the community process and writing of the Plan 2.0. “We spend a lot of time together strategically planning to create buy-in and support for new initiatives as they arise.” said Betsy. “Nicole and I share information, talk through issues, provide general support in addition to the big work projects.”

Betsy is married to Lawrence Benito, an Illinois native. They have four children: Celia (11), Emmett (9), Lauren (4), and Nicolas (1). If she has a free moment she enjoys watching soccer games, trying new foods, visiting museums, family activities.

Nicole is married to Eduardo Bahena. They enjoy exploring the city—from street festivals to restaurants to coffee shops—running, spending time with family and friends, attending comedy shows, and live music concerts.

Both Betsy and Nicole agree their Minnehaha education helped lead them to where they are today. Nicole said “I know my desire to serve others and give back is directly connected to my experience at Minnehaha. I felt these ideas were built into the entire experience—from demanding good sportsmanship on the field, to requiring community service work as part of the curriculum.”

Elaine Ekstedt '69 and Justin Ekstedt '01

Archiving Minnehaha's history



Justin Ekstedt '01 and his mother, Elaine (Olson) Ekstedt '69

In the spring of 1969, Elaine Ekstedt graduated from Minnehaha and ventured up the river to Augsburg College. She completed her B.A. in English secondary education in 1973 and returned to teach English at Minnehaha that fall. She has taught English, developed a "basic skills" class for students who struggled academically (now called Learning Lab), married Einar and had two children, created the publications program, advised 15 years of yearbooks and newspapers, led the school accreditation process at least four times, earned a masters degree in special education, and created the Learning Specialist position. Currently, she is the Director of Special Academic Needs at Minnehaha. She is also in the position, along with her son Justin, of volunteer temporary archivist in preparation for the Centennial celebration.

Justin '01 attended Northwestern College in St. Paul where he pursued a B.A. in English with a concentration in creative writing. He left after two years and worked a few odd jobs before completing his degree at Hamline

University, graduating in 2009. "I've held a lot of wildly different positions, but I've always considered myself a creative writer at the core." He recently produced the web and marketing copy for *The Dead Sea Scrolls* and *Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs* exhibitions at the Science Museum of Minnesota. He has just recently begun work as a caption editor at CaptionMax, which produces closed captions and subtitles for TV programming and movies.

Both Elaine and Justin have noted, from their work on the Centennial book, how interesting it is to stand back and look at the whole institution. Elaine said, "It's helpful to see the cycles. I've lived through many of them myself, having been here 40 years, but understanding the longer and wider view is always interesting. Being able to step back and look at the whole institution gives one an appreciation for what God has actually been able to accomplish over 100 years, which to Him might be the blink of an eye, but to us is quite a long time. It's quite amazing how God has used the people and circumstances of 100 years to bring the school to this point of celebration."

Justin added, "The most interesting thing to me about our research and writing has been considering how notions of the past, present, and future mix and overlap. The future of the school revealed itself as a theme that has resonated with every generation. In the 1930s, for example, students wrote essays about what they believed the school might look like in the future of the 1960s, while we can now look back at the reality of the "future" 1960s as a part of the past. I attempted to approach an understanding of the Centennial as a significant moment but still a very temporary moment in the school's legacy. As a creative writer, I can't help but imagine what the Minnehaha Academy community might look like in another 100 years and what it will think about our own limited visions of the future, which we might believe so prescient today."

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Alumni News

Where to send your news ▶ The ARROW welcomes news contributions about you and your classmates. Keep us informed of college degrees, new jobs, weddings, babies, honors, travels, and more. Photos are a plus! Have you recently gathered together with other MA alumni? We'd love to share your photos with our Minnehaha family. Send them to Jane Anfang, Minnehaha Academy, 3100 West River Parkway, Mpls., MN 55406, or e-mail to alumninews@MinnehahaAcademy.net, or fax us at 612-728-7757. Include a caption outlining the event, the alumni pictured, and class year. To be included in publication, photos should be well-lit, and, if digital, at least 300dpi. Please do not send inkjet-printed photos or photos of low resolution. We want you to look your best! *Thanks!*

1927

Alice Isabel Katherine (Carlson) Johnson '27 was born on January 1, 1911. She was number one to her family, friends and everyone she met for 101 years. Alice passed away on April 1, 2012 in Edina, Minn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donovan. She is survived by children Mary (Phil) Anderson, Karna (Charles) Mikkelson, and Mark (Ann); five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Alice donated her body to the University of Minnesota Medical School.

1932

Genevieve S. Bruce '32, age 96, of Minneapolis passed away March 2, 2012. Preceded in death by husband Donald; son Robert; sister Gladys; and brother, Paul. Survived by son William (Phyllis) Bruce; sister Evelyn Lewis; grandsons Mark (Julianne) Bruce and Scott Bruce; great-granddaughter Rhiannon; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

1934

Orville E. Bloomquist '34, age 95, of Crystal passed away on April 3, 2012. He was a lifelong resident of the Minneapolis area, a member of First Covenant Church and later, Crystal Free Church. Orville served his country in WWII in the Army Air Corps and continued his career in Federal Civil Service. He is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine; son Conrad (Mary); grandsons Robert (Jenn) and Marc (Leilani); and granddaughters

Anika and Britta. Orville had a brilliant mind and a kind soul. His loves included reading, aviation, Lake Minnetonka, meals at Sunsets Restaurant and spending time with his family.

1936

Carl Elving Virginia H. (Husby) Roise '36, age 92, of Minneapolis passed away on February 25, 2012.

1937

Representative needed

1938

Esther (Swanberg) Peterson

1939

Jeanne (Johnson) Enroth
Correction: Our previous Alumni News update about Ruth (Engelbrekt) Hultquist's 90th birthday had two mistakes. She is not married to Harvey Hultquist, he is her brother-in-law. Not mentioned as attending her birthday party were Elizabeth Anderson, Grace Lundgren, Dwight Anderson and Louise (Stocke) Anderson.

1940

Dorothy (Lundstrom) Balch
dlbalch@aol.com

1941

Louise (Stocke) Anderson Mary Ann (Mixer) Muska '41, age 88, of Lawrenceville, Ga. died March 29, 2012 after a very brief illness. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy, and daughter Winifred. She is survived by two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mary

Ann was a committed homemaker and devoted supporter of her husband's professional endeavors, including authoring a book. She was an avid pianist, cook and golfer. She volunteered for many worthy organizations as she was a firm believer that giving is better than receiving. She and Rudy were charter members of the Minnehaha Academy Fellowship. Her Christian faith was evident in all that she endeavored.

1942

Representative needed

1943

David L. Swanson
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1944

Lorraine (Benson) Frykman
lafrykman@aol.com

1945

Beverly (Johnson) Lohmann amflohmann2@gmail.com
Geraine Johnson '45 passed away on April 11, 2012.

Alden Bergstrom '45 passed into the presence of our Lord on February 23, 2012. His family gathered for a time of singing and praying as he passed away at Samaritan Bethany Nursing Home in Rochester, Minn. After graduating from Minnehaha, Alden enlisted in the Army and served at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. After retiring from the service he met and married Beth Pardun and they had three

children. In 1965 they moved to Rochester. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Golf and Country Club for 25 years of good fellowship with many golfing friends, and he was also a member of Rochester Covenant Church.

Chester Larson '45 writes this: "I met my wife **Jean (LeVahn) '44** at Minnehaha. She was the first "Homecoming Queen" (1943) in the history of M.A. Following my graduation from North Park Seminary in 1951, we spent 20 years as Covenant missionaries in the Congo. I served two Covenant Churches in California, and District Superintendent in the Southeast Conference of the Covenant Church. After my retirement in 1993, we returned to Congo for a six-month short term, served as a part-time visitation pastor in St. Petersburg, Fla. for 10 years, moved to Covenant Village of Northbrook in Illinois in 2002, where I have served as a part time chaplain. I am now serving as a parttime hospice chaplain in this same area. I am grateful for the health God has given me to be able to continue in ministry for Him in various ways. I am also grateful for those formative years I spent at Minnehaha Academy, where I first sensed God's call to full-time ministry. We appreciate receiving the Arrow and enjoy keeping up on friends from our days at Minnehaha."

1946

Ralph H. Albinson
ralph@albinchapel.com

LuVerna (Morse) Anderson '46 passed away on March 16, 2012 in Fullerton, Calif. after a brief bout with pneumonia. Lu was always fond of Minnehaha Academy and would sing the school song to her children in their youth. She married Ken Anderson in 1952 and they moved to Fullerton in 1963. Ken preceded her in death in 2004; they are survived by their two children Leighton Anderson and LuAnn Craik and their families. Lu attended the First Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton and was a leader in the Christian Women's Club. At the funeral services, she was remembered for her cheerfulness and compassion, and for her love for her family, her friends and her Lord. ▼



1947

Walter Bratt
carolabratt@aol.com

Joan (Ferber) Dietz '47 was featured in the Sleepy Eye, Minn. newspaper in an article called "Meet Your Neighbor." The article details Joan's life growing up in Minnesota in the 1930s. Joan has written down her childhood memories so that her heritage can be remembered for years to come. As time has gone by and technology has advanced, Joan tells that she no longer needs to recall her memories with relatives and friends; now, "[They] don't sit down and visit about the old days, instead [they] talk about how to fix [their] computers."

1948

Representative needed

Don (Swany) Swanberg '48 had a recent visit with his son, Erick, at Jack Edwards Airfield in Gulf Shores, Ala. Erick is a chief instructor pilot, stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., training new students in the Blackhawk Helicopter. He flew his Blackhawk into Gulf Shores on a training mission, is a veteran of three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and is the recipient

of three Air Medals for Heroism in Combat. Don and his wife, Judith, live in Laurel, Miss. ▼



1949

Marjorie (Hill) Becker
marbobeck@aol.com

Betty Arlene (Johnson) Goman '49, age 80, of Mound, Minn. passed away peacefully April 9, 2012 after a brief illness. She was the only daughter of Gordon and Viola Johnson. She was a good wife, a wonderful loving mother, a great friend and mentor. Betz was known for her attention to detail. She was artistic and had the ability to express herself in the garden, in her cooking and her home as well as on the canvas. She loved music and all creatures great and small. Her world was always full of colorful sunrises and sunsets and she found rainbows when it rained. Betz was preceded

in death by husband David and brother Doug. She is survived by brother Steve Larson, brother-in-law Father Ralph Goman, her five children Missy, Margo, Peter, Paul and DJ, and 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

1950

Jack J. Albinson
Curtis B. Erickson
cctwinlake@usfamily.net

Joanne (Newstrom) Youngquist '50 passed away on March 21, 2012 in Denver, Colo. She was married for over 50 years to Bruce Youngquist, who preceded her in death in 2008. Joanne is survived by sons **Paul '76**, **Steve '79** and John and grandchildren Caitlin, Lara, Jack, Mari, Gabriela and Cristina.

1951

Mary Ann (Ryden) Sattervall
sattervall@aol.com

1952

James C. Swanson
elizabeth205@juno.com

Jerry Wiens '52 married Patty Etem 55 years ago. They moved from Wayzata, Minn. to Florida 22 years ago, shortly after all four of

getting together • class of 1950s



Several alumni and Minnehaha friends got together to welcome Mark and Sherrill Nelson to Arizona for a brief visit this winter. Pictured left to right, Row 1: Patty (Olander) Weiss '56, Linda (Olson) Stromberg '58, Sherrill (Anderson) Nelson '56, Ruthann (Kjellberg) Brady '56, and Sue Shepley. Row 2: Judith Adolfson, Dottie Schueler, Ramona Settergren, Vince Settergren, Mark Nelson '54, Naomi (Reed) Rhode '56, and Jim Rhode. Row 3: Paul Stromberg '56, John Brady, Orrin Schueler '56, Dave Adolfson '55 and Jim Shepley.

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their married kids returned from various colleges to settle down near their childhood home. They have 11 grandkids, five now in college. Jerry has great memories of the Minnehaha years: the friends, the Singers, the football.

getting together

Cousins **Paul Swanson '51**, **Don Swanson '54** and **Linda (Olson) Stromberg '58** visited briefly this winter before Paul returned to his teaching assignment in Soldotna, Alaska. Paul and Don are sons of **O.R. Swanson '20** and Linda is the daughter of his sister, **Lillian (Swanson) Olson '23**. Also pictured are **Paul Stromberg '56** and Nancy Swanson, Don's wife. ▼



1953

John F. Carlson
carlsonjandb@aol.com

1954

Mark W. Nelson
snnelson2@comcast.net
Dennis "Bullet" "Elfie" Elftmann '54, age 76, of Shakopee passed away. He is survived by wife Margaret; children Jan (Dave Lewis) Elftmann, Sandra Elftmann, Deb (Randy) Lowe, Ronnie (Jovi) Trebesch, Daniel (Michelle) Elftmann, Scott Trebesch, David (Greta) Elftmann, LeNita Johnson, and Janelle (Harm) Alken; 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; brother Joel (MaryAnn) Elftmann; sister Leigh (Dave) Oltmans; and dog Charlie.

1955

Bradley D. Johnson
bradaud@comcast.net
William Morris Robertson '55 age 75, of Atlanta died on March 11, 2012. After graduating from Minnehaha, Bill received his business and finance degree from Macalaster College in St. Paul, Minn.; he then married his childhood sweetheart, Julie Rees.

Bill served in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Berlin Crisis, and following his military duty, he moved his family to Atlanta, Ga. and worked as an investor. He was an avid skier, loved golf and was an accomplished photographer as well. Bill is survived by his wife, Julie, his sister, Mary Hartman, his daughters, Dana Olsen and Marnie Porson, sons-in-law Shawn Olsen and Jean-Mark Porson, his five grandchildren, Katie, Will and Connor Olsen and Bennett and Sophie Porson, and an extended loving family.

1956

Sherrill (Anderson) Nelson
snnelson2@comcast.net
Donna (Johanson) Schoon '56 and her husband have lived and served in Sweden for almost 39 years with Torchbearers, Int'l. Torchbearers has 26 youth centers around the world, many of which have a one-year Bible school program. Their involvement has to do with teaching, mentoring, counseling, and discipleship. Although they've pulled back considerably, they are still quite active and enjoy the interactions with the young people! The latest

addition to their family is a great-granddaughter born in December of 2010. They have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1957

Thomas Casey
tomcasey@aol.com

1958

Grace (Larson) Bergstrom
gbergstrom@q.com
Cynthia (Ofstad) Prestholdt '58 and her husband, Perry, send their greetings from the idyllic island of Hydra, Greece. She and Perry continue to reside in Baton Rouge, La. but were able to visit their son (who is an associate professor of history at the University of California, on a National Endowment to teach abroad) and his wife in Greece. Their daughter also visited for a few days before a business trip. They will be spending their summer in Minnesota at their Lake George home in Anoka County. Cynthia continues as a member of the board of directors of the Louisiana State Nurses Association and will be a delegate to the American Nurses Association House of Delegates

getting together • class of 1968



In July of 2011, four alumni from the class of 1968 had a reunion in Pellston, Mich. Barb Billings, Mary (Ahluquist) Gardeen, Sue (Alberts) Gray and Joan (Strandberg) Wainer enjoyed their time together.

in the Washington, D. C. area in mid-June. She and Perry certainly enjoy their retirement!

1959

Leonard A. Nordstrom
budnordstrom@comcast.net

1960

Representative Needed

Bill Adkins '60 suddenly passed away on February 22, 2012 of a massive heart attack. His health was excellent and he died while working out. **Nancy (Rossow) Adkins '60**, and Bill had just moved to Ft. Myers, Fla. in September, 2011. They have a daughter, Amy Green, and a son, David Adkins, and four grandchildren. He loved the Lord and is in the arms of Jesus. ▼



Sandra (Anderson) Alnes '60 has been married to Allan for 46 years and has two children, Brian and Marcy, and eight grandchildren. In addition, Sandra and Al were foster parents to 132 children. Sandra was a hospice nurse at Fairview Southdale Hospital after nursing at Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul. Sandra and Al love to spend time with their grandchildren, and they also love to travel and go on cruises. They have a timeshare in Aruba just for fun.

Peder Angvall '60 and his wife of 44 years, JoAnn, have a son and daughter and three grandchildren. Peder's life has been spent working and innovating during the most rapid technological revolution ever. Much of his work life included international travel to such places as Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Shanghai, and Singapore. He and JoAnn still enjoy traveling: nationally to Durango, Colo. as well as any of the National Parks.

Darrel Freeberg '60 has been married to Priscilla for 45 years and they have three married children and three grandchildren. Darrel graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1965 with a bachelor of electrical engineering degree. After 41 years he retired from

electrical engineering and has had the opportunity to travel both domestically and internationally. His hobbies include woodworking, model railroading, boating, fixing things and traveling. He enjoys his time volunteering at the Ridges Hospital and the food shelf, both in Burnsville, Minn. He is an active member of Bloomington Covenant Church and has sung in church choirs for over 50 years. Darrel also served as a member of the Minnehaha Academy Board of Trustees for five years.

Linda (Hammarberg) Willette '60 has been married to Brian for 36 years and they have two grown children, John and Renee. She served 13 years in parish ministry and is currently a pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minn. Linda has also been a social worker for over 20 years. One of her favorite high school memories is singing in the Singers choir.

Roger Alan Miller '60, age 69, of Plymouth died May 13, 2012. Preceded in death by parents, Ralph and Violet Miller of St. Paul, Minn. Married his entire adult life to and survived by beloved wife, best friend and companion Lenore Christine Miller; loving children Jennifer Miller Yokiell (Scott

Yokiell) and their children, Tivoli Violet and Kate Clementine, and Heidi Christine Windmiller (Max Windmiller) all of Wayzata, Minn. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Roger was a lifelong Minnesota resident including 29 years in the Wayzata area. He was CEO of Minnetonka Travel and Cruises for 36 years. Roger was greatly involved in the community and his children's and grand-children's lives. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, walking, photography, and great conversations with friends. Roger had an opportunity to see most of the world. He repeatedly enjoyed his family trips to Austria and Switzerland and loved traveling throughout Europe and the South Pacific. Roger served on numerous boards in the travel industry and throughout the community ▼



golden robes • class of 1962



Front row, left to right: Judy (Schneider) Putnam, Georgianna (Sandercock) Andrus, Dennis Larson. Back Row: Mary (Dyrland) Person, Peggy (Johnson) DeGeest, Bob Noble.



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including Wayzata Chamber of Commerce, Vacation.com, Luxury Travel, Minnehaha Academy, Wayzata Country Club and the Minnesota Golf Association. He was also a member of Wayzata Rotary. He received the Person of the Year award in Wayzata and the WCCO Good Neighbor Award.

1961

Mark Nasset

mark@nessetarchitecture.com

Karl Olson

karlolson2000@yahoo.com

1962

Robert Noble

rgnoble@mac.com

Neil Allan Erickson, '62 beloved husband, father, brother and friend, 67, passed away March 1, 2012 surrounded by family. Preceded in death by parents Harlan and Phyllis Erickson, and brother Dale. Survived by his wife, Susie; his daughter, Natalie; his son, Spencer; and his brother, Dean. Neil will be missed by his family and wide ranging circle of friends throughout the world. His passing leaves a void that can only be filled by the joy of having known this exceptional man.

1963

Representative Needed

Sandra (Mixer) Ferguson '63

passed away on November 26, 2011. After Minnehaha she graduated from the Mounds Midway School of Nursing and during the Vietnam War she was a lieutenant in the Air Force. Sandra left behind a beautiful Christian legacy. She is survived by her parents, husband, children and four grandchildren.

1964

Beverly (Anderson) Wenshau

bevvenshau@comcast.net

1965

Robert D. Olson

olsons@charter.net

1966

Joan (Nordquist) Wiken

ljwiken@mac.com

1967

Diane (Davidson) Fitzel

dmfitzel@yahoo.com

1968

David and Martha (Beckman) Williams

damamope@aol.com

Harry B. Anderson '68 passed

away on September 27, 2011.

Harry gave his life to Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized and became an active member

of Sabathani Baptist Church (now Greater Friendship Baptist Church) where he grew up and served for many years. In recent years, Rev. Anderson began attending New Salem Missionary Baptist Church and in spite of his struggles and ill health, was a member until his passing. Harry was preceded in death by both of his parents, brother William Anderson, sisters Jacquelyn Bluford and Gwendolyn Turner, and niece Cheron Anderson. He leaves to cherish his memory, daughter Alicia Anderson, son Vincent Anderson, and many family and friends.

Lynda J. (Enroth) Young '68, age 61, of St. Paul, Minn. passed away February 29, 2012. She is survived by her mother, Jeanne Enroth; husband Ronald Kent; daughter Karna Young; son Eric Young; brother Ken (Julie) Enroth; other relatives and many friends. Lynda was associate professor in the division of Dental Hygiene and Director of Continuing Education at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry for over 28 years and a faculty member of the School of Dentistry for over 38 years.

1969

Diane Boedeker and Susan (Hursh) Santema

susansantema@gmail.com

1970

Mark R. Stohlberg

Six friends from the class of 1970 celebrated their 60th birthdays in Arizona. Photo below.

1971

Janet Egge

1972

Steven J. Peters

speters@iglide.net

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1973

Christie S. Brandt

1974

Representative Needed

1975

Christine (Berg) Blue

bluex005@umn.edu

1976

Donna Dresser

donnaelizabethhere@comcast.net

1977

Jan (Hildebrandt) Kruchoski

jkruchoski@larsonallen.com

celebrating birthdays • class of 1970



Six friends from class of '70 celebrated their 60th birthdays in Arizona. From left to right, Jan (Swanson) Libby, Linda (Swanson) Wismer, Janet (Fjellman) Nilsen, Becky (Determan) Greer, Teri (Stromberg) Oelschlager and Jacque (Kjeseth) Loher.

Lynda (Hollinger) Ganter

lyndaganter@yahoo.com

After living in Europe for 23 years, Inga Cazers '77 returned to the United States in January to accept a position with IBM in Tucson, Ariz. She is working for IBM as a technical writer. Her husband, Karlis, works for the Arizona Stagecoach transportation company. They are enjoying the weather in sunny Tucson.

1978**Mark Hanson**

Upright1098@yahoo.com

1979**Mark A. Anderson**

markasoccer@earthlink.net

Tom '79 and Cheri Kamp celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last fall with a trip to Zambia and Botswana. They had a fabulous time at four different camps and a visit to an orphanage in Lusaka. Tom's glad that Cheri still loves him "most of the time." Finally, since Tom stopped flying three years ago, he is eager to hear flying stories from Fred Hartwig and Will Ward. Come on, Fred and Will, how about an update?

Gunars Cazers '79 is currently the Chair of the Health and Physical Education Department at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala. and is doing well.

1980**Carol Sundet-Meeker**

sundetco@mccg.net

Sherman Marek '80 is happy to say that he and his wife, Jennifer, recently welcomed their first child, Mason Stevenson Marek, who seems to like Key Largo and blue monkeys! ▼

**1981****Carol (Anderson) Zellie**

carolzellie@gmail.com

Lori Gumm's '81 daughter Ashli was married to Brandon Dow on March 10 in Peoria, Ariz. They were married by Ashli's two uncles Tim '76 and David '78 Wright; Ashli's aunt Lise (Wright) Hopson '85 sang at the ceremony. It was a beautiful day and Lori and her husband Steve are so proud and happy to have Brandon as a new member of the Wright family.

1982**Jamie (Guldseth) Molle**

jamiemolle@aol.com

1983**Cyndy (Orr) Miller**

cymillers@ymail.com

and Roslyn Paterson

RoslynRN@aol.com

1984**Angela (Tornquist) Buyse**

iseauski@comcast.net

1985**Tami (Haltli) Felling**

tamifelling@yahoo.com

1986**Karen England**

englandlaw625@yahoo.com

1987**Christopher L. Pope**

cpope@worldvision.org

Casey Franklin '87 was recently published in *Group Magazine*, which is targeted to youth ministers and workers. He wrote the cover story for the May/June issue. The title of the story is "Surprise" and it talks about how to use mystery and surprise in youth ministry – which follows what Jesus did. The magazine used his story to create the issue.

1988**Mark E. McCary**

m_mccary@hotmail.com

1989**Amy (Wentzel) Stevens**

stevensfamilybus@hotmail.com

1990**Karl and Martha (Hollister) Rosenquist**

martharosenquist@comcast.net

1991**Representative needed**

Elsa Elizabeth Carlson was born on October 14, 2011 to Erin Kilgore Carlson '91 and Tim Carlson '91. Elsa joins big brother Drew, a 4th grader at Minnehaha, brother Gabe and sister Greta. ▼



Kristen Larson '91 and her husband, Robert von Edeskuty, moved back to the Twin Cities from Winter Park, Colo. five years ago this summer. They live in Deephaven and now have five children. Daniel Lars was born November 23, 2010 and joined his sister, Kathryn (11), and his three brothers: Joseph (10), David (8), and Matthew (6).

Mark Bedard '91, a Minneapolis Park Policeman, was killed in the line of duty five years ago. On May 15, 2012, a memorial was dedicated to him in Minnehaha Park. The memorial features a bronze plaque set in a boulder, a bench, walkway and plantings. It is located just south of the park's formal garden and pergola along Minnehaha Avenue S., and it is in view of a tree that Bedard's parents had planted in his memory. Pictured are his parents, wife and children. ▼

**1992****Kari A. Johnson**

karijland@gmail.com

J. Sven Gustafson '92 was recently honored by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* in its article "40 Under Forty," a list of honorees under 40 years old who have contributed to society through their success in business. Here is an excerpt from the article. "When something is built to last, you know it. J. Sven Gustafson, president and owner of Stonewood has built his reputation on the quality of the homes he builds for local celebrities, sports figures and business leaders . . . In addition to fundraising activities and donations to organizations, Gustafson also marks the completion of each multimillion dollar home by building another for a family in need in Guatemala."

**1993****Nathan and Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard**

sonstegard@yahoo.com

Becka (Thompson) Linder '93 took part in local theater with her role as Franky in *Where We're Born* by Lucy Thurber. It was showing in April at the 20% Theatre Company in Minneapolis. The *Star Tribune* had this to say about Becka: "Becka Linder's Franky is a masterful portrayal of the high school beauty facing a lifetime of diminishing returns . . ."

1994**Representative needed**

1995

Representative needed

Rick Narvaez '95 recently started working at Minnehaha Academy as an admission counselor. He and his wife, Jessica, live in Shakopee, Minn. with their two children. Welcome back, Rick! ▼



1996

Heidi (Douglass) Carlson
carlson307@gmail.com

Jeremy and **Jill (Julin) '96 Giesbrecht**, along with Madeline (6) and Julin (4), welcomed their third child, Clara Ruth, on March 4, 2012. ▼



1997

Russell A. Johnson
john_2885@yahoo.com

1998

Joseph Botten
josephbotten@aol.com
Brittany (Spallino) Lundgren '98 and her husband, Nathan, live in Ekalaka, Mont. with their four children: Linnea (7), Eva (5), Tessa (3) and Tovin (1). Brittany and Nathan serve as camp missionaries at Trail's End Ranch, Sports and Adventure Camp (www.ter.org), where Nathan works in maintenance and as a construction manager and Brittany is a camp worker and mother. ▶

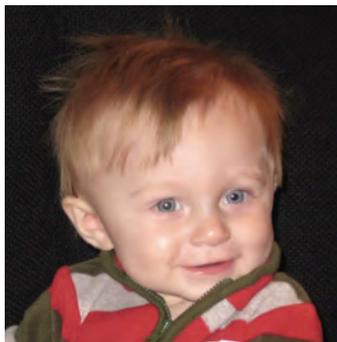
1999

Sylvia (Dunn) Barbagallo
sylviabarbagallo@hotmail.com

2000

Benjamin B. Hagen
hagenbb@gmail.com

Meta Herrick Carlson '00 and **Matt Carlson** are slow to announce the birth of their son, Jasper (15 months). They live near North Campus where Jasper enjoys watching P.E. classes and sporting events. Meta recently accepted a call as the solo pastor at Zion Lutheran Church on 33rd and Pillsbury in the Lyndale neighborhood of Minneapolis. ▼



2001

Stephanie K. Williams
Stephanie.kay.williams@gmail.com
Kate (Meixell) Giambelluca '01 and her husband, Lucas, recently had a baby girl. **Luciana (Lucie) Elise** was born on February 16, 2012. ▼



Naomi Struve '01 was married to **Peder Hertsgaard** on April 14, 2012. ▼



2002

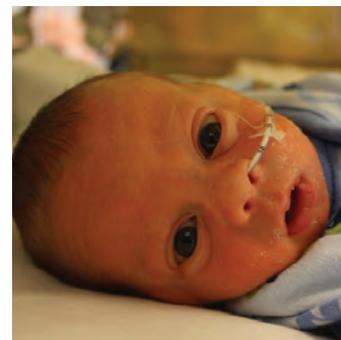
Brianna Chambers
chambers.brianna@gmail.com
Mark Michals '02 and **Stephanie Bayr** were married May 12, 2012 in Keene, N. H. Minnehaha alumni in attendance were: **Joe Berg '02** (best man), **Brent Michals '00**, **Rob Michals '04**, **Kemmons Feldman '04**, **Nathan Doyle '04**, **Sue (Snyder) Michals '72**. Mark and Stephanie met on the Nordic ski team at the University of New Hampshire in 2006. Mark, along with his brother Rob, are the owners of Ridge Construction Company, a residential remodeling company in Minneapolis. Stephanie teaches German at the German American Institute in St. Paul. They reside in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis, just a couple of blocks from Minnehaha. ▼



2003

Emily (Norlander) Kennett
Emily.kennett@gmail.com
Laura Henderson
laura@twincitizen.net
Erica (Nilsen) Eide '03 and **Brian Eide '96**, a former M.A. employee, welcomed **Oliver Eugene** into their

family on April 15, 2011. **Oliver** arrived 11 weeks premature due to severe pregnancy complications and spent eight weeks in the NICU at UMMC Fairview. Today, **Oliver** is a healthy and social baby boy who delights his lucky parents with his giggles and smiles. ▼



Peyton Ingrid Engebretson was born on March 7, 2012 to **Tyler Engebretson '03** and **Krista (Kirchoff) Engebretson '03**. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 20.5 inches. Tyler and Krista live in Eden Prairie where Krista stays at home with Peyton and Tyler is a CPA. ▼



2004

Emily Hennig
emilyhennig@gmail.com
Calvin Smith '04 and his wife, **Amanda**, welcomed a new addition to their family on October 24, 2011. **Beau Taylor Smith** was born weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces and measured 21.75 inches. Both he and Amanda are healthy. ▼



Centennial Year Homecoming REUNIONS!

September 21 and 22, 2012

Class of:

1942 Planners are needed to plan your 70-year reunion.

1947 Plans are being made for the 65-year reunion. Save October 18 for the reunion. If you have questions, please contact Wally Bratt at carolabratt@aol.com.

1952 Planning has started for a 60 year reunion. Please watch for more information to come.

1957 Planners are needed to plan your 55-year reunion.

1962 Plans are underway for a 50-year reunion during the Centennial Homecoming weekend. The reunion will be Saturday, September 22 at Biaggi Ristorante Italiano in Eden Prairie, 7 p.m., Social at 7:30 p.m. Dinner to follow. If you would like to be involved or want more information, please contact Bob Noble at rgnoble@mac.com. To receive information concerning your reunion, please send Bob your current address, phone number and email.

1967 Save Saturday, September 22 for the reunion. Diane (Davidson) Fitzel and Jim Wald would be thrilled to get more help with the planning of the reunion. If you are able, please contact Jim at shipsandshops@gmail.com.

1972 Plans are happening for the 40-year reunion on Homecoming weekend Sept. 21 & 22. The reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 22. If you are interested in helping or for more information please contact Jackie Cherryhomes at JackieCherryhomes@fctyler.com.

1977 September 22 has been set for the 35-year reunion. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Tom Kirkland at ma77@tributek.com.

1982 Planners are needed to plan your 30-year reunion.

1987 Plans are underway for the 25-year reunion, mark your calendars for September 22. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Ridders at lisarik@mac.com or Kathy Pope at kathypope1@comcast.net.

1992 Save the weekend of September 21-22 for the 20-year reunion. The main reunion will be on Saturday evening of September 22. If you have any questions please contact Kari Johnson at karijland@gmail.com.

1997 Saturday, Sept. 22 is set for the 15-year reunion with a family gathering/picnic early afternoon on Sunday, 23. If you have any questions, please contact John Ostman or Kristi (Boesen) Gebhardt at ma.1997.reunion@gmail.com.

2002 Plans are beginning for the 10-year reunion. If you have questions about the reunion, please contact Genna Kersten at genevievekersten@gmail.com, Ruthie (Calvin) Behrs at ruthie.behrs@gmail.com, Rachael (Wangensteen) Sallander at rsallander@gmail.com or Brianna Chambers at chambers.brianna@gmail.com.

2007 Planners are needed to plan your 5-year reunion.

If you are interested in helping with any of these reunions, contact Jane Anfang at anfangjane@MinnehahaAcademy.net.

Attention Alumni Soccer Players!

Due to Minnehaha's Centennial Celebration, we will not have an Alumni Soccer Game this year. This will allow alumni to more fully participate in all of the Celebration's activities. We hope that all soccer alumni will be able to join us for this special time. Look for updates regarding the 2013 Alumni Game in future issues of the Arrow.

Lydia Michele Livingston '04 married Sean Mailen on September 25, 2011. Two of her sisters were bridesmaids: Krista Joy (Livingston) Cox '02 and Kristen (Porter) Magnusson '03. Lydia and Sean were married by her dad, David Livingston [Bethlehem Baptist Church], at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista, Minn. They are now living in the Longfellow neighborhood in south Minneapolis. ▶



Malik "MaLly" Watkins '04 has been keeping himself busy in the Twin Cities music scene. After being named to City Pages' "Picked 2 Click" list for 2012, MaLly was featured in the "Best of the New Bands" concert at First Avenue and toured with local hip hop legends Atmosphere. City Pages recently named him "Best Hip Hop Artist," just in time for the release of his latest album, "The Last Great..." on May 15.



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Later this month, he is co-hosting the popular Soundset hip hop festival with Brother Ali. This July, he will be playing at the Sound Town Festival in Somerset, Wisc. Way to go, Malik! ▼



Sofia Skraba '04 is moving to New York City in September after two years in London and two years in Chicago. She has worked with strategy consultancy L.E.K. Consulting in all three cities.

In March, **Jeremy Gustafson '04** launched a new company, Samaritan Casting, specializing in casting and extras casting for local independent film and commercials in Minnesota. Samaritan currently represents over 2,000 local actors and extras. www.samaritancasting.com.

Congratulations to **Erin Norby '04** who just completed Medical School at the University of Minnesota. She will be starting her residency program in Neurology at the Mayo Clinic in June.

2005
Emily Bergstrom
Bergstrom.emily@gmail.com
Jean Song
Song311@gmail.com

Elizabeth Stewart '05 graduated this spring with her Master's degree in Teaching and Learning from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. In the fall she will begin her fourth year of teaching fifth grade in Huron, S.D.

2006
Laura Hendrickson
laurajoyh@gmail.com
Emily Stanchfield
Emily.stanchfield@target.com
Ashley Loomis
ashleymloomis@gmail.com
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Hudson Brothen '06 was recently promoted to an associate at Cushman & Wakefield/NorthMarq, a commercial real estate company, in Bloomington, Minn. Hudson recently closed on a 28,000 square foot building on Tuesday, May 8, where he represented the buyer.

2007
Will Haffield
mathwill07@yahoo.com

2008
Charlotte Deegan
deegan@augsborg.edu
Anne Georges '08, a Hope College senior, has received recognition through the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship program of the National Science Foundation (NSF). Anne is majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, and minoring in mathematics. She has been conducting collaborative research with Dr. Leah Chase, associate professor of biology and chemistry. In 2011 Anne received a highly competitive scholarship from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, one of only 275 awarded nationwide. She has been accepted at several graduate schools and will enter a Ph.D. program in biochemistry this fall at Washington University in St. Louis, where she has also been awarded the Olin Fellowship. Ultimately she would like to stay in the academic world, both researching and teaching.

At the conclusion of the 2012 NFL Draft, the Minnesota Vikings invited former Bethel offensive lineman **Mitch Elliott '08** as an undrafted rookie to the Vikings rookie minicamp. Elliot, a standout tackle for the Royals, was a D3football.com All-American as well as a three-time MIAC All-Conference First Team player. According to D3football.com, Elliott is one of 10 NCAA Division III players to be picked up by an NFL team, in his case, the Minnesota Vikings.

On March 31, 2012, **Nelson Summers '08** married Hannah (Parish) Summers, both Wheaton College graduates. The wedding was held at County Line Orchard in Hobart, Ind. Minnehaha alumni in attendance were **TJ Verhage '08**, **Milo Madole '08**, **Carl Numrich '08**, **Hannah Magnan '08**, **Erik Verhage '11** and his best man was his brother, **Spencer Summers '11**. ▼



Peter Winter '08 received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry on May 12 from Butler University. Peter graduated cum laude, was named to the Top 100 Butler Outstanding Students for 2011-2012 and was selected by the faculty of Butler University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as a recipient of a LAS Award for the second year (student showing leadership abilities and superior academic performance). Peter will continue his education at Duke University in the fall in the area of genetic research with an emphasis on cancer.

2009
Kristina Haugen
haugen.kristina@gmail.com
Calvin Berry '09 will be a senior at Gordon College next year. He is the founding member of the band: Doctors and Lawyers; here is a link to their first album: <http://doctorsandlawyers.bandcamp.com>. He is an English major with a writing concentration. Calvin will be studying in China in the Fall at Xiamen University.

2010
Representative pending
Bailey Berry '10 will be a junior at Gordon College next year. She's a Pike Scholar majoring in Art History with a Studio Art minor. She is currently in Orvieto, Italy completing a semester abroad. Here is a link to her blog: <http://kinofwhales.tumblr.com>.

2011
Representative pending
Andrew Whitacre '11, who is attending Northland Community and Technical College, was named the Northern Division Player of The Week. Andrew batted .520 (11-21) including three homeruns and three doubles. Whitacre, among the National HR leaders (5), had eight RBIs for Northland in six games. ▼



Is there a **new baby** or grandbaby with whom you've recently been blessed? Please send us the news! We'll share your blessing with others in the next ARROW and send you a Minnehaha Academy Munchkin bib for your newest little one to wear! Call Katie Norby at 612-728-7722, e-mail at alumninews@MinnehahaAcademy.net, or write to Minnehaha Academy Alumni, 3100 West River Pkwy., Minneapolis, MN, 55406.



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Saturdays

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Wednesdays

August 8, 15, 22, 29

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Call Jane Anfang '80 at 612-728-7721 with questions.

Upper School Athletics Start

Monday, August 13

School Year Begins

Wednesday, August 22

Arena Sale

Friday, September 7, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

South Campus ice arena.

Homecoming

Thursday–Saturday,

September 20–September 22

(See page 26 for more details.)

Minnehaha Golf Classic

Monday, September 24

Town & Country Golf Course

Contact Ron Monson '81,

Monson@MinnehahaAcademy.net

The 31st Annual

Minnehaha Academy Golf Classic

Monday, September 24, 2012

Town and Country Club, St. Paul

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11 a.m. – Registration, deli-buffet lunch, and warm-up

Noon – Welcome and instructions on four-person scramble

12:15 p.m. – Shotgun start

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For information, contact Ron Monson '81 at Monson@MinnehahaAcademy.net





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