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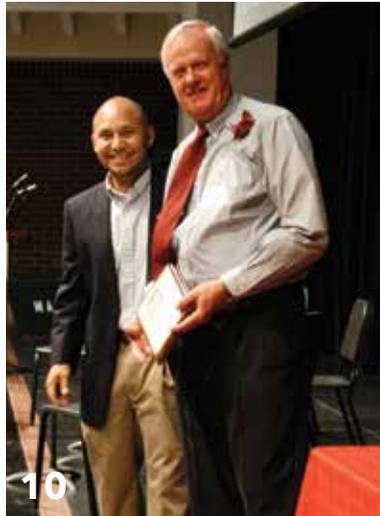
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## CORE VALUES A CARING COMMUNITY

One of our core values at Minnehaha Academy is being a *caring community*. Caring is something we “show, not tell.” Recently, at Grandpeople Day, I shared the following ways we demonstrate care within our Minnehaha community:

- We seek opportunities to get to know one another – our stories, our interests, our challenges and our strengths.
- We respect and acknowledge the diverse gifts within our school community that make us strong.
- We provide support by responding to each other’s needs.
- We celebrate our victories – large and small.
- We offer one another love and grace.

- We bring the individual and collective needs of the community to God in prayer. The caring community we enjoy at Minnehaha is really an overflow of the solicitude manifested among families and friends that God sends to our school. We are so grateful to be recipients of the power of this love and care. The Word of God, a rich and wonderful guidebook for Christian living, describes beautifully how we are to live in unity with Christ as our model:

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to*



*the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Philippians 2:1-8*

May we strive daily to live in unity and be known as the school that reflects the caring community at its core. Blessings,

Donna Harris, Ed.D.

# MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

# CORE VALUES



## **DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN**

We encourage one another to become authentic followers of Jesus Christ.

## **EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMICS**

We pursue truth and excellence in all educational experiences.

## **CULTIVATING POTENTIAL**

We help each person discover and develop his or her unique gifts and talents.

# CARING COMMUNITY

We share a unity that is based on care for one another rather than conformity.

**"WHEN I WAS SICK LAST WINTER, THERE WAS AN OUTPOURING OF PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR MY RECOVERY FROM PEOPLE THAT I HARDLY KNEW BUT WHO WERE PART OF THE MINNEHAHA COMMUNITY."**

—FRESHMAN ELIZABETH CRIPE

*Minnehaha Academy.* No other school is quite like it. Over and over, a certain conviction is voiced: "It's the community that makes us who we are." Beyond our abundant offerings in athletics, academics and co-curricular activities, at the core of our school experience is a caring community. Perhaps because of our small size—and certainly because of our Christian commitment—students can count on support from the caring students, faculty, staff and friends who constitute the community of Minnehaha Academy.

The care is obvious from the moment a student sets foot on campus. Sophomore Bjorn Anderson was new to Minnehaha his freshman year. "I always felt welcome as a new student," he said. "I think the size of the school and its Christian foundation is what's behind our caring community. I appreciated that even before I enrolled, a fellow sophomore (who is now a great friend) called me up to talk to me about Minnehaha. I felt classmates cared even before I knew them."



**"I LOVE MY FRIENDS AND TEACHERS, AND THEY LOVE AND CARE FOR ME."**  
—LOWER SCHOOL STUDENT, LEAH DINARDO

Behind the caring culture of Minnehaha Academy stand faculty, staff and administration, all exhibiting solicitude out of their Christian faith. Here is just a sample:

- Many athletic teams take time from their busy schedules to show their care of others. The Boy's Hockey team collects Toys for Tots, the Girl's Basketball team holds a bake sale to raise money for a charity, and the Nordic ski team volunteers several hours each year to help the City of Lakes Loppet. In addition, the football team enjoyed a retreat to Lake Beauty, and while they were there, the team removed 3000 sq. feet of concrete from the chapel basement to prepare the area for a new training program for the Covenant Church in Minnesota.
- One compassionate Minnehaha junior, Hayoung Lim, volunteers his after-school time at four different organizations. He describes his background: "I come from an upper-middle class family and go to a private school." Therefore, he finds he has a "stronger grasp about who I am, what life is about and what is important in life." His understanding of both his background and his gifts has influenced his decision to give of himself and of his time.
- This fall our youngest students enjoyed the opportunity to give with a grateful heart and bring joy to others by donating their Halloween candy to the Amplatz Children's Hospital and the Minnesota National Guard-114th Transportation Company. Over 200 pounds of candy was donated. Teacher and organizer Jim Nelson said, "We were completely overwhelmed by the response. We also had Middle School students willing to donate their candy."
- In a year-long effort to support World Vision and kids in the Congo, Upper School service interns organized fundraising efforts. A team of eight Minnehaha students and teachers raised money in pledges by running the Twin Cities Marathon and The Monster Dash half marathon. Also, a music-filled "coffee-shop" event was held at school that raised money toward the effort.
- The South Campus "Sunshine Committee" brings faculty and staff together to show concern for one another through casual get-togethers—celebrating birthdays, hosting showers, acknowledging losses, commemorating retirements, and more.



**"A CARING ENVIRONMENT IS CONTAGIOUS; NEW STUDENTS SENSE IT."**

– NANCY JOHNSON, UPPER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

But can "caring" be incorporated into the school curriculum? Of course it can! And Minnehaha illustrates this in every way! The weeklong Cultural Field Experience (CFE), for instance, is a required course for all freshmen, sophomores and juniors and just one opportunity for students to develop empathy and caring. CFE director Amy Swanson is convinced it makes a difference: "Students become genuinely concerned about others in the greater Twin Cities community when they've had the opportunity to learn about needs firsthand. Community interactions through CFE give students a real-life context for service because they develop an understanding of the potential impact they can have on other lives. It is this realization that often breeds a spirit of compassion and generosity toward others."

MA students set the bar high for taking the initiative to help their peers at school. A fine example of MA "caring" is the Upper School Intern Program, which includes Homework Helpers. This year, eight committed students are working with peers who need extra academic support. Other students meet with peers who are struggling in courses, providing tutoring help and also study skill tips. One student has organized a weekly conversation group for students for whom English is a second language and who need more practice speaking

English. Minnehaha students—already busy with their own academic and extracurricular commitments—find time to help their fellow students because they care.

And students reach out in other ways, too. Every Thanksgiving, Minnehaha's Amnesty International group organizes a clothing drive and a visit to the Native American Center. Club adviser and faculty member Elizabeth Van Pilsum remarked that she is always amazed at who shows up." Last year two Minnehaha guys who were not officially part of the club showed up bright and early Thanksgiving morning and spent the whole day at the center."

**"I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE TEACHERS THAT GENUINELY CARE ABOUT ME AND ASPIRE TO HELP ME LEARN."** –SENIOR MADDEY PARKER

Senior and drama student Lili Cameron-Zenobian knows this firsthand. Her story begins with Minnehaha's recently produced fall play, *Anatomy of Gray*, a coming-of-age tale by award-winning playwright Jim Leonard. Set in Gray, Indiana, during the late 1800s, *Anatomy of Gray* deals with topics of loss, healing and caring when the 15-year-old protagonist's father dies.

Minnehaha theater teacher and director Nicholas Freeman liked the message of *Anatomy of Gray*. "I like a play that will tell a great story, and that sometimes includes deep emotional stories." Freeman knew that Lili would probably audition for a role. Like the main character, her father had died when she was 15. Out of concern for Lili, Freeman asked her to read the play in advance in order to consider whether she wanted to be in a



production whose story hit so close to home.

"I wanted her to be prepared for the emotional commitment, regardless of what role she would play," Freeman said. "The parallels were striking." Lili read the script. She loved it. She auditioned

and won the lead role. "Several students could have played that role, but Lili's personal story helped her deliver a performance at the audition that was simply on a different level," commented Freeman. "Based on her life experience, she was able to bring to the role a different kind of depth."

Lili says the caring teachers, chaplain, counselors and friends at Minnehaha have been extremely important in helping her through the grieving process. Upper School guidance counselor Lauren Bae, spent a good deal of time with Lili after her father's death. "One day I watched as her friends and teacher surrounded her in my office with hugs and words of encouragement," Bae said. "No one can truly understand what it was like for Lili to lose a parent, but having a community that cares can go a long way."

In addition, parents support, encourage and willingly participate right along side their students or with their parent peers in numerous avenues that create Minnehaha's community of care. One of the most organized ways of caring is through prayer groups. Moms in Prayer and MAMAs are two different groups of Moms who gather to pray for Minnehaha alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community. Participants from both groups are willing to pray for specific students and schools. They all believe prayer makes a difference.

Moms in Prayer is a group of current student's moms who get together weekly to pray for needs and concerns of students and of our school. They welcome any parent to participate.

The MAMAs group originated when several members of the Moms in Prayer group gathered together to pray for their children after they graduated from high school. Although the name implies moms only, the weekly meetings are open to everyone.

**"LIFELONG FRIENDS, ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT, CARING TEACHERS THAT BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN ME, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING BACK ARE WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MINNEHAHA."**

—KARL OLSON '61

One of the most poignant examples of the school's caring perspective involves John Faas '98. John, a Navy SEAL, was among 22 SEALs who lost their lives when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan in August, 2011.

As an MA student, John had been the starting quarterback and valedictorian of his class. As an adult, he had kept in touch with several faculty members, including former faculty/football coach Ron Monson '81. Upon John's death, his parents, Bob and Gretchen Faas, who were being supported by the SEAL community, their church community and friends, asked Ron Monson to help them deal with the media that sought information about John's high-school years. In addition, Ron provided extensive support for John's many MA friends. With the generous help of others in the Minnehaha community, Ron organized a reception in the school gymnasium that took place following the military funeral service at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

Surely this could be viewed as an example of the highest level of caring: a faculty member coaching a student who would later devote his life to protecting our nation, even at the cost of his own life. Then, that same faculty member helps and cares for the student's grieving parents and for the entire grieving Minnehaha community.

From what do all these admirable instances of compassion arise? Faith. Minnehaha's Christian core is what makes the community distinct and special. The Christian teachers, coaches, staff, administration, and student body share God's love, grace, and compassion. This community of faith is unique and valued at Minnehaha, and it is apparent that the love of God is embraced and shared within the schools walls and far beyond.

# MINNEHAHA HOMECOMING!

Many alumni, family, and friends came back to Minnehaha in October, 2013 to reconnect and celebrate Minnehaha with former classmates and faculty members. Fun events provided plenty of photo opportunities!



2013 Homecoming court, front row, left to right: Sam Mullinix, Zoey Twyford, Frances Hoekstra, Pauline Ojambo, Rachel McNamara, Queen Becky Singletary. Back row, left to right: Calvin Treichler, Nate Angulo, Michael Everett, King Aaron Williams, Ben Mortenson, Charlie Dixon



Minnehaha freshman drummer Adam Schaus, rousing the crowd at the volleyball game.



Mary Ann Satervall '51, Kathryn (King) Rosell '51, Betty Helseth, Karin Herman '51



A fast Redhawk Run participant, Arne Christianson '20



Heather Douglass '97, Nate Sonstegard '93, Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard '93, and Heidi (Douglass) Carlson '96



Redhawk Homecoming fans London Donohoe, Amelia Finn, and Elizabeth Keena



Dorothy (Harvath) Helgeson '61, Sherrill (Anderson) Nelson '56, Jill (Nelson) Chelgren '85, and Linda (Olson) Stromberg '58



Redhawk volleyball player and senior Mara Pawlenty goes for a dig.



Above: Pep band members ready for a day of cheer. Below: Varsity soccer defeated the Cristo Rey team, 6-1.



Marshall and Terri Wade with Beth (Wade) Gullick '00, husband Charlie, and their daughter



Ronald Anderson '56, Ben Hedlund '56, Mark Nelson '54, and Bill Hagstrom



# MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

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## Hall of Fame Awards

Many alumni, students and parents attended the Arts and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction to recognize and honor the significant contributions of those Minnehaha Academy alumni who have had exemplary high school careers, and those who have made significant contributions in fine arts and athletics at the local, state or national levels. It has been a longstanding tradition at Homecoming to honor alumni for significant contributions to the community through the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Up and Coming Alumnus Award. This presentation was made during the Hall of Fame program this year. The Hall of Fame program sets a standard for Minnehaha Academy students and graduates to emulate. Individuals, as well as teams, are eligible for induction beginning five years after their Minnehaha Academy graduation.

### FINE ARTS INDUCTEE



**Philip Brunelle '61**  
Fine Arts Hall of Fame

**PHILIP BRUNELLE '61**, artistic director and founder of the VocalEssence choral ensemble, is an internationally renowned conductor, choral scholar and performer. Believing that listeners and musicians alike must experience music of many genres and styles, he has worked enthusiastically to expand

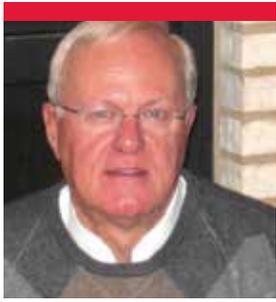
audiences for rarely heard works of the past and also meaningful new music.

Under his leadership, VocalEssence has commissioned more than 150 new works. Philip has conducted symphonies, choral festivals and operas on six continents. In 2005, he was invested as an Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire for his services to music, and in 2007, as Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. The governments of Sweden, Hungary and Mexico have also

honored him. He is active in arts public policy as a board member of the Minnesota State Arts Board, the National Council of the Arts, Chorus America, and the International Federation for Choral Music. National audiences recognize Philip through his frequent appearances on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. He also appears with Garrison Keillor at the invitation of orchestras around the country.

While a student at Minnehaha, Philip was a member of the Singers and the Concert Band, and accompanied the Trumpet Trio. Philip went on to attend the University of Minnesota. At age 19, he became the youngest member of the Minnesota Orchestra, and at age 24, he received a Rockefeller grant to study with the Metropolitan Opera. He has since received five honorary doctorates and served on the choral music faculties of five colleges and universities. Since 1969, Philip has been the organist and choirmaster of Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis. He is married to studio artist Carolyn Brunelle. They are parents of three grown children.

## ATHLETIC INDUCTEES

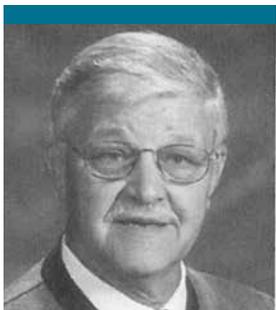


**David Glenn**  
Athletic Hall of Fame

David Glenn began his 42-year teaching and coaching career at Minnehaha Academy in 1966. Prior to coming to Minnehaha, David was a collegiate athlete at St. Olaf College, where he earned his undergraduate degree and played basketball and baseball. He earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. David taught social studies at the Upper School, and coached football, basketball and baseball before retiring in 2008. Under David's leadership, the baseball team won nearly 400 games and section championships in 1972, 1975, 1979, 1988 and 2007. He was named Minnesota Coach of the Year for baseball in 1979, 1988 and 2007, and Assistant Coach of the Year for football in 2008.

David and his wife, Nancy, live in Eagan. They are proud parents of Kari Glenn Fields, class of '90, who is dean of students at the Middle School, and Scott Glenn, class of '93, who is the varsity baseball coach and assistant coach for Girls' Soccer at Minnehaha. They have four grandchildren: Minnehaha fifth-graders Amalia and Abby, and Payton and Brady.

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**Guido Kauls**  
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Guido Kauls was born in Latvia in 1935, lived in Germany as a child, moved to the U.S. in 1952, and attended the University of Minnesota earning B.A., B.S. and M.A. degrees. He was hired by Minnehaha Academy in 1957 to teach German and history, and did so for 44 years until his retirement in 2001. Guido started the Boys' Soccer program in 1961, the Girls' Soccer program in 1977, and served as Minnehaha's head soccer coach for 40 years. His lifetime record was 500-275-75. In 1981, the Boys' Soccer team was runner-up in the state tournament. Guido was named Coach of the Year for the state of Minnesota and for the Midwest region for that year. In 1991, Guido was an inaugural inductee into the Minnesota Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 1993. In 1995, Guido was once again named Coach of the Year for Minnesota, and capped off his career by being named National Soccer High School Coach of the Year in 2001. In honor of his commitment to Minnehaha Academy athletics, the soccer field was refurbished, dedicated and named the Guido Kauls Field in 1996.

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During his first year at Minnehaha, Guido met Ann Franklin who was teaching English and serving as the adviser for the school newspaper. They married the next year on August 16, 1958. They have two sons who graduated from Minnehaha: Alex '86 and Greg '88.

## CORNERSTONE RECOGNITIONS

### CORNERSTONE BENEFACTOR

#### WALTER YOUNGQUIST '39



**Walter Youngquist '39**  
Cornerstone Benefactor

Walter Youngquist, Ph.D., a 1939 MA graduate, has established named endowments supporting "tuition assistance for worthy students," in memory of his late sister, Jeanne Youngquist Strand '48. In honor of his beloved son, Robert Eric, whom he lost, the Robert Eric Youngquist Memorial Scholarship Fund supports two priorities: "to provide assistance for upper school students with physical or neurological challenges and to offer earliest possible services to students with special academic needs to increase chances of academic success through high school." To date, these funds have benefited more than 50 students, enabling them to experience a Minnehaha education.

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"Minnehaha's caring and nurturing environment is like no other, and for this reason I have made an endowment gift," said Walter. "This money represents a lot of work and savings over many years. I thought a long time about making this gift. I thought a gift to the Academy would be the best use of this money. I am counting on Minnehaha to use this gift to nurture and care for students."

After graduating from the Academy, Walter earned a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1942. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and earned a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Iowa in 1948. Walter was an assistant professor of geology at the University of Idaho from 1948-1951, a petroleum geologist for International Petroleum Company from 1951-1957 (now known as Exxon Mobil Peruvian Operations), and professor of geology at the University of Oregon from 1957-1966. Walter continued a private consulting practice from 1966 until his retirement in Eugene, Oregon. He has written a number of books on the topic. He makes his home in Eugene, Oregon, where he and his late wife, Elizabeth, raised four children.



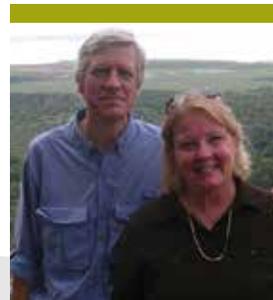
**Jim '67 and Karen Wald**  
Cornerstone Ambassadors

### CORNERSTONE AMBASSADORS JIM '67 AND KAREN WALD

Together, Jim '67 and Karen Wald have given 70 years of service to Minnehaha. Karen taught choral music for 29 years, first at the Middle School when it opened in 1981, and later, at the Lower School. After graduating from

the Academy, Jim attended the University of Minnesota, and returned to Minnehaha as a wood shop and drafting teacher in 1971. He accepted the position of plant manager in 1978, assuming responsibility for the operation of the physical plant of North Campus, and later, of the South Campus. In 1994, Jim assumed the additional responsibility of the school's finances, becoming the director of finance and operations. Under Jim's leadership, the school completed two capital improvement projects: adding beautiful fine arts and athletic facilities to the North Campus, and a chapel, administrative offices, and classroom improvements at the South Campus. Jim retired in 2012 after 41 years. Jim and Karen continue to be involved at Minnehaha, including serving as department chairs for the arena sale, organizing and preserving materials for the Minnehaha archives, and supporting the Board Facilities Committee as needed. Jim and Karen are the parents of two Minnehaha graduates: Nate '92 and Jenny '96.

Outside of Minnehaha, they occupy themselves with work and church activities. Nathan is a director in corporate development at Optum, and Hilary manages corporate investments in the U.S. Bank Treasury Department. They are members at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where they serve as Sunday school teachers and on the stewardship team.

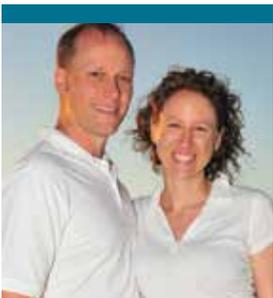


**Tom and Jan Verdoorn**  
Capstone

### CAPSTONE TOM AND JAN VERDOORN

Tom and Jan Verdoorn have been active volunteers for Minnehaha and have had three sons graduate from the school: Michael '97, Matthew '01 and Jacob '07. Together, they managed the food tent at the arena sale when the famous sticky buns were featured. Jan was deeply engaged in

many fundraising activities including the benefit auction, holiday tours, and plant sales, as well as serving on the Fine Arts Board. Tom and Jan are faithful and generous supporters of the school as Heritage & Hope Scholarship Founders, and with gifts to the endowment, capital campaign, and the Minnehaha Fund. Tom has served on the Board of Trustees and is currently the secretary of the board and the chair of the Trusteeship Committee. When asked what they like the most about MA, their response is "the role the school plays through its faculty and staff in shaping the faith, character and orientation for service reflected in its students."



**Nathan '93 and Hilary Douglass Sonstegard '93**  
Cornerstone Volunteers

### CORNERSTONE VOLUNTEERS NATHAN '93 AND HILARY (DOUGLASS) SONSTEGARD '93

enjoy giving back to Minnehaha, the place where they met more than 20 years ago. With their children now at Minnehaha (Phillip in second grade and Caroline in preschool), they are volunteering as both alumni and parents. Nathan's work as a board member, Hilary's help coordinating the class reunion, their joint efforts

leading the Centennial Alumni Committee, and the hours spent helping with the arena sale and in Lower School classrooms bring them to campus frequently. Both agree that it is wonderful to be a part of the Minnehaha community on a daily basis, and to be able to contribute their time and skills to help an institution that has meant so much to them and their families. In addition to the many volunteer hours given to the school, Nathan and Hilary generously support the school with their financial resources as well.

## UP AND COMING ALUMNUS



**Elizabeth Wade Galik '00**  
Up and Coming Alumnus

### ELIZABETH (WADE) GALIK '00

earned degrees in education from both Valparaiso and North Park University. Elizabeth serves as general director of New Life Centers of Chicagoland, a multi-site nonprofit working alongside neighbors to build peace, education and employment in inner-city Chicago, and a nationwide model for gang

intervention. Her nonprofit experience began in a grassroots manner in 2006, when she opened a small computer lab in one of Chicago's most violent communities. Today, that computer lab stands as one component of a community center for all ages offering after-school education, apprenticeships, employment services and family support. Elizabeth and her husband, Charlie, have

three young children. They have opened their home in inner-city Chicago, acting as guardians to more than 20 children through the Safe Families for Children movement.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



**Wes Bodin '51**  
Distinguished Alumni

**WES BODIN '51** earned his degree from Augsburg College in 1955. He served as a radio operator in the United States Army before beginning his career in education in 1957. He taught social studies and coached football, basketball, and track at Biwabik, Edina, Mound, and St. Louis Park high schools.

During his career, Wes became a subject matter expert in teaching religion in public schools and world religions curriculum. As part of the Education Commission of the United States, Wes wrote citizenship objectives that were adopted and taught in U.S. schools, and made presentations at colleges and universities across the country and at educational conferences around the world. In 1988, Wes spoke at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, where he presented his own curriculum, "Tolerance of Those Who Are Different." Wes retired in 1994 after teaching for 37 years, but continued to direct the World Religions Center and to train teachers in using curriculum until 2005.

Wes is married to Marga-Leena, and they have two children. Their son, Jon, is married to Lora Schloss and has two children, Gabrielle (11) and Jacob (8). Daughter, Lisa, is married to Peter Krall and also has two children, Luke (8) and Evelyn (2). Since retirement, Wes spends time fishing, golfing, "fixing things," and enjoying a monthly breakfast group with fellow Minnehaha graduates.



**Bruce D. Johnson '67**  
Distinguished Alumni

**BRUCE D. JOHNSON '67** attended the University of Minnesota, Morris, where he was named Distinguished Alumnus in 2002, and later attended Northwestern University, receiving a Ph.D. with studies in film, English and education. Bruce has been a writer, producer and studio executive in Hollywood for more than 30 years. During that time

he became a specialist in family entertainment, winning multiple Emmy Awards for his work. He has produced

more than 1,200 episodes of animation, and more than 40 movies, including the recent Norman Rockwell's *Shuffleton's Barbershop* for the Hallmark Channel, and *Finding Mrs. Claus*. The film was one of Lifetime's highest-rated movies of 2012. Bruce's prior experience features 10 years with Hanna-Barbera Productions as a production executive, where he supervised numerous projects including *Jetsons: The Movie*, *The Flintstones Movie*, and *The Greatest Adventure: Stories from the Bible*. Later, he formed PorchLight Entertainment and produced numerous series, including *Adventures from The Book of Virtues*. When Turner Entertainment purchased Hanna-Barbera, he was promoted to executive vice president and general manager, assisting in the creation of the Cartoon Networks worldwide.

Bruce grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, the middle child of Curtiss and Lorraine Johnson. Attending Minnehaha Academy was a family tradition – his sister, Bonnie '63, and brother, Dewey '71, also graduated from the Academy. Bruce is married to Patricia and they have one child. These days, he is an avid weekend tennis player and an occasional golfer.



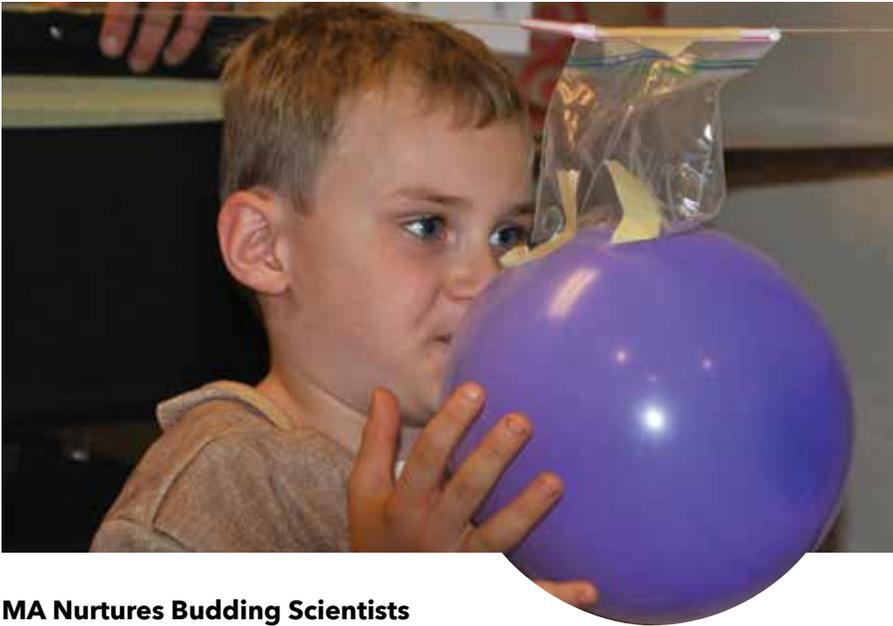
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Distinguished Alumni

**BRUCE SWEDIEN '51** graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in music and electrical engineering. His first studio job was with Schmitt Music, which led to the transformation of an old movie theater on Nicollet Avenue into a recording studio, Creation Audio, which is still in operation today. After joining RCA in Chicago, he received a Grammy

nomination for Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons' *Big Girls Don't Cry*. Bruce went on to record and mix Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, the best-selling album in the history of recorded music. Bruce has been nominated for a total of 13 Grammy awards and won five. He has received numerous other recognitions including an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Luleå University of Technology in Luleå, Sweden, presented under ruling of King Carl XVI Gustav. The list of artists he has recorded reads like a Who's Who in music: Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Sarah Vaughan, Diana Ross, Lena Horne, Tommy Dorsey, Dinah Shore, Barbra Streisand, Jennifer Lopez, Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, and many more. His movie credits include *Night Shift*, *The Color Purple*, *The Wiz*, and *Running Scared*.

In April, Bruce will celebrate the start of his eighth decade and he is still rocking! He just celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss to his loving and supportive wife, Bea.

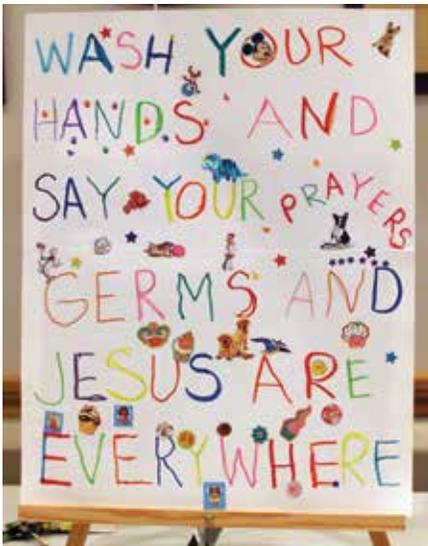
# LEARNING SCIENCE FAIR



## MA Nurtures Budding Scientists

On Tuesday, October 1, more than 150 elementary students participated in the Lower School Science Fair. Students from kindergarten through grade five constructed science fair projects and presented their findings to other students, their families, and science fair judges. Middle School students provided assistance; faculty and staff volunteered as judges. When not presenting their projects, Lower School students visited "exploration stations" to experience hands-on scientific activities.





# LEARNING DEBATE



Bottom L to R: Payton Kinkead '15, Hugh Mayo '14, Elie Laddusaw '17, Taylor Bye '15, Alex Wilson '16, Lucas Jones '14.  
Middle L to R: Meena Morar '17, Caroline Pellegrin '15, Fan Jia '14, Kent Reese '14, Cole Dennis '15, Max Thompson '14.  
Top L to R: Shannon Kovach '14, Scott Stewart '15, Michael Everett '14, Will Anema '16, Alex Fedje-Johnson '16, Kat Knutson '14.

## DEBATE TEAM PLACES SECOND AT STATE MEET!

When it comes to debate teams, never underestimate Minnehaha. If there's one thing we've learned about our debaters ... it's that they are tough to beat.

Minnehaha's 2013 Debate Team enjoyed notable success, especially at the Minnesota Classic Debate Championships in early December. The team beat out much larger schools to take an impressive 2nd place finish in school team standings.

For the 2013 season, team members tackled two tough resolutions: "Resolved, that race and ethnicity should not be factors in determining college admissions;" and "Resolved, that the United States should significantly increase its domestic use of nuclear energy."

Several MA debaters achieved their seasons' best finishes during the championship rounds. Seniors Michael Everett and Hugh Mayo became the first debaters in the 14-year history of Minnehaha Classic Debate to repeat as state varsity finalists. In their run to the championship, Hugh and Michael won three preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds arguing the negative side of the resolution, using the premise that nuclear energy will be less feasible than renewable energies due to looming U.S. water shortages. Although Michael and Hugh eventually lost to a team from Eastview High School in the championship match, this competition saw them post their best scores of the season. Hugh also broke Minnehaha's record for career National Forensic League points in Classic Debate.

Also competing in varsity, seniors Lucas Jones and Max Thompson celebrated top finishes as well, reaching the quarterfinals before losing on a 2-1 judges' decision to—get this—Michael and Hugh! Minnehaha debate coach Nathan Johnson said, "On the one hand, it was unfortunate that our two teams ended up facing each other. But according to those who watched the match, it was quite the match!"

In junior varsity, sophomore Will Anema and junior Caroline Pellegrin achieved their own personal bests of the year also, going 4-1 before losing in the quarterfinals. At the novice level, senior Kat Knutson and freshman Meena Morar posted their best scores—they earned 10th place among 75 novice teams, going 3-1 with strong speaker points, losing in round 16. Sophomores Alex Fedje-Johnson and Alex Wilson also finished 3-1, then won in round 16 before falling in the novice quarterfinals.

Other MA debaters who contributed to this impressive effort included: senior novice Jennifer Jia and freshman novice Elie Laddusaw; juniors Cole Dennis and Payton Kinkead in junior varsity; and in varsity, junior Taylor Bye, seniors Shannon Kovach and Kent Reese, and junior Scott Stewart. Coach Johnson commended his team: "This was a great accomplishment for us since much larger schools—Rochester Mayo and Stillwater, both with talented rosters—finished in third and fourth behind us!"

# LEARNING WINTER POETRY

With snow on the ground and Christmas around the corner, *Minnehaha Magazine* took the opportunity to print some wintery poems written by Janet Johnson's English students who have recently been studying poetry. Thank you poets!

I go unnoticed—  
I am a small part of a big world.  
I am alive but cannot speak.  
I am beautiful just as I was created to be—  
I am the ornament at the bottom of the tree.  
—Kai Gundersen (Grade 9)

The little crystal ornament waits in its Waterford box  
Until I hang it on the Silvertip in December.  
Sapphire blue iridescent ball  
Hangs gallantly on the tree  
But not weighing down the sinewy green branch.  
It illuminates the night.  
—Ashley Mullen (Grade 9)

At last! My December has come  
Think not of the chilling bite, but of the warmth winter  
loathes  
I shall not pass idle time in the cold  
For I cozy up with books  
More valuable than gold  
—Elena Gutierrez (Grade 11)

The cold of the hard-packed snow seeps through my jacket  
My mind numbed into a frigid stupor  
My angel half finished, my limbs frozen in a jumping jack  
I lie trapped in between inception and completion  
Enthralled by the immense stillness of the night sky  
My breath leaking out through my chapped lips,  
Painting curlicues on the chilly air  
In the moonlight I can feel my angel becoming one of  
multitudes  
—Olivia Benson (Grade 12)

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

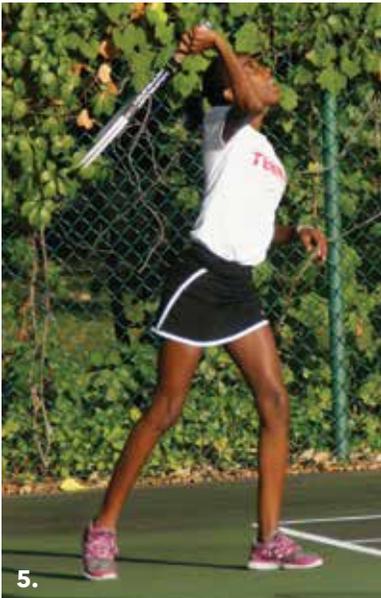
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# FALL SPORTS



**1.** Minnehaha junior Gracia Gilreath keeps behind the ball. **2.** Redhawk senior and captain Ben Gifford gets the ball back. **3.** The Minnehaha Cross-Country team. Back row, left to right: Coach Erik Hadland, Coach Phil White, Griffin Snow, Andrew Wintz, Zach Newton, Coach Kris Sauer, Ephraim Bird, Erik Ubel. Front row, left to right: Seth Netere, Chris Schold, Captain Mike Ferris, Captain Ethan Wagner, Coach Christian Zimmerman, Bjorn Anderson. **4.** Eighth-grade Redhawk cross-country runner Abby Shaffer puts on the speed. **5.** Sophomore Alexis Turnage sends that ball right back. **6.** The Minnehaha Football team—looking sharp! **7.** Eighth-grader Jordan Delgado competes in the backstroke. **8.** Redhawk freshman Iris Holman keeps the ball off her court.



### 1. **GIRLS' SOCCER**

The Girls' Soccer team finished 4th in the Tri-Metro Conference and 5th in their section. The team was ranked between 4th and 12th in Minnesota for the entire season. Coach Mark Anderson '79 reported that this was Minnehaha's youngest-ever girls' team.

### 2. **BOYS' SOCCER**

A strong, young Boys' Soccer team played well all season, but lost to Roosevelt in the first round of sections.

### 3. **BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY**

The Boys' Cross-Country team made great improvements this year, moving up four places to finish 4th in the State AA Meet. Along the way, they won the Milaca Invitational for the first time, placed as the 9th Minnesota team at the Griak Invitational, and won their conference.

### 4. **GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY**

A very young Girls' Cross-Country team placed 5th in sections, setting the pace for years to come! Coach Christian Zimmerman '94 said, "This team is one to look out for in the near future!"

### 5. **GIRLS TENNIS**

The Minnehaha Girls' Tennis team finished 4-6 in the Tri-Metro Conference. The challenging competition helped the girls elevate their game. Coach Karin Kispert said, "Our season revealed a lot of great tennis, determination, improvement, and integrity."



### 6. **FOOTBALL**

The Minnehaha Football team finished the regular season 6-2, in 3rd place in the Tri-Metro West Conference. They earned a first-round bye in the playoffs, but lost 25-23 in the second round. The team earned a Gold Academic Team Award, which is given to teams with an average GPA greater than 3.0.

### 7. **GIRLS SWIMMING**

Minnehaha put seven swimmers in the water for the Metro United Co-op Swim team: two veteran seniors and a strong contingent of middle-school athletes.

### 8. **VOLLEYBALL**

The Girls' Volleyball team placed 3rd in conference and were seeded 4th in section. The team made it to the semi-final round.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL



On November 1, Spanish students spent time baking panalletes, special cookies that are a part of the traditional Halloween festival of La Castanyada in Barcelona, Spain. Minnehaha's Amity Scholar, Estefania, is from Spain and led the fun.



The day after Halloween, Minnehaha Academy Lower School students divided their Halloween candy between the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital and the 114th Transportation Company, Minnesota National Guard, Afghanistan. As students brought in their candy, it was weighed, and well over 200 pounds of candy was collected.



Congratulations to the seniors who earned National Achievement and National Merit designation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Minnehaha Academy seniors who qualified for this special designation represent an impressive 10-percent of the senior class. **Pictured front row, L-R:** Tianna Briese, National Achievement Scholar; Andrew Hallberg, National Merit Commended Scholar; Hugh Mayo, National Merit Commended Scholar; Madeline Schuster, National Merit Semifinalist. **Pictured back row, L-R:** Tom Weber, National Merit Semifinalist; Poppy Anema, National Merit Semifinalist; Kiran Goswitz, National Merit Commended Scholar, Aaron Williams, National Achievement Scholar, Zoey Twyford, National Achievement Scholar, Krista Victorsen, National Merit Commended Scholar.



At the Boys Hockey team's first home game, the team (players, parents and coaches) collected toys for Toys for Tots.



## MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION'S 2013 GOLD MEDALLIONS

(given for work done during 2012-13 academic year)

**Antler:** All-State Gold Award; Best of Show, 5th place.

**Talon:** All-State Silver Award.

**Redhawksonline.com:** All-State Silver Award.

**Website general excellence:** Redhawksonline, honorable mention (Pauline Ojambo and Elleni Oberle, editors).

**Yearbook theme copy:** Nicole Nipper, 1st place.

**Yearbook sports copy:** Nicole Nipper, 1st place.

**Yearbook sports copy:** Grant Wielde, 2nd place.

**Yearbook spread design:** Katie Chamberlain, 2nd place.

**Yearbook theme/concept package:** Katie Chamberlain, honorable mention.

**Yearbook academic/clubs copy:** Hannah Rikers, 2nd place.

**Yearbook feature photo:** Alex Lindberg, 2nd place.

**Yearbook sports photo:** Katie Pope, 3rd place.

**Newspaper feature story:** Rachel Bartz, 1st place.

**Newspaper feature story:** Rachel Bartz, 3rd place.

**Newspaper sports story:** Frances Hoekstra, honorable mention.

**Newspaper centerspread design:** Meara Cummings, 2nd place.

Minnehaha Academy's Lower School provided 411 students around the world with a Christmas present and an opportunity to hear about Jesus through Operation Christmas Child, a nonprofit that delivers boxes to more than 100 countries every year. The winner of the 2013 OCC classroom competition was Mrs. Severson's third grade class who brought in a total of 83 shoeboxes.



**Left:** The Upper School math classes built a 12-foot high fractal in the form of a Sierpinski Pyramid, a 3-D fractal built on tetrahedrons. A fractal is a self-similar geometric figure which is generated by an iterative, recursive process. The pyramid was built with straws and twist-ties.

**Below:** An annual tradition for many years, members of the Nordic ski team spend a day clearing brush and trees from the Banadad Trail in the BWCA. After six hours of clearing, this bunch refused to miss a workout so went out for a one hour trail run.



A team of eight Minnehaha students, alumni and teachers ran the Twin Cities Marathon on October 5, to support World Vision. Pictured, left to right: Nathan Angulo '14, Chris Thompson '98, Mike DiNardo (faculty), Nathan Johnson (faculty), Casey Haffield '13, Maddie Johnson '13, Julia Carle '13, Hannah Rikers '13. Not pictured: Erik Madryga '13.



## Minnehaha Academy Begins Its Second Century

# Inspired We Soar

*Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. Isaiah 40:31*

As Christmas approaches we are reminded again of God's faithfulness and blessings.

In gratitude, the Minnehaha Community recognizes its many blessings:

- A steadfast mission that integrates Christian faith and learning.
- Caring faculty and staff members who cultivate every child's potential.
- Eager students who welcome rigorous academics and co-curricular programs that develop authentic faith, strong communication skills, and critical thinking.
- Committed parents who have chosen Minnehaha Academy as their partner in raising well-rounded children with a love of learning.
- A loyal and extensive following of alumni who are using their vast gifts and talents to transform the world around them.

As a measure of appreciation, please consider a year-end gift to Minnehaha Academy. Your support helps keep MA academics on a track of excellence, while strengthening award-winning fine arts and championship athletics, and providing tuition assistance to hard-working families.

Join students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and friends in support of Minnehaha Academy. Together we will soar!

To make your year-end gift, please use the remittance envelope in this issue.

For more information, contact Angi at 612-728-7722 or [angi@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:angi@MinnehahaAcademy.net).

# FACULTY PROFILE

## Education

B.S. Ed. in mathematics and physics from Northern Illinois University; M.S. in software design from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul; and M.S. in mathematics from Texas A&M.

## Years at Minnehaha Academy

30

## Classes I teach

AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science.

## Hometown

Moline, Illinois.

## Family

Wife, Bodil; daughter, Maria; and son, Daniel.

## Interests and hobbies

Travel, nap, read, nap, do crosswords, nap!

Q & A



## RICH ENDERTON

UPPER SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

**Q. How would your students describe you?**

**A.** I would like to think they'd say demanding, but fair, helpful, flexible, and interested in seeing them succeed.

**What inspires your teaching?** The pleasure of participating in the education and the development of young men and women at a critical time in their lives.

**Who are your role models?** My late father for his patience and accessibility, and I was always impressed and challenged by Paul Isaacs' ability to connect with students.

**Why did you choose to work at Minnehaha Academy?** While we were living in Denmark, a friend from the Covenant office visited, and the conversation led to contact with MA and eventually a move to Minneapolis.

**Why did you decide to become a teacher?** It was a combination of the experiences of a couple of non-teaching internships and positive experiences working with kids. I found out that I enjoyed the whole teaching process. Haven't looked back since! And after nearly 40 years, I still enjoy what I do.

**What advice might you give to a new teacher?** Stay active in the profession. Attend conferences and workshops. Be active in professional organizations. Try new things each year and don't let yourself get in a rut.

**What's one way you have enjoyed implementing faith in your classroom?** I particularly enjoy doing the assembly on fractals, which points to a God who orders an otherwise seeming random universe. (see page 21)

**Currently reading?**

Just finished *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* by Walter Isaacson, and a John Sanford novel. It is hard to find time to read much during the school year.

**Favorite Bible verse?**

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In good times and bad, I find it very reassuring.

# MINNEHAHA ACADEMY'S

## 2013-2014

# Board of Trustees



**Row One (left to right):** Susan Poston; Carol Sundet-Meeker; Jane Matheson; Ardelle Ferris; Donna Harris; David Anderson; Louise Wilson; Gwen Peters; Kathy Parten; Leah McLean; Polly Wright. **Row Two (left to right):** Todd Nelson; Norman Hagfors; Jeff Pope; Tom Johnson; John Ahlquist; Tom Verdoorn; Mark Stromberg; Kelly Griffin; Jon Taylor; Calvin Allen; John Jacobi; John Foley. **Not Pictured:** Troy Lucht; Nathan Sonstegard; James Volling.

Minnehaha Academy has embarked on its second century of providing high quality education integrating Christian faith and learning. The Board of Trustees is pursuing several goals, some that are continuing and some that are new, to strengthen our school and ensure its long-term viability. Last year saw the creation of “Collaborative Initiative Teams” (CITs): groups of volunteers from the administration, faculty, and staff working with the board’s committees on specific issues. Among the results produced by the CIT’s are improvements in safety and security procedures, clarification of the mission statement, and, more tangibly, the expanded Lower/Middle School bookstore. Principally, the CITs became a wonderful vehicle for communication, and an incubator of significant new ideas. The board looks forward to continuing the CIT effort this year.

In 2013-2014, we will feature a number of important new projects; first among them is the creation of a five-year strategic plan to replace the former Centennial Long Range Plan. This plan will become the road map for the next five years, and will include a vision for the

longer-term future. Minnehaha is also due to renew its accreditation by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS). The board, of course, will participate in both efforts, in collaboration with administration, faculty, and other members of the school community. In addition, Minnehaha will complete a series of energy-conserving improvements at both campuses over the next five years—system upgrades that should pay for themselves through reduced usage and other efficiencies. Throughout 2013-2014, the board hopes to unveil other initiatives under consideration as well.

This year’s theme verse is Isaiah 40:31: “Those who trust in the Lord will find strength, they will soar high on wings like eagles.” But let us also contemplate verse 28: “The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.” The God who created the cosmos and controls the course of history has brought us through our first hundred years. Who should doubt that He will carry us on from here?

David Anderson, Board of Trustees Chair

# MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

## WELCOMES NEW

# Board members

**Calvin Allen** is a senior vice president for Health Partners Strategic Planning and Human Resources. Calvin has



served on the boards of Vine Memorial Federal Credit Union and INROADS/Philadelphia. He is currently

and chair of the Community Impact Committee of the Greater Twin Cities United Way, board member of YMCA of Greater Twin Cities, treasurer of Sanctuary Covenant Church, and has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and the Atlanta Project for the Homeless. He is also a past board member of the HealthPartners Institute for Medical Education and Research Foundation.

**Ardelle Ferris** is a national account manager for Vertex Pharmaceuticals, a biotech company headquartered



in Cambridge, MA. Prior to joining Vertex, Ardelle spent more than 23 years at Pfizer, where she held management positions in

both sales and managed markets. She is a member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, and in 2010, was inducted into the Pfizer

Hall of Fame for contributions spanning her career. Ardelle graduated with honors from Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND, with a B.A. in nursing. Ardelle and her family attend Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie. She and her husband, David, have three sons—their oldest son is an MA graduate and their other sons are current MA students.

**Susan Poston** is a retired elementary school principal, with teaching and administrative experience from the



Minneapolis Public School System. In the community, Susan served two three-year terms on the Board of

Governors of the Children's Theatre Company of Minneapolis. She provided adjunct work in leadership development with the University of St. Thomas and the Minneapolis Public School System. In 2000, she received the Arts Education Leadership Award from the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education. She has also used her gifts at Salem Covenant Church, the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and in the community. Susan is on the executive board for the Evangelical Covenant Church, and currently serves on its church growth and evangelism committee.

**Jonathan (Jon) Taylor** is vice president of TAB Property Management. Jon holds B.A. degrees in economics and business finance from Bethel



University. He graduated from Minnehaha Academy in 1992, and is a member of Emmanuel Covenant Church in

Shoreview. Jon and his wife, Lisa, have three children. Together, Jon and Lisa work with the children's ministry and serve as the church delegates for Covenant Pines Bible Camp.

**James Volling** is returning as ex officio liaison representative from the Northwest Conference Executive



Board to Minnehaha Academy Board of Education. Jim is a former chair of Minnehaha Academy

Board of Education, an attorney and managing partner of Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP Law Firm. He is a member of Excelsior Covenant Church and active in all areas of church life, chairing many boards and task forces. He has extensive leadership experience in church and community organizations.



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Grades 9-12

3100 West River Parkway

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\* The student must be enrolled the following school year for at least a half a year.



*"As an alumna, and member of the Board of Trustees, I am committed to increasing tuition assistance so more families can have the gift of a Minnehaha education. Please join me and fellow alumni at the Heritage and Hope Scholarship Dinner in support of Minnehaha Academy students."*  
Leah McLean '97

# Heritage & Hope

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# PROFILES

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STEPHANIE KAY WILLIAMS '01 | ROB WILLIAMS '03 | DAVID GUSTAFSON '54

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Leading up to her Minnehaha Academy graduation in 2001, Stephanie Williams wasn't sure what she wanted to do with her life. However, she was inspired by the dedication of her teachers and leaders, who were passionate about their work. She asked God to lead her to work that she, too, would find inspiring and that would make a difference for the Kingdom of God. She never expected that would be in the ministry, and she certainly didn't think she was going to be a pastor!

"God began to call me toward ministry when I was in college," Stephanie said. "Minnehaha was instrumental in giving me a focus on what God is doing in the world and in encouraging me to grow in my relationship with Jesus. I was also able to have significant leadership opportunities that prepared me for the leadership roles I've had—and will have—throughout my life." She added, "I am very grateful for all I learned at MA, and I am proud to support the school financially and in other ways as well!"

Stephanie completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies at Bethel University. As an undergraduate, she studied psychology, leadership, and biblical and theological studies. At seminary, she earned a Master of Divinity with a concentration in biblical preaching and communication.

Today, Stephanie is the church "planter" and pastor of Mill City Church ([www.millcitychurch.com](http://www.millcitychurch.com)). The church was "planted" about five years ago. Now, it is a congregation of more than 300 people whose mission is to love the community of Northeast Minneapolis in the name of Jesus. Stephanie also preaches and speaks at conferences and events around the country, and writes about what she sees God doing ([www.pastorsteph.com](http://www.pastorsteph.com)).

In addition, Stephanie owns houses in the city where people live in what she calls Missional Communities: groups of people participate in what God is doing in their neighborhoods, and love people in Jesus' name. They have fed their low income neighbors, shared peace with

unexpected neighbors, helped neighbors in times of need, and are helping to stop human trafficking in Minneapolis.

Some highlights from Stephanie's years at Minnehaha included playing hockey and soccer. She was the student director of *The Sound of Music*. She loved the fun events like Homecoming, Sno-Daze and Sadie Hawkins!

Stephanie lives in a community in the city with younger women whom she disciples—young women who are training for ministry in the church. Her brother, Rob '03, and his wife, Claire, live nearby in Minneapolis, and lead at her church as well.



Rob Williams likes to help people—always has, always will. It is how he feels most fulfilled and closest to God.

After four years at Bethel University, Rob began working for an international logistics company that assisted Fortune 500 corporations in improving and coordinating their worldwide supply chains. In May, he transitioned from full-time "supply-chain guy" to part-time and became co-founder and executive director of The Sheridan Story (<http://thesheridanstory.com/>).

The Sheridan Story began as a simple solution to a community need. In 2010, the principal at Sheridan Elementary School in Northeast Minneapolis came to Mill City Church and reported that the school had noticed students stealing and hoarding food on Fridays to take

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home and eat on the weekend. The principal asked if there was anything the church could do to help. In response to this need, Rob launched The Sheridan Story as a Mill City Church project in November 2010, and began closing the meal gap by providing bags of non-perishable food each weekend to 27 students. The Sheridan Story is now a separate nonprofit organization operating a network of weekend food programs in five schools. This network reaches 500 children every weekend in the fall, and eight schools and around 650 children in the spring.

"This is definitely what I am called to do," Rob said. "When I learned that there were kids in our community who were hungry, I had to respond."

Rob volunteers at Mill City Church in various capacities, including Sunday morning set-up. The congregation meets in the Sheridan School auditorium, so there is a lot to prepare for Sunday worship. He is also always happy to help when other needs arise.

Rob is committed to his family: his wife, Claire, and first child due in May, his mom, and his sister, Stephanie Williams '01 (pastor at Mill City Church). He also has a group of close friends, many of whom are Minnehaha grads.

"Minnehaha definitely prepared me academically," said Rob, "but was also instrumental in allowing me to find who I am through extracurricular activities: baseball, football, peer helpers, and student council (as senior class president of 2003). Minnehaha set me



on the path of self-awareness and allowed me to try things out—successes and failures that helped form me and put me on the path I am now on."

**D**avid Gustafson loved attending Minnehaha Academy: the football team, drama, Singers ... But his highlight? Accepting Jesus as his Savior three days before graduation in 1954!

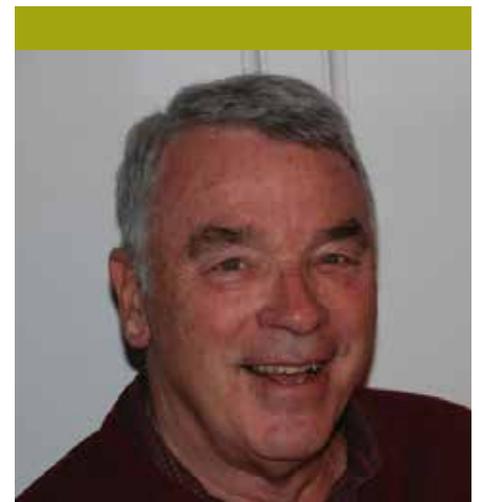
His love for drama came, perhaps, by mistake. David was skipping class one day, and while cutting through the chapel, he was commandeered into trying out for the school play. Surprisingly, he landed the role of Mr. Rochester in "Jane Eyre."

David credits music teacher Harry Opel as the most influential person in his life, and the source of his passion for music. David was a member of Singers, junior quartet, and the King's Messengers. "I learned to LOVE music!" he said. In fact, David entered Bob Jones University as a music major. But as vast as his love for music was, David admitted, "I was short on talent!" He continued to enjoy singing in several choirs, but changed his major to secondary education, and transferred to Taylor University to

complete his degree in 1959. Following graduation, he served active and reserve duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was honorably discharged as a captain. David has sung in choirs and quartets over the last 55 years. For 31 years, he was privileged to help direct the worship services at his church.

David met his wife, Joyce, in college, and they were married in 1962. She was a third-grade teacher for 24 years. David has had careers as a teacher and a family restaurant developer. In 1992, he entered the automobile leasing, sales and rental business, in which he is still involved part-time today. "I don't want to retire and work as hard as my retired friends are working!" he said.

David and Joyce have two children, Minnehaha graduates Dave Jr. '88 and Kathy (Gustafson) Pope '87. "We wanted them to experience the high academic standards, the solid biblical teaching, and the development of life-long friendships, too," he said. Three of their six grandchildren now attend Minnehaha for the same reasons. Even today, David's Minnehaha ties are strong: his six closest friends have been Minnehaha classmates.



# ALUMNI

## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

**Where to send your news** ▶ The MINNEHAHA MAGAZINE 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 Angi Aguirre, Minnehaha Academy, 3100 West River Parkway, Mpls., MN 55406, or e-mail to [alumninews@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto: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!

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**Bonnie (Palmquist) Hansen** says, "To my dear friends from the class of 1945: This is how I spent my 86th birthday—up at beautiful Lake Tahoe, just about an hour's drive from where I live in Auburn, Calif. Two of my daughters took me up to the Hyatt Hotel for an overnight and here we are celebrating. Hope every one of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Christmas."

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**Walter Bratt**  
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**Grace (Olson) Edwardson** of Brooklyn Center, Minn., passed away September 11 at the age of 84. Preceded in death by husband, Erick; son-in-law, Jay; parents, two brothers and two sisters. Grace is now safely in the arms of Jesus. She was an "amazing" wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma and sister. Survived by daughter, Mary (fiancé Bruce); son, Carl and former daughter-in-law, Juliet; grandchildren, Heather (Donny), Amberlee (Josh), Sarah, Luke, Aaron; great-grandchildren, Kelly Grace, Caden Jay; sister, Violet; many other family and friends.

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**Representative Needed**

While going through old photos recently, Don Swanberg found the photo (see right)

taken in 1949. It is of Bob Roddy and Don Swanberg at the U of M, hosting their late-night disc jockey show on WMMR radio. This show emanated from the studios in Coffman Union each evening, while they were students at the university. Bob Roddy, now deceased, eventually became the owner of a number of radio stations and lived in Arizona. Don was one of the first announcers hired by KTIS-FM, Minneapolis, with studios in the Loring Park Northwestern Bible School building. At that time, the station was led by Dr. Billy Graham. Don later served in the Air Force, flew with Northwest Airlines and now is living in Laurel, Miss.



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At the end of 2013, **Joyce Trebilco** and her husband, Oliver, will complete the translation of the New Testament into the Hrey language. The Hrey people are an ethnic minority in Vietnam, where the Treblicos served as missionaries for 15 years. Besides being involved in a Bible translation ministry, Joyce has written two books, *Christmas Musings: To Illuminate What We Celebrate*, 15 short Christmas devotionals with 15 Christmas ink drawings and *Not an Empty Promise*, her first-hand account of Christ's care and protection during their time as missionaries in Vietnam during the war, their ministry in Indonesia, working with refugees in California and Bible translation in Texas, where they now reside. Both available at Amazon.com. Their daughter, Jeanette, is a Physician Assistant (PA) in Auburn, Calif., and happily married with three step-children. Their son, Jonathan, is also happily married and is the pastor of an Anglican church in Spring, Texas.

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**James C. Swanson**  
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**Miriam (Peterson) Gustafson** died peacefully on October 4 at St. James of Pleasantview, Good Samaritan Society. For many years she battled Alzheimer's

and Lewy Body Disease. She is survived by her husband of 55 years; Rev. Roy Gustafson, four daughters; Cindy Torkelson (Paul) of St. James, Minn., Cheryl Trayford (Marvin) of Roeland Park, Kan., Marcia Magnuson (Mike) of Hutchinson, Minn., Mary Gustafson of Los Angeles, Calif., brother Fred (Janet) Peterson of Normal, Ill., grandchildren, Renee, Annika, Britta, Jon and Tim and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

**Rhoda (Schonberg) Johnson**, of Bloomington, Minn. and Cross Lake, Minn. passed away on October 18. She is survived by daughter, Lisa Omodt; and son, Craig Johnson; sister, Jane (Steve) Chase; brother, Bob (Louisa) Schonberg; and grandchildren, Austin and Jenner Omodt.

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Mark W. Nelson

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**Jerry Parupsky, Don Anderson, Mark Nelson** and **Dave Peterson** have continued their tradition of meeting together quarterly for lunch for the past five or more years. Fifty-nine years and counting! They have a very enjoyable time rehashing the good old days at MA!

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**Tucki (Lund) Bellig**, 75, of Bemidji died November 20, 2013 at Trillium in Bemidji. Tucki was born December 6, 1937 in Minneapolis, the daughter of Stanley and Esther Lund. After graduating from college she spent most of her professional career teaching Special Education in Mankato. After retirement in 2001, she and her husband Bob moved to their home on Big Lake near Bemidji where she pursued her hobbies of knitting, quilting and sewing with numerous friends. Traveling and being outdoors were activities she liked, but being with her six grandchildren gave her more joy than anything else. She is survived by her husband, Bob; brother, Roger Lund; daughters, Robyn (Bob) Rode, Stacey (Todd) Ellestad, Paige Bellig and six grandchildren: Josh, Kara, Cortney, R.J., Ashley and Mitchell.

**Orin Schueler** and his wife, Dottie, recently celebrated their 52nd year of marriage by completing their quest of visiting all 50 states.

**Joyce (Anderson) Pearson**, 75, beloved wife, mom, and grandma, of Spring Lake Park, Minn., died on November 17, 2013. Survived by Herb, her husband of 52 years; daughters, Julie Pearson, Sharon (Marc) Jones; grandchildren, John, Arielle, Carter, Abby; siblings, Iris (Chuck) Porter, Kay (Ron) Buhrt, Lyla (Steve) Smith, June (Mike) Howard, Calvin Anderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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The Class of 1960 held a reunion luncheon on October 10, 2013 at the Original Pancake House in Edina, Minn. Plans to continue this annual event were confirmed for the second Thursday of October each year. Thanks once again to Jim Nash for being the official photographer. You can view his photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/jamesn88888/MinnehahaClassOf1960LunchOct102013>



**Linda (Hammarberg) Willette** came "out of retirement" to accept a position as a visitation pastor at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina, Minn. She says: "Though retirement was fine, I simply couldn't pass up this opportunity to minister to seniors—as I am one! It's good to be engaged in reflection, connection and bringing communion to those not able to participate in worship."

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Penny Towner Koehler

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**Darlene (Palermo) Porter** passed away November 13, 2013 in Irvine, Calif.

**Diane (Dirkes) Carlson** spent her professional life as a fashion designer and then became a college professor teaching Home Economics, Graphic Design, Art, Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising. Now she is semi-retired, and teaches Millinery (Fascinators and Hats) and Art classes at Art Studios and The Golden Door Spa. The rest of her time was spent raising her son, traveling, researching and writing. Her websites, [www.ingslami.com](http://www.ingslami.com) and [www.falconscloak.com](http://www.falconscloak.com) sum up a very unexpected twist to her life. She is very excited to announce that she has just started a Minnesota Production Company to produce her screenplay, "The Falcon's Cloak." If they film in Minnesota, it would be fun to hire some of the Minnehaha Alumni to be extras!!! It has been a very lofty life's goal and an arduous journey, but she now has a glimmer of hope that her hard work may bear fruit!

**Mark How** flew helicopters in Vietnam in 1968; graduated from Texas with BBA in '72, SMU law in '75 and is currently a senior partner in a boutique litigation firm in Dallas. He is married to Wanda, a flight attendant with American Airlines and he loves cars, golf, food and wine.

**Lanny Lundquist** went on to study Journalism at the University of Minnesota. After a few years in advertising and newspaper work, he found his real interest was in product design in the decorative arts market. He designed, produced and shipped over 4 million artistic products that usually

contained some inspirational message for the gift or home decor trade. In recent years, he has designed and marketed a non-electric hearing device, written a book of his life's stories and joined other retired, Christian business entrepreneurs to start New Enterprise Coalition, an effort to make profit in order to engage in benevolent projects. He and his wife, Kathi, have three children and three grandchildren and live in Woodbury, Minn.

**Karen Aust**, along with her husband, are volunteer couriers for the National Donor Marrow Program (Be the Match) and spend quite a bit of time traveling around the world picking up bone marrow after it's been donated and delivering it to the hospital where the recipient is awaiting this life-saving transplant. In between their travels, they love spending time with their five grandchildren, all of whom live right here in the Twin Cities. They feel very blessed!

**Jerry Peterson** recently won the silver medal in singles by placing second in the 65-69 age group at the National Pickleball Tournament held in Buckeye, Ariz. on Nov 9-17. This is the third consecutive year in which he has won a medal.



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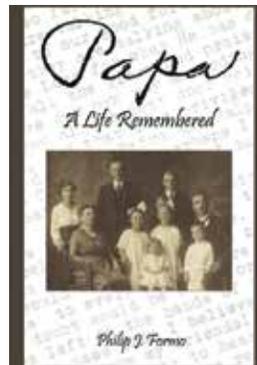
Save the date for our 50th Reunion on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the Campus Club, University of Minnesota. There will be several activities available at the reunion, those details will soon



be on our website, [www.ma64.com](http://www.ma64.com). We look forward to seeing everyone there!

We are interested in knowing about class members who have authored books. Please let us know! Contact Bev Wenshau.

**Phil Formo** just published a fictionalized memoir titled *Papa A Life Remembered*. A life filled with tragedy and triumph, Andreas Helland started out as a sickly



boy who could not attend school until the age of 12. By the age of 19 he had already earned a master's degree and immigrated to the United States. More about the book can be found

at [www.papaaliferemembered.com](http://www.papaaliferemembered.com). All proceeds go to a scholarship fund at Augsburg College where Andreas taught New Testament for 35 years. The book can be purchased through Amazon.com.

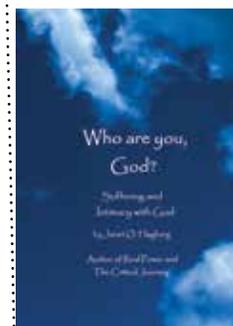
**Linda (Paulson) Wicklund** has written a book about Ukraine, which is a land rich in traditions. The geography and resources shape the look of rural Ukrainian homes. The soul of the people comes alive as Linda shares her experience of Ukrainian hospitality through her home stays with the Kalina family. Ukrainians are fascinated with decorative arts. Symbols permeate

their homes, their clothing, and the circles of their lives. You will learn about intricately woven textiles, impossibly delicious cuisine (recipes included), and friendships shared over a cup of tea. Celebrations draw heavily from centuries-old practices that vary from village to village and family to family. They honor the spiritual threads that tie one generation to the next. Explore the wonder of Christmas and Easter in Ukraine. Settle back and remember the cycles of life from birth to marriage to the final days. This book was chosen



for the 2012 Presidential award in Ukraine for its contribution to the decorative arts. All proceeds from this book are donated to build the home for families in crisis in Poltava, Ukraine.

**Janet (Olson) Hagberg** has recently authored another book, available on Amazon.com, titled *Who Are You, God? Suffering and Intimacy With God*. When we suffer we have more opportunity for intimacy with God than in any other life



experience but that only happens if two things are present; a loving image of God and a process of healing. This book describes how to obtain both.

**Carol Highsmith** has an ebook, *Great Photographs from the Library of Congress*, that recently has been published and includes many of her photographs. Also, her images of America will be exhibited at the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia and will travel throughout Russia in 2014.

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**David and Martha (Beckman) Williams**  
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**Lee Snyder** is the owner of On-Demand Productions, which does website design, video production, social media marketing, media strategy, photography and video games located in the Twin Cities. More information can be found at <http://on-demandproductions.com>

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**Brenda (Atchley) Veit** and daughter, Elli, and a mutual friend of Evangeline Peterson, Dave Eidswaag, met Evangeline at her home to celebrate her 101st birthday. They celebrated with a walk to the park for "some fresh air" and leaves! Evangeline did all of the entertaining as they sat and talked and she cracked all the jokes. Brenda's only regret was that she couldn't listen and write fast enough to catch all the funny things she said. Evangeline loves to hear from former students and states that the telephone is her lifeline. She's looking forward to her next birthday, but loves phone calls, flowers, walks outdoors, and visits from everyone!



**Jane (Ruva) Greer** has moved back to Minneapolis after living in Pennsylvania for the last eight years. She looks forward to living in close proximity to her parents, three children, and four (soon to be five) grandchildren. Jane is looking for an executive administrative assistant position. If you have any leads, please contact her at [jane.greer1010@gmail.com](mailto:jane.greer1010@gmail.com).

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**Christie S. Brandt**

**Wendy (Thill) Hicks** sends her her greetings: "Hello from Louisiana, I have been here for 30 years. I work for the St. Tammany parish sheriff's office. I get to spread joy to all the kids going to school and is a crossing guard." Wendy has been married for 32 years, and has one daughter who is married and lives close by. She says, "Life is great."

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**Karen (Thomas) Manos** just returned from her third mission trip to the Dominican Republic through her church, First Evangelical Free Church, which supports the Kids Alive program. Each trip has had building projects to help the Kids Alive Ark in Constanza, in the mountains. They also interact with the kids who live there. Below is the team she went with this year. Karen is the one in the middle with the green shirt with white letters.



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Robert and **Deborah (Peterson)**

**Goodman** are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandson, Samuel Clyde Goodman, born to their daughter Melissa Joy Goodman. He was born in Buffalo, Minn. on November 25 at 6:53 a.m. weighing 7 lbs 5.7 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. They are thrilled and blessed with the new addition to their family!



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**Chris Larson** was chosen to exhibit in the Whitney Museum of American Art Biennial Exhibit in New York City, March 7-May 25, 2014. Donna De Salvo, Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Programs at the Whitney, noted, "Together, the 103 participants offer one of the broadest and most diverse takes on art in the United States that the Whitney has offered in many years."

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**Eric Erickson** has been the varsity head soccer coach for St. Paul Como Park for 10 years (record 149-44-10). His team was the State Champion this year, defeating Hill-Murray 2-1 in the Class A Championship game. Last year Eric was named State Coach of the Year for class 1A boys' soccer. St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman declared November 7 Como Park Senior High School Boys' Soccer Day in the City of Saint Paul. (photo on next page)



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MA Class of 1990 got together for their 3rd Annual Unreunion over the Thanksgiving holiday at the Bulldog NE. They had a wonderful time reminiscing!

**A.J. Ecker** and his wife, Erin, welcomed twins, Savannah and Isabelle, who were born at 32 weeks. They join their three older siblings. The Ecker household now has five kids (under five)!



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**Representative Needed**

**Melanie Sorensen** recently accepted a position as Director of Education at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, Colo. She loved her 15 years of employment at the Minnesota Zoo but was excited for this next step in her career and a chance to be closer to the mountains for skiing, rock climbing and hiking.

**Emily (Swanson) Thompson** married the love of her life, Brendan Thompson, in August of 2012 and this past July, they had their first child, Logan James.



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**Representative Needed**

**Marie Kvasnik** was married to Olivier Gaubert in an intimate family ceremony in the south of France last winter. Her brother Peter Kvasnik '01 was her witness. Marie and Olivier are currently living in Forcalquier, France. She has also started a new contract as Fine Artist for Roche Bobois International.



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**Sylvia (Dunn) Barbagallo**  
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**Dr. Britt Erickson** was awarded the North Park University 2013 Distinguished Young Alumni Award. After earning her Bachelor of Science in Physics

at North Park, Britt went on to Mayo Medical School, graduating in 2008. Following her residency at Northwestern University's McGaw Medical Center in obstetrics and gynecology, she joined the University of Alabama Medical Center, where she is currently completing a surgical fellowship in gynecologic oncology. As part of University of Alabama's Medical Center, which is the South's only national comprehensive cancer center that also serves some of the country's poorest patients, Erickson is focusing her research on racial disparities in cancer outcomes.

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**Representative Needed**

**Rob Kosar '92** and **Maria Edstrom** announce the birth of their first child, Natalie Grace Kosar. She was born on July 2, 2013. Parents are enjoying the experience but mom would love some more sleep!



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**Stephanie K. Williams**  
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**James Finney**, born on January 27, 1982 passed away on November 18, 2013. He was a much-loved son, brother, uncle, nephew and friend. A graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School, he loved fishing and the BWCA, and will be greatly missed.

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**Brianna Chambers**  
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**Laura (Dingley) Savaloja** and her husband, Andrew, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Finn David, born September 27. Finn

weighed exactly 7 lbs., 20 inches. The family is happily settled in Minneapolis and is overjoyed with their new bundle of love.

**Brianna (Chambers) Erickson** was married to Thomas Erickson on May 18, 2013 at Town and Country Club in St. Paul. Minnehaha alumni in attendance from left to right in photo: Melissa Rich, Rachael (Wangensteen) Sallander, Brianna (Chambers) Erickson, Christine Fleming, Christine (Wilson) Sampair. Not pictured (likely taking the photo): Casey Sallander. (photo above, right)

**03**  
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**Rob Williams** is the co-founder and director of TheSheridanStory.org. The Sheridan Story currently reaches 500 kids each weekend with a bag of non-perishable food. To get involved, donate, or learn more go to [www.TheSheridanStory.com](http://www.TheSheridanStory.com).

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**Brian Leitzke** safely returned in early October from a six-month deployment to the Middle East. Brian is a Captain in the US Air Force and is an F-15E pilot currently stationed in Mountain Home, Idaho.

In October, **Annie Kruger** moved to London and accepted a job with as an attorney with Allen & Ovary LLP.

**Andrew Adey '04** and Nicole (Kerian) Adey were married in a private ceremony in June 2013. They live outside of La Crosse, Wisc., where Andrew is employed as a police officer and as a Captain in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Nicole is employed as an elementary school teacher in the area.



**06**  
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 Join our "Minnehaha Academy Class of 2006" Facebook Group!

**Katie (Norby) Olson '06** married Tim Olson on September 22, 2013 at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista, Minn. It was a lovely fall day and both Katie and Tim felt immensely blessed by the family and friends who celebrated with them. Alumni in the wedding were **Erin Norby '04, Brittany Norby '08** and **Sashi (Anderson) Smith '06**.



**07**  
**Will Haffield**  
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**Samuel Gaylord** has a new job at Nativity Early Learning Center, which is a part of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School in St. Paul. He is the lead teacher for the first grade after-school program at the center, and has been substitute teaching twice a week at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School.

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**Jake Brown** has been running on the St. Olaf Cross Country team. He ran at the Division III National Championships in Indiana on November 23, and finished the 8k course in 25:00 to finish 8th place overall, and garner All-American status. The Oles won the division national title with an 84-86 finish over Division III power North Central.



**Emily Akkerman** married Ryan Perhach on August 17, 2013, in Temecula, Calif. at South Coast Winery Resort and Spa. Minnehaha alum in attendance included **Monica Jones '09, Vera Morbey '09, Julie Luyster '09, Natalie Bradt '09, Drew Janda '06, Bryan Akkerman '06,**

and **Gabriela Sterling '09**. Emily will be attending Southwestern Law School in the fall of 2014 in Los Angeles and Ryan works for Cintas Corporate.



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**Grace Haugen**  
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**Bennett Hull** has been named the captain of the High Point University hockey team. HPU hockey recently joined the Blue Ridge Collegiate hockey conference. Since graduating from Minnehaha, Bennett has completed a Tough Mudder, is a singer/songwriter/guitarist with the Indie rock band FreeRunners and performed at Swayze's in Atlanta, the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville and around the High Point, N.C. area. During the summers in Minnesota, he has been a counselor at Circle R Ranch, Camp Chippewa for Boys, and sold DirecTV for the Midwest Expansion Group. He graduates from High Point in May 2014 with a degree in Business Administration and will be looking to begin his career in HR, Supply Chain or Marketing.

## 11

**Nathaniel Brown**  
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**Matt McDonough** has been promoted to the lighting supervisor on the student center tech crew at the University of Minnesota Morris and will be sound designing the spring production of *Uncommon Women and Others*.

# Didn't See News from Your Class?

Contact your Class Representative with the latest!

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### OBITUARY

## MINNEHAHA'S FOURTH PRESIDENT

Rev. Arthur W. Anderson died September 28, 2013 at the John Knox Care Village in Lee's Summit, Missouri where he had resided for the past three months. Art was born in Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin, to Alma E. and John V. Anderson.

Arthur Anderson was beloved. Few people could listen the way Art could listen. He was open. He loved to wrestle with doubts and concerns. His theological quest never ended nor did it flag along the way.

His book on prayer, *Wild Beasts and Angels*, was rooted in the pilgrimage of his everyday life and in the pilgrimages of those he loved and served. People knew they were safe with Art.

In 1950, Art became the fourth President of Minnehaha Academy. He began his presidency as a bachelor but Bernice Anderson of Duluth soon ended his eligibility for good.

In the Fall of 1959, after a decade of distinguished leadership of Minnehaha Academy, Rev. Anderson became Chaplain at North Park College in Chicago. In 1964, he responded to the pastoral call from Bethlehem Covenant Church in Minneapolis.

Art chose to be a parish Pastor the remainder of his career. Exclusiveness was anathema to him. He sought a church for sinners only. He loved to tell of the church in Ohio he had attended one Sunday evening. When it came time for the offering, the pastor said, as the plate was passed, "Those of you who are able to give, give, and those who need, take." "I like that," said Art.

Art served Covenant churches in New York City, and then Youngstown, Ohio, where he retired. He served in interim pastorates in Coral Springs, Florida, Indianapolis, Indiana, Bedford, New Hampshire, and First Covenant Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Art is survived by his wife, Bernice, two daughters, linguist Sonja Solar and engineer Ingrid Potts and their families, one son, architect Kirk Anderson and his family, five grandchildren, two great granddaughters, and his brother, Rev. Gilbert L. Anderson. Art was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Bert Anderson.



## MINNEHAHA ARCHIVE HOUSE

Minnehaha physics teachers recently cleaned out some closets and came up with quite a pile of interesting teaching tools and materials. Some were donated to the Bakken Museum for use in their student program; some were picked up by Axman Surplus; some were passed on to the art department - and a few select items went to the Archive house, including these treasures, pictured at the right. The Archive House is open Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule, contact Jane Anfang, Alumni and Parent Relations Manager, at [anfangjane@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:anfangjane@MinnehahaAcademy.net).

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# REUNIONS

## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY



**CLASS OF 1943** The Class of '43 decided a reunion would be a good thing in this anniversary year. But they realized that having graduated seventy years ago, they belong to a very exclusive group, but of diminishing membership. Attendance would likely be limited to the local residents, and in their small class those who now live in far flung locations were good friends too and should be included. They needed something that would be an improvement over Facebook and the old fashioned telephone. Skype seemed to be the answer—they could both talk and see their classmates on the computer screen. They arranged to do this in the MA Alumni/Archives office which has internet service and a large screen so the group could watch. It worked out reasonably well, and that in spite of the fact that modern technology is not yet perfect. It was fun to see the faces and hear the voices from Maryland, Montana, California and Idaho.

This is an interesting class. Several had been pastors, one for sixty-one years, two had been missionaries, two had written memoirs, one had achieved a doctorate at age seventy. (She apologized for not being able to attend and even suggested a call again in 2023.) They concluded that reminiscing becomes even more fun as the years go by. Left photo, back row: Aloys (Johnson) Olson, Manny Nelson, Dave Swanson, Front row - Helen (Nelson) Warnberg, Marge (Manger) Torgerson, Gordon Johnson. Right photo: Aloys (Johnson) Olson and Elaine Ekstedt talking with Bill and Deanna Starr on the Skype screen.



**CLASS OF 1948** had a reserved table during the Recognition Brunch during Homecoming, then moved into their own room where they had more time to visit with each other. It was a wonderful time to reconnect with friends of old.

Front Row: Joan (Bevis) Nelson, Dave Rubinson, Dorothy (Walker) Elftman.  
Middle Row: Marge (Peikert) Erickson, Marilyn (Nelson) Ingman, LaVerne (Ryberg) Mondt, Liz Anderson.  
Back Row: Bob Ingman, John Gulbranson, Ken Kistler, Grace Carlson.



**CLASS OF 1953** began their reunion meeting at the Recognition Brunch at Homecoming, then met for dinner at Baker's Square and came back to school for dessert and a program. The day was filled with rekindling old friendships and getting caught up on each other's lives.

Those in the photo, beginning at the top and in rows left to right are: Ted Koch, Alton Olson, Howard Rekstad, Gary Ubben, Dick Tornquist, John Carlson, Bill Conrad, Joyce (Westlund) Fosland, Marilyn (Haugen) Michels, Joan (Sorensen) Erickson, Pauline (Challander) Luikonen, Ruth (Peterson) Bakken, Marilyn (Munter) Kendall, Mary (Klatke) Nygren, Barb (Holte) Bragg, Elaine (Elmberg) Johnson, Dwayne Anderson.

**CLASS OF 1956** Even though it was a non-reunion year classmates gathered because classmates were in town for Homecoming weekend. They had a great time filled with laughing and reconnecting. Front row: Margaret (Newman) Maas, Marie (Norquist) Parotti, Priscilla (Martinson) Olson. Middle row: Dorcas (Egge) O'Connor, Judy (Anderson) Bartz, Phyllis (Walkup) Nordin, Judy (Bixby) Hagstrom, Delores (Langnickel) Bergland, Judy (Johnson) Johnson, Gloria (Wiens) Tamte, Sherrill (Anderson) Nelson. Back row: Judy (Larson) Ramgren, Ron Opel, Ben Hedlund, Lyle Anderson, Leigh Raberge, Merrill Hansen, Don Larson, Paul Stromberg. Not pictured but arrived later: Ron Anderson and Thor Hansen.



**CLASS OF 1958** celebrated their 55-year class reunion on Saturday, October 5, with a cruise along the Mississippi River on the Jonathan Paddleford. The weather did not dampen their spirits - a wonderful reunion was had by all. Back row, left to right: Roger Johnson, Dan Rhodes, Gary Anderson, Darryl Hogle, Fred Halvorson, Vern Bjorndahl, Cal Peterson, Joan (Anderson) Johnson, Walt Wilson, Dave Hughes, Marj Carlson, Ruthann (Nyvall) Foreman, Barb (Anderson) Madson, Carol (Svanes) Hill, Gerry (Kampff) Lotspeich. Front row, left to right: Shar (Weymouth) Hauer, Mary (Rossow) Michelsen, Lorna (Thompson) Dahl, Lois (Pankonin) Meland, Grace (Larson) Bergstrom, Judy (Anderson) Nelson, Ginny (Skoglund) Olson, Patty (Farr) Anderson, Carol (Olson) Olson, Diane (Johnson) DeVries, Linda (Olson) Stromberg, Nancy (Nyquist) Hereid, Barb (Williams) Hogle, John Foreman. Missing: Craig Olson.



**CLASS OF 1963** Their 50th reunion was wonderful and they are all still basking in the afterglow of fun times remembered and lots and lots of laughs shared. The picture lacks some clarity and they are all thankful for that! They had a great turnout and a great time! Those of you who attended will vouch for that and those of you who missed it - well, they missed YOU!



**CLASS OF 1973** On Saturday, November 2, 2013, Minnehaha Academy's Class of 1973 celebrated their 40th high school reunion at the River Room of the Town and Country Club in St. Paul, the same room where their senior dinner was held. 41 members of the Class of '73 were in attendance. Classmates travelled from all over Minnesota, Wisconsin, and as far as Arizona, Florida, and Massachusetts.

Before the gathering at the Town and Country Club, Minnehaha's Alumni and Parent Relations Manager, Jane (Sattervall) Anfang '80, gave about 25 members of the Class of '73 a comprehensive tour of the Upper Campus. Many of those on the tour had not been back to Minnehaha in 40 years. "We were all very impressed with the improvements made to Minnehaha since we graduated," said Class of '73 graduate, Phil Brown.

40 years later, the Class of '73 rekindled friendships, laughed heartily, and reflected with gratitude the positive impact that Minnehaha has had on their lives. They refuse to wait another 10 years before getting together again. They have created a Facebook page, Minnehaha Academy Class of 1973 with the intent of staying connected.

Front row, left to right: Cathy (Quiggle) Munkittrick, Dan Marzolf, Phil Brown, Craig Johnson, Dorothy (Anderson) Wintz, Barb (Beckval) Iverson, April (Knox) Uram, Debbie (Helling) Espeland, Mary (Kershaw) Miller.

Middle row, left to right: Barb (Westrem) Mullikin, Carol (Munsey) Larson, Judy (Nordenson) Danielson, Bill Stevenson, Marge (Haglund) Grinney, Peter Mordh, Neil Paulson, Kandy (Waits) Dohrmann, Verna Hinze, Lynnette (Johnson) Wass, Cindy (Hoffman) Loeffler, Debbie (Lee) Willett, Christy Brandt, Carole Anderson, Rachel Mixer, Jodi (Schafer) Earhart.

Back row, left to Right: Jeff Manlove, Deb (Molstad) Kellogg (semi hidden), Robert Crosby, Dave Munkittrick, Gary Swanson, Tim Danielson, Bryan Anderson, Phil Benson, Doug Johnson, George Effrem, Jeff Price, Greg Wilcox, Dan Willett, Barb (Rhodes) Icenogle, Andy Rollwagen, Bruce Martinson.



**CLASS OF 1978** gathered at Ol' Mexico and the Chatterbox Pub for their 35th reunion Homecoming weekend. They laughed, they reminisced, they cried tears of laughter when Dwayne Olson leaped into the room wearing Debbie Norheim's MA gym suit. They stomped out the middle-age version of "We Will Rock You" and closed down the place both nights! Front row, seated, left to right: Sandy (Klingbeil) Balts, Karen (Thomas) Bratt, Bob Mellema, Tracy Sterling, Don Dahlstrom, Brian Marsden, Sue (Skubinna) Jones. Back row, standing, left to right: Dwayne Olson, Diane (Sturm) Monson, Nancy (Kayoum) Close, Mary (Johnson) Consoer, Debbie (Norheim) Bradley, Jon Bratt, Lorelei Markson, Kristen Damberg, Barb (Mundt) Dauchy, Mark Melynchenko, Gary Duxbury, Nate Pederson.

**CLASS OF 1993** The Class of 1993 gathered at Rock Bottom Brewery on October 5 to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. Classmates traveled from as far away as California and Maine to celebrate. Front row, left to right: Courtney (McCloskey) Ashby, Mory Lucas, Nate Woodward, Natalie (Schneider) Little, Amy (Till) Mahoney, Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard. Second row, left to right: Leslie (Cantrill) Foreman, Becca (Thompson) Linder, Ammon Ziebarth, Deshaunne (Running) Kurulak, Karna (Turnquist) Levy, Jenny (Qualen) Ciriza, Amanda (Cree) Richards, Marci (Peterson) Campen, Mari Sevig-Fajardo, Abby Pelham. Third row, left to right: Carey Lyle, Jaimie Grothe, Scott Hansen, Kari (Lee) Dorer, Ruth Knootz, Ellen (Higginbotham) Ruiters, Peter Rasmussen, Ryan Nielsen, Jamaica Thatcher, Chris Chamberlain, Mike Bedard. Back Row: Brock Foreman, Matt Elsholtz, Dave Bergstrom, Rich Limpert, Nate Sonstegard, Chris Simonsen, Leif Alghren, Eric Nordstrom, Becca Lane.



**CLASS OF 2003** had a wonderful time reconnecting on August 3rd. Many memories and laughs were shared. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it. We look forward to staying in touch in the years to come! Back row, left to right: Melissa (Redlin) Bergstedt, Gabe Herrick, Matt Huston, Tyler Engebretson, Nik Larson. Middle row, left to right: Danielle (Nicholson) Carlson, Dani (Berg) Fitzsimmons, Erika (Nilsen) Eide, Krista (Kirchoff) Engebretson, Sydneyann (Johnson) Chase, Erick Hormann, Malachi Bergsten, Jonathan Solie, Rob Williams. Front row, left to right: Emily (Norlander) Kennett, Christine O'Hara, Tia (Wilkins) Senenfelder, Heidi Harkins, Ryan Chase, David Wobig.

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**CLASS OF 2008** On Friday, November 29, the class of 2008 reunited for a 5-year reunion at Pinstripes in Edina. The evening was full of catching up, eating and bowling. Pictured in the photo are: Front Row: Alyssa Olsen. Second row, left to right: Steph Thiessen, Ashley Jones, Ilysha Minor, Paul Kelley, Stephanie Kwan, Lizzy Johnson, Sydney Anderson, Kerry Hennessey, Alexis Overbye, Jackie Harms, Charlotte Deegan, Jess Zeletes. Third row, left to right: Travis Bamford, Hannah Williams, Anna Cliffe, Milo Madole, Alissa Hibst, Meggie Varley, Eric Elftmann, Paul Nystrom, Alex Moe. Fourth row, left to right: Erik Nordstrom, Kyle Johnson, Holly Larson, Matt Stewart, Jake Scholl, Justin Volling, McKinley Dahl, Peter Engstrand, Chris Peterson, Lucas Bertram. Not Pictured: Mark Halstensgard and Brittany Norby.



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Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

### 23 Admission Information Program

Lower/Middle School, 4200 West River Parkway, 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

### 25 Student Showcase

Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

### 27 Admission Information Program

Upper School, 3100 West River Parkway, 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

### 27 US Band & Orchestra Concert

Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

## MARCH

### 4 Middle School Strings Chamber Concert

Monson Family Chapel, Lower/Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

### 6 All School Jazz Fest

Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

### 8 Minnehaha Benefit Auction

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### 10 Middle School Band Concert

Monson Family Chapel, Lower/Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

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