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THOSE WHO TRUST IN  
THE LORD WILL FIND NEW  
STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR  
HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES.  
ISAIAH 40:31

The beauty in making it to the finish line of our Centennial celebration was that it was a cooperative effort. Dedicated staff, faculty, parents, grandparents, and alumni labored together to ensure success. We synthesized our school's mission and philosophy, completed our branding and visual identity work, renovated the Alumni History House, hosted the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference, and implemented many classroom and community events in honor of our Centennial. More than ever, it is crystal clear how important every single person is to the fabric of Minnehaha.

Through our work, our community grew stronger; but rather than bask in success, we now shift our gaze to a promising future. As we begin our 101st school year, the celebrations and memories will fuel us toward fulfilling our mission. In our second century, we will inevitably experience change reflecting our evolution as a school seeking to remain relevant for today's students living in today's world. To ensure our viability, we will employ new tools to support teaching and learning, expand academic opportunities, make needed facility modifications, and update strategic goals. Even so, our mission of providing high-quality education integrating Christian faith and learning will remain constant.

You have probably noted some changes in this publication. First as the alumni newsletter and later as a Minnehaha Academy community magazine,



The ARROW has always delivered inspirational stories. Our newly named, redesigned publication will continue to share stories of excellence and distinction in a recognizable format. Informative and interesting as always, I know you will continue to enjoy our updated version:

The MINNEHAHA MAGAZINE.

There is still valuable and invigorating work ahead. Without you, the second century of integrating Christian faith and learning will not be possible – so let's move forward together!

Blessings,

Donna Harris, Ed.D.



# ARE WE BEING RELEVANT?

## WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING THIS FALL?

**ARE WE BEING RELEVANT?** This question is on the minds of educators everywhere. It is a serious question asked daily on West River Parkway in Minneapolis.

"We are always asking ourselves what our learners need for tomorrow," said Minnehaha Academy President Donna Harris, Ed.D. "Today's students need to be tomorrow's creative and strategic problem-solvers. They need to be global thinkers who are culturally knowledgeable and flexible. It is important to develop independent thinkers, foster an environment that enables students to be themselves, and allows children to express themselves. We are very intentional about providing these opportunities, and I think we are doing very well."



## INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION PUTS MA EXPERIMENT TO THE TEST

On March 1, 2013, Minnehaha Academy became the first high school in the Midwest to launch a student-designed science experiment to the International Space Station (ISS). After the success of this extracurricular activity, the project has now been incorporated into a yearlong science elective course called Applied Research in Engineering.

Over the summer, the 13 students who were accepted into the course constructed an independent module in order to learn basic computer programming and electronic circuitry. Before the end of September, the students will present proposals for this year's experiment, critically analyze them, and pick the best proposal to move forward. Prototype design and testing will continue throughout the fall; the goal is to have an operational experiment ready before Christmas. Extensive ground testing of the experiment will be required in January and February to integrate all systems before shipping the "microlab" to NASA. The scheduled launch date of the MA experiment is April 6, 2014, aboard a Space X rocket.

Science teachers Sam Terfa and Nancy Cripe co-teach Applied Research in Engineering. Five professional engineers and scientists serve as mentors to the students in software, electrical and mechanical engineering, and project management.

### ISS 2012-2013

Last year's polymer experiment traveled 27 million miles aboard the International Space Station. During its two months in space, the microlab experienced some problems, so not all of the weekly downloads sent back to earth by ISS astronauts contained data. When the microlab experiment returned to Minnehaha Academy in May, however, ISS students and mentors had enough data to analyze the polymer samples using a scanning electron microscope. Preliminary results of the experiment indicate that polymers in space coalesce similarly to polymers on earth.

Having gained invaluable experience from both the successes and shortfalls of last year's project, the 2013-14 ISS team is eager to apply the lessons learned to the design, building, and launch of a second experiment to the International Space Station in April 2014.

While the obvious work of educating starts the first day of school, faculty, staff and students alike have already put in hours of behind-the-scenes effort in preparation for the big day. This work continues during the school year to ensure an exciting—and relevant—educational experience for all students.

## SUMMER WORKSHOP READIES SENIORS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

For the past three years, Minnehaha's counseling department has offered a one-week August workshop to give incoming seniors a head start on their college applications. Roughly half of the Minnehaha senior class participates. Students work one-on-one with an English teacher. This summer, teachers Carolyn Forsell, Katherine Myers, and Robyn Westrem offered the workshop. Most students complete their main college application essay during the week. Students also work on filling out their college applications online with the assistance of counselors Lauren Bae and Richard Harris.

"The benefits of attending the workshop are huge," said Harris. "We've discovered that 95 percent of students who attend the workshop complete their applications by November 1, which improves their chances for financial aid, relieves senior-year stress, and gives students a better chance of being admitted to their colleges of choice."



### **TACKLING NEW PERSPECTIVES FROM A MINNEHAHA VIEWPOINT – CFE**

Cultural Field Experience is a unique learning opportunity that unfolds over the school year and culminates in March with an off-campus experience for every student in grades 9-11. The CFE week that students spend off-campus – whether in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, other states, or abroad – affords them the opportunity and privilege to connect with people from diverse socioeconomic, generational, religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. The goals of CFE are to promote understanding of other people’s lives and viewpoints, to develop compassionate and globally minded citizens, to provide opportunities for students to discover their God-given gifts, and to inspire them to give willingly in service to God and others.

According to Upper School principal Nancy Johnson: “This type of learning provides students with greater understanding, compassion, and respect for people in all walks of life, and will equip them for more meaningful interactions in an increasingly global society.”

### **NOVEL COURSE FOSTERS LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

Last year the faculty engaged in a yearlong discussion of research and professional observations indicating that boys may face unique challenges today in their perceptions of academic achievement, their ability to craft meaningful goals for the future, and their ability to use time productively. As one way to address these issues, Minnehaha is now offering a one-semester elective course for male students

called Leadership Studies. Through the use of texts, case studies, and scenarios, it is hoped that the students will study, develop, and practice transcendent leadership skills. Nancy Johnson, Upper School principal, emphasized: “We don’t want to typecast all of the boys we work with unfairly – each is unique, of course. But the research and observations point to societal concerns that we felt needed to be addressed at school. It is very possible that a similar opportunity may be offered to female students in the future.” The class will focus on discovering and applying individual leadership gifts, transferring those gifts to a CFE opportunity, and encouraging boys to commit to service and servant leadership.



### **FRESHMAN SEMINARS**

This year the Advisory program will kick off a series of freshmen seminars that will run throughout the year. The intent of the seminars is to help guide freshmen in academics, social relationships, and the school environment—all of which can be daunting for a ninth-grader starting high school! Faculty and student leaders will be invited to speak on topics including Strategies for Academic Success, Goal Setting, Navigating Social Relationships, and Tips for Getting the Most Out of the Upper School Experience. Meetings and discussion will take place during the school day at the regularly scheduled advisor time.



## ADOPTING CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES – THE IPAD INITIATIVE

Apple® iPads and other electronic tablets are filling Minnehaha's classrooms this year: every student in grades 5 through 12 is required to bring an iPad or similar-functioning tablet to school every day for classroom use. Teachers at both campuses continue to receive iPad training to acquire greater skill in capitalizing on the best uses of the iPad for classroom instruction.

Last year two Upper School teachers, Matt Ridenour (history) and Sam Meyers (science), participated in a pilot program to determine the feasibility, practicality, and educational benefits of using tablets in the classroom. Both Ridenour and Meyers had an overwhelmingly positive experience.

### WHAT'S AN IPAD?

In 2010 Apple® introduced the iPad, a revolutionary device for browsing the web, reading and sending email, enjoying photos, watching videos, listening to music, playing games, reading e-books and much more. iPad's responsive high-resolution Multi-Touch™ display lets users physically interact with applications and content. iPad is just 0.5 inches thick and weighs just 1.5 pounds— thinner and lighter than any laptop or netbook. iPad includes 12 innovative apps designed especially for the iPad, and will run almost all of the over 140,000 apps in the App Store.

### WHEN IPADS COME TO HISTORY CLASS

"My approach is pragmatic," said history teacher Matt Ridenour. "[I use] the iPad to streamline classroom procedures and to provide students with the tools to learn more at a faster pace."

Some might think of iPads as a novelty or passing trend, but Ridenour disagrees. "We use them for note-taking, assessments, review and studying, recording lectures, and preparing and presenting projects. In that sense, the iPad is another learning tool in a student's tool belt, helping students and teachers to get much more done."

Ridenour conceded that the iPad is not just about practicality. "We certainly [also] have fun with the devices and there are many things that you can't do without an iPad – for example, use apps like Aurasma (an augmented reality app). But for the most part, the iPads simply make what we were already doing better and more efficient, thereby allowing us to cover more ground with greater proficiency and understanding."





In Meyers' classes, the iPads have eliminated the need for physical textbooks. "The amount of information available with a little bit of knowledgeable searching [enables] students to find any of the information online that is in a textbook via various forms: websites, interactives, videos. Textbooks are static and become outdated pretty quickly. Online resources and apps engage students while providing them with the same factual information. The bottom line for me in a class like physics, which can be conceptually challenging, is engagement."

The physics classes use content-specific apps, which make the traditional information found in books "come alive." For example, Vernier, the manufacturer of many scientific sensors, offers Video Physics and Analysis apps, enabling students to analyze the motion of any object using the iPad's camera. Another app allows students to actually see and interface with waveforms.

## WHEN IPADS COME TO PHYSICS CLASS

Science teacher and technology integrationist Sam Meyers is overwhelmingly enthusiastic about using iPads in his classroom. "I have found so many advantages to their use – some innovative, some just more convenient."

One of the first things Meyers noted is that using iPads saves paper. "By using apps like Google Drive and Notability, my worksheets and labs can be downloaded from my Google Site, annotated and completed by the students, and then submitted electronically directly to student folders in Google Drive. This not only cuts down on paper, but it also lets me make changes "on the fly" if something wasn't clear in one class and I want to change it for the next class. I can change it in a minute's time—and students cannot use the 'I forgot my homework' excuse anymore!"



## **iPADS COME TO LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, TOO!**

Last year, all of the sixth-grade students got iPads to use in the classroom. This year, all Middle School students in grades 5-8 are using iPads; grades PreK-4 will all have at least four iPads per classroom.

"The Middle School teachers and students have definitely jumped on board with the iPads," observed Middle School Latin teacher Michelle Vitt, who has also been involved in iPad training for teachers. Teachers are using a variety of web-based tools that help students plan, take notes, check grades, and do homework that is then sent directly to the teacher. In addition, many teachers are using iPads to facilitate math enrichment and accelerated reading for their students. Earth Science teacher Katie Humason sends images to her students' iPads, where the students take notes about the images. Music teachers in all grades are using iPad apps for metronomes and tuners. Middle School band teacher Matthew Marsolek even uses an app to distribute music. Students can write rhythms on their iPads, as well as play games that help with note name identification.



Teachers and students at Minnehaha celebrate the individual attention given and received throughout a Minnehaha education. Reid Westrem, journalism teacher at the Upper School, commented: "Students [in my class] definitely express themselves. With the yearbook, there's a lot of room for artistic expression. In newspaper work, the students engage in current issues through their reporting, and with their opinion pieces they exercise independent thinking." Westrem added: "If we're trying to develop creative, independent thinkers, we have to give students their space and understand that we may not always agree with them. We [try to] teach them the standards of excellence in various disciplines, guide them through difficult projects, and encourage them to improve continuously."

Students know the value of such individual attention. As one appreciative MA student summed it up: "Minnehaha's academic strength comes from its teachers' desires to see individual students succeed – something I thank my teachers for wholeheartedly!"

# SUMMER PROGRAMS 2013





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### 1. & 2. MOVIE MAKING

The movie making class enjoyed going “on location” to create a short film. Participants memorized lines and took their places, tested voices, and checked technical equipment during Movie Making Camp.

### 3. LEGO® ROBOTICS FOR GIRLS

In this first-time class at Minnehaha, “girl power” ruled! Teacher Mike DiNardo was impressed when girls who asked “Is this right?” usually were!

### 4. FOOTBALL

Participants in Football Camp honed their skills and practiced good sportsmanship during their week on the field.



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### 5. GEO CACHING

With the help of a GPS receiver, students sleuthed out hidden treasures (geocaches) near the school, and in state and regional parks.

### 6. BEGINNING COOKING

Young cooks spent a day creating an edible Noah’s Ark out of graham crackers –complete with animal cracker passengers and a fruit kabob rainbow!

### 7. SOCCER

It was a hot week for outdoor sports but enthusiastic athletes smiled through the heat and made the best of it with lots of breaks for water.



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### 8. TREASURED BOOKS

Students shared their favorite storybooks on the last day of camp.

### 9. CAMP MINNEHAHA

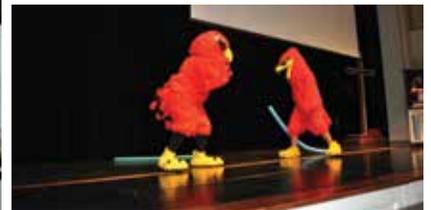
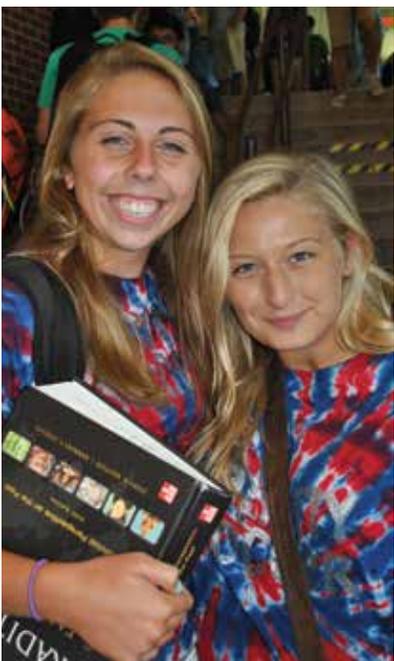
During a science class, enthusiasm skyrocketed as students launched a rocket that stayed aloft for 14 seconds. What a blast!

# AROUND THE SCHOOL - BACK TO SCHOOL! 2013





Minnehaha Academy kicked off the 2013-14 school year with a lot of energy, excitement, joy and anticipation. We are so grateful for the commitment and contributions that so many have put forth as we enter into our second century. As we open the doors for our 101st year, we have big ideas, a forward leaning vision and a lot of work to do.... we're in it together!





## 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*

We were blessed with an amazing Centennial celebration last year. We came together as students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, grandparents, and friends to celebrate our great legacy. Energy, excitement, and joy radiated as we gave thanks for how far we have come by faith.

We have been inspired by all of what *is* Minnehaha Academy!

Now, more than ever, we realize how important every single person is to the fabric of Minnehaha. We are grateful for the steadfast commitment and contribution of all individuals, groups, committees, and teams woven into the Minnehaha heritage. This year as always, we will give thanks for the efforts and sacrifices of all the individuals whose lives are entwined with Minnehaha Academy, and without whom the second century of “integrating Christian faith and learning” would not be possible.

Minnehaha Academy has now opened its doors for the 101st year. In our second century, we want to build on the momentum from last year’s celebration. We have big ideas, a forward-leaning vision, and a lot of work to do. Simply put, the only way we will reach our bicentennial is if “we are in it together.”

We need the gifts and talents of every student, parent, faculty, staff, board member, alumni, and friend to reach our goals – to improve programs, to recruit and enroll families who will be blessed by a Minnehaha education, and to provide the financial support needed to carry out our mission.

We invite you to be a part of our 101<sup>st</sup> year by considering these opportunities:

**Support the Minnehaha Fund** – You can provide support for people and programs or student scholarships. Use the remittance envelope in this issue to make a needed, much-appreciated gift.

**Save these dates** – Make plans now to attend, be inspired, and support our students at these special events:

- Saturday, March 8, 2014 Auction: “The Roaring 20s”
- Sunday, April 27, 2014 Heritage & Hope Scholarship Dinner

**Volunteer your gifts and talents** – We are looking for alumni, parents, and friends who are interested in assuming leadership roles with Minnehaha through:

- Alumni Leadership Opportunities
- Heritage & Hope Scholarship Dinner
- Networking Events
- Career Day

**Parent Leadership Opportunities** – We welcome active parent involvement in the following areas:

- Grade-Level Parties
- Parent Participation Challenge
- Auction Committees
- 2014 Arena Sale

Step up, stay involved, and together, we soar!

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

# FACULTY PROFILE



Q & A

## Education

B.A. from Bethel University.

## Years at Minnehaha Academy

17

## Classes I teach

Second, fourth and fifth grade

## Hometown

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Family

Wife, Marley; three daughters, Abigail, Elise, and Olivia; and two cats!

## Interests and hobbies

Fishing, competitive bass fishing, sports.

## JEFF BOSSHARDT

LOWER SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER

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

A. I hope my students describe me as caring and kind, and a teacher who can explain things in ways they can understand.

### What inspires your teaching?

The kids inspire me. They can often turn a rough morning into a good day. I get great satisfaction knowing I am making a difference.

### Who are your role models?

Jesus and my mom.

### Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Three main reasons: I like being around kids, I want to make a difference in their lives, and I want to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.

### What advice might you give to a new teacher?

Be flexible, don't take your bad days home with you, and know as much as you can about technology.

### Why do you choose to work at Minnehaha Academy?

Because of its caring Christian environment.

### What's one way you have enjoyed implementing faith in your classroom?

I have devotions in my class every morning. I enjoy sharing about how God is so evident in science and nature. Devotions, as well as other classroom time, allow me to talk about that with my students.

### Currently reading?

*One Month to Live* by Kerry & Chris Shook, and *The Bible*.

### Favorite Bible verse?

2 Timothy 1:7. For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, and love, and of sound mind. I think this is a great tool, a positive way to look at life every day, in every situation.

### What was a highlight of your summer?

Running fishing camps for kids.

### What are you most looking forward to in this school year?

I am looking forward to the new challenge of teaching fourth grade for the first time!



## Minnehaha Academy Presents 2013-2015

# Anderson-Clawson Awards

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING | LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOL | COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE CURRICULUM

Bruce Anderson and Mary (Clawson) Anderson (both from the Class of 1958) established the Anderson-Clawson Award in 1997 in honor of their parents. The award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate excellence in teaching, leadership in the school community, and a commitment to continued enhancement of curriculum in their subject areas or in other project areas at Minnehaha Academy. Award beneficiaries receive three-year curriculum development grants. The Minnehaha Academy community is pleased to congratulate faculty members Nathan Johnson, Kathy Anderson, Sandy Elhardt, and Diane Hallberg as award recipients for 2013-2015.

### Nathan Johnson

#### Upper School History, Economics, Debate



Nathan Johnson has taught for 11 years; eight of those at Minnehaha. He earned a B.A. in Secondary Education and Broad Field Social Studies from Concordia University

Wisconsin, and an M.A. in History from Marquette University.

"I am a curious person who loves to learn," Nathan said, about why he is a teacher. "This is probably why I have enjoyed the school environment from a young age, and why transitioning from student to teacher was very natural for me. My father was a Bible teacher at a Christian school during my high school years, and his commitment to his students was also a strong influence."

Nathan can't say enough good things about his colleagues and his students. "I am constantly learning – from my colleagues, from what I read, from the process of teaching – and I love each new connection and insight that I gain. I truly want my students to have the same joy of learning, and their excitement at new discoveries encourages and drives me to teach. I love the opportunity

to have a Christ-like impact (I hope) on students at a critical juncture in their lives, and I therefore believe that I have a very important job. I have always wanted to do something important, and I think I am. I love to teach."

### Kathy Anderson

#### Preschool



Kathy Anderson teaches 4- and 5-year-old preschool children. She is beginning her 19th year at Minnehaha – the only school in which she has ever taught! She earned a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University, and an M.A. in Education from Saint Mary's University.

"I think teaching selected me!" she said, when asked about why she teaches. "I am the oldest of seven children and was always 'the teacher' with my siblings – much to their chagrin. When I was in elementary school, I would ask my teacher for all the paper she was going to throw out at the end of the school year. Then I'd set up school for my siblings and the neighborhood children in our playhouse.

I charged the moms 25 cents for three hours. I think I still have the same pay scale!"

Kathy thinks it's great when a child can stay home with a loving parent or grandparent until formal schooling begins. However, since that isn't a possibility for everyone, she thinks the next best thing is for children to be in a loving, caring, stimulating early childhood program. "I work to create that environment for the children in my care – they are some of the most delightful people in God's creation! I am always entertained by them and learning from them. It's wonderful! They can give me gray hairs and keep me young all at the same time!"

Assistant Principal Janet Gulden endorsed Kathy wholeheartedly: "Kathy truly understands the developmental needs of our pre-kindergarten learners, and has developed a rich experience-based curriculum to meet those needs."

### **Sandy Elhardt**

#### **Middle School Physical Education, Health, Learning Lab**



Sandy Elhardt has taught at Minnehaha since 1983, taking a year off with each of her newborn children. She has taught in both the Middle School and the Upper School, and she has coached volleyball and softball as well. She earned her B.A. in Physical Education and Health from Augsburg College.

Noting how influential teachers can be, Sandy said she considered teaching because her own P.E. teacher told her she would make a good teacher, and suggested she consider a career in education. "I respected her as a teacher and valued her opinion," Sandy said. "I also had a softball coach that guided me in the same direction.

"My greatest joy in teaching is when a non-athletic student, or a student that has not enjoyed past physical education experience, feels accomplished, empowered, confident, and willing to try new activities. Teaching middle school curbs any possible idea of becoming bored with my profession – the students always bring a new twist to the situation or day!" Sandy said. "Plus, I get to work with some amazing people, and I continue to learn from them personally and professionally. I am challenged to raise the bar to become a better person and teacher. What more can I ask for?"

Assistant Principal Gulden also endorsed Sandy enthusiastically: "Sandy works tirelessly to provide our middle school students with a physical education and health curriculum that promotes fitness, health and wellness. She also does amazing work with our sixth grade Learning Lab students, helping them to academic success."

### **Diane Hallberg**

#### **Upper School Band and Orchestra**



Diane earned her degree in 1989 from St. Olaf College. She began by teaching for four years in River Falls and Hudson, Wisconsin. Then, after a brief stint at St. Bernards in St. Paul while doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota, she got a call from former Minnehaha principal Ken Greener, who invited her to interview at Minnehaha. She has been at Minnehaha since 1995.

Diane thinks she was born to teach. "My mother and both of my sisters are, or were, teachers. There has always been a high value placed on education in my family and a respect for the teaching profession. That said, I remember telling my dad when I was a kid that I wanted to be a high-school band director. His response was, 'You can't do that. Only men are band directors.' That just made me want to do it even more."

Diane acknowledges that teaching is a tough profession, and often the rewards are not immediately apparent. "The thing that drives me forward each day is a passionate belief that music and the arts are essential in education today," Diane said. "They always have been, but perhaps now more than ever, we need to connect young people with what is human, timeless and non-material. People who study music are taught to be creative, hard-working and collaborative. Music will set them up for success in whatever profession they choose. More importantly, people who study music learn to value human expression, be emotionally generous, and engage in something that is greater than themselves. Music sets them up for success in life."



**MINNEHAHA  
ACADEMY**

*Learning that lasts a lifetime*

**2013-2014 Admission Programs:**

**October 27, 1 p.m.**

Grades PreK-8

4200 West River Parkway

**October 29, 6:45 p.m.**

Grades 9-12

3100 West River Parkway

For more information, contact the admission department at 612-728-7756

## Redhawk Referral

\$500 referral credit\* for each student referred to us this year who enrolls the following school year.

To thank you for your referral, parents, employees and alumni will receive \$500\* for each student referred to us during the 2013–2014 school year. It's easy!!

Here's how you can participate:

Email the prospective family contact information to Admissions at: [admission@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:admission@MinnehahaAcademy.net) or call us at: 612-728-7756.

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



Save the Date!

## 2014 MINNEHAHA AUCTION ROARING 20's

Radisson Blu Mall of America  
**Saturday, March 8**

**It is going to be the Bee's Knees!**

Donations of sporting events, fun experiences, concert and "must have" items are needed.

Interested in helping to plan this smashing event?

Please contact Event Co-Chairs:

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Nina Mundschenk [jnmundschenk@me.com](mailto:jnmundschenk@me.com)

## Calling all Alumni!



As alumni, we know the life changing impact of a Minnehaha education. Join our volunteer efforts and help support promising, hard-working students in need of tuition assistance. Passionate volunteers are needed to help plan and promote our 4th annual **Heritage & Hope Scholarship Dinner** on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

Join us for a volunteer information meeting Saturday, October 5 at noon in the Anderson Conference Room at the Minnehaha Academy Upper School.

Be part of the success story and join me!

Ellen Ruiters '93



“Minnehaha’s caring and nurturing environment is like no other for this reason I have made an endowment gift.”

## An Endowment Gift Lasts a Lifetime and Beyond

# Legacy Giving

consider a legacy gift to the Minnehaha Academy endowment



**A** ROBUST ENDOWMENT fund is key to the stability, long-term growth, and strong programs that keep our school rooted in its mission of Christian faith and learning. A gift to the endowment has the greatest impact on Minnehaha Academy’s long-range vitality. Minnehaha seeks to build its endowment to support faculty professional development, innovative program enhancement, and student scholarship support.

Consider the fine example of **Walter Youngquist, Ph.D.** This **1939 MA graduate** has established “named” endowments in memory of his late sister (MA ’48) and in honor of the beloved son he lost. “Minnehaha’s caring and nurturing environment is like no other, and for this reason I have made an endowment gift,” he said. “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. ”

Endowments can be established through outright or deferred gifts of almost any type of asset, including cash or securities, and are permanent. Gifts of any amount may be contributed to the Minnehaha Academy general endowment. Gifts in the amount of \$10,000 or more enable the giver to create a named endowment, which provides a legacy for a family or honors an individual. Minnehaha uses the earnings from the principal to meet current needs, and to provide for additional needs in years to come.

For more information on how you can establish your own legacy, please contact Gayle Gilreath, Director of Development, at 612-728-7796 or [gilreathgayle@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:gilreathgayle@MinnehahaAcademy.net).

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# PROFILES

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PAM (KAMP) MARTINSON '77 | GRAHAME BERESFORD '96 | JIM SWANSON '52

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After one year at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, **Pamela Kamp '77** married **Bill Martinson '77** and the couple moved to Denver to attend the University of Denver. Pam graduated with a BA in economics, and later earned an MBA. "Friends from MA will remember that I always wanted to be a lawyer," she said, "so I was thrilled when I finally had the opportunity to study at Harvard Law School starting in 1986."

Today, Pam is a partner with global law firm Sidley Austin LLP, and one of the founding partners of its practice in Palo Alto, California. She represents banks and private equity funds in providing money to technology companies for acquisitions. "The best part of my job is training and mentoring young attorneys just starting their careers," she said. "The time spent honing my writing and listening skills in Minnehaha English class and Debate club provided a solid foundation for my legal career."

The Martinsons have two daughters: Marisa is a senior at Davidson College in North Carolina, with aspirations for business school; Lindy is a junior at Shattuck-St. Mary's School in Faribault, Minnesota, where she is a competitive figure skater.

This summer, Pam and Lindy traveled to Senegal, West Africa, to help build a school in a tiny remote village with little interaction with the outside world. They lived with a host family, slept on a dirt floor in a mud hut, ate rice (and not much else), and dodged cows, goats and chickens on the way to the latrine. They made bricks and dug the school's foundation in the blazing desert sun, while coming to love the Senegalese people and respect them. "Lindy and I may have given the school, but we were the ones who received the education," said Pam. "We learned compassion, respect for another culture, and how to be content without material goods."

For the past seven years, Pam has been a board member of buildOn, an organization working to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service-based after-school programs for urban teens in the United States, as well as through building schools in some of the poorest areas of the world. (See [www.buildon.org](http://www.buildon.org).)

Pam was introduced to this organization by a client, and she was so impressed by its mission, measurable success, and transparency to donors that she "just had to get more involved."

Pam continues to raise money for buildOn. Next year, her family will travel to build another school, possibly in Malawi or Nepal. "The faith that took root during my time at Minnehaha continues to grow and inspires my work with buildOn," she said. "I base my actions on Isaiah 58:6-8, which tells me how God wants me to put my faith into action and worship. I have been greatly blessed, and will use my talents to make a difference in my world."



As a Minnehaha student, **Grahame Beresford '96** loved his art classes, dabbled in journalism, and fondly recalls his weekly "Ethics" discussions with Paul "Rabbi" Swanson in class and at Swanson's home on Sunday afternoons.

"Those teachers had an impact on my life that I probably haven't even fully realized yet," he said. "The biggest thing that they (and all of my teachers, really) did for me was to encourage me. They recognized that I had a knack for art, and they encouraged me to find new ways to pursue it."

Today, Grahame employs his talents as a user experience designer, designing mobile apps. He looks at his clients' needs and determines how to translate them into mobile experiences that attract users by being both fun and engaging. Grahame enjoys using the creative "self"

that he explored in high school, where he determined that he wanted to design, write, or create music or advertising as a profession. Additional marketing and design classes enabled him to find his focus.

"When I was in high school and college, cell phones were big, weird, brick-like things that most people didn't have, and the ones we had certainly couldn't do anything other than place a call," he noted. "Now, mobile is going to be around for a long, long time, so there's a chance I'll stay in this field for many years. Within mobile though, there's a lot of change between design trends, software updates and advances. Developers and designers are the ones who really push the boundaries."

Grahame's creativity doesn't stop at work. He loves music and he and his wife, Aubben, have an indie folk band. Lately, he's been thinking about ways that they can incorporate visual art into their shows. "It can get a little boring at times with a handful of people on stage, and our music isn't exactly lively. So I'm trying to find a way to enhance the experience people have at our shows."

Grahame and Aubben have four wonderful children, all of whom are creative and artistic individuals. He said, "It's a treat to see that side of them come to life as they grow."



Jim Swanson '52 has been active at MA and in the community since the year he first enrolled in the school as a ninth-grader. In high school, Jim played on the

Minnehaha Cotton Pickers intramural basketball team and joined Singers. He lived in the Longfellow neighborhood and became involved in the Covenant church with his family. Despite his activities, Jim also worked at various Lake Street businesses – Freeman's Department store, A&W, and the "dime" store – to help pay his Minnehaha tuition.

Jim developed lasting friendships at MA. On the first day he walked through the school's doors, he befriended Roger Dvorak '52. They remained lifelong friends until Roger's death a few years ago.

After graduation from MA, Jim enrolled at Dunwoody, intending to learn mechanics and sheet metal skills before returning to the family farm where he had worked summers. Instead, Jim stuck around for a lengthy apprenticeship and began teaching at Dunwoody. Even though he was already teaching, he continued his education at the University of Minnesota – thinking that it might be helpful to get a degree in education! Following graduation, Jim was hired to help develop a vocational training program for the Minneapolis Schools vocational division. Later, Jim also attended graduate school.

As a young man, Jim met his wife, Elizabeth, at choir practice at Bethlehem Covenant, where she was the organist. The couple married and moved to Richfield, where Jim was elected to the Richfield School Board.

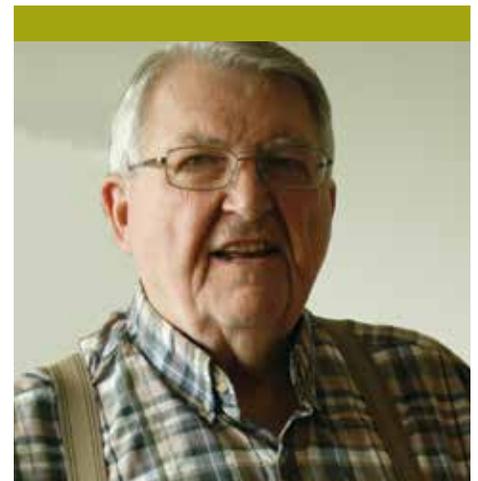
In 1968, Jim was elected to the State Legislature. While serving, he became chairman of the Minnesota Health and Welfare Committee, and developed public policies and wrote

ills that still exist today. He became involved in the planning of the Hennepin Technical College system, which established three campuses: Brooklyn Park, Eden Prairie, and District Office.

Jim remained in elective office for 19 years. In 1985, he retired from public service but continued serving in the Hennepin Technical College system as instructor, evening campus administrator, and campus department supervisor.

Throughout his life, Jim has sung in church choirs. Jim and Elizabeth were blessed with two children, Victoria and Derrick, and four grandchildren. They divide their time between homes in Minneapolis and Hackensack, Minnesota, and Naples, Florida.

Jim attributes much of his success and happiness in life to the good people and friends he met at Minnehaha Academy – people with whom he has interacted throughout his career. Besides singing, Jim still enjoys gardening, fishing, the outdoors, and reading. At Minnehaha Academy official events, you might spot Jim – he continues to plan class reunions, work on annual giving, and attend Florida alumni gatherings!



# 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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**Linnea Hagman**, age 95, of Willmar, Minn., died Friday, May 24, 2013 at Bethesda Heritage Center in Willmar. Linnea was born on September 21, 1917, in Mamre Township, Minn., the daughter of Oscar and Anna (Swanson) Hagman. She grew up in Mamre Township where she attended country school, then continued her education at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis. After graduation, she returned to the farm and for the rest of her life she held various jobs, but mostly did housekeeping for several businesses and private homeowners. She enjoyed gardening and most of all, reading the Bible and studying God's word. To say that she was faithful would be an understatement. She is survived by her cousins, Elaine Benson of Willmar; Lois Anderson of Lindstrom and David (and Ann) Swanson of River Falls, Wisc. and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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**Jeanne (Johnson) Enroth**  
**Elaine (Oberg) Gabriel** went to meet her Lord on May 8 at the age of 91. Her grandfather, C. W. Boquist, was the only person to sign the charters starting the Covenant Denomination in both Sweden and the U.S. Elaine attended Minnehaha Academy, where her father, Ezra Oberg, taught business until he went blind. Her sister, Adele Oberg Cole, was the third woman ever to be ordained as a Covenant pastor. Elaine was one of the founders of SPAN (Student Project for Amity among Nations). She backpacked around Europe for six months in 1948

and through South and Central America in her 70s, with her husband, Marsh. She loved people, sports and especially sharing about her Lord. She is survived by her husband, Marsh, of 64 years, and five children: Daniel '68 (Judith), Kristin '72 (Barry), Roger (Maya), Calvin (Nancy), Brian (Barb), 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



**Gordon LeRoy Nelson** went home on August 4 to be with the Lord. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; son, Larry; and brother, Dale Elmer Nelson. Upon returning from the war, Gordon began his successful career as National Sales Manager of the Alumacraft Boat Company. He enjoyed traveling, boating and fishing Minnesota Lakes with Dorothy and Larry by his side. He loved spending summers on Little Pine Lake in the Whitefish Chain in northern Minnesota. Gordon will be deeply missed but never forgotten. He touched numerous hearts with his positive attitude, contagious smile, quick wit, strong handshake, gracious and loving disposition, while always maintaining a high level of integrity.

Gordon felt it was his moral responsibility to try to bring happiness to everyone he encountered. Gordon is also survived by daughter-in-law Lisa Marie Nelson and grandchildren Natalie Susan Nelson and Spencer Blake Nelson and many friends.

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**David L. Swanson**  
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**70 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, September 21. Boat Ride on the Mississippi River, meet at Bohemian Flats followed by gathering at the Alumni House (3105-46th Avenue South). Questions & Reservations to: Dave Swanson, [dswan55406@aol.com](mailto:dswan55406@aol.com).

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**Ralph H. Albinson**  
[ralph@albinchapel.com](mailto:ralph@albinchapel.com)  
**David Arthur Soulis** went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2013, at the age of 83. While growing up at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, he came to know the Lord and was very active. Later, David volunteered at the bookstore at Grace Church of Edina. He was a court reporter, and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is survived by loving siblings and their spouses, Louise Cotter (Bill), Lorraine Nygren (Herb), Bill Soulis (Toni), Maurice Soulis (Renee); sister-in-law, Thelma Soulis; nephews, grand-nephews, grand-nieces and their families; other relatives and many friends.

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**65 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, October 5, 10-3 p.m., Minnehaha Academy North Campus, 3100 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406. For more information, call Liz Anderson (952) 474-8409 liz-cooknsew@gmail.com or Grace Carlson (952) 435-8120 Carlson.ge@gmail.com.

**Barbara Ann (Bricher) Rust**, of Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away on May 10, at the age of 82. She is dearly missed by her loving husband, Merrill; they were just shy of celebrating their 64th anniversary. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Rose Bricher and her sons Timothy, and Brian. She is survived by her children, Linda (Jimmy) Hoogendoorn; Michael, Paul (Cindy); Gail (Ronnie); and her seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



**Marjorie Ann (Stromgren) Allen** of Coon Rapids, Minn., passed away on July 1 at the age of 83. She is preceded in death by her son Mark, and survived by wonderful husband, Donald; son, Tom (Sylvia); daughter, Patty Jo (Al Skogquist); grandchildren, Kyle, Kari Jo; former daughter-in-law, Ramona; grandson, Joshua. Marjorie was known for her many talents and for creating beautiful greeting cards and plaster paintings. She and Don were co-owners of a little shop in Isanti County. In 1994 they moved to Coon Rapids for retirement. Margie was loved by family and friends and will be missed by all.

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**Marjorie (Hill) Becker**  
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Congratulations to **JoAnn Thoreen**, American Swedish Institute's (ASI) Volunteer of the Year! JoAnn has been a dedicated member of the ASI community since she was a little girl. She started regularly going to ASI as an adult when she joined the Twin Cities Folk Dancers in the 1940s. JoAnn officially became a

member of ASI in the early 1980s, and began her career as a volunteer in the Kaffestuga in the early 2000s. Since then she has given more than 1,000 hours of her time to ASI. Today JoAnn is a member of the ASI Cloudberry and Vasa Stenbock Lodge, and she is the leader of the Vasa Junior Folk Dancers. JoAnn volunteers every Thursday, greeting visitors before they make their way into the Mansion. She is the epitome of radical hospitality, always with a kind word to say and a good story to tell.

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**James C. Swanson**  
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**Barbara Snure-Beutel** moved to Columbus, Ohio after Hurricane Katrina drowned her home in 2005. She has three daughters who live there and a son in Lacombe, La.. She has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and is happy to be in Columbus!

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**John F. Carlson**  
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**60 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, October 5, 2013, 9 am, Homecoming Program and Brunch. 5 p.m. Baker's Square (2239 Ford Pkwy, St Paul 55116). Each person will order and pay for themselves. 7 p.m. Minnehaha Academy North Campus - Commons area, dessert reception.

**Luetta Margaret (Ellefson) Hostager** passed away suddenly from a hemorrhagic stroke on June 11, 2013, at the age of 77. Luetta attended Luther College and earned a degree in Social Service in three years. She met Rev. Harris Hostager and they were married one year after college. During their 56-year marriage, they served churches in Miller, Akron, Belmont, Audubon, Gowrie, all in Iowa. They lived in LaCrosse, Wisc., while Harris served as Assistant to the Bishop in the LaCrosse Area Synod. Luetta is survived by her husband, Harris, her children, Steve and wife Julie, Mark and wife Brenda, Jonathan, Daniel and wife Maria, and grandchildren Noah, Quinn, Jack, Max, Heather, Quincy, Scott and Shaelyn.

**Gerald (Gary) Ubben** has been a resident of Loudon County just outside of Knoxville, Tenn. for 45 years. He and his wife, Sharon Yarbrough, live on a small horse farm and have six children and seven grandchildren. They enjoy

active membership at Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City where Gary sings in the choir. Gary has been a teacher, a school principal, school business manager and university professor during his career. He is the author of 12 textbooks and editions on school principalship and has continuously had one or more books in print since the 1970s. He recently retired from the University of Tennessee where he taught for over 40 years in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences preparing school principals. Gary is involved in local government where he serves as a member of the Loudon County School Board.



**Faith (Dahlen) Johnson** died peacefully at home on July 15, 2013. She was born Faith Celestine Dahlen October 9, 1935 in Minneapolis. She is survived by her husband Arthur Johnson.

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**Mark W. Nelson**  
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**Douglas Skanse**, of Bloomington, peacefully passed away at the age 77 on July 25, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by parents, C.T. and Audrey Skanse and sister, Mary Rhodes. Survived by best friend and wife of 53 years, Carol; children, Richard (Allison), Robert (Susan), Ronald (Tanya), Linda (Ward) Parker and Ryan (Erika); grandchildren, Lauren, Steven, David, Andria, Alexandra, Abby, Ashley, Benjamin, Matthew, Thomas, Madison, Andrew, Catherine, Sam, Owen, Max and Jake; great-grandson, Christopher. Doug was owner, president and CEO of Douglas Corporation and benefactor of the Douglas Foundation. Doug loved church, family, work, friends, sports, music and his dogs. He was a strong supporter of many charitable organizations. His passion for life touched everyone and he will be deeply missed.

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Bradley D. Johnson  
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**Janice (Carson) Chelberg** passed away on August 17, in Mesa, Ariz. After graduating from Minnehaha, Janice went on to get her degree at the University of Minnesota in social work and worked professionally as a counselor. She lived in Montana with her husband, Ray, where they built a house on the side of a mountain. She moved to Arizona after her husband passed away, to be closer to family. She is survived by her children, John (Donna) Englund; Shannon Curran; brothers, Newell, Mike, Greg and Jay Carson; sister, Kim Ferreira; stepchildren, Yvonne, Christopher and Eugene Chelberg; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her passion for helping others and her kindness and wisdom will be greatly missed.

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Sherrill (Anderson) Nelson  
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**Carolynne A. (Hibbs) Budd** passed away on June 11, 2013, at the age of 75. She will be sadly missed by her children, Steven, William (Kathi), Sharon (Toby) Reisner, Susan (Kevin) Frost, Elizabeth (Jeff) Snowden and Brett; 11 loving grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother, Paul (Dorothy) Noreen; much-loved dogs, Elvis and Jesse; and other loving relatives and friends. Her smile and optimism will be greatly missed.

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Grace (Larson) Bergstrom  
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**55 YEAR REUNION!** October 5, Jonathan Paddleford (includes box lunch and beverage). Boat departs from Harriet Island at 2:30 pm. Questions and reservations to: Craig Olson at 651-454-1585 or Grace Bergstrom at gbergstrom@q.com.

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Leonard A. Nordstrom  
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Jerry Erickson [erick145@umn.edu](mailto:erick145@umn.edu) and Marilyn Johnson [mjohnson@umn.edu](mailto:mjohnson@umn.edu)

**Larry Schluter** is on the board and executive committee of Minnesota Organization On Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS), the only statewide source for information, resources, and support on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

MOFAS' mission is to eliminate disability caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy and to improve quality of life for those living with FASD. He also finds time to golf, spend time with family, and winters in Arizona.

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Penny Towner Koehler  
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**50 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, September 28, 7 p.m., at The Embassy Suites Airport, 7901 34th Avenue S., Bloomington, MN. Dress will be casual and cost is \$45 per person. Reservations & Questions: Trish Foster Sequin [trishsequin@yahoo.com](mailto:trishsequin@yahoo.com).

**Dick Hokanson** has been diagnosed with "diffused large B cell lymphoma" which is treatable and curable and has begun treatment. Needless to say, this is not a road that he is looking forward to walking; but God had reminded him of the following, "You are on a path of my choosing. There is no randomness about your life" from the book "Jesus Calling." He thanks God that he now has a diagnosis and can walk forward. He prays for God's healing and is hoping he and his wife, Lois will be able to attend the 50th reunion in September.

**Karen (Staberg) Watson**, of Minneapolis, went home to be with the Lord on June 25. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 45 years, Mike Watson; children, Matt Watson (Barbara), Heidi Watson (fiancé Joel Crnkovic), Brett Watson (Sara); nine grandchildren, Elijah, Justine, Jordan, Allison, Nina, Ryan, Kayla, Owen and Emma; mother, Helen Staberg; brother, Jim Staberg (Jeanne); sister, Beth Dahl (Forrest), aunt Doris Hedsten, six nieces and other family and many friends.

The class of 1963 reunion planners are excited about their 50th reunion on September 28, they are currently planning the wonderful event and look forward to seeing you at the reunion. Front - Penny (Towner) Koehler and Louise (Fryhling) Wilson; Seated - Ron Roth, Bonnie Johnson, Ginny Holm, Karen (Seaberg) Coffee, Sue (Krizan) Heil, Rick Olson; Standing - Patricia (Forester) Sequin, Lanny Lundquist.



**Bob Wall** and his wife, Gerrie, have established residency in Ft. Myers, Fla. after careers in education for Gerrie, and broadcasting and ministry for Bob. They spent years in the Twin Cities, Iowa and Florida and South Dakota before coming back for seminary in 1978. He has since retired from the United Methodist Church where he served as interim pastor several times. In 2010, they bought a 40-foot diesel motor home that was their home for 2 1/2 years. This year they had the opportunity to travel in their motor home from Florida to Montana and then back again and had a fabulous time with friends and family.

**Rita (Gardner) Gilfilen** fell in love with the Pacific Northwest while traveling with Minnehaha's band to the '62 Seattle World's Fair. After graduation, she returned to Seattle to attend Seattle Pacific. She's been living in and loving the Northwest ever since. After working in the medical field, Rita spent over 20 years in advertising sales and promotions. In 2000, she started a craft/country home décor website. A few years later, she and her husband, Barry, opened a retail store. Today, she continues with the website and has a small retail space. She also volunteers with a local, faith-based group coordinating weekly meals and serving on a cooking team. Rita's been blessed with two children, Kim and Jeff, and four grandchildren. Barry has two children and grandkids. Rita and Barry have been married for 20 years. They live in Monroe, Wash. with two puppies. Barry enjoys woodworking and golf. Rita



enjoys decorative painting, crafts, writing and an occasional round of golf. They attend Monroe Covenant Church.

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Susan (Hursh) Santema and Diane Boedeker

**Reid Englund**, of St. Louis Park, Minn., passed away at the age of 62. Reid loved talking to people, working with his hands, hunting and guns, and was known for his sarcastic sense of humor. He had a T-shirt for every occasion. Proceeded by father Curtis Englund. He will be deeply missed by his sons, Ben Englund (Sally), Sam Englund (girlfriend Carol), fiancée, Cindy Cauble, mother, Priscilla Englund, siblings, Janet Englund, Randy Englund (Gretchen), and nieces, Elliana and Elissa Englund.

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Mark R. Stohlberg  
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Several gals from the class of '70 gathered at the Minnehaha Alumni House enjoying the archives, sharing a meal and catching up. ◦



Front row: Wendy Zakariasen, Kathy (Swedberg) Sroga, Dyan (LeVander) Lawlor, Penny (Langguth) Thorkildson, Linda (Swanson) Wismer.  
Second Row: Pat (Grovall) Post, Barb (Flegle) Lindahl.  
Third Row: Becky (Determan) Greer, Cheri Stewart, Jan (Swanson) Libby, Jacque (Kjeseth) Lothar.  
Back Row: Lenetta (Dahl) Jacobson, Janet (Fjellman) Nilsen.

Diane and **Dave Russ** are living in Fort Meyers, Fla. They have three children and four grandchildren. Dave is still working in real estate.

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Christie S. Brandt

**40 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, November 2, 5:30 pm. Casual gathering at the Town and Country in St. Paul. Questions: contact Barb (Westrem) Mulliken at [westr073@umn.edu](mailto:westr073@umn.edu).

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Donna Dresser  
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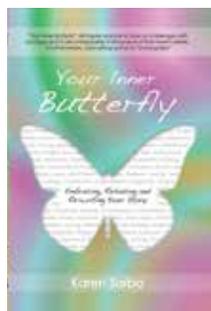
**Tom Albinson** was appointed in January 2013 by World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) to be their Ambassador for Refugees, Displaced and Stateless People. He is the founder and President of International Association for Refugees (IAFR), an international ministry working internationally with refugee churches. IAFR is based in the Twin Cities. See [www.iafr.org](http://www.iafr.org) for more information or to contact Tom directly: [tom@iafr.org](mailto:tom@iafr.org).

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Mark Hanson  
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**35 YEAR REUNION!** Friday, October 4. Saturday, October 5, evening main event - location and time to be determined. Reservations & Questions: contact Don Dahlstrom [dd@jet-black.com](mailto:dd@jet-black.com) or Dwayne Olson [dholson84@gmail.com](mailto:dholson84@gmail.com).

**Karen (Anderson) Sorbo** has written a book called, "Your Inner Butterfly," which was recently published by Throne Publishing Group. "When we embrace the idea that our past stories had a purpose specially designed for each of us, then we can begin to rewrite the way we have viewed and perceived that which has happened to us, into that which has happened for us." This book will encourage you to discover the perfect you that God created. It can be purchased through [www.KarenSorboAuctioneer.com](http://www.KarenSorboAuctioneer.com). ◦



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Carol Sundet-Meeker  
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**Amy Bragg Carey** graduated with a Doctor of Higher Education Leadership degree from Azusa Pacific University on July 26, 2013. Her dissertation, "On the Edge: A Study of Small Private Colleges That Have Made a Successful Financial Turnaround," will be published in the fall. Amy currently serves as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul.

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Tami (Haltli) Felling  
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**Chris Larson '85**, an art professor at the U of M, participated in Northern Spark 2013, which was an all-night art experience in downtown St. Paul on Saturday, June 8. He built an installation called Celebration/Love/Loss in which he built a life-size replica of the St. Paul Marcel Breuer house, and at 2 a.m. it was set ablaze. To read more about Chris and the installation, please check the article "Burning Down the House," which was in *The New York Times* on June 9.

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Karen England  
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**Lara Hammel** and her husband, Jeff Sommers, owners of Izzy's Ice Cream, opened the doors of their new ice cream kitchen and factory near the Minneapolis riverfront, 10 years to the day after the company opened its first location in St. Paul, with a line that stretched out the door of the Mill District location. The bulk of the 5,200-square-foot building is given over to a kitchen area where Izzy's will make ice cream for grocery and restaurant customers. The kitchen at the St. Paul location, which used to handle that work, will shift to making handmade novelties like Izzy Pops, which Hammel and Sommers plan on launching in grocery stores, as well. The final project won a Best in Real Estate award from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal this year, for best Retail Development or Redevelopment.

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Christopher L. Pope  
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**Mary Breckenridge Quello** is the new Spanish teacher for Minnehaha's Middle School.

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Karl and Martha (Hollister) Rosenquist  
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[Karl.Rosenquist@gmail.com](mailto:Karl.Rosenquist@gmail.com)

**Elizabeth (Lili) Korbuly-Johnson** and Norm Johnson-Korbuly tied the knot under mosquito-free, sunny skies on Summit Avenue in St. Paul in September 2012. Their scrumptious, exquisite cake was created by Butterfield Buttercup Sweets. They danced away from the altar to the tune of "Good Vibrations." Visit

them on Facebook, or check out their websites: [www.motivatedbylili.com](http://www.motivatedbylili.com) and [www.milestoneimagesbylili.com](http://www.milestoneimagesbylili.com). Norm would be happy to help you safely recycle laptops, at [OurVisionRecycling.com](http://OurVisionRecycling.com). Elizabeth thanks God she finally met her match. She said it was worth the hunt! ◊



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Nathan and Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard  
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**20 YEAR REUNION!** Saturday, October 5, 7-10 p.m., at the Rock Bottom Brewery, 800 LaSalle Plaza, Minneapolis 55402. \$25/person, guests are welcome. RSVP by October 1 to Deshaunne Kurulak at [kurulaks@yahoo.com](mailto:kurulaks@yahoo.com).



**Utter/LeClair Wedding** ◊  
Front row, L-R: Jessica Norby '00, Stephanie Long '00, Anne (Toeniskoetter) Fiala '01.  
Row 2: Jeanne Bohler '00, Ian Anderson '00, David "Rudi" Utter '00, Zack Bielke '95.  
Row 3: Readus Fletcher '95, Andrew Norum '95, Kirk Grandstrand '95, Rob Vierow '95.  
Row 4: Chris Drossel '95, Andrei Kittleson '95.  
Not Pictured: Christy Utter '94, Krista Hunt '00.

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Representative Needed  
Minnehaha graduates were well represented at the May 11 wedding of **Steve Utter** and **Margot LeClair '00**.

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Heidi (Douglass) Carlson  
[Carlson307@gmail.com](mailto:Carlson307@gmail.com)  
**Libby Garrard Glascoe** and her husband, Lee, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Helen. Born on May 20, weighing 6 lbs. and 13 oz., she joins big brother Henry (3 yrs old). They are happily settled in Livermore, Calif. and love the community, their jobs, and the weather!

**01**  
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**Jeremy Anderson**, after a career as a professional drummer and singer in Minneapolis/St. Paul, is working toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities while planning for his upcoming wedding to Ziva Danneker. ◊



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**Elise Nelson** recently advanced to candidacy at UC-Santa Cruz where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in International Economics. In the fall, she will be starting George Mason University School of Law, where she was admitted as a Robert A. Levy Fellow in Law & Liberty and will be simultaneously pursuing her J.D. while finishing up her Ph.D.

**Kristen Seim** graduated from University of California-Berkeley this May with a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Her thesis was titled, "Development of Oxidative



Bioconjugation Methodology for the Site-Selective Modification of the Electron Rich Amino Acids." She starts her post-doctorate research in gut microbial chemistry at Harvard University this fall.

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**07**  
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On August 3, **Allie Rykken** married Kevin Johnson on the lawn at Allie's family cabin near Alexandria, Minn. Allie works for the City of Lakes Loppet Foundation and Kevin works for FinnSisu. They live in Minneapolis. Several members of the Minnehaha community were on hand to help celebrate the occasion. ◊ (group photo pg. 28)



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**5 YEAR REUNION!** Plans are being made, if you would like to be involved

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Please like our '08 Minnehaha Alumni Facebook page.

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**Elizabeth Mrozek** has accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on August 2 and now is in medical school at Bethesda, Md. at the Uniformed Services University of the United States military.



**Elizabeth Akinde** graduated this past May with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Human Services from the University of Northern Iowa and will be attending graduate school this fall for school counseling.

**Victoria Akinde** graduated this past May with a degree in kinesiology and public health, at Iowa State University. She will be attending the University of Minnesota in the fall to pursue nursing.

**Mike Graves**, a recent University of Minnesota graduate, is now working as a risk management associate for PNC Bank in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Vera Morbey** received her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in May. This December, she will move to Republic of Guinea as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She will work as a public health educator focusing on maternal and child health and sexual health education. She will be in Republic of Guinea for 27 months.

**Charlotte O'Halloran** graduated from Marquette University in May. She is living in Milwaukee, Wisc. and has a full-time job working as a merchandise analyst at Kohl's Department Stores.

**Eden Anderson** married Gabriel Flaa on June 29, 2013. The wedding took place in Faribault, Minn. at Shattuck-St. Mary's school. Eden and Gabe are now living in the Twin Cities. Eden will be teaching in Brooklyn Center this coming school year.

## Alumni House Open!



Look who has recently visited the Alumni House! Why not schedule a visit? It is a great place to spend some time with friends and family from the Minnehaha community. Make sure to sign the guest register that dates back to 1914. The house is open Thursdays from 1 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)

Seeking information from the Archives? Contact Elaine Ekstedt at [Ekstedt@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:Ekstedt@MinnehahaAcademy.net) or 612-7298321 Ext.2207



### Anderson/Flaa Wedding

Many members of the class of 2009 helped Eden and Gabriel celebrate their wonderful day including Meredith McKnight, Kristina Haugen, Britta Monson, Ellen Douville, Allison Yaeger, Celeste Norlander, Megan Spanjers, Emily Engdahl, Katie Tuohy, Lindsay Olson, Chase Wichelmann '10, Mary White, Claire Stanchfield, Gabriela Sterling, and Anne Marie Alexander.

### Rykken/Johnson Wedding

Front row, L-R: Madeline Myers '12, Amelia Schurke '12, Allie Rykken '07, Laura Bretheim '10, Britta Wass '10, Catherine Bretheim '11, Jake Brown '10. Row 2: Katie Langley '07, Kristine Miller, Nicole Sparkman '07, Alex Rykken '04, Taylor Sparkman '09, Nate Brown '11, Luke Brown '13. Not Pictured: Emma Park '07.



**Sarah Lucht** recently graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and is moving to Iceland for the 2013-2014 academic year under a U.S. Fulbright Research Grant. She will be working in a cancer research lab at the University of Iceland. After her time in Iceland, Sarah will be attending Harvard School of Public Health to obtain her Masters in Epidemiology starting fall 2014.

After a year of growing in Christ, **Gabriela Sterling** took the plunge and was baptized on Sunday, August 4. She was baptized with fellow members of Grace Church at Lake Riley in Eden Prairie surrounded by family and friends, both new and old.

**10**  
Grace Haugen  
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**Laura Bretheim** is spending her fall semester in Chicago, Ill., where she is studying writing, improvisation, and acting at The Second City Training Center. The Second City is a theater and comedy school whose alumni include Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, and many other funny folks. She will return to St. Olaf College in January to finish her senior year as an Environmental Studies major.

**12**  
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**Brady Ryan** is spending the year studying Arabic at Qasid Arabic Institute in Amman, Jordan. He hopes to be able to do some traveling and is keeping a blog at: [arabicinamman.wordpress.com](http://arabicinamman.wordpress.com).

**Isaac Lee** has been accepted to the Undergraduate Peer Teaching Program in Biology at University of Virginia this fall. He will be a teaching assistant for a Cell Biology and Genetics Laboratory course. He will be helping the students learn with further degree of individualized attention. "I hope to bring fun to biology as I help students and friends to further their studies in the course. I will also be taking the other courses in chemistry, physics, and chemistry, to help study for the MCAT, which I am planning to take this school year, hoping to matriculate into medical school! I will also be in the Charlottesville and University Symphony Orchestra, continuing my studies in cello. I am hoping to be accepted to the Biology Distinguished Majors Program this year and also major in Music as a Class of 2016 UVA student. Please pray for me!"

# Didn't See News from Your Class?

Contact your Class Representative with the latest!

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# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2012

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY





# AN ANNUAL REPORT THANK YOU!



Dear Friends,

During our centennial year, we celebrated God's faithfulness revealed through the lives of our graduates who, in every sphere, are indispensable and positive contributors to our society. We are truly grateful for your tremendous generosity in supporting the ministry of Minnehaha Academy.

This Annual Report illustrates your ongoing dedication to the advancement of Minnehaha Academy through the sharing of your treasure. We value the relationships we have built with you. Your engagement in giving demonstrates that you believe in our mission and are inspired by our vision. We move forward with great anticipation into the second century of providing high quality education integrating Christian faith and learning.

In celebration of our Centennial, more than 400 of you made gifts to Minnehaha for the first time. Thank you! Your support helped us meet the challenge put forth by a donor who matched your gifts with \$100,000. We also give thanks to the Lord for those of you who have given faithfully and joyfully for many years. Your generous support funded the people and programs that make Minnehaha distinctive. Many of you also supported

our scholarship program, ensuring educational access for students without the necessary financial means to attend Minnehaha Academy.

Whether this was your first gift, or your fiftieth, we hope you will continue to generously support our school and our students in the years ahead. As we move forward into the next century, together we can continue to prepare students to serve the Lord and others. Thank you for your gifts and keeping Minnehaha Academy in your prayers. Your partnership with us is critical for our school's continued success in the future.

In Christ,

David Anderson  
Board of Education Chair

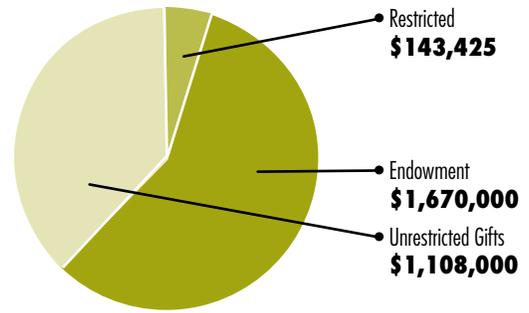
Donna Harris, Ed.D.  
President, Minnehaha Academy

THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND NEW STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES. ISAIAH 40:31



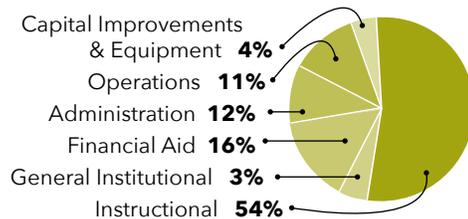
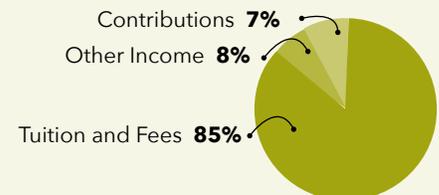
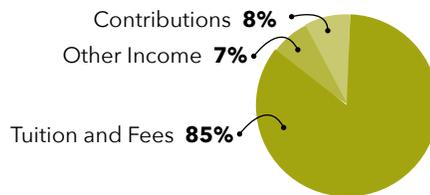
## MA Summary of Contributions and Pledges (unaudited) (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

Unrestricted Gifts (includes Minnehaha Fund, Heritage & Hope, and Special Events)	\$ 1,108,000
Restricted Gifts	\$ 143,425
Endowment	\$ 1,670,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,921,425</b>



## Summary of Income and Expenditures (unaudited)

Income	2012-2013	2011-2012*
Tuition	85%	85%
Contributed Income	8%	7%
Other Income	7%	8%
	100%	100%
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instructional	54%	53%
Administration	12%	11%
Operations	11%	12%
Financial Aid	16%	16%
Capital Improvements & Equipment	4%	5%
General Institutional	3%	3%
	100%	100%



\*For accounting purposes, some items have been reclassified.

### Board of Education Advancement Committee

Kelly Griffin, Board Member and Past Parent  
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# MINNEHAHA HIGHLIGHTS

## SERVICE AND MINISTRY

### *Let the Son shine!*

■ Minnehaha Academy focuses solidly on service leadership, offering all students extensive ministry opportunities year-round through academics, arts and athletics. ■ All 9th-11th graders, as well as many seniors, participate in week-long Cultural Field Experiences (CFE) each year, through local, national and international opportunities.

■ In 2012-2013, all grades participated in the special Centennial drive to raise funds for the Covenant Kids Congo project. ■ Third-grade students conducted a unique fundraiser by making and selling items specifically for the benefit of this project. ■ At the annual November Serve-It Day, Middle School students ministered at 15 organizations. ■ PreK-8th graders prepared 200 school readiness kits for students at North Academy Arts and Communications School in North Minneapolis.



## ACADEMICS

### *Pushing potential*

■ An outstanding 87 percent of Upper School teachers have advanced degrees. ■ In 2012-2013, nine Upper School students earned National Merit Commended Scholar designations; three others were designated National Achievement Outstanding Participants. ■ Minnehaha Academy's award-winning Advanced Placement program offers 18 AP courses—more AP courses than any other independent school in Minnesota.

■ Minnehaha's Advanced Placement exam passing rate is consistently higher than the state and national average passing rates. In 2013, Minnehaha students earned passing scores of 3 or higher (out of 5) on 82 percent of the AP exams they completed. ■ Minnehaha students who earned Advanced Placement Awards included:

- 37 AP Scholars
- 14 AP Scholars with Honor
- 42 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 11 National AP Scholars
- The 93 total AP Scholars had an average score on their AP exams of 3.99 out of 5.

■ Minnehaha Academy was the only Midwestern school selected to participate in a NASA-sponsored program to create and send an experiment to the International Space Station (ISS). Minnehaha Academy also won the MN Private and Independent Education Award for this unique ISS program. ■ Minnehaha Academy's Debate Team earned top honors as State Classic Debate Champions. ■ The ACT and SAT scores of Minnehaha students consistently average above state and national student scores.



## ARTS

### *A thing of beauty*

■ More than 20 performing groups round out the Minnehaha Fine Arts Program. A remarkable 75 percent of Upper School students participate in Fine Arts. ■ Lower School students working with an Artist in Residence created a tile mosaic mural celebrating the school Centennial. ■ The Antler yearbook and The Talon newspaper took All-State Silver honors, placing each among the top 10 student publications in the state for 2012-2013. Redhawksonline.com also won two state awards. ■ Students producing The Talon won All-American ranking; students working on The Antler earned First Class honors from the National Scholastic Press Association. ■ A Minnehaha junior's work was selected as a finalist in the National Scholastic Press Association's Story of the Year category. Minnehaha student photographers captured six awards, including one Sweepstakes Winner. ■ The school's fall theatrical production, Big River, captured spotlight awards from the Hennepin Theater Trust for Outstanding Overall Performance, Outstanding Performance by a Student Orchestra, and Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role. ■ Film students entered a video contest sponsored by Minneapolis Children's Hospital and Kohl's, taking second place and earning \$1,500 for the Minnehaha film program. ■ Ten Minnehaha students were chosen for the Tri-Metro Honor Band, eight for the Tri-Metro Honor Choir, nine for the Tri-Metro Honor Orchestra, five for the U of M Honor Band, and one for the MNSOTA Middle Level Honor Orchestra. ■ Four students were selected for the State Honor Choir, one for the National High School Women's Choir, and one for the Minnesota Mixed Honor Choir.

## ATHLETICS

### Hitting our stride

■ The school offers 25 varsity team sports. Upper School participation in sports stands at 75 percent of all students, while 85 percent of Middle School students participate on athletic teams. ■ Athletes from nearly every Minnehaha sports team received All-Conference designation. ■ Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Nordic Skiing, Softball and Football received Academic All-State Awards recognizing exceptional student athletes. Softball and football received the Academic Team Gold Award for academic excellence, while Alpine Skiing received the award for the highest team GPA in the state. ■ Boys' Basketball won the 2A State Championship. ■ Girls' Cross Country placed third in State; Nordic Skiing sent three participants to the State tournament, one of them finishing 4th overall. ■ The Volleyball and Baseball teams had AAA Award Winners; a Boys' Hockey player was selected for Hockey Section 2 AA/A Great 8 Team. ■ Five students signed National Letters of Intent to play college-level sports; local media recognized numerous Minnehaha students as Athletes of the Week in their respective sports.



## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

### 100 years!

The Minneapolis Aquatennial Torchlight Parade marked the kickoff of Centennial events. The school enjoyed great community outreach at this traditional parade by sponsoring a Centennial float with more than 25 enthusiastic students, teachers and volunteers aboard on a warm July night. Creation of the beautiful float required more than 225 volunteer hours. ■ The first day of school included a special assembly for all students with a flurry of activities to rally school spirit for the beginning of Minnehaha's Centennial year. September Homecoming Festivities drew scores of alumni, faculty, staff, and current students and families to special events including:

- An all-alumni reception
- Grand opening of the Alumni House
- Announcement of Distinguished Minnehaha Academy Alumni and Hall of Fame
- The Redhawk Run
- A mini-parade prior to the Homecoming football game (which MA won!)
- 14 class reunions!
- The traditional and ever-popular Golf Classic

■ MA Nordic team members and other devoted Minnehaha parents and students braved the cold to ride on the Minnehaha Centennial float in the Saint Paul Winter Carnival. ■ On the 100th Day of the 100th Year, it was time for a party! The youngest Redhawk students came to the Upper School for an all-school gathering and festivities, including games, photos, and a fierce-but-friendly Students vs. Faculty basketball game. ■ Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed January 31, 2013, as Minnehaha Academy Day, honoring the school's 100 years of commitment to high standards in education! ■ The Centennial Heritage & Hope Scholarship Dinner celebrated Minnehaha's profound impact on the lives of students through scholarships, and showcased 100 reflections from those of every age who hold MA near and dear. ■ A new book, *Minnehaha Academy - A Century of Faith and Learning*, is published for the Centennial celebration, providing a great review of Minnehaha's rich history and the sacrifices many made to found such an outstanding Christian school. ■ On April 28, official Centennial festivities concluded with an all-school worship service recognizing the 100th graduating class. Commencement took place on June 2. ■ Moving forward, Minnehaha Academy unveiled a fresh logo to inspire a new century of Christian educational excellence!



# Annual Report

"Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 15:14b

## MINNEHAHA FUND

*Financial gifts through the Minnehaha Fund support distinctive programs and people that deliver Minnehaha Academy's mission, enriching student life in academics, through faculty development, cutting edge technology, athletics and fine arts. The value of this investment in our students is beyond measure. We thank the following individuals for their prayerful and thoughtful participation in the Minnehaha Fund.*

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 Heidi Douglass Carlson  
 Jason Cutshall  
 Julie Person Johnson  
 Daniel Olson  
 John Peterson  
 Nathan Stromberg

**1995**  
 Lars-Erik Leafblad  
 Ryan Thompson

**1994**  
 Patrick Griswold  
 Matthew Kuehl  
 Zach Papenhausen  
 Corey Sanborn

**1993**  
 Kimberly Greenlee Hill  
 Ellen Higginbotham Ruiters  
 Hilary Douglass Sonstegard  
 Nathan Sonstegard

**1992**  
 Nathan Carlson  
 Tricia Hammink Hall  
 Nathan Wald

**1991**  
 Erin Kilgore Carlson  
 Timothy Carlson  
 Jonathan Hokanson  
 Jennifer Langager Kettering  
 Jonathan Olson  
 Kristen Nelson Olson

**1990**  
 Kari Glenn Fields  
 Julie Hagquist Fortier  
 Scott Haglund  
 Margaret Kline Kirkpatrick  
 Laura Hansen Smith

**1989**  
 James Allen  
 Kristina Nordstrom  
 Steven Ramgren  
 Sarah Lindquist Swanson  
 Michael Tamte

**1988**  
 Anonymous  
 Julie Ryding Bruchman  
 Eric Erickson  
 Joyanne Westberg Johnson  
 Thomas Mahler  
 Sara Redeske Migliori  
 Kari Morgenthaler  
 Chad Nelson  
 Keith Radtke

**1987**  
 Jennifer Hoogwerf Bryson  
 Megan Newstrom Gaillard  
 Jeffrey Haltli  
 Brian Johnson  
 Cheryl Osterhouse Johnson  
 Carrie Beckman Law  
 Daniel Law  
 Dana Blumberg Maurer  
 Christopher Pope  
 Kathy Gustafson Pope  
 James Rikkers  
 Lisa Kuban Rikkers  
 Benjamin Roberts  
 Scott Tobak

**1986**  
 Elizabeth Buteyn Van Hoever  
 Jeffrey Hoekstra  
 Robert Keena  
 Stephen Minar  
 Jason Trebilcock

**1985**  
 Thomas Birkeland  
 Jill Nelson Chelgren  
 Tami Haltli Felling  
 Susan Foreman  
 Sarah Fuglestad  
 Geoffrey Gage  
 Steven Miller  
 Linda Skanse Parker  
 Lisa Lundin Pope  
 Stephen Ryding  
 Elizabeth Carlson Sprang  
 Julie Pope Steele  
 Heidi Stensby  
 Karen Bevis Tamte  
 Peter Tamte  
 Mark Wilkening

**1984**

Anonymous  
 Rob Bakke  
 Rebecca Lindmark Bauer  
 Peter Beckman  
 Troy Danielson  
 Karis Berge Kilbride  
 Daniel Luchsinger  
 Beth Olfelt Nelson  
 Reid Westrem

**1983**

Kari Oppegard Gasner  
 Robert Hart  
 Juliane Green Janey  
 Jeff Klosterman  
 Jim Stanley-Erickson  
 Jill Thomas

**1982**

Susan Christensen Bacon  
 Andrew Baukol  
 Daniel Brisco  
 Ann Moog Estrada  
 Mark Holmberg  
 Kenny Larson  
 Linda Nelson Lehman  
 Jon Nelson  
 David Olson  
 Sarah Bowman Schaus  
 Julia Albinson Scholl  
 Susan Hiller Thompson  
 Jill Bakos Werth

**1981**

Paul Johnson  
 Dan LeVahn  
 Paul Notermann  
 Nancy Kamp Ringling  
 Richard Ringold  
 Robert Wahlstedt  
 Susan Whitehead

**1980**

Paul Albinson  
 Dane Anderson  
 Jane Sattervall Anfang  
 Amy Bragg Carey  
 Malinda Gould  
 Eric Hawkins  
 Julia Holm  
 Daniel Larsen  
 Kenneth Magnuson  
 Cynthia Nelson Meyer  
 Todd Nelson  
 Donna Powell Peterson  
 James Shirley  
 Carol Sundet-Meeker  
 Richard Theilen

**1979**

Scott Evenson  
 Beth Koepp Griggs Nelson  
 Joni Kamp Hall  
 Frederik Hartwig  
 Melanie Bates Hjelm  
 Thomas Kamp  
 Daniel Larson  
 Todd Nelson  
 Sheryl Ahrndt Sheeks  
 James Shelhamer  
 Kay Sorvik  
 Scot Torkelson

**1978**

Steven Landberg  
 Terri Danielson Stromberg  
 Juliana Hess Wolff

**1977**

Brian Anderson  
 Ingrida Cazers  
 Lynda Hollinger Ganter  
 Bettina Lindsay Hoyer  
 Joel Johnson

Thomas Kirkland  
 Bradley Martinson  
 Pamela Kamp Martinson  
 William Martinson  
 Jean Peterson Tokar  
 Judith Sumner Williams  
 Brian Wright  
 Polly LeVin Wright

**1976**

Dana Sattervall Allison  
 Susan Anderson  
 Ray Barrett  
 Robert Buteyn  
 Kathleen Thomas Carlson  
 Mark Danielson  
 Todd Krause  
 Sarah Parker  
 Joanna Westberg Sjoblom  
 Jody Shodin Thaxton  
 Janice Oberg Thoes

**1975**

Anonymous  
 Mary Steen Berg  
 Christine Berg Blue  
 Merrilee Berg Boeckerman  
 Keith Johnson  
 Kristi Wahlberg Josephson  
 Carol Lieder Smith  
 Gale Valtinson  
 Catherine Salovich Victorsen  
 Reid Victorsen

**1974**

Thomas Allison  
 Janette Bryant  
 Robert Dale  
 Pamela Carlson Melchisedech  
 Bruce Peterson  
 Mark Stromberg  
 Steve Syverson  
 Michelle Ahlquist White

**1973**

Philip Brown  
 Robert Crosby  
 Bruce Elliott  
 Craig Johnson  
 Pamela Viken Mehdy  
 Warren Miller  
 Lynnette Johnson Wass

**1972**

Jackie Cherryhomes  
 Patricia Rein Cowle  
 Kent Emerson  
 Rochele Carothers Housworth  
 Lanny Law  
 Steven Peters  
 Charles Rapp  
 Kathy Miller Vaughan

**1971**

Jerome Delano  
 Steven Engdahl  
 Karen Peterson Handegard  
 Mark Johnson  
 Sharon Sulack Johnson  
 Doud Lodien  
 Tim Markson  
 John Robinson  
 Leland Roth  
 Janet Flaten Sass  
 Brenda Atchley Veit  
 Marcia Grundahl VerHey  
 Scott Westrem

**1970**

Marti Ahlquist  
 Warren Anderson  
 Diane Gilbert Hansen  
 Sally Lindahl Lund  
 Teri Stromberg Oelschlager  
 Mary Weisner

**1969**

Stephanie Carlson-Ventura  
 Thomas Delano  
 Elaine Olson Ekstedt  
 Carol Pearson England  
 Donald Johnson  
 Greg Johnson  
 Judy Kennerud Hayward  
 Lori Erickson Robb  
 Thomas Robinson  
 Susan Hursh Santema

**1968**

Miriam Anderson  
 Diane Hess Duke  
 Gary Gardeen  
 Mary Ahlquist Gardeen  
 Eric Haugan  
 Mary Harrison Tate  
 John Teply  
 JoAnn Hoeft Terriquez  
 Janet Lindahl Tinklenberg

**1967**

David Anderson  
 Philip Anderson  
 Debbie Doud Caraher  
 Jeanne Gustafson Cutshall  
 Robert Cutshall  
 Dan Daly  
 Dean Erickson  
 Janet Nelson French  
 Lonna Sonmore Grabham  
 Janet Wilson Hanks  
 Susan Kennerud Koetz  
 Bradley Larson  
 Sharon Brown Larson  
 Violet Nelson  
 Judith Engdahl Nowlin  
 Nancy Lieder Rogers  
 Linda Silrum  
 Mark Swenson





Julie Stromberg Tutt  
Penny Marco Vick  
James Wald

#### 1966

John Ahlquist  
Gregg Anderson  
Janet Johnson Grant  
Dale Jurgensen  
William Nygard  
Judith Peterson Spinner  
John Strandberg  
John Whaley  
Joan Nordquist Wiken

#### 1965

Alan Abramson  
Robert Anderson  
Wendell Anderson  
Terry Bjorklund  
Shari Strandell Burton  
Sue Mikkelsen Durtsche  
Frank Gedelman  
James Gilbert  
Steven Hanks  
Bruce Mixer  
Robert Olson  
Mary Peterson Opel  
Patricia Engdahl Sailhamer  
John Spaulding  
Beth Hymans Sullivan

#### 1964

Jonathan Conrad  
Judith Doud Engum  
James Ericksen  
Douglas Feig  
David Gjesdahl  
Heather Lindquist Halen  
Karen Johnson  
Marilyn Elieff Johnson  
Diana Lindgren Lundquist  
Dwight Milligan  
Diane Stromberg Noble  
Stuart Opel  
Jay Peterson  
Margery Carlson Peterson  
Richard Schleh  
Diane Strandberg Schommer  
Gary Weldon

#### 1963

Caroline Nyvall Davis  
John Davis  
Barbara Ekgren Hanson  
Ellen Hanson-ZeVan  
Richard Hokanson  
Bonnie Johnson  
Bruce Johnson  
Kathleen Nelson Johnson  
Penny Towner Koehler  
Judi Larson  
Rita Lindemann Lawson  
Marcia Peterson Turnquist  
Daniel Wickman  
Rita Ahlquist Wigfield  
Louise Fryhling Wilson

#### 1962

Lois (Cat) Carlson-Prok  
Pamella LaVine Charles  
Judy Wilson Grimes  
Terry Hammink  
Orlyn Lundborg  
John Malm  
Robert Noble  
Curtis Olson  
Karen Smith Olson  
Lois Lundberg Sando  
Thomas Sando  
Donald Stattine  
Lynn Swanson

#### 1961

Anonymous  
Donna Swanson Bierhaus  
Philip Brunelle  
Bjorn Dybdahl  
Shari Linder Dybdahl  
Laurel Lindquist Erickson  
Larry Greely  
Jerome Green  
Muriel Anderson Krueger  
Charles Lillehei  
Charles Mikkelson  
Karna Johnson Mikkelson  
Julie Carlson Nordstrom  
Karl Olson  
David Parupsky  
Janet Evenson Sayre  
Lynne Peterson Springer  
Keith Turnquist

Gary Viken  
Karen Wald Williams  
Lawrence Wilson  
Faith Markuson Wollin

#### 1960

Sharon Anderson  
Judson Clifton  
Jerome Erickson  
Darrel Freeberg  
Fred Gedelman  
Jean Wilson Greener  
Dennis Gustafson  
Nancy Sewell Gustafson  
Ronald Halverson  
Gerald Hermstad  
Marilyn Johnson  
Kenneth Larson  
Dennis Lundquist  
Jon Mayer  
Theodore Noble  
Gary Peterson  
Karen Elieff Ryding  
Joan Youngberg Simons  
Barbara Johnson Swanson  
Demaris Hughes Turner

#### 1959

Chrisanne Hokanson Burr  
Larry Carlson  
Mary Jo Anderson Carlson  
Sherri Ann Purtle Fransen  
Clara Johnson  
Sue Ries Johnson  
Phillip Nelson  
Leonard Nordstrom  
Janice Olson  
Samuel Oltmans  
Charles Parten  
Bettyann Holm Redeske  
Ruth Erickson Rich  
Mervin Thompson  
Robert Wilson

#### 1958

Bruce Anderson  
Mary Clawson Anderson  
Suzanne Coursolle Barlow  
Richard Baxter  
Woodrow Bjork  
Vern Bjorndahl  
Lorna Thompson Dahl  
Kermit Folden  
John Foreman  
Ruthann Nyvall Foreman  
Judith Nygaard Franz  
Nancy Nyquist Hereid  
Laurel Borg Higgins  
Weston Johnson  
Ingolf Kronstad  
James Lindahl  
Janet Hermstad Manske  
Mary Rossow Michelsen  
Charles Niessen  
Carol Olson

John Pastor  
Cynthia Ofstad Prestholdt  
Linda Olson Stromberg

#### 1957

Stanley Bakke  
Betty Ferden Brat  
Darlene Lundquist Carlson  
Jon Fredlund  
Sandra Gorke Johnson  
Devonna Anderson Long  
Mary Tisdal Nelson  
Evan Otteson  
Gloria Hansemann Otteson  
James Redeske  
Cora Metz Rygh  
Paul Schiotz  
David Sundell  
Virginia Lundberg Taylor  
Gordy Williams  
Karen Markuson Williams

#### 1956

Lyle Anderson  
Ronald Anderson  
Judith Anderson Bartz  
Janet Newquist Beebe  
Delores Langnickel Bergland  
Lois Westafer Carlson  
Virginia Schrupp Fluth  
Margaret Horn Fullinwider  
Judith Bixby Hagstrom  
Ben Hedlund  
Julie Ruud Johnson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Grace Anderson Kvamme  
Kermit Kvamme  
Margaret Newman Maas  
Sherrill Anderson Nelson  
Elaine Nyquist Teschner  
Dorcas Egge O'Connor  
Priscilla Martinson Olson  
Carter Pederson  
Judy Larson Ramgren  
Nancy Presher Redmond  
Paul Stromberg  
Gloria Wiens Tamte  
Kathryn Rieke Whitworth  
Roberta Smith Woodberry

#### 1955

Robert Bakke  
Janis Rosenvold Carlson  
Marlan Carlson  
Myra Klodt Christenson  
Jean Swanson Gustafson  
Joyce King Landgren  
Bruce Mikkelson  
Gen Olson  
Gerald Peterson  
Juliana Rees Robertson  
Margaret Liljenquist Stokka  
Carol Johnson White  
David Williamson

**1954**

Elaine Wesner Allen  
 Kathryn Noble Anderson  
 Victor Anderson  
 Ralph Carlson  
 Annette Johnson Eide  
 Carole Dahlin Erickson  
 Dave Gustafson  
 David Hubenette  
 Ruth Nelson Knollmueller  
 Lareau Lindquist  
 Kathryn Hauge Moor  
 Joanne Hanson Negstad  
 James Nelson  
 Mark Nelson  
 Paul Nielsen  
 Gerald Parupsky  
 Marilyn Carlson Patterson  
 David Peterson  
 Thomas Philipp  
 Joanne Kallestad Rieke  
 Douglas Skanse  
 Lowell Tornquist

**1953**

Diane Holmer Baxter  
 Barbara Holte Bragg  
 John Carlson  
 William Conrad  
 Jenean Larson Erickson  
 Joan Sorensen Erickson  
 Karl Hallsten  
 Marion Anderson Holmberg  
 Elaine Elmberg Johnson  
 Faith Dahlen Johnson  
 Ted Johnson  
 Vivian Mattson Johnson  
 Charlotte Wall Koshiol  
 Pauline Challander Liukonen  
 Douglas Madsen  
 Arthur Mampel  
 C. Roger Nelson  
 Mary Klatke Nygren  
 AnnaMarie Kylander Oudal  
 Thomas Rieke  
 Darrylynn Wold Shaft  
 Carol Conley Swenson  
 Richard Tornquist

**1952**

Mary Lee Milton Denley  
 Terry Denley  
 Gail Peterson Dvorak  
 Bonita Fenton Ericksen  
 Shirley Nordling Erickson  
 Bruce Kjellberg  
 Harriet Borg LaBorde  
 Faith Walfrid Lindell  
 Janice Burns Mole  
 Beverly Wendell Olson  
 Lois Ortenblad Oppen-McClun  
 Ernest Peikert  
 Rozanne Anderson Peterson  
 Verna Mikkelsen Shotts

James Swanson  
 LeRoy Tunell  
 Jerome Wiens

**1951**

LaVerne Ostlund Bjorklund  
 Roger Bjorklund  
 Marjorie Erickson Boydston  
 John Carlson  
 Kenneth Carlson  
 Ardith Weymouth Christenson  
 Lowell Domholdt  
 Homer Eclov  
 Virginia Barg Fagely  
 John Fulton  
 Mary Jo Gulbransen Fulton  
 Mary Anderson Griffin  
 Gerald Gustafson  
 June Nelson Ledding  
 Gerald Lee  
 Carl Lindell  
 Beverly Williams Lundeen  
 Grace Vatsaas Madsen  
 David Nasby  
 Mary Ann Ryden Sattervall  
 Paul Swanson  
 Neil Thomas

**1950**

Thelma Williamson Anderson  
 Kent Carlson  
 Donald Ericksen  
 Curtis Erickson  
 Donald Erickson  
 Carol Anderson Gustavson  
 Calvin Katter  
 Thomas Lavers  
 Bruce LeVahn  
 Colette Peterson Lyngdal  
 Melton Nygren  
 Mary Parker Ress  
 Gerald Rosdahl  
 Roland Sederholm  
 James Sowles  
 Lois Domholdt Sowles  
 Donna Dahlgren Thompson

**1949**

Loren Ahlstrand  
 James Bragg  
 Ardelle Nordeen Burt  
 Ardis Anderson Carlson  
 Joseph Cleary  
 Donald Dillon  
 LaVerne Drange Dillon  
 MaryLee Johnson Gatten  
 Ruth Gravem Harder  
 Lowell Johnson  
 Marilyn Tunell Karlberg  
 Anna-Marie Burgess Klein  
 Vernon Larson  
 Joann LeVahn  
 Carol Gustafson McMillan  
 Craig Nelson  
 Roland Opsahl  
 Clarice Warne Ottoson  
 Janice Anderson Rykken  
 Juliana Lindell Shultz  
 Dorothy Lindblom Stefanoff  
 JoAnn Thoreen  
 J. Arles Roadfelt Thorsell  
 Laurel Norman Whitehead

**1948**

Reynold Anderson  
 Priscilla Hedman Clark  
 Phyllis Larson Danielson  
 Dorothy Walker Elftmann  
 Janet Soderberg Erickson  
 Marjorie Peikert Erickson  
 Marilyn Nelson Ingman  
 Robert Ingman  
 Joanne Milton Kendall  
 E. Lorraine Yokie

**1947**

Bonnie Carlson Abrahamson  
 Bonnie Anderson Addington  
 John Anderson  
 Theodore Berg  
 Walter Bratt  
 Eber Ekblad  
 Ruth Nygren Fiek  
 Norma Benson Haglund  
 Lewis Hedlund  
 Gladys Wibeto Lindstrom

Marjorie Nordrum Lund  
 David Park  
 A. Petersen  
 Marilyn Gisselquist Quanbeck  
 Joy Engle Ringold  
 Doreen Anderson Shibrowski  
 Evelyn Gunther Stombaugh  
 Carol Nelson Thompson  
 Helen Jernberg Yates

**1946**

Ralph Albinson  
 Audrey Johnson Behymer  
 Donna Rankin Carlson  
 Mary Fulton Chamberlain-Anderson  
 Eleanor Dahlquist  
 Gladys Lundstrom Howell  
 Dorothy Anderson Kershaw  
 Lucy Olson Knudson  
 Janet Valine Larson  
 Charles Lindstrom  
 Joan Gustafson Lofstrand  
 Clyde Nordstrom  
 Diantha Sudor Pearson  
 Kenneth Strandberg  
 Bonnie Anderson Strom

**1945**

Helen Hoffman Anderson  
 Stanley Anderson  
 Richard Holte  
 DeLois Johnson Kinney  
 Jerry Kinney  
 Chester Larson  
 Beverly Johnson Lohmann  
 Virginia Carlson Olson  
 Joan Hoitomt Owens  
 Lorraine Bjorklund Pratt  
 Eunice Pearson Ward

**1944**

Joanna Lee Baker  
 Jacqueline Villevik Bjoen  
 Audrey Nelson Eastburg  
 Doris Algren Hedsten  
 Eileen Carlson Kadley  
 Jean LeVahn Larson  
 Muriel Rocene  
 John Ruffcorn

**1943**

Patricia Freeberg Anderson  
 Myrtle LaDow Harthan  
 Gordon Johnson  
 William Starr  
 David Swanson  
 Susan Lobb Vetvick  
 Helen Nelson Warnberg

**1942**

Kathryn Goethe Carlson  
 John Rudberg



## 1941

Grant Anderson  
Louise Stocke Anderson  
Arleen Youngberg Johnson

## 1940

Dorothy Lundstrom Balch  
Elizabeth Hedman Becker  
Eva Hawkinson Erickson

## 1939

John Anderson  
Philip Anderson  
Doloris Rydell O'Connor  
Walter Youngquist

## 1936

Evelyn Strom Pearson

## 1935

Theodore Anderson

## PRESENT PARENT GIFTS

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## 12th Grade Parents

### Class of 2013

Rob & Betsy Bakke  
Curtis & Brenda Bjorlin  
Raymond Boyle & Susan Tuck  
Richard & Ann Cammack  
Yarta Clemens-Billaigbakpu  
Richard & Cheryl Cochrane  
T.D. & Janel Cox  
Becky & David Eggers  
Peter & Jennifer Eisenhuth  
David Elliott  
Patrick & Laurie Erlandson  
Scott & Karen Evenson  
Maria Ferguson  
Andrew & Cheri Fink  
Sarah Fuglestad  
David & Luanne Gerrity  
Michael & Leanne Goth  
Sheryl Graham  
Roger & Pamela Grothe  
Trevor & Heidi Gunderson  
Kari & David Katz  
Daniel & Carrie Law  
Richard & Kerry Leo  
Andrew & Clare Lubar  
Karen & Troy Lucht  
Jeffrey & Susan Lundberg  
Greg & Melissa Mortenson



Susan Myers  
Engin & Jennifer Nasifoglu  
Kurt & Sandi Niederluecke  
Jeffrey Nipper  
LuAnn Nipper  
Kristi O'Kane  
Steven Riemer & Mary Learmont  
Nancy & Douglas Ringling  
Julia & Scott Scholl  
Eric & Julie Schroeder  
Patrick & Angela Simmons  
Maureen & Sam Smith  
Debbie & Greg Webster  
Richard & Carolyn Wielde  
David & Julianne Willemin  
Tim Wong & Jodi Pope

## 11th Grade Parents

### Class of 2014

Anonymous  
Mark & Sophia Anema  
Rafael & Catalina Angulo  
Rebecca & Richard Bauer  
Brett & Karen Benson  
Lisa & William Bonello  
Helen Cameron-Zenobian  
Andrew & Kathleen Cecere  
Steve & Marcy Chamberlain  
David & Ardelle Ferris  
Rochell & John Gifford  
Joseph & Visala Goswitz  
Jon & Diane Hallberg  
Paul & Martina Hartmark  
Jeffrey Hoekstra & Monica Hoekstra-Weyandt  
Naomi Hummel  
Joel & Laurie Johnson  
Kari & David Katz  
Monica & Peter Kovach  
Kristine Krafts  
Brian & Laurel Larsen  
Kenny Larson & Monica Edwards Larson  
Chapman & Lohini Mayo  
Robert & Jaymie McNamara  
Greg & Melissa Mortenson  
Scott & Ann Mullinix  
Christopher & Kathleen Olson  
Timothy & Dawn Ostrem  
Linda & Ward Parker

Christopher & Kathy Pope  
John Reese & Diane Brehmer  
Paul & Susan Schuster  
Heidi & Derek Shannon  
Maureen & Sam Smith  
Susan & Thomas Thompson  
Eric & Gretchen Tuck  
Reid & Catherine Victorsen  
Michelle & William Vitt  
Jean & Carston Wagner  
Steve & Sharon Weber  
Dale & Jaclynn West  
Kevin & Mary Wilde  
Paul Williams & Mickey Moore

## 10th Grade Parents

### Class of 2015

Rob & Betsy Bakke  
Todd & Tracie Bye  
Leif & Jessie Carlson  
Steve & Marcy Chamberlain  
Jackie Cherryhomes & F. Clayton Tyler  
Brad & Lorrie Dahlman  
David Elliott  
John Fabie & Anne Adix Fabie  
Sarah Fuglestad  
Lynda & Daniel Ganter  
Greg & Gayle Gilreath  
Trevor & Heidi Gunderson  
Joel & Yvonne Hanson  
Greg & Cathy Higgins  
Rebecca Johnson  
Karin & Scott Kispert  
August LaRenzie & Tammy Seidl  
Chapman & Lohini Mayo  
Robert & Aine Mickelson  
Leo & Jeanne Mrozek  
Engin & Jennifer Nasifoglu  
Chad & Patrice Nelson  
Jim Newton & Mary Steinhagen  
Anthony Pellegrin & Amanda Williams Pellegrin  
Ronald & Sharon Scharf  
Kirk Schroeder & Nancy Herridge-Schroeder  
Christian & Anne Schwab  
Tim & Kyle Shern  
Vince & Deborah Terlizzi

Josh & Heather Thurow  
Andrew & Margaret Ubel  
Vicki Walker & Mark Dustrude  
Steve & Janice Warnke  
Debbie & Greg Webster  
Charles & Karin Webster  
Julie & Christian Winn

## 9th Grade Parents

### Class of 2016

Anonymous (2)  
Mark & Sophia Anema  
Curtis & Brenda Bjorlin  
Jeffery & Shannon Boehm  
Alan & Lee Colvin  
T.D. & Janel Cox  
Randy & Laura Dahl  
Rob & Robbie Davis  
Michael & Barbara DiBlasi  
David & Luanne Gerrity  
Bryan & Kristin Gray  
Paul & Martina Hartmark  
Stephen & Leslie Hite  
Jeffrey Hoekstra & Monica Hoekstra-Weyandt  
Thomas & Karen Johnson  
Stephen & Kay Kaminski  
Kari & David Katz  
Katherine & Tom Myers  
Perry & Rachel Pickerign  
Christopher & Kathy Pope  
Keith & Jody Rathke  
Deidre Renchin  
Leon & Susan Retzlaff  
Katie Sayre  
Birgit & Randall Schold  
Maureen & Sam Smith  
Allen & Katherine Steinkopf  
Susan & Thomas Thompson  
Andrew & Margaret Ubel  
Philip & Anne VanderHaar  
Vicki Walker & Mark Dustrude  
Scott & Joyce Willman  
Peter & Tamara Wold  
James & Kimberly Wolpert

## 8th Grade Parents

### Class of 2017

Randell & Lisa Aronson  
Brian & Nancy Cripe  
Brad & Lorrie Dahlman  
Patrick & Anne Gibbons  
Monica Johnson  
Kristine Krafts  
Gerald Lynch & Annette Lee  
Louise & John Mageli  
Thomas & Carol Mahler  
Kristen & Jonathan Olson  
Sarah & Malcolm Schaus  
Julie & Jeffrey Steele  
Greg & Ann Van Heest  
Scott & Joyce Willman  
Tim Wong & Jodi Pope

## 7th Grade Parents

### *Class of 2018*

Karl Andreasen & Cynthia Strand  
Richard & Lauren Bae  
Rob & Betsy Bakke  
Rebecca & Richard Bauer  
Jeffery & Shannon Boehm  
Michael & Barbara DiBlasi  
Keri & Robert Diem  
Maria Ferguson  
William Gamble & Anne Labovitz  
David & Luanne Gerrity  
Bryan & Kristin Gray  
Jon & Diane Hallberg

Colin & Emily Hollidge  
Brian & Cheryl Johnson  
Todd & Teresa Johnson  
Karis & John Kilbride  
Stephanie & Jay Lessard  
Bruce & Dana Maeda  
Thomas & Carol Mahler  
Jose Martin & Amy Adams  
Jill Palmquist Finn  
Perry & Rachel Pickerign  
Lisa Pohlman Martin  
Christopher & Kathy Pope  
Richard & Karin Roof  
Molly & Wade Sedgwick  
Michael & Wendy Skillingstad  
Thomas & Janine Trutna  
David & Ann Wasson

## 4th Grade Parents

### *Class of 2021*

Kenya Alston  
David & Lynn Anderson  
Tiffany & Sam Anderson  
Karl Andreasen & Cynthia Strand  
Richard & Lauren Bae  
Paul Blomgren & Lynne Harrington  
Lisa & William Bonello  
Blake & Sara Christiansen  
Jason & Katie Craig  
Daniel Currell & Sara Tollefson Currell  
Amy & Ryan Eikenbary-Barber  
Kari & Robert Fields  
John & Erin Foley  
David & Luanne Gerrity  
Marshall & Tari Gifford  
Roger Griffith & Jean Taylor  
Tricia & Christopher Hall  
Greg & Cathy Higgins  
Bruce & Dana Maeda  
Kristen & Jonathan Olson  
Peter & Kathy Parten  
Sharron & Rich Peterson  
Taylor Phelps & Laura Pfeiffer  
Perry & Rachel Pickerign  
Alison & Richard Pluntz  
Christian & Anne Schwab  
Gregory & Shelly Siems  
Adam Stanley & Angie Pederson  
Mary Taris  
Eric & Gretchen Tuck  
David & Ann Wasson  
Peter & Tamara Wold

## 2nd Grade Parents

### *Class of 2023*

Nathan & Rebecca Akers  
James & Jill Anderson  
Karl Andreasen & Cynthia Strand  
Mike & K.C. DiNardo  
Richard Ehrich & Kelley Lockhart  
Amy & Ryan Eikenbary-Barber  
John & Erin Foley  
Christian & Rebecca Geyer  
Cullen & Stacy Harder  
David & Sarah Hoffner  
Ranjit & Florence John  
Gregory & Karen Karpenko  
Perry & Rachel Pickerign  
David & Joleen Sylvester  
Josh & Heather Thurow  
Amy Westby  
Scott & Karen Whitman  
Julie & Christian Winn

## 1st Grade Parents

### *Class of 2024*

David & Lynn Anderson  
Richard & Lauren Bae  
Blake & Sara Christiansen  
Jason & Katie Craig  
Tricia & Christopher Hall  
Rob & Michele Jacobson  
Wade & Maria Johnson  
E. John & Lynn Lehmann  
Taylor Phelps & Laura Pfeiffer  
Alison & Richard Pluntz  
Daniel & Kim Schneider  
Molly & Wade Sedgwick  
Nathan & Hilary Sonstegard  
Adam Stanley & Angie Pederson  
Steven & Neely Tamminga

## Kindergarten Parents

### *Class of 2025*

Nathan & Rebecca Akers  
Tiffany & Sam Anderson  
Marc & Alicia Belton  
Paul Blomgren & Lynne Harrington  
Mike & K.C. DiNardo  
Peter Eckman & Erika Olson  
Amy & Ryan Eikenbary-Barber  
Christian & Rebecca Geyer  
Marshall & Tari Gifford  
Cullen & Stacy Harder  
Nathan & Kristi Johnson  
Jose Martin & Amy Adams  
Natthan & Jessie Osterberg  
Peter & Kathy Parten  
Edward Usalis & Gina Ruesch  
Peter & Tamara Wold



Margaret Kline Kirkpatrick & Kip Kirkpatrick  
E. John & Lynn Lehmann  
Niall & Cynthia MacLeod  
Greg & Melissa Mortenson  
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## OCTOBER

### 7 Grades 4-12 Fine Arts Vocal Festival

Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7:00 p.m.

### 27 Admission Information Program

Lower/Middle School, 4200 West River Parkway, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

### 24 All School Orchestra Festival

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

### 29 Admission Information Program

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

## NOVEMBER

### 14-16 Upper School Fall Play: *Anatomy of Gray*

Hognander Chapel, Upper School, November 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m. November 16 at 2:30 p.m.

### 19 Middle School Band Concert

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

### 21 Upper School Band Concert

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

### 27 Grandpeople Day

## DECEMBER

### 10 Kindergarten & Lower School Christmas Concert

Kindergarten: Monson Family Chapel, Lower/Middle School, 5 p.m.  
Lower School: Hognander Chapel, Upper School, 7 p.m.

### 12 Upper School Choir & Orchestra Concert

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

### 19 Middle School Choir & Strings Christmas Concert

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



# HOMECOMING

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thursday, October 3

Homecoming Chapel, 10:30 a.m.  
Hognander Chapel, Upper School

### Friday, October 4

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

### Saturday, October 5

Recognition Ceremony, 9 a.m.  
Hognander Chapel, Upper School

Appreciation Brunch, 10 a.m.  
Campus Room, Upper School

### Saturday continued...

Girls' Volleyball, 10 a.m.  
Upper School

Girls' Soccer, 11 a.m.  
Upper School

Redhawk Run, 12:30 p.m.  
Upper School,  
Registration at 12 p.m.

Boys' Soccer, 1 p.m.  
Upper School

Football, 3:30 p.m.  
Lower and Middle School

## RECOGNITION CEREMONY

### Join us to honor:

- Distinguished Alumni - Wes Bodin '51, Bruce D. Johnson '67 and Bruce Swedien '51
- Up & Coming Alumni - Elizabeth Wade Galik '00
- Fine Arts Hall of Fame - Philip Brunelle '61
- Athletics Hall of Fame - Guido Kauls and David Glenn

### Cornerstone Awards

- Benefactor - Walter Youngquist '39
- Ambassadors - Jim '67 and Karen Wald
- Volunteers - Nathan '93 and Hilary Douglass Sonstegard '93
- Capstone - Tom and Jan Verdoorn

The Recognition Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m., followed by an Appreciation Brunch with recognition given to those who financially support the school at the Fellowship Level. RSVP for the brunch or volunteer meeting at 612-728-7722 or [angi@MinnehahaAcademy.net](mailto:angi@MinnehahaAcademy.net) by Monday, September 23.



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## **DISCOVER** Minnehaha Academy

**October 27, 1 p.m.**

Grades PreK-8  
4200 West River Parkway, Mpls.

**October 29, 6:45 p.m.**

Grades 9-12  
3100 West River Parkway, Mpls.

**“Logic will get  
you from A to Z; imagination  
will get you everywhere.”**

- Albert Einstein

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