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Cover photo: Students in Minnehaha's International Space Station Program intently review their experiment.



CORE VALUES CULTIVATING POTENTIAL

A few weeks ago, I joined our third-grade students to share with them my understanding of Minnehaha's "core values." The children had been discussing this topic in school and at home. As is often the case, I was especially inspired by their expressions as they interpreted our core values. One precocious youngster raised his hand enthusiastically, announcing that "cultivating potential," meant "opening the door to greatness." His moving reflection touched my heart. My eyes brimmed with tears as I recognized the greatness of God evident in that classroom through the wisdom of those precious children.

Proclaimed throughout the Scriptures, God's greatness is visible in His majestic creation, His great love for us through the gift of His Son, and His supremacy over our world. We must also humbly recognize that God chooses to reveal His greatness through us, as we become followers of Him. God's greatness in us breaks through our shackles of arrogance and egotism, fulfilling His plan as we become a blessing to those around us.

At Minnehaha, as we cultivate student potential, we begin by opening the door to God's greatness. If our students' eyes are open to His magnificence, they see more readily their own capacity for achievement as God works personally through them. I pray that all Minnehaha students will know that God holds them in the palm of His hand, has created them in His image for a special purpose, and will guide them to greatness through His Spirit.



Psalm 145: 3-6 declares:
Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Blessings,

Donna Harris, Ed.D.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY CORE VALUES



DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

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

EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMICS

We pursue truth and excellence in all educational experiences.

CARING COMMUNITY

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

CULTIVATING POTENTIAL

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

In our last issue we featured Minnehaha's caring community—we hear, time and again: "It's the community that makes us who we are." Beyond our abundant offerings and our dedicated faculty and staff, at the core of the MA caring community is the readiness to cultivate every student's potential in athletics, academics, arts and other activities. Perhaps because of our small size—and certainly because of our Christian commitment—students can count on support from the Minnehaha faculty, staff and friends who stand ready to help them.

Karen Benson, a Minnehaha parent, eloquently voiced this conviction:

“Our daughter, Olivia, has had the opportunity to participate in the Madrigal dinner, jazz band, pep band, pit orchestras, honor bands, and more. She has taken on leadership roles because the seeds of confidence and leadership were planted by her band directors, who saw her potential and nurtured that in her. They continue to offer opportunities for challenges and growth, and that kind of support and encouragement is a gift our daughter will carry with her for her whole life.”



THE PROPER NOURISHMENT FOR GROWTH, AND THE CHALLENGE TO HARD WORK WITHIN A LOVING AND TRUSTING ENVIRONMENT, HELPS UNLOCK THE GIFT OF STUDENT POTENTIAL.

– DONNA HARRIS, MINNEHAHA PRESIDENT

WHY CULTIVATE POTENTIAL?

It is our duty. God has designed each of us as unique beings, and through His Spirit and Word, He plants His seeds of greatness—our potential—within us. President Donna Harris considers our students’ futures to be a serious obligation:

“At Minnehaha Academy, we cultivate our students’ potential because God requires it of us. Our students need our unfailing affirmation to assist them in taking hold of the possibilities and the imaginable for their lives. The proper nourishment for growth, and the challenge to hard work within a loving and trusting environment, helps unlock the gift of their potential.”

As articulated in Minnehaha’s Philosophy of Education, we believe the task of education is one shared by the school, the church, and the home. The curriculum assimilates the obligations normally given to public schools by the state, as well as the responsibilities given to the school by the church. We believe in the development of the whole child. We seek to involve students individually and corporately in meaningful activities. This commitment enables our students to develop, both dynamically and creatively, as intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and

spiritual beings. And, believing that learning is a lifelong process, Minnehaha endeavors to provide tools and excitement for learning throughout life.

HOW WE CULTIVATE POTENTIAL

We begin at the beginning! As a preK–12 school, Minnehaha Academy has a continuity of experience with students through their formative educational years, from day one to graduation. We monitor students’ progress year after year, sharing relevant information to help students succeed as they ascend through the grades.

This occurs even in the very youngest classrooms, as our Lower and Middle School Principal, Karen Balmer, affirmed. “One of the best and most important things we can do is to help students discover the gifts and strengths that God has given them,” she said. “Of course, this relates to our academics, and to challenging students to achieve at their highest potential, and it also relates to activities and opportunities beyond the classroom.”

At both campuses, students are challenged with opportunities to explore their God-given gifts: helping in Chapel through prayers, drama, or singing; leading and serving peers through RACERS and Student Council; participating in Jazz Band, sports teams, History Day Club,



Math Masters, and more. One of the best things about a school of Minnehaha's size is a student's ability to try out for a sport or a play—and likely be accepted in both.

Principal Balmer underscored the significance of being able to provide challenges for every age:

“Providing these opportunities is part of our holistic view of students, and of our commitment to helping them develop and mature academically, spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally. We have a rare and wonderful opportunity at Minnehaha to engage our students on all of these levels. It is a joy and privilege to see our students flourish both inside and outside of the classroom!”

Minnehaha parent Ellen Ruiters recognizes what a gift it is for students to receive this kind of encompassing support through their school years. She praised her daughter's third-grade teacher, Mary Jo Severson:

“Mayah loves to sing—she knows the lyrics to countless songs. However, memorizing math facts does not come so easily. Mrs. Severson noticed her frustration, and found math facts set to music! It is evident that Mrs. Severson cares deeply about her students, and her desire is for all of her students to be successful in school and life. She has taken the time to get to know Mayah, understands Mayah's God-given strengths, and uses those to help her find success in all areas, which cultivates her potential every day!”

Moving on to the higher grades, Upper School Vice Principal Mike Dinardo treats students as uniquely gifted, creatively thinking individuals. He said, “We actually try to prepare them for failure as well as success, but most importantly—we tell them about God's love for them.” Providing a safe and supportive environment to try new things is important. Encouraging students to do their best in whatever they choose, and having accomplished teachers who provide feedback and guidance along the way, is important too. Minnehaha emphasizes the importance of having a strong moral compass to understand one's purpose and be at one's best. Dinardo said, “This is what makes our school unique. Anyone can teach good academics and focus on character development. But helping our students to see the bigger picture of why they exist, and what they can do to make an impact in this world, is unique.”

The Upper School teachers reinforce Dinardo's position. Upper School science teacher Nancy Cripe knows the challenges of developing older students' talents, and she takes this on enthusiastically:

“I find and develop my students' potential by listening, observing, recognizing their interests, abilities, passions, concerns, and aspirations. Then I try to inspire students to expand those interests. I seek out challenges and advanced opportunities for students and encourage students to use their God-given gifts to bring healing and restoration to the broken places in their world.”

Minnehaha senior Penelope Anema appreciates her extraordinary efforts:

“When I was a sophomore, Mrs. Cripe heard that I was interested in biology and invited me to tour the U of M cardio lab. Even though I had not yet taken one of her classes, she challenged me with this invitation, which spurred my desire to learn more about biomedical engineering.”

As part of Cripe's attempts to find new inspiration for students, she and colleague Sam Terfa have developed Minnehaha's International Space Station program, challenging many students with a real-life, “outta-this-world” science opportunity.



Other students are also mindful of their teachers' remarkable endeavors. According to alum Matt Paulson '11, who is now studying at California Lutheran: "Economics teacher David Hoffner has been the most impactful person in my life. He has challenged me to grow spiritually, and to pursue academics to my highest potential. His caring personality and intelligence make him an amazing teacher. Above all, he has become an unbelievable mentor, father figure, and friend."

AT MINNEHAHA, I LEARNED THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE JUST ONE THING OR BE ONLY ONE KIND OF PERSON. STUDENTS AT MINNEHAHA DON'T HAVE TO FIT THE MOLD. – DR. BRITT ERICKSON '99

Dr. Britt Erickson '99 is very clear that her K-12 Minnehaha education set her on the path for success:

“At Minnehaha I learned that you don't have to choose just one thing or be only one kind of person. Students at Minnehaha don't have to fit the mold. There were so many opportunities at Minnehaha to explore any and all interests. I was encouraged to try music, sports, student leadership, science, creative writing, and even math team. I never would have imagined I would be living where I live now, in this field of sub-specialized medicine, but I was taught early on at Minnehaha to explore and try new things and see where new directions can take you.”

Cultivating potential obliges our school to provide support, high standards, and abundant opportunity. In athletics, coaches challenge players to be good sports and honorable student-athletes, emphasizing honesty and “fair play” on the field. In every classroom, caring teachers integrate Christian faith consistently in their curriculums as they “spark” learning in their students. In adviser groups, advisers form relationships with student advisees, monitoring and caring for them. In Bible classes and chapel, students delve into Jesus' life story and learn how to lead faith-filled lives. In the counseling office, counselors are all about students “giving it their all” to fulfill their capabilities.

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves with classes, activities and sports that may be out of their “comfort zones,” delving into areas they might not have otherwise pursued. In a letter to Upper School English teacher, Katherine Myers, from alum Sam Erickson '12:

“What I learned in my high-school classes has propelled me toward a lifetime of studying and analyzing the world around me, and has provided the foundations for a proper collegiate path, and possibly my entire prospective career path after that.”

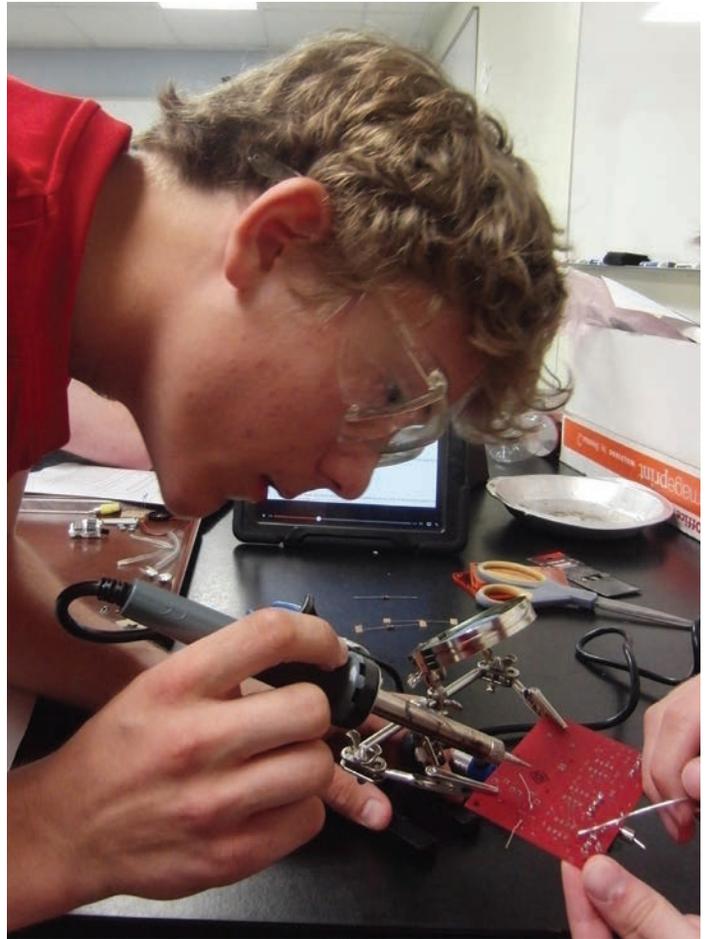
While other schools, too, desire to cultivate student potential, it is Minnehaha's foundation in Jesus Christ and its integration of faith into the curriculum that enables our school to address student potential as a gift. Our intimate classroom sizes and continuity of student care from grade to grade enable our teachers and staff to recognize student individuality and to guide their path to adulthood. We are *unique*.

Photographs accompanying this story were winners in the Quill and Scroll's 2013 Yearbook Excellence Contest. On page 5, the soccer action shot by Katie Pope '14 won first place in the nation for high schools with enrollment under 750. The photo on page 6 by Katie Chamberlain won in the National Division. In addition, Keturah Scott won two photography awards, one is used in the Table of Contents page, highlighting page 4.

INSPIRING INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

For the second year, a team of Minnehaha Academy students and mentors are designing, building, testing and launching an experiment to the International Space Station (ISS). This year's experiment, on fluid flow efficiency in microgravity, will blast off May 1 aboard an unmanned Orbital Sciences resupply rocket from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. Minnehaha Academy is one of only eleven high schools in the nation in partnership with Nanoracks and NASA's U.S. National Lab for the opportunity to fly their experiments to the International Space Station. The Minnehaha experiment will travel over 25 million miles on the International Space Station before returning to earth mid-summer. Astronauts will download data from the experiment and send it back to earth several times each week, so the Minnehaha ISS team can analyze their findings even as their "microlab" travels 17,500 miles per hour in orbit around the earth.

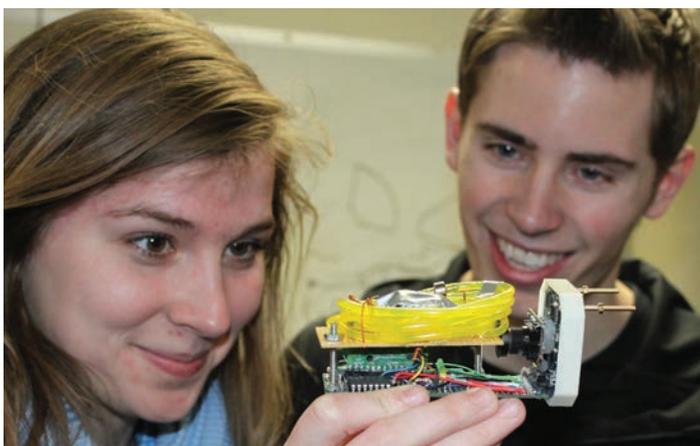
The 13 students selected for Minnehaha Academy's 2013-14 International Space Station program are also enrolled in a yearlong science elective course, "Applied Research in Engineering," taught by science faculty members Sam Terfa and Nancy Cripe. Four professional engineers and computer programmers serve as mentors, volunteering their time and expertise to work with the students. Tom Holman is a second-year mentor who sees the program as a terrific opportunity for Minnehaha students. "They're able to solve an extensive engineering problem with an exciting application—an experiment



traveling to space." The course curriculum is modeled after an engineering workplace setting, with teachers and mentors guiding students through units in experimental design, electronics, computer programming, mechanical design, space science research and project management. In addition to the technical skills, Holman says the students also learn problem solving, innovation, communication and collaboration. Senior Hugh Mayo, integration manager for the team, says the ISS project is "like working at a tech startup."

THE ISS PROJECT IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE THAT MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN ONLY DREAM OF. THIS PROGRAM BRINGS OUT STUDENTS' POTENTIAL.

—Tom Weber '14



The final product from months of student research and development is a compact, sophisticated experiment the size of a chalkboard eraser. This year's fluid flow experiment contains a pump, 18" of coiled tubing filled

with water, a flow sensor, LEDs, and a small camera, all operated by a microcontroller programmed by a team of student software specialists. Engineering manager Poppy Anema '14 says, "I hope our project succeeds, but regardless of its success I think the most valuable experiences of the ISS project are working with mentors, learning problem-solving skills, and learning how to collaborate effectively."

This winter the International Space Station team was working long hours to complete final testing of this year's experiment when their spirits were boosted by a special visitor to their lab. Dr. Tom Marshburn, NASA astronaut and physician, his wife, Dr. Ann Marshburn, and his sister and former Minnehaha Board Member and parent, Dr. Margaret Behrs, visited Minnehaha Academy Tuesday, February 25. He gave a fascinating video presentation during the Upper School Assembly of Astronaut Marshburn's six-month expedition to the International Space Station, met with the ISS team, had lunch and an autograph session with students, taught a physics class, and presented at the Lower and Middle School. Dr. Tom Marshburn was aboard the International Space Station in the spring of 2013 when Minnehaha Academy sent its first experiment into



space. He recorded a video greeting from the space station for the MA team to celebrate the launch of their experiment in the school's centennial year. (You can watch this video on the Minnehaha Academy website at <http://minnehahaacademy.net/news/2013/iss/index.php>) Back on earth, Astronaut Tom Marshburn came on a NASA-sponsored visit to Minnesota to check in with the young Minnehaha Academy engineers and inspect their 2014 experiment just days before they shipped it to NASA for ground testing. "It's pretty amazing to see what they've accomplished," said Marshburn after students demonstrated their experiment for him in the lab. "They've really thought through this. It's a very professional operation, it's very impressive."

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN IN THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO LEARN OF ALL.

—Ethan Wagner '14

Students were very impressed by Astronaut Tom Marshburn as well. Senior Blake Brumley helped tour the Marshburns around the school and the ISS lab. "Having an experienced NASA astronaut be engaged and curious about what we've been building over the past months is very humbling. It showed us that our experiment is worthwhile and practical." ISS team member Tom Weber '14 said Marshburn's all-school presentation was eye-opening. "He explained how the mundane becomes fascinating in space. It was amazing to learn about space flight from someone who has experienced it first-hand." During a lively question and answer session, students asked Dr. Marshburn about everything

from the movie Gravity to the future of space exploration to his favorite foods (Russian fish and fiesta chicken). Junior Alex Ramos, a first-year member of the ISS team, said that meeting Astronaut Tom Marshburn was inspiring. "I was able to see the behaviors of a truly exceptional man. His passion for solving the 'Why' and 'How' questions that are asked in science inspires me to pursue these questions too."

If all goes as scheduled, students and faculty will cheer the live launch on May 1 of the orbital rocket carrying Minnehaha's second experiment to space. To build and fly an experiment to the International Space Station as high school students is a tremendous accomplishment. Alex Ramos says that another important accomplishment of the ISS program is "turning a group of individuals into a team of innovative and problem-solving junior engineers." Minnehaha Academy plans to continue its participation in the 2014-15 ISS program, and will soon announce the selection of next year's student team.

"Perhaps the most important message we received from Dr. Marshburn is that we're needed by NASA," says Poppy Anema. "Not only as future engineers and scientists, but as advocates of the space program." Needed by NASA. Now that's a good reason to get up early for a 7:30 to 10 a.m. "Applied Research in Engineering" class.

NOW I CAN EASILY ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE 'HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED FAILURE?' AND 'DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH A TEAM?' I COULD TALK FOR HOURS ABOUT EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED. —Eric Smith '14

LEARNING

MADRIGAL DINNER

This February, for the 26th year in a row, the Minnehaha music department put on another beloved Madrigal Dinner. Originally started in 1987 by former choir director Gordon Olson, and recently rescheduled to alternate years with a musical revue, the event is still as popular and thriving.

AROUND 200 PEOPLE—PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF—CAME TOGETHER TO CREATE AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. EVERY PART OF IT WAS MAGICAL AND A JOY TO SEE.

Upon return from Christmas break, the Madrigal choir began after-school rehearsals. Two weeks prior to the event, the Madrigal choir practiced everyday and were eventually joined by the other choirs who perfected their roles as beggars, monks, minstrels, merchants, entertainers, and servants.

On February 8 and 9, two dinner performances took place, serving 543 delicious dinners.

"I came away from this production in awe of the Minnehaha community," said choir director Karen Lutgen. "So many talented and generous people come together to make the production possible. Around 200 people—parents, students, and staff—came together to create an unforgettable event for our school community. Every part of it was magical and a joy to see."

All-in-all, 99 students were involved: all of Minnehaha's choirs, 14 instrumentalists who entertained table-side and performed with the choirs during the production, 11 student technicians who set up and ran the lights and sound. In addition, and behind the scenes, about 100 parents worked to set up the decorations, build the set, create publicity, coordinate the cast and guest meals, help backstage, arrange ticket sales, costume the students, and document the event with photography.



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ANNOUNCING THE MINNEHAHA ACADEMY ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Booster Club will help raise funds to meet the needs of our athletic programs as well as generate school spirit for all 65 athletic teams.



Register as a Founding Member of the
MA ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
<http://advancement.minnehahaacademy.net/pages/minnehaha-academy-athletic-booster-club>

Our first Athletic Booster Club meeting will be
Monday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

GIVING

BENEFIT AUCTION

More than 200 parents, alums and friends of Minnehaha gathered on March 8 at the Radisson Blu for the Roaring 20s Benefit Auction. Women accessorized with feathered headbands and long strands of pearls, and all the men looked dapper! It was the bee's knees!



1. Shelley Danzberger, Laura Pfeiffer, Taylor Phelps, and Lisa Pohlman Martin. **2.** Sam and Tiffany Anderson with Tami and Peter Wold. **3.** Alumni and parents Kathy '87 and Chris Pope '87, Keith '88 and Jody Radtke. **4.** Parent Dave Wasson. **5.** Board chair David Anderson '67 and wife, Jeanne. **6.** Wade and Molly Sedgwick, Nina Mundschenk **7.** Parents and board member Nathan '93 and Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard '93. **8.** Parents Greg and Ann VanHeest.



ATHLETICS

NEW WEBSITE and ONLINE STORE

Check out our new website dedicated to all Minnehaha sports and athletic teams. Look for the athletic tab on Minnehaha's homepage.

TEAM PAGES

Provides our current parents or potential new families information about specific sports and access to coaches.

CALENDAR

The site has a feature that allows parents to customize a monthly calendar based on their child's activities.

SCOREBOARD

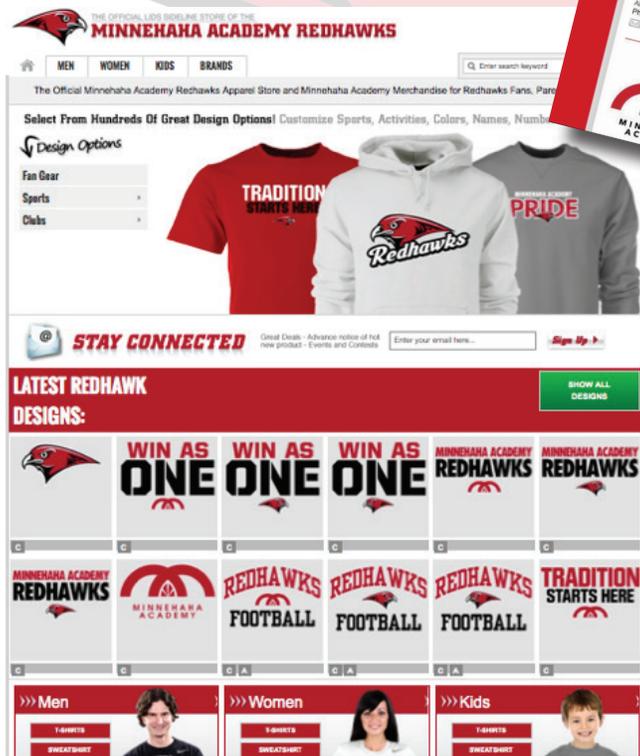
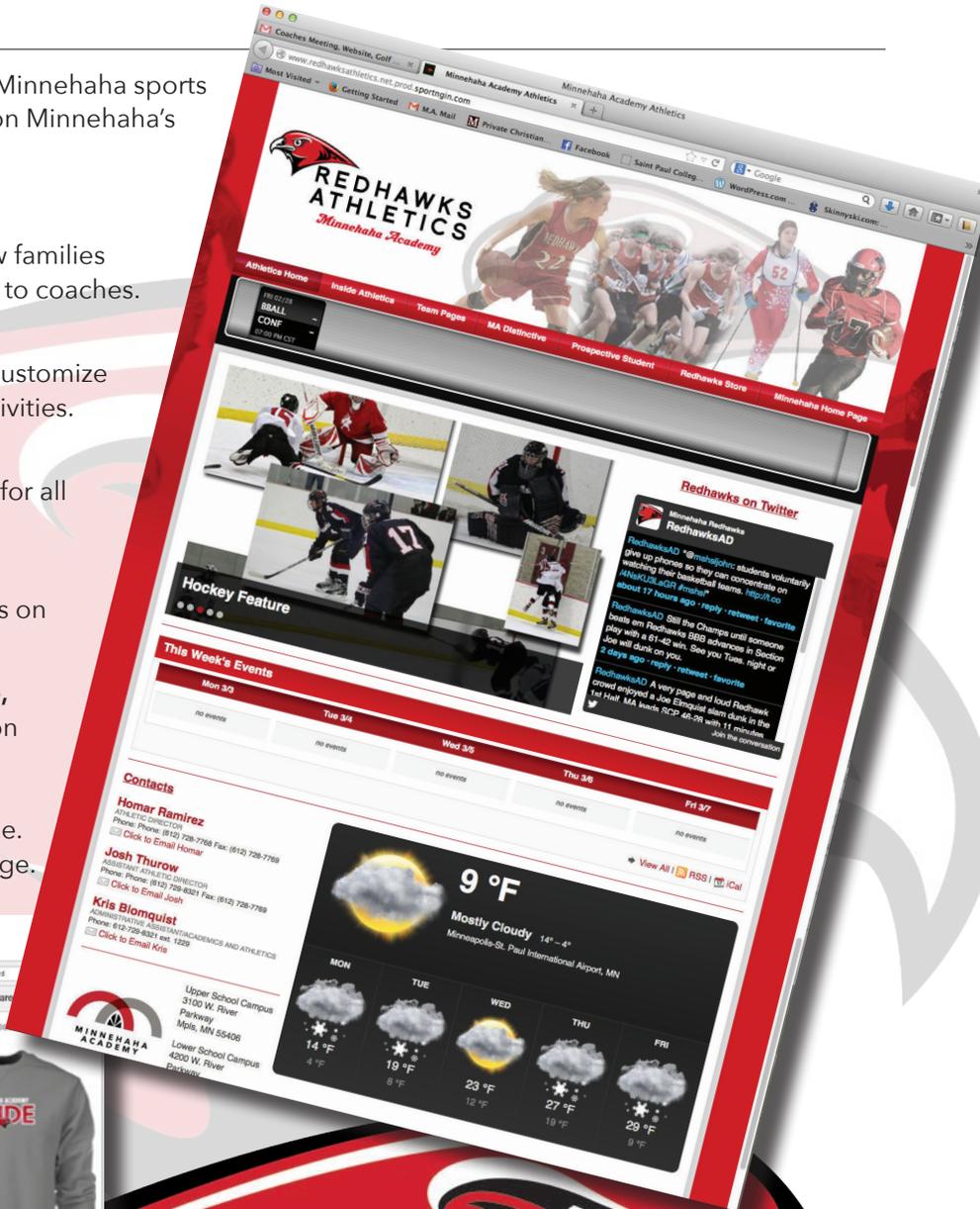
See the upcoming games and recent results for all our sports on the homepage.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Will be displayed on the front page as well as on individual Team Pages.

AND ... pages dedicated to our **Hall of Fame**, **Booster Club** and other important information regarding athletics.

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WINTER SPORTS

1. BOYS' BASKETBALL

Having come off a state tournament championship last season and graduating seven seniors, the Minnehaha Academy Boys' Basketball team is one game away from reaching the state tournament at the Target Center. They finished the season at 13-13 and have won their first two section games. The section final will be held on Friday, March 7 at Macalester College in St. Paul. Joevon Walker '17, leads a balanced team in scoring an average of 13 points per game.

2. BOYS' NORDIC SKIING

A young, powerful and enthusiastic team hit the trails this cold, cold winter. The team's trip to Adventurous Christians seasoned the boys for any weather. Their dedication paid off with an undefeated conference season and Section Runner-up. Sophomores Tyler Radtke, and Sam Myers, qualified for State.

3. GIRLS' NORDIC SKIING

The small and young Girls' Nordic ski team finished 6th in the Tri-Metro Conference and 9th in their section. Nearly the entire girls team spent New Years together at Adventurous Christians on the Gunflint Trail rejoicing when temps warmed up to a skiable -15°F. Sophomore Elsa Ubel qualified for State.

4. BOYS' HOCKEY

The Boys' Hockey team enjoyed a 12-12 overall record this season, a 5-6 Conference record leading to a 4th place finish, the highest in a long time. The team had three players earn All-Conference awards, and 11 players with 10+ points.

5. GIRLS' ALPINE SKIING

The girls finished 2nd in the Tri-Metro Conference, with Sophie Gunderson '15 and Jorie Schwab '15 earning All-Conference awards. Madeline Schuster '14 and Sierra Takushi '17 earned Honorable Mention awards. Poppy Anema '14 placed 7th in Sections and advanced to the State Meet at Giant's Ridge.





Photo by Kitra Katz '16.



Photo by Alex Lindberg '14.



Photo by Kitra Katz '16.

6. BOYS' ALPINE SKIING

The Boys' Alpine team finished 4th in the Tri-Metro Conference. Garrett Oren '14 and Gabe Satoskar '17 earned Honorable Mention awards. Garrett placed 7th in Sections and advanced to the State Meet at Giant's Ridge. Both teams moved training from Buck Hill to Hyland Hills and integrated more difficult courses into their training this season.

7. GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Girls' Hockey team did a great job defensively all season long, confirmed by an All-Conference goalie and honorable mention defensive player. The girls played with determination and great attitudes, boding well for the future. Graduating six players will leave a sizable void, but the addition of players from Providence and DeLaSalle, as well as St. Agnes have the girls excited about next season. The new coaching staff will have a great opportunity to lead a great group of girls and build a strong program.

8. WRESTLING

This season the team was young and they made great progress. "Watching the younger kids wrestle at the section tournament and beat kids who beat them earlier in the season was reward for everyone." said coach Aaron Tatone '94.

9. GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls' Basketball team ended the regular season with a record of 17-6. They entered the Section Tournament as the #3 seed. All-Conference players were Sarah Kaminski '16 (The Tri-Metro Conference Player of the Year), Gracia Gilreath '15 and Lilly Thomey '15. Olivia West '14 and Terra Rhoades '18 were awarded All-Conference Honorable Mention. With 8 of the top 9 players returning next season, the future is very bright for Minnehaha Girls Basketball!

1. Minnehaha basketball players Dawson Rademacher '16 and JaVanni Bickham '18 get after the ball. **2.** Three Minnehaha Nordic boys take the Twin Cities Championships by storm (left to right): Colby Boehm '16, Bennett Pope '16, Tyler Radtke '16. **3.** Minnehaha girls Nordic skiers enjoy the weekend of the Mesabi Invitational at Giant's Ridge. Pictured are, back row (left to right): Elsa Ubel '16, Natalie Dixon '16, Lizzy VanHeest '17. Front row (left to right): Greta Hallberg '18, Ingrid Roof '19, Annika Hedges '18, Danielle Pattison '17, Elizabeth Cripe '17, **4.** Captain Luke Erickson '14 (19), Quinn Malone '14 (25) and Josh Radtke '16 (11) celebrate a short handed goal by Zach Newton '15 (6) against St. Paul Como Park. **5.** Garrett Oren '14 skis in a conference meet at Buck Hill. **6.** Minnehaha alpine skier Poppy Anema '14 takes a run at Buck Hill. **7.** Girls' Hockey observes a moment during the National Anthem. **8.** The Minnehaha Wrestling team. **9.** Sarah Kaminiski '16, leads the team in every category.

AROUND THE SCHOOL



The Middle School Math Team placed first at the regional competition and will be heading to the State Meet in mid-March. Daniel Stein placed first overall in the individual competition. The team that qualified for the state meet was: Daniel Stein, Laura Shea, Aaron Bae, Clara Stein. Pictured at left is the entire team. Back row (left to right): Erik Ostrem, Kayla Williams, Laura Shea, Grace Kirkpatrick, Abigail Shaffer, Clara Stein. Front row (left to right): Aaron Bae, Isaac Rose, Nathan Radtke, Daniel Stein, Seth Retzlaff.



On Friday, February 21, all of Janet Johnson's sophomores participated in Quill Pen Day, an annual event in her English 10 course. The students each write a passage of their choosing from the novel *A Tale of Two Cities* using an authentic goose quill pen (just like the pen Dickens would have used). This year, students had the option of donning a late-1700s wig as they penned their passages.

The sixth grade Afton Alps Ski Day was on February 5. The students weathered single-digit temperatures all day as they learned to ski or helped others learn to ski. They skied and explored Afton Alps with their classmates and felt much satisfaction in becoming confident skiers, in strengthening friendships, and in making memories.



Minnehaha preschoolers took a field trip to Sea Life Minnesota Aquarium for their Under the Sea unit in January.

The Minnehaha Table Tennis Club competed in the Minnesota State High School Table Tennis Tournament. The Redhawks won one match and lost two in the round robin tournament. In the consolation bracket, the team won the first match but unfortunately fell short, losing in the second. Members of the team included Calvin Treichler, Ben Erickson, Max Thompson, Scott Crawford, Kevin Dustrude, Sam McDonald, James Wong, Bennett Pope, Tommy Ostrem, and Ethan Wagner.





Kristi Classen's third-grade class writes cards as a service project. One especially touching card was written to a 15-year-old who was just diagnosed with leukemia.



Minnehaha fourth grade, fifth grade and Middle School choirs partnered with VocalEssence and a resident artist, Patricia Brown, to learn and celebrate the rhythmic spirit of the Gullah. The Gullah lived in isolation on the Sea Islands of Georgia and South Carolina, retaining much of their African traditions; singing and dance were seen as vital to survival, and rhythm was deep in their souls.



Minnehaha Singers were invited for a very special performance for the 9th Annual Choral Arts Finale at Orchestra Hall on Sunday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. They would love any support in the audience from the Minnehaha community. For tickets call Orchestra Hall Box Office at 1.800.292.4141 or at tickets@mnrch.org.

On January 26, six Minnehaha Upper School students were chosen for the highly competitive U of M Honor Band. Students are (left to right): Andrew Hallberg, Olivia Benson, Elisabeth Hartmark, Vanda Niemi, Shannon Kovach, and Caroline Paulsen.



On January 29, Mark Russell-Smith, the director of orchestral studies at the U of M and also the artistic director of the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony, came to visit Minnehaha's symphony orchestra rehearsal. He worked with students on a movement of a Brahms symphony. Russell-Smith is pictured with MA's cello section (left to right): Henry Dustrude, Devin Jellish, Sarah Mageli, and Claire Loes.



Preschool students and kindergarten students decorated lunch bags with snowmen and snowwomen and stuffed them with breakfast goodies. The Grab'n Go breakfast bags will be donated to Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis for families of children who are hospitalized.



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FACULTY PROFILE



Q & A

DAN HAUGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER

Education

B.A. in recreation administration from Pacific Lutheran University; B.S. in elementary education from University of Minnesota

Years at Minnehaha Academy

32

Classes I teach

Sixth grade science and math

Hometown

Minneapolis

Family

Wife, Laurie; son, David '06, and his wife, Gabrielle '06; and son, Michael '11

Interests and hobbies

Fishing, golf

Q. How would your students describe you?

A. I think they would say I am fair, I treat them with respect, and that I am surprisingly funny.

What inspires your teaching?

The growth I see in a student transformed from an elementary student to a middle-school student.

Who are your role models? My parents and my wife, for starters.

Those who give selflessly to others – they are the unsung heroes I admire and respect.

Why did you choose to work at Minnehaha Academy? I started as the wrestling coach at the Upper School in 1979. I realized that I enjoyed working with kids, so I went back to school to get my teaching

license. I was grateful that a teaching opportunity became available when South Campus opened.

What advice might you give to a new teacher? Be comfortable asking for help or advice. Be flexible.

What's one way you have enjoyed implementing faith in your classroom? In Science we admire God's miracles of nature: how we start life as a zygote—and look at what we become; how He designed the amazing process of hearing using vibrations that pass through three tiny little bones and some microscopic hairs—and we hear voices and music and laughter; and how the earth continues to be an ever-changing, life-sustaining miracle of creation.

Currently reading? I just finished Bruce Springsteen's autobiography

and am now reading Cris Carter's book. I am a big-time fan of "the boss" and the Vikings.

Favorite Bible verse? Micah 6:8.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." I hope my students would agree that I treat them with respect and kindness, and I hope I am modeling that for the way they treat each other.

Memorable classroom moment?

I am very grateful to have had both of my own sons in my class. When I was coaching Math Masters, I noticed my sixth grade-son, David and a student named Gabrielle Courteau had similar math abilities and were both very competitive, so I put them on the same math team. Now they are married to each other!

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What is the difference between the Minnehaha Fund and capital and/or endowment giving?

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What recognition will I receive for my gift to the Minnehaha Fund?

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What is the Leadership Society?

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How do I make a gift?

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- 8th grade student

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PROFILES

BRITT ERICKSON '99 | SCOTT HARVES '93 | BECKA THOMPSON LINDER '93

Minnehaha offered so many opportunities to explore any and all interests. In middle school I enjoyed the all-school plays, track and field days, Grandpeople Day, the seventh-grade retreat, Latin class, and the eighth-grade history scrapbook. In high school, I participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball athletics; writing the junior play, the woodwind quintet, and band in fine arts; and homecoming weekend festivities. And of course, I made good friends that I still spend time with today."

— Britt Erickson, M.D. '99

After earning her bachelor of science in physics at North Park University, Minnehaha alum **Britt Erickson, M.D.**, went on to Mayo Medical School, graduating in 2008. Following her residency at Northwestern University's McGaw Medical Center in obstetrics and gynecology, Britt joined the University of Alabama Medical Center, where she is currently completing a surgical fellowship in gynecologic oncology.

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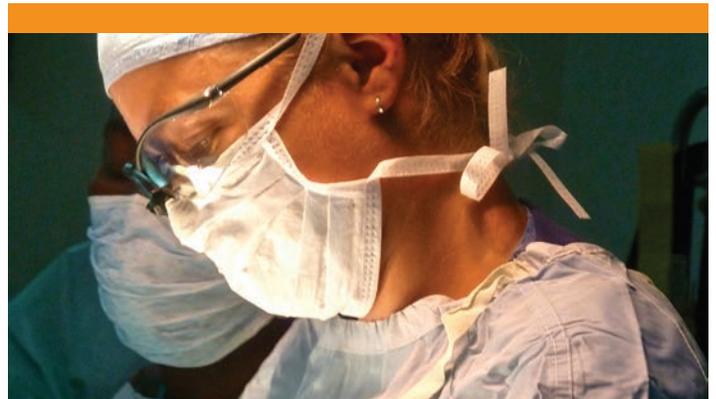
As part of University of Alabama's Medical Center, the South's only national comprehensive cancer center and serving some of our country's poorest patients, Erickson is focusing her research on racial disparities in cancer outcomes.

Along her path, Britt joined a trip to Haiti in 2012 where she worked with Medical Teams International as a volunteer in obstetrics and gynecology.

"I am now in a very specialized field of medicine that I never would have anticipated, but I kept following my interests and it took me to unexpected places," she said. "As a surgical fellow in the field of gynecologic oncology,

I still spend most of my days learning and teaching. It's these things that make all of the long hours and hard work worth it."

Britt credits much of her achievement to a sound start at Minnehaha, which she attended from kindergarten through 12th grade. "I had so many amazing teachers along the way. In elementary school, I have such good memories of learning and enjoying school with Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Mrs. Kathy Freitheim, and Mrs. Karen Wald. In middle school, Mr. Paul Isaacs made learning music really fun, Mrs. Janet Higginbotham taught me to enjoy reading, and encouraged me to try to write poetry. In high school, Mr. Rich Enderton pushed us hard to learn complicated mathematics and computer science, which served me well as I went on to study physics in college.



It wasn't always easy for **Scott Harves '93** to tackle his MA studies, but the benefits in doing so were clear. "Although I certainly never enjoyed homework in high school," he acknowledged, "the challenging academic environment pushed me to succeed, and also showed me my weaknesses when failure occurred. Those lessons went a long way in making me become more accountable, while also preparing me for college."

Scott attended Minnehaha for six years. "At MA, the smaller school size provided me with a well-rounded social experience, whether in the classroom or on the field," he said. "Smaller class sizes meant more one-on-one time with

teachers, provided me with hands-on-learning opportunities that I might not have received elsewhere, and made me a more assertive public speaker." After graduating, Scott attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, majoring in communications with an electronic media emphasis. He graduated from Wartburg in 1997 and began working at ESPN, where he has been employed ever since.

Scott credits his former German teacher and soccer coach, Guido Kauls, in part for his success. "Other than my father, Herr Kauls was the one adult in my life that I have always credited with instilling a work ethic in me that I still believe I have today. He held us accountable for our actions, and did not put up with excuses," Scott said. "I can't put a finger on what exactly it was that made him such a great leader, but he made you want to be your best every day."

Scott participated in three sports year-round. "This provided many of us some much-needed time management and team-building skills that we likely never even realized we were getting at the time." His athletic successes included a state tournament appearance during the 1991 soccer season, a 1993 conference championship in hockey, and a 1993 regional title in baseball.

Today, Scott produces one of ESPN's feature units, putting together stories or short documentaries that air on a variety of shows all over ESPN networks. He travels the country and beyond, chasing down sports stories that often turn out to be more about life than about sports. "In 2013, we found a correctional facility for youth in rural Tennessee that teaches life skills through basketball," he explained. "Coaches spend hours of

unpaid time, devoting their lives to students who have had little guidance in their lives — most of them come from broken homes or have unstable home environments."

Earlier this year, Scott produced a story about a Hispanic high-school football team from an impoverished California farm town. The team was winning on the field, even though many of the players worked long hours in the fields during two-a-day practices. "Documenting stories about the human experience through sports is something I've gravitated toward and enjoy producing. The athletes and coaches that we feature are often some of the best role models and inspirations that I carry with me after each story."

Scott resides in the Twin Cities with his wife, Nicole, their daughter, Haley (10), and their son, Thomas (6).



ask **Becka (Thompson) Linder '93** about the upshot of her Minnehaha education and she'll tick off a list of positives. "I

was at Minnehaha for so long that it influenced how I view the world and the skills I have for navigating it," said Becka, who started at Minnehaha in fourth grade.

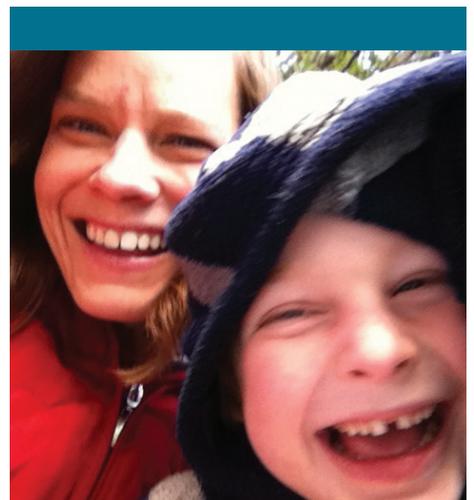
Linder spoke highly of her fourth-grade teachers, who helped her adjust to Minnehaha after moving from Tennessee, as well as later middle and upper-school teachers.

"My most influential teacher was Deb Fondell," said Becka. "She was a marvel to me! I thought she was the greatest, and in eighth grade everyone loved her. At that time, I was definitely a wallflower. On the last day of school after Ms. Fondell signed my yearbook, I peeled away down the hall to read what she wrote: *'Of all the students I've ever had, you remind me most of myself at your age.'*"

Linder was astonished. "I thought, WOW! If Miss Fondell is so cool, and she started out as nerdy as I, maybe I can really make something of myself."

Linder also commended math teacher Rich Enderton, who placed

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ALUMNI

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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, 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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Esther (Swanberg) Peterson

Marlys Sjoblom, formerly of St. Anthony Village, Minn., passed away Dec. 18 at the age of 92. She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Richard; children, Kathy (Dennis) Oberg, Gayle Anderson, Mark Sjoblom; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Robert) Anderson.

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Dorothy (Lundstrom) Balch
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Keith Manning Olson died after a brief illness at the age 91. Preceded in death by wife, Alpha; brother, Kellog and twin brother, Kermit. Survived by wife, Katherine Anderson; children, Mark (Doreen), Beth Mathers, Claire (Scott) Campbell; grandchildren, Aaron, Kjerstin, Nathan, Tristan, Wesley; great-grandchildren, Grace, Habtamu, Svea, Soren; many relatives and friends in both Minneapolis and Chicago.

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Lorraine (Benson) Frykman
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Clarence Gould of Ham Lake, Minn., beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be at home with his Lord and Savior on Dec. 18, 2013. After high school, Clare joined the Navy and served in WWII. He came home and joined his father and brother building pipe organs, which he did for

the remainder of his working life. His passion was serving Jesus Christ and loved traveling, building boats and enjoying life at the lake surrounded by family. Survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Marilyn (Lavers); children, Lee, Jennifer (Doug) Selby and Steph (Dave) Vennerstrom; grandchildren, Andrea (Michael) Lindeen, Adam (Hannah) Selby, Luke (Tara) Selby, Joshua and Chad Vennerstrom; 6 great-grandchildren. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

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Kaydi (Dennison) Larson passed away in late January. She was raised at Park Avenue Covenant Church in Minneapolis, Minn. Kaydi's family laid her to rest but there will be a Celebration of Life for her on April 25, at 11 a.m. at Riverside Alliance Church in Monticello, Minn.

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Marjorie (Hill) Becker
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Carol Anne Kyle left this life Dec. 12 at the age of 82 after a long illness. Carol married Trevor Kyle on June 29, 1951 and is survived by daughter Bekki Hargreaves, sons Mark (Elaine) and Torrey; as well as many other relatives. In 1975, Carol and Trevor sold their photography studio in Minneapolis and moved to Washington state. When she retired from her position as

administrative assistant to the president of the Washington Credit Union League, Carol and Trevor moved to Anacortes, Wash. Their brick at the Anacortes library says it all: "Carol, Minnesota, Trevor, New York – At home in Anacortes." Carol was a gifted musician and enjoyed the music program at First Baptist Church, playing piano and organ as well as for several area bands. She was also an accomplished seamstress, an enthusiastic traveler and an inspiration in her faith and grace.

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and
Jack Albinson
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In the year of 2013, **Thelma (Williamson) Anderson** celebrated her 80th birthday in the beautiful state of Hawaii with her daughter, Beth.

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Mary Ann (Ryden) Sattervall
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David A. Jones passed away on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, at the age of 80. He retired from the Minneapolis Fire Department as captain, served in the National Guard and was president of the Minnesota Association for Crime Victims. David was an expert violin and bow maker and played first chair violin and viola. He played for several community

orchestras including the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra for 27 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Irma; sisters, Janet and Nancy, and by his children, Kathryn Jones and David H. Jones. He is survived by his children, Rose (John) Osterbauer, Teresa Jones, Daniel Jones, Anita (Mark) Hoaglund and Mary (Mark) Hahn; 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and by his loving partner of 26 years, Mary Beth Hill.

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Our 50-year reunion will be coming up before we know it. If you would be interested in helping to plan the reunion please contact Bob Olson at olson@charter.net.

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and
Marilyn Johnson
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Carol Jean (Kleven) Peterson of Richfield, Minn. passed away peacefully and went to be with the Lord on Nov. 28, 2013, at the age of 71. Preceded in death by parents, Severin and Edith Kleven; brothers, David and Paul Kleven. Survived by loving husband of 47 years, James; children, Alexis Peterson, Ryan (Andrea) Peterson and Anne (Greg) Nelson; grandchildren, Christina and Benjamin Peterson; sisters, Glenice (Frank) Legg and Laurie Kleven; brother, Michael (Cynthia) Kleven; sister-in-law, Linda (Joel) Jackson; many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

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Carol Ann Schendel, age 69, of Bloomington, Minn., passed away Feb. 2, 2014. Private committal took place Feb. 6, 2014. She will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Life Service is being planned in May.

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This past year of **Richard Hokanson's** life has been one that he never expected to go through. In January 2013, he had a

health screening that turned out to be "Diffused Large B Cell Lymphoma." He had no symptoms, so when he found out it was a total surprise. The doctor at Mayo told him that if he hadn't had that appointment then he would be dead in a few months. He proceeded to have R-chop chemo treatments, and after two of six treatments for the tumor that was wrapped around his lower Aorta Junction, the tumor was gone. They did a double hit with him and he went through a stem cell transplant. He has recently returned from his 100th day checkup and is in complete remission. His doctor said he couldn't have hoped for a better response. Richard says thank you to all at Minnehaha who were praying for him. He praises God for this extended life and his healing!

Rick Olson is enjoying life as a semi-retired real estate agent. He loves Kathy, his wife of 42 years, their three kids, their spouses and 10 grandkids. They are very grateful that they all live within 10 miles of each other. They were able to attend the 50th class reunion that the class of 1963 celebrated last fall and while chatting with his classmates, he was reminded what a great privilege it was to attend a private Christian high school.

Steve Swanson will be performing for the third time in the Labyrinth Masquerade Ball in Los Angeles on July 4 and 5. Photos and reminisces from last year can be seen at <http://www.labyrinthmasquerade.com>. It is an amazing event; worth it just for the people-watching. Other plans for the summer include performing in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

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The Class of '64 will be having their 50th class reunion, Sept. 13, 2014. We have no information on the following classmates: Leslie A. Johnson, Timothy L. Johnson, Mark A. Kirkjian, Thomas E. Melcher, Gerald P. Nelson, Jon G. Nelson, Robert A. Peters, L. Thomas C. Ritter, Lesley C. Shaft, Bruce H. Sikkema and Jacquelyn P. Tench. If anyone has any information on these classmates, please email Lee Peterson at lpeterson55016@yahoo.com.

Carol (McKinney) Highsmith's

photograph of the iconic statue of President Abraham Lincoln that is housed in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. was chosen to be used in designing the new 2014 President Lincoln stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service. Art director Derry Noyes chose to work with a photograph of a sculpted portrait of Lincoln rather than a more traditional illustration or painting because of the fresh take Carol's photo offered. Noyes selected a detail of the image in order to highlight the President's features most effectively.

Judith Mickelson passed away Dec. 15, 2013, surrounded by family. She will be lovingly missed by her son, Michael (Angela); daughter, Michelle Jackson; grandchildren, Cody, Cordero, Cheyenne, Lucy; five siblings; other loving relatives and friends.

Nancy Jane Reider passed away on Jan. 22 at the age of 67. Nancy received her BA degree from Lake Erie College. She was self-employed, ran boarding stables and was a horse trainer. Nancy was the past president of Orwell Grand Valley Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Ashtabula Co. Farm Bureau, board member of Grand Valley Public Library, chairman on Rome Zoning Commission and 4-H advisor. She enjoyed attending the Rolex Kentucky three-day horse event, genealogy, word search puzzles and loved all animals, especially horses. Survivors include her husband, Jay Reider, brother Jay (Eileen) McCluskey, sister, Carol Heeren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Florence McCluskey.

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Susan (Hursh) Santema
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Diane Boedeker

Carol (Mulholland) and Dave Peterson celebrated the marriage of their youngest son, Captain Nathan Peterson, to Sarah Stalnaker on November 23, 2013. Captain Peterson graduated from West Point in 2009 and is currently stationed with the Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. He has applied to grad school for his MBA. Carol has two other

sons, Christopher (Sodrox Chemicals) and Andrew (Peel Regional Police SWAT Team). Dave and Carol currently live in Montreal, Quebec, where Dave is Transitional Lead Pastor at Snowdon Baptist Church. ○



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Steven J. Peters

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Steve Peters and his wife Julie, recently achieved Top 10 President's Club for their Company (The Wellness Company) and won an African Safari. They traveled to Kenya, and then onto the Masi Mara Game Reserve, where they saw and photographed tens of thousands of animals, some much too close for comfort! "It gave us a great appreciation for God's majesty and creativity." ○



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Tami (Haltli) Felling

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Stephan Fenton has accepted a position as a Linux engineer with LifeLock in Tempe, Ariz. Stephan and his family live in Mesa, Ariz., where he is also the worship leader at his church. His wife, Marlis, works in the music department at Mesa Community College and Arizona State University accompanying vocal and instrumental students. Their son, Dwight, is graduating from high school

this year and plans to attend the Art Institutes International in Minneapolis to study digital effects in filmmaking. Their daughters, Anna and Monet, are freshmen at Highland High School in Gilbert, Ariz.

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Karen England

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After fifteen years as missionaries and church planters, **Jeffrey Haglund** recently published a book, "Infinitely More." It is not his story, but rather a story about the amazing infinite nature of our God. The book is not long and makes a great personal study or could be used in a small group, Sunday school class, Bible study, or youth group. It can be ordered through Crossbooks.com. For information on the book: <http://bookstore.crossbooks.com>. He would love to hear what you think about the book after you read it!

Alex Kauls, age 46, died on December 6th 2013 after a long illness. He was a beloved teacher, coach, son, father, and he will be missed by many. Alex's mother, Ann Kauls, passed away shortly after, on January 13, 2014. Both are survived by father and husband Guido; brother Greg; Alex's daughters Natalie, Gabriela and Amanda and wife Elena.

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Karl and Martha (Hollister) Rosenquist

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Lisa Ann Kallen-Youngberg of Chicago, Illinois, died unexpectedly on Jan. 5, 2014 at the age of 41. After high school, Lisa completed a one-year course at Covenant Bible College in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada and then went on to graduate with her bachelor's degree from North Park University in Chicago. During and after college, Lisa worked at many different Covenant Christian Summer camps and pursued her passion of helping others and telling people about the love of God through mission trips to several different countries. Lisa later worked on staff at Fort Collins Covenant Church in Colorado before attending Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Lisa transferred to North Park Seminary in Chicago where she completed her certification in spiritual

direction. She is survived by her parents, Bruce and Nancy Kallenberg, her brother, Matt, and by her loving husband of 15 years, David Kallen-Youngberg. Lisa is also survived by her sisters-in-law Lisa (Rob) Creeth and Kari (Ben) Packard, two nieces Lindsay and Carley Creeth and nephew, Jacob Creeth of Chicago and her mother and father-in-law, Mert and Jeanne Youngberg of Manistee, Mich.

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Nathan and Hilary (Douglass) Sonstegard

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Sarah '96 and **Sam Peterson** are the sibling team behind a new restaurant venture - Kyatchi, which just opened in February. The restaurant at 38th Street and Nicollet Avenue in South Minneapolis will feature sustainable seafood sushi along with Japanese favorites such as grilled meat skewers, udon noodles, and the "Japanese comfort food" donburi, which is a rice bowl topped with meat and veggies. For the non-seafood eaters there are also Japanese hot dogs! <http://www.kyatchi.com/>

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Courtney (Anderson) DaCosta and Jason DaCosta welcomed Flynn David DaCosta on Feb. 2, 2014. Flynn, who arrived nearly five weeks early, weighed 4 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 18 in. long. The DaCostas live in Southwest Minneapolis. Courtney is a lawyer with 3M Company, and Jason manages customer operations for technology company Alarm.com, Inc. ○



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Brent Michals is celebrating his 10th year as a pilot for SkyWest Airlines. He recently was trained to become a check airman, so now, besides being a captain, he is training new captains. Brent resides in Colorado Springs with his wife Karen and two girls, two and four years old. In his spare time, Brent volunteers with South Colorado Youth for Christ. He works with incarcerated youth that are interested in aviation. At the completion of the program, the students get to fly a small plane with Brent.

02

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Mark Michals and **Rob Michals '04** own Ridge Construction Company. Besides many home renovations, they have recently completed two new homes in Chaska, one of which will be featured in the Parade of Homes. Mark and his wife, Stephanie, are expecting their first child in March.

03

Laura Henderson
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Katherine and **Matthew Yost** welcomed their son, Camden Matthew, into this world on June 21, 2013. Matthew is a Metro State University graduate and Katherine graduated from Mankato State. Matthew works for Travel Tags in quality assurance and Katherine is an early childhood development teacher in the St. Paul school system.

04

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Matt Tangen attends Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he is working on a Masters of Engineering degree.

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Emily Bergstrom
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Jean Song
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Lindsey Tangen was recently nominated as "Minnesota Nurse of the Year," in the Rising Star Category. She works as a RN

at the Nokomis Clinic on Chicago Avenue where she gives shots that don't hurt!

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Laura Lorebtz
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Join our "Minnehaha Academy Class of 2006" Facebook Group!

Hudson Brothen is proud to announce that on Feb. 11, 2014 he won the prestigious "2013 Cushman & Wakefield/ NorthMarq Rising Star Award." This award is given by his company to one employee each year (there are 500 employees).

To qualify you must be with the company under five years and be recognized by your peers as having a bright future with the firm. Currently he is a brokerage associate and buys/sells/leases office and warehouse buildings in Minnesota.



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Charlotte Deegan
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Please like our Facebook page, '08 Minnehaha Alumni.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, **Kevin Peters** married Lacy in Alexandria, Minn. **Joel McDougall, TJ VerHage** and **Robert Sjöholm** were groomsmen in the wedding. Lacy and Kevin are living in Fridley. Kevin is the Lower School nurse at Minnehaha and Lacy works in Coon Rapids. Pictured below (left to right):



Joel McDougall, Mr. David Hoffner, Chris Peterson, Shawn Zobel, Elliot Schmidt, Kevin Peters, Kristen Wiersma, Charlotte Deegan, TJ VerHage, Robert Sjöholm, Jessica (Simmons) Sjöholm, Evan Leister and David Pitchford.

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Grace Haugen
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Molly Meeker, a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at the U of M, was recently awarded the fifth annual Elliot P. Pinck Treasurer of the Year Award. The honor was awarded for her excellent collection of member accounts receivable, accuracy in chapter record keeping, exceptional budget monitoring, timeliness in turning in chapters records for financial statement and member billing preparation, as well as her awesome personality!



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Nate Brown
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Catherine Bretheim and **Sarah Winter** met up in Copenhagen over a weekend in February. Catherine is studying urban

design in Copenhagen, and Sarah is studying art history in Rome this semester.



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Van Donkergeod

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Anna Betz is majoring in Kinesiology at UW-Madison and is a ballet instructor for a dance company in Madison called "Kanopy Dance." She is pursuing choreography.

Nadia Karg is proud to share that her lacrosse team at East Stroudsburg University just won two games, back-to-back. It's the first time in two years!

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REUNIONS

2014 Homecoming is September 26 and 27

1939

Planners are needed to plan the 75-year reunion.

1944

Planners are needed to plan the 70-year reunion.

1949

Planners are needed to plan the 65-year reunion.

1954

Planners are needed to plan the 60-year reunion.

1959

Planners are needed to plan the 55-year reunion.

1964

Please save the date for the on **Saturday, September 13** for our **50th REUNION!!** A gala event is being planned for Minnehaha Academy '64 graduates and we hope all classmates will attend. Watch for an invitation this summer with more details and a registration form. Be sure to check out our website www.MA64.org.

1969

Plans are beginning for a 45-year reunion. If you are interested in being involved with the planning please contact, Diane Boedeker or Susan Santema at susansantema@gmail.com.

1974

Planners are needed to plan the 40-year reunion.

1979

Planners are needed to plan the 35-year reunion.

1984

Planners are needed to plan the 30-year reunion.

1989

Planners are needed to plan the 25-year reunion.

1994

Planners are needed to plan the 20-year reunion.

1999

Planners are needed to plan the 15-year reunion.

2004

Plans are beginning for the 10-year reunion. If you have any questions regarding the reunion, please contact Kelsey Walt at waltd@gmail.com

2009

Plans are beginning for the 5-year reunion. If you have any questions regarding the reunion, please contact Kristina Haugen at haugenk@stolaf.edu, Katie Tuohy at tuohykatherine@gmail.com, Ellen Douville at ellenkdouville@gmail.com, or Charlotte O'Halloran at ohalloran.charlotte@gmail.com.

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

MINNEHAHA ARCHIVE HOUSE

It's interesting how much of the neighborhood has changed, yet how much has remained the same! Here are two photos of the corner building at Lake Street and West River Road: a 1947 photo of the corner grocery store and today's Dunn Bros. More photos can be found in the Archive House at 3105 46th Avenue South. The Archive House is open Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule, contact Jane Anfang at anfangjane@MinnehahaAcademy.net.

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her in accelerated math courses. On the language side, although Linder had struggled with reading early on, David Lindmark actually recommended her for 12th grade Honors English. "It gave me confidence," she said. "I felt like finally, at the end of the wire, I accomplished what had always been expected of me. And I am now, primarily, a writer."

Today, Becca really *is* pretty cool. She went to the University of Minnesota and received a degree in mathematics (a "fallback" degree, according to her mother). She auditioned for The Juilliard School Drama Division and was accepted. She studied acting and moved to NYC, living there and in Los Angeles. Now, she works in local theater and is finishing a science fiction novel. She teaches theater and directs as often as she can. *And*, she's trying to finance her next film. "It's harder for me to find the time to actually *shoot* the film than it is to find potential investors!"

A FEW MONTHS AGO I WENT TO A RESTAURANT IN DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS WHERE THERE WAS A CONGREGATION OF MY CLASSMATES. I CAN GENUINELY SAY THAT I ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT WITH THESE PEOPLE ALL THESE YEARS LATER. IT WAS AMAZING TO ME THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I STILL GENUINELY LIKE EVERYONE AND HAVE FOUND MY OLD CLASSMATES SOME OF THE MOST FASCINATING PEOPLE. THAT IS THE LASTING WONDERMENT OF MINNEHAHA ACADEMY.

"My career is almost exactly what I want it to be!" said Becca. "I love having creative freedom to do a play one month, shoot a film the next, paint a picture, or teach a math class." She is also considering starting her own youth theater company. "I think that creativity and mathematics need to meld more often ... and science in the arts. It is my creative goal to do this!"



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APRIL

10 Choral Arts Finale

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Tickets are \$13. Call
1-800-292-4141 for tickets.

**24-26 Upper School
Spring Musical: Seussical!**

Hognander Chapel, Upper
School, 7-9p.m.

27 Heritage & Hope Dinner

Athletic Center-Main Court,
Upper School, 5:00 p.m.

MAY

2-3 Middle School Play

Upper Gym, Middle School,
7:30 p.m.

6 Middle School Choir

Concert, Middle School, 7 p.m.

8 Fine Arts Fest, Lower

School, 7 p.m.

13 Middle School

Orchestra Concert Middle
School, 7:30 p.m.

15 Kindergarten Spring

Concert Lower School, 6 p.m.

19 Middle School Band

Concert Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

19 Minnehaha Academy

Golf Classic Town & Country
Club

20 Upper School Band

Concert Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

**22 Upper School Choir
and Orchestra Concert**

Upper School, 7:30 p.m.

31 Baccalaureate Upper

School, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE

1 Commencement

Benson Great Hall, Bethel
University, 6-8 p.m.

ARENA SALE

Alumni! It's as fun as ever! Bring your friends and help out!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

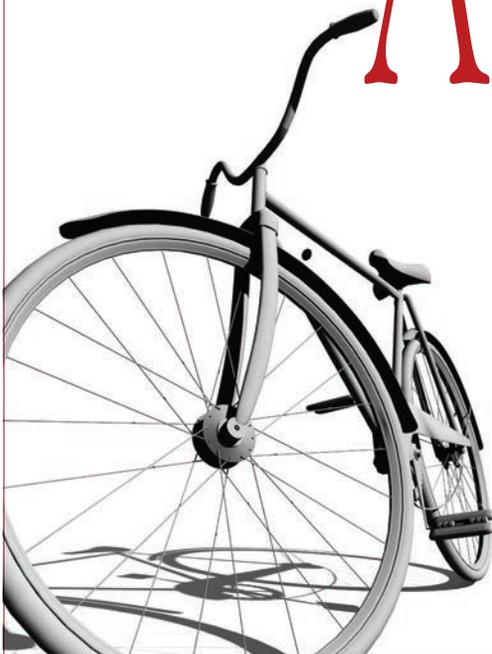
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