

The New School Montessori Family



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Alumni Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2011



TNSM Family Updates:

- **Adam Diamond** ('83) visited the school as a part of the annual Xavier University tour of students in their Montessori Master's program. Adam is currently living in Raleigh.
- **Geoff Maher** ('03) called and reported that he lived in Ireland for a time and loved it and would consider returning. He is currently in Cincinnati attending the Culinary Institute and traveling the US playing traditional Irish music in various places.
- Teacher Laura Slanker reported that **Matt Muller** ('04) had an exhibition of his paintings at the Malton Gallery and "he's really good!" He's attending the Rhode Island School of Design.
- **Courtney Muller** ('00) graduated from Barnard and while there, lived in an apartment next door to Jelani Johnson ('00) who was attending Columbia.
- **Peter Muller** ('97) is at Vanderbilt in Law School.
- **Jon Boissey** (1996-98) is graduating from high school and may be skiing in next winter's Olympics.

- **Buffy Weiss** emailed with news about the Beaupre girls. **Bridget's** ('05) update is included with the other 2005 graduates on the next page and **Colleen** ('08), who is graduating from 8th grade at Walnut Hills, will be attending McAuley in the fall. Colleen was awarded an academic scholarship and has received high school credit for algebra and two years of Latin.
- **Barbara James**, mother of **Samuel James** ('94 to '97), received \$10,000 and the honor of being named the 2011 winner of the Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award.
- **Elaine May**, preprimary teacher in the 90's, let us know her boys and Michael are fine. Sam is off to college, Levi (at 14) towers at 6'2" and Jesse will be starting third grade this fall. Elaine opened a new Montessori school in Oregon in 2009.
- **Michael Sawan** ('01) graduated from Earlham College with honors. He received degrees in literature, music and composition, and a minor in journalism.

Alumni Weekend - Sept 30 and Oct 1

We had so much fun at last year's Harvest Moon and 40th Anniversary celebration that we can't wait to get together again this year. We will be hosting a small cocktail party on the Friday evening before Harvest Moon. This will be a time when adult alumni and current parents can reconnect without the hustle and bustle of Saturday's Harvest Moon festivities.

Our Harvest Moon celebration is held outdoors on the school grounds where we enjoy live music, face-painting, playground-play and this year - Zumba dancing led by current parent Sherry Young. Bring a dish to share, a blanket for the lawn, and be prepared to have a wonderful time.

Friday Night Cocktails

- September 30
- 6-8 PM
- Enrichment Center
@ 29 Burton Woods Lane

Saturday Harvest Moon Festival

- October 1
- 5:30 PM
- TNSM Grounds



TNSM Class of 2005 Moves Beyond High School



What are your plans for the future, and what honors and extra curricular activities have you enjoyed?	
Bridget Beaupre	Bridget graduated from McAuley High School where she played 3 years of lacrosse and was active with the student newspaper. She will continue her education in either nursing or English at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.
Mac Calvert	Mac worked 2 years at TNSM helping with our Extended-Day program. He enjoyed serving as photo editor for Walnut Hills' school newspaper and will be pursuing his interest in science at Beloit College.
Carol Daniels	Carol moved to Minnesota with her family in her early teen years. She felt extremely prepared academically and was always telling her new friends and teachers about her amazing experiences at The New School. She expressed how much she loved The New School and hopes everyone is doing well. Carol is graduating from her high school with an academic letter and 3 letters in theater. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study psychology and Spanish.
Blythe Gross-Hutton	Blythe played soccer in high school and received academic honors. Her interest in marine biology has been augmented by a summer study involving sea-turtle rescue and scuba diving in Florida. Blythe plans to major in marine biology at Connecticut College in New London and will participate in women's soccer team tryouts.
Rory Hartmann	Rory graduated from Sycamore High School and will be attending the University of Cincinnati to study psychology.
Sam Lustig	Sam graduated from Walnut Hills with honors. He was on the varsity swim team for 4 years and on the track team for 1 year. He took part in the gourmet food club and is employed at Taste of Belgium in the Findlay Market, making crepes and waffles. Sam has interests in photography, extreme sports and working on his car. He was interviewed by WCPO about his latest interest in a new extreme sport called Parkour. Like a modern-day Spiderman, Sam traverses walls and urban obstacles in an effort to get as quickly and gracefully from point A to point B. It takes a tremendous amount of strength, agility and critical thinking to plot a path and attack it. Sam plans to attend The Ohio State University in the exploratory program for undecided majors.
Christian Moser	Christian credits The New School Montessori for preparing him with a spirit of independence and self-confidence. The qualities served him well during his high school's 3-week Senior Search project in Washington DC. Christian traveled alone to D.C. where he worked each day in a congressman's office. Christian participated in a mock economic summit where he was named Top Ambassador. In addition, his team won the overall APEC model challenge. Christian was a National Merit finalist and was given a full ride to the University of Louisville where he will join the McConnell School of Politics in the honors program. Christian is enjoying a summer of life guarding, teaching swim lessons and vacationing with his family in the Grand Tetons.
Brady Mossbarger	Brady looks back on his experiences at TNSM, at Clark Montessori and at Walnut Hills and feels prepared for any school system. He graduated with an honors diploma. He participated in varsity sports in high school and he plans to take part in intramural sports in college. He was captain of the varsity soccer team, kicked for the football team and played varsity rugby. Brady graduated from Walnut with honors and will be attending the University of Georgia where he will study finance. He is working this summer at Tellers in Hyde Park.
Dan Shi	Dan was on the varsity golf team at Seven Hills High School. He plans to attend Macalester College in St Paul in the fall where he will enjoy a liberal arts education with study in engineering or economics.

**A note from Gina Angiola
Mother of Jeffrey and Alex Rappaport**

The brief time my kids were at the New School was a true gift. We moved to the Washington D.C. area in 2003 (ironic, as I was the nervous mom who voted to cancel the D.C. trip around the time of the Iraq War....I'm glad I was outvoted....Jeffrey LOVED that trip!) Both kids have been in the magnet schools here, including the International Baccalaureate program at Richard Montgomery High School. They've received a great education, HOWEVER, I still consider The New School years the most valuable time of their educational lives.

Jeffrey is now a sophomore at University of Maryland in the engineering department. Last year, he took a trip with *Engineers without Borders* to go put solar panels up on a birthing center in Burkina Faso. This year, he is an integral member of the team that is building the UMD solar home for the solar decathlon. He is changing majors to biomedical engineering, but continues to be passionate about the environment and about being self-sufficient.

Alex is a sophomore in high school; his direction is yet-to-be-determined, but he seems to be leaning toward sports medicine of some sort. He is completing calculus this year and is actively involved in sports of all kinds, but his real passion is *Callewa*, an outdoors education program where he's a camp counselor each summer. It reminds me of Montessori's writings about the ideal educational setting for teenagers....it's very nourishing for the soul! Of note, he is very comfortable around kids of all ages and around adults, which I suspect comes from his Montessori background.

The New School is a rare gem on this planet!
Thanks for all your dedication to keep the vision
alive and well!



**Let Us Know What You've
Been Up To Lately...**

Everyone enjoys hearing from you to find out what the kids are doing, where you've settled or traveled, your career choices, additions to the family or stories about TNSM.

Please stay in touch with us by sending a note to 3 Burton Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45229 or by emailing us at ann.b@thenewschool.cc

We'd love to include photos and stories in our next alumni newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Check out our website at www.thenewschool.cc

Field Research Projects - Belize, Mexico and Beyond...

We are excited for upper elementary teachers, Laura Slanker and Nancy Buchman, as they embark on a summer adventure of learning and travel. Laura and Nancy were selected to participate in a program that has been engaging educators in firsthand educational and scientific research at key conservation sites around the world since 2004.

Like the course Laura completed last year at the Cincinnati Zoo on observing bonobo behavior, the courses she and Nancy are taking this summer also include classroom and field research projects that they can bring home to teach and share. TNSM students will be immersed, not just in factual information about their teachers' summer study, but will practice field research methods themselves as they tackle their own projects.

Laura will be studying at the UNESCO World Heritage site, Bahia de los Angeles on the Sea of Cortez. This reserve has been dubbed the "Galapagos Island" of Mexico for its biodiversity. Laura and her colleagues will apply the fundamentals of field methods - such as capture/recapture, pitfall traps and line transects - to ecological questions and conservation practice.

Nancy Buchman will be exploring the diverse terrestrial, coastal and coral reef communities of Belize. Nancy and her colleagues will join local scientists investigating conservation programs for species such as harpy eagles, jaguars, and manatees.

We look forward to Laura and Nancy's return as they share their experiences and engage the children in exciting projects this fall.



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