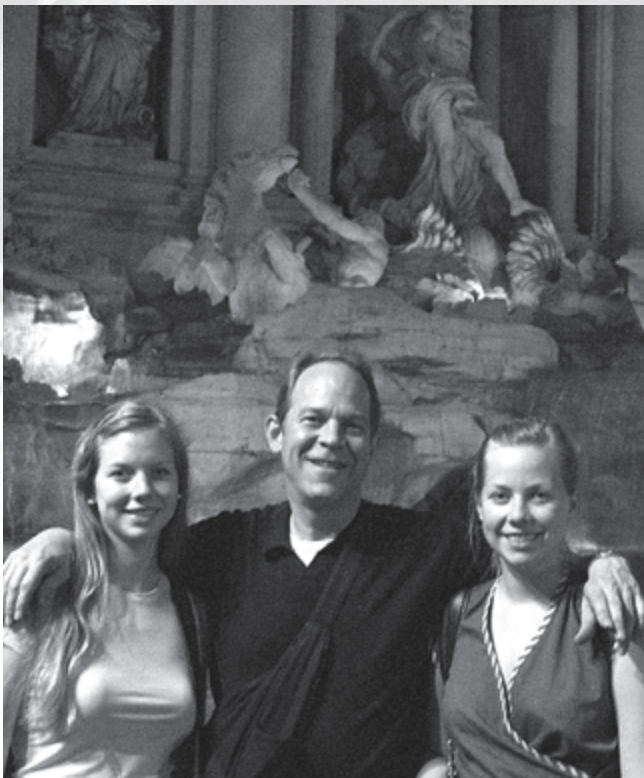


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Topeka Collegiate is
an independent school
pre-kindergarten through
eighth grade

CLOSE TO HIS HEART



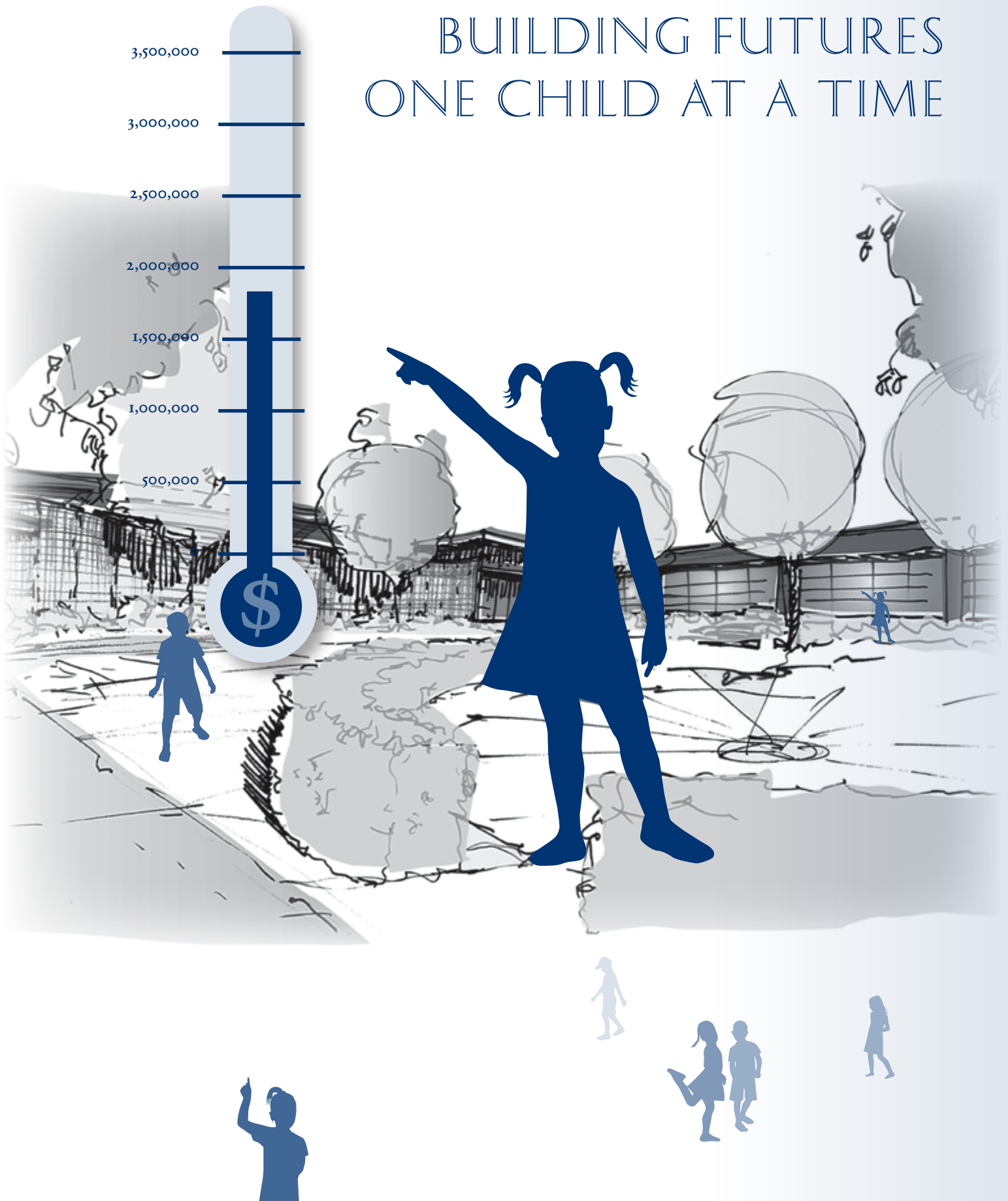
*Pat Garrett with daughters Barrie '97 and Caitlin '01 near
the Trevi Fountain in Rome last summer*

AT GARRETT'S two daughters are grown, and he left Topeka for Tulsa nearly 15 years ago. Yet this former TCS parent and past board president has made a major gift to Topeka Collegiate School's *Building Futures One Child at a Time* capital campaign. "I have always had and always will have a great love for Topeka Collegiate and what it did for my kids," he explains.

Pat acknowledges he came to Topeka Collegiate (then Shawnee Country Day School) "almost against my will" when his older daughter **Barrie '97** was entering first grade in 1989. After a less-than-satisfactory kindergarten year in public school, Pat's wife Brenda found the young independent school in Pauline. Even though he had never really thought about private education, Pat was anxious for his daughter to get a good education. At TCS, "we found the administrators, teachers and parents to be very accepting, very open," Pat remembers. "Barrie flourished in her first year." Soon afterward, younger sister **Caitlin '01** was enrolled in pre-k.

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BUILDING FUTURES ONE CHILD AT A TIME



CLOSE TO HIS HEART *concluded*

It wasn't long before Pat was invited to join the Board of Trustees. Ultimately, he was chosen to serve as president. "As I got more and more involved, and learned about private education in terms of governance, budgeting, and the accreditation process, it just fascinated me," says Pat. "I found it was something I cared about a great deal. I started thinking about education in terms I never had before, 'What is it about a school that makes it work for its students?' The experience opened my eyes to the value of private education."

When the family moved to Tulsa in the mid-90s, the Garrett girls continued their education at Holland Hall, a highly-regarded independent school. "While I appreciate how well Holland Hall prepared the girls for college," Pat says, "in some ways the education there was inferior to TCS in terms of the feeling of inclusiveness and family, and the teachers who really cared about their students, really fired their imaginations and got them excited about subjects children might not be excited about otherwise. I'm just so grateful that we had the opportunity to start our kids off right."

In a live video conference on Back-to-School Night in early September, Pat Garrett spoke to current school families about his commitment: "We all agree that as parents one of our most important responsibilities is to provide the best possible education we can for our children. It's an obligation that some of us take on quite freely. It was always more important to me than a vacation house or a boat. It seems to me that you have to redirect your priorities and get them straight in your head. Education was always priority number one. Luxuries came second."

Barrie and Caitlin Garrett have chosen education as their careers. Pat credits their desire to teach, in part, to their inspirational teachers at Topeka Collegiate.



FOR THE SECOND TIME in our school's history, we have undertaken a capital campaign. *Building Futures One Child at a Time* will ensure that Topeka Collegiate

continues its quarter-century tradition of academic excellence. The \$3.5 million campaign will:

...Build a 17,000 square foot permanent middle school to replace the current portable buildings.

...Renovate the existing building, including security upgrades.

...Enhance science, media and technology.

Under the direction of Campaign Chairman Grace Morrison, and thanks to a generous corps of lead donors, we have raised 53% of the \$3.5 million goal during the silent phase of the campaign. That's when we solicit support from our Board of Trustees, Campaign Steering Committee, faculty/staff and other key TCS supporters.

Construction of the permanent middle school is the largest of the three elements, accounting for just over \$3.1 million. Our accrediting body (ISACS) strongly recommends replacing the trailers. Most were used when we purchased them nearly 20 years ago. They have exceeded their useful lives. The classrooms are cramped, expensive to heat and cool, and not conducive to learning. Our children deserve more.

At Topeka Collegiate, we pride ourselves on providing excellent curriculum and inspirational teachers, but we are falling behind when it comes to infrastructure. We must provide a stimulating, comfortable learning environment for our students.

With your help, we will prepare our children for a future full of promise, one child at a time.



25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION CELEBRATION



*Left: Board Presidents:
(back row) Carol Snarr,
Tim Elmer, Bob Ihrie,
Curt Waugh, Scott Hamilton
(front row) Mike Tourtellot,
Jett Elmer, Julie Garlinghouse,
Kent Garlinghouse
Not pictured: Tom McBride,
Pat Garrett
Photos by Nathan Ham*

THEY CAME FROM Maryland, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Illinois and Virginia, not to mention Lawrence, Kansas City and Topeka, to help celebrate Topeka Collegiate School's 25th birthday.

April's 25th Anniversary Reunion Weekend was the culmination of a year of celebrating a major milestone in our school's history. More than that, it was a celebration of the people who changed education in Topeka forever.

Founders and Formers Luncheon The 25th Anniversary weekend began with a luncheon for Founders, founding Board, former Heads of School, and former Board Presidents. Current (and former) Board President Mike Tourtellot welcomed them. "Thanks to your vision and persistence, we're still here!" he said. "There were many days when we wondered if we'd make it."



*Heads of School (left to right)
Jim Wright (1985-1989),
Michael Roberts (1989-2005),
Bill Rollings (1982-1985),
David Hudspeth (2006 - ...)
Not pictured: Kevin Freed
(2005-2006)*



Alumna and second generation Trustee **Alison Hill Langham '86** began her remarks to the distinguished guests by describing herself as “reluctantly present at Shawnee Country Day School the day it opened in the fall of 1982, and a proud graduate of Shawnee Country Day School in the spring of 1986.” Now a PhD, Alison says she fell in love with learning at TCS. “On behalf of the more than 800 students who have benefited from attending this school,” she said, “and on behalf of a future generation of students who have yet to walk these halls, I say thank you. Thank you for your determination and dedication to founding and supporting this school - a place where lifelong lessons are learned and indelible memories are made.”

Founders, former Heads of School and former Board Presidents share memories

Remembering Ruth Topeka Collegiate founder Ruth Fink died in September of 2007. Her contributions to our school were gratefully acknowledged during the 25th Anniversary celebration. “Ruth is here in spirit,” said Mike Tourtellot. Founder Kent Garlinghouse recalled attending a memorial service for Ruth Fink at which her longtime assistant said, “I’d like to read you something that Ruth had hanging on her office wall. These words embody her philosophy: “Like the eagle on the mountain, your spirit must be free...” Those, of course, are the words to Topeka Collegiate’s school song.

Sentimental Journey to Pauline One of the emotional highlights of the anniversary weekend was the trip to the original school building at Pauline aboard a yellow school bus. Walking through the old building, now an auction house, brought forth laughter and memories. Before climbing back on the

bus, everyone watched as founders Susan and Kent Garlinghouse unveiled the plaque that will bear witness to the years our school was housed in Pauline:

Site of Topeka Collegiate School
Founded as Shawnee Country Day School
September 7, 1982

Founders Susan and Kent Garlinghouse unveil a commemorative plaque at the Pauline campus



Below: Alums who took the sentimental journey to the Pauline campus (left to right) Kathleen ("Kaki") Williams '89, Rhiannon Dietze Harris '94, Bridget Elmer '91, Adam Obley '95, Stacy Elmer '95, Zach Baksh '96, Keith Leismann '91, Samantha Miller Coulter '90, Brook Tourtellot Goc '91, and Lawrence Dietze '92
Photographs by Nathan Ham





*Fresh off the school bus
at the campus they remember
are (left to right)
Samantha Miller Coulter '90,
former history teacher
Carl Graves,
Kathleen ("Kaki") Williams
'89, first Head of School Bill
Rollings and former science
teacher Debra Pakaluk*

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Susan reflected on what motivated them to start Topeka Collegiate School: "The opportunities for an education that enlightens, encourages and keeps the bright star of learning alive and well is the most important gift a child can ever receive. My wish is for this to be a universal birthright. Topeka Collegiate came into existence to offer this continuing, ongoing opportunity. The goal is to build on that which the child brings naturally, to keep the child's eyes open to her world, open to challenge, open to the love of learning for life."



Happy Birthday, Topeka Collegiate!

Photos by Nathan Ham



Dinner at Eveningside Campus After their school bus ride back to the current campus, guests enjoyed a delicious “school lunch” on blue cafeteria trays and toasted Topeka Collegiate School’s 25th Anniversary. Head of School David Hudspeth used the theme of “passion and persistence” to describe the journey from the founders’ vision to where we are today. “I asked Kent how they did it. He thought a moment and replied ‘passion and persistence.’ I knew immediately that would shape my remarks tonight. It was Kent and Susan Garlinghouse’s passion and persistence that made it possible for us to celebrate this anniversary” (standing ovation for the Garlinghouses).

“I’ve heard so many stories - about dumpster diving for textbooks that other schools were throwing away. Passion and persistence. About the Harvard



Mrs. Hoyt is reunited with her first-ever National Mathcounts qualifier, Steven Dubois '86, and his mom Sharon Dubois, who taught computer at the Pauline campus. Steven is now a teacher and debate/forensics coach at a Kansas City area high school

PhD hired that first year to teach history to third and fourth graders. A teacher who made history come alive. Passion and persistence. About the car raffle, where they sold tickets for \$1 apiece for two years! Passion and persistence. About the first capital campaign, when Founder Ruth Fink was asked for a leadership gift so generous the trio of askers could barely speak the amount. After a long pause, she said, 'I think we can do that.' Passion and persistence. Breathe in this air because it will never come again."

Barbeque and Blues, Family Picnic Round out Weekend School families – past and present – shared barbeque and conversation, and danced to the tunes of the S'More Blues Band as part of the reunion weekend. Festivities also included a picnic, complete with dunk tank, at the current campus.



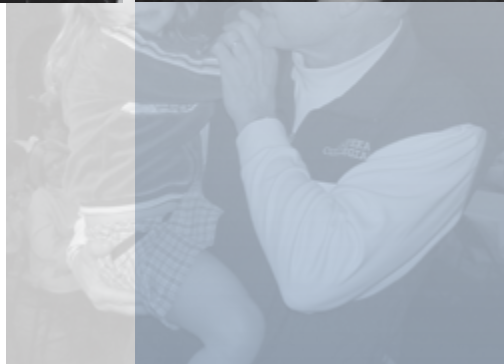
Photographs: Nathan Ham, Mary Loftus, et al.

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*John Dietrick on the dance floor
with his daughter Mary*



*It's been a long time! Former
Science Teacher Debbie Pakaluk
(back to camera) embraces
former colleagues Julie Ahrens
and Tom Wolf, the only couple
to meet at TCS and marry. They
have three children and live in
Kansas City*



HUMANITARIAN IDEALS FLOURISH IN YOUNG ALUM

STACY ELMER '95 is a young woman with a mission. After a life-changing three weeks working at a medical clinic in Sierra Leone, she is determined to find a way to bring running water to the clinic and committed to improving the lives of the people she met in the civil war-ravaged West African country.

Stacy headed to Sierra Leone this summer as a KU research fellow, to explore the morality of post-trial access to anti-retroviral therapies used to treat HIV in developing countries. She found that Sierra Leone lacks the appropriate infrastructure and economic development to attract drug trials. Only government hospitals even test for HIV and most people are too poor to go to government hospitals. So Stacy shifted her focus slightly and found a clinic in Kabala run by a non-profit organization.

Armed with 100 HIV testing kits, she set out to assess her hypothesis that the extent of HIV infection in Sierra Leone is underestimated by official organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO). Working with a nurse named Ambrose Demby, Stacy administered HIV tests to people who came to the clinic with other medical problems. They found a 6% infection rate, considerably higher than the WHO's estimated 1.3% rate. Even though the sample was small, Stacy says her results raise questions about the WHO's methodology.

Stacy says her clinical experience demonstrated that in Sierra Leone HIV is less of a problem than malaria. "HIV is

managed well," she says, "but malaria is rampant. I must have seen 30 cases a day." Stacy and Ambrose treated malaria, infections, and wounds in addition to testing for HIV, all without benefit of running water or electricity. "I never once heard anyone say 'I can't,'" says Stacy, "It was just figure out how we can best treat this person with what we have."

The experience "reminded me how much I like civil service and how good it feels to do work that benefits other people," says Stacy. "In the US I can't touch a patient because I don't have an MD behind my name, and that's understandable, but in Sierra Leone, I was able to do a lot of good for a lot of people, and that is fulfilling." Stacy was "blown away by the gratitude" of her patients, some with terrible cases of malaria. "They were so grateful, so kind."



Stacy Elmer '95 testing for HIV in Sierra Leone



Stacy and the amputee soccer team

Stacy with clinic staff including Nurse Ambrose Demby (far left)

Stacy is the second generation Elmer to fall in love with the people of Sierra Leone. Her father Tim served two years in the Peace Corps there, and he and her mother Jett went back in 1974 to continue humanitarian work. Stacy couldn't leave Sierra Leone without traveling to the rural village of Bumbuna, where her dad spent his Peace Corps years. Even though the country has been racked by years of civil war and the resulting displacement, Stacy found villagers who still remember the Peace Corps volunteer from Kansas with great fondness, including the Paramount Chief who was a child when "Mr. Tim" came to their village and "played guitar on his veranda after a hard day's work on the farm."

Stacy is back at KU this fall, finishing her master's degree in philosophy. She has two more years of coursework before writing her doctoral dissertation and earning her PhD, but Sierra Leone is never far from her mind. In addition to fundraising to bring running water to the Kabala clinic where she worked, she's been asked to adopt an amputee soccer team. All the field players lost a leg in the war and play on crutches. The goalie has only one arm. A soccer player herself, Stacy helped coach Topeka Collegiate soccer players last year. "Because there are no jobs in Sierra Leone," she says, "the soccer team dreams of playing exhibition games in other countries to earn money." Stacy hopes to help the team with funds for travel, and even envisions an exchange program with TCS soccer players.



If you would like to contribute to Stacy's efforts to better the lives of people in Sierra Leone, donations can be sent to: CITA International, c/o Stacy Elmer, 104 Greenwood, Topeka, KS 66606. Checks may be made payable to CITA International.

To read a copy of Stacy's commencement address to the Class of 2008, go to topeka-collegiate.org, click on "alumni" then on "2008 Graduation Address."

SJOBOR HAMMER '06 won first place in the nation and a \$5,000 prize from the History Channel for her documentary *Bones of Contention: Battling for Human Dignity at the Salina Indian Burial Pit* at this year's National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland. Sjobor researched, wrote, produced, filmed and edited the documentary about the Salina burial site that was excavated in 1937, and became a tourist attraction until the 1980s, when the Pawnee people protested about their ancestors being on display. Ultimately a compromise was reached allowing archeologists to study the site, and the Pawnee to rebury their ancestors.

Sjobor says she chose to tell the story of the Salina burial pit because it “perfectly embodies” last year’s

place with their group performance called *Asa Phillip Randolph, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Franklin Roosevelt: Conflict and Compromise in Negotiating Executive Order 8802*.

Recent graduates **Shelby Carpenter '08** and **Nyalia Lui '08** and then-seventh grader **Soren Lamb (T)** worked together to tell the dramatic story of conflict and compromise that resulted in the government’s guarantee of fair employment in the defense industry.

Each of these students was a veteran of National History Day competition, but none had finished first before. Their gold medals and \$1,000 prize were the culmination of ten months of work - researching, writing, blocking, revising, memorizing and rehearsing their performance.

DOCUMENTARY WINS AND PRIZE FOR ALUM

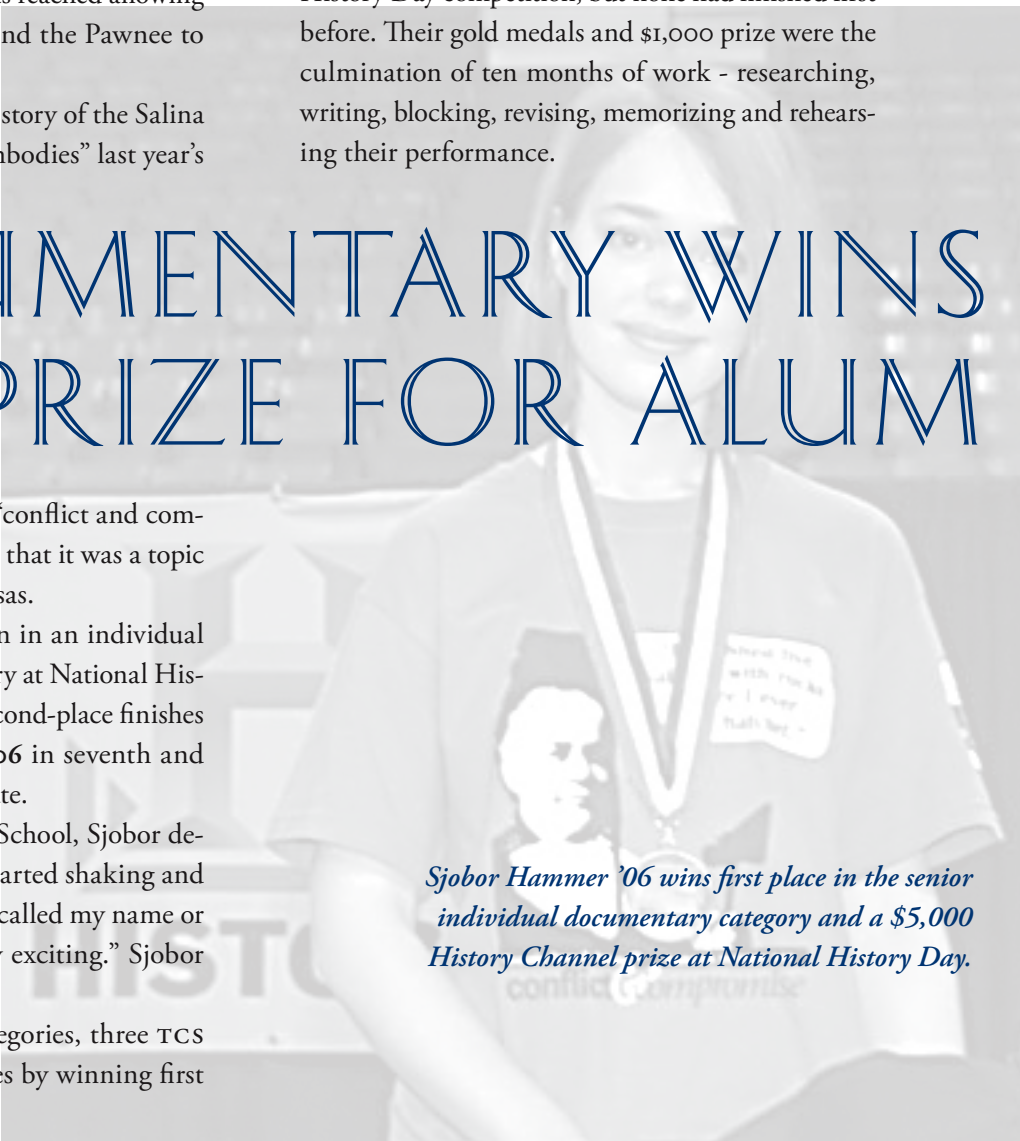
National History Day theme of “conflict and compromise.” She also liked the idea that it was a topic largely unknown outside of Kansas.

Although this was her first win in an individual event, it wasn’t Sjobor’s first victory at National History Day. She scored first- and second-place finishes with partner **Anna Hamilton '06** in seventh and eighth grades at Topeka Collegiate.

Now a junior at Topeka High School, Sjobor describes the moment she won “I started shaking and trying to figure out if they really called my name or somebody else’s. It was just very exciting.” Sjobor plans to invest her prize money.

In the junior History Day categories, three TCS students distinguished themselves by winning first

Sjobor Hammer '06 wins first place in the senior individual documentary category and a \$5,000 History Channel prize at National History Day.





*Soren Lamb (T), Nyalia Lui '08
and Shelby Carpenter '08 take top
honors in the junior group
performance category at
National History Day.*



HISTORY DAY



Surrounded by young admirers, Mrs. Young retires after 22 years of teaching pre-kindergarten

Flanked by Mr. Hudspeth and Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Young wins the first-ever Scott Hamilton teaching award





WE WILL MISS YOU, MRS. YOUNG!

ELEESE YOUNG RETIRED at the end of last year, after 22 years of teaching pre-kindergarten at Topeka Collegiate. At her retirement reception, current and former students approached her one by one, and whether they were four or 24, Mrs. Young knew them all. Not only that, she remembered a funny story or something special about each. That's one of the reasons Eleese Young is one of Topeka Collegiate's most beloved teachers ever.

Eleese Young is the inaugural winner of a new award to honor outstanding teaching. Named for former Board of Trustees President Scott Hamilton, the award is given to someone who has improved educational opportunities for all students, brings an imaginative approach to teaching, and has the ability to lead, inspire and engage the school community. As he presented the award, Dr. Hamilton described Mrs. Young as "the epitome of what a teacher should be. She has set the bar to which others should strive."

In retirement, Mrs. Young is traveling the world with her husband Richard, gardening and taking ballroom dancing lessons. Clearly, she's not ready for the rocking chair! The school presented her a wooden rocking chair for whenever she is ready. It's inscribed: *To Eleese Young, for 22 years of planting the seeds of lifelong learning in young minds, with love and gratitude from Topeka Collegiate School.*

Monte's (Parrish '04) graduation ceremony is scheduled for the same time as your farewell reception but we will be thinking of you, Monte's first teacher, as he crosses the stage to receive his diploma.

Jim and Nancy Parrish Former Parents

I will definitely say you were my absolute favorite teacher! I will truly miss you. Good luck with the rest of your life. Come back and visit!

Mackenzie Morrison 8th Grade

We had so many good times together. I still remember how you would swing with the class when you were on recess duty. Thank you so much for teaching me to read, write and for letting me read to the whole class. I am so glad that you were my pre-k teacher.

Katie Graves Former Student

I had the best time ever with you. You are the best teacher in the whole entire world. You rock!

Hannah Dykes 4th Grade

Thank you for your goodness, your kindness, your loving ways, and thank you especially for sharing them with Joyce, Connor, David and Nell (Brennan). You are truly one of a kind.

Joyce and Jim DeCoursey Grandparents

CONGRATULATIONS

EMRAN WAHEED ALTAF	<i>Blue Valley West High School</i>
JOYCE MAIRE BRENNAN	<i>Topeka High School</i>
SHELBY VICTORIA CARPENTER	<i>Phillips Academy Andover</i>
ALEXANDER JEFFREY CHANAY	<i>Topeka High School</i>
CYRUS DAMON CLOUTEN	<i>Portland Adventist Academy</i>
EDWARD MARTIN COLLAZO II	<i>Topeka High School</i>
MATTHEW ALEXANDER DUPUIS	<i>Topeka High School</i>
PATRICK ALEXANDER ELISHA	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
NICHOLAS JAMES GIDEON	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
ASHER JOHNSON GILLILAND	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
KAITLIN GRACE HANNIGAN	<i>Topeka High School</i>
NICHOLAS STEPHENSON HENRIQUEZ	<i>Topeka High School</i>
REBECCA LEAH VALDOVINOS KAYE	<i>Topeka High School</i>
NYALIA JAMES-KORSUK LUI	<i>Lake Forest Academy</i>
COLTON SHAWN MANLEY	<i>Topeka High School</i>
MAURA ANN MCGIVERN	<i>Hayden High School</i>
WILLIAM THOMAS MILLHUFF	<i>Topeka High School</i>
JULIAN KALE MULLICAN	<i>Topeka High School</i>
MADISON MACKENZIE MYERS	<i>Topeka High School</i>
NICHOLAS DAVID PALMER	<i>Topeka High School</i>
RESTON KEMMER PHILLIPS	<i>Topeka High School</i>
ALESSANDRA CATHERINE POLITI	<i>Topeka High School</i>
HALEY ANN PREKOPY	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
HALEY MARGUERITE RAMIREZ	<i>Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy</i>
MATTHEW RYAN REYNOLDS	<i>Topeka High School</i>
ANIKA TASNIM REZA	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
MEAGHAN MARIE RICKS	<i>Topeka High School</i>
HILLARY LUCILLE ROSACKER	<i>Topeka High School</i>
NICOLE ELIZABETH ROSACKER	<i>Topeka High School</i>
LINDSEY DELRAY RUBOTTOM	<i>Topeka West High School</i>
MARISSA BRIELLE WILEY	<i>Topeka High School</i>

*Members of the
Class of 2008
and the high
schools they
have chosen*

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Photograph: Nathan Ham



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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2008

Keith Ulmer '93 (right) inside the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, Switzerland

TWENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD Topeka Collegiate alumnus **Keith Ulmer '93** was in Switzerland on September 10 at the moment when what has been called the biggest physics experiment in history first fired two beams of protons.

"I was in a large auditorium that was completely full and eventually had to be closed off to more visitors. As beams arrived, the room erupted with applause. Throughout the day, there was a permeating excitement around the lab. This moment has been 20 years in the making."

Keith is part of an elite international team of nearly 10,000 scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). Located in a huge eight-story underground space beneath the Swiss-French border, the mammoth collider had to be shut down just nine days after the initial exhilaration because of a minor breakdown. When the LHC is fully operational, protons moving at almost the speed of light will collide with energies high enough, Keith and his fellow physicists hope, to solve some of the universe's biggest mysteries.

"It's a great time for particle physics," says Keith. "I'm lucky that I came along at this time." He is exhilarated to be among the pioneers on the frontier of physics research. "The part that's fun is that no one has looked at these energies before," he says. "The proton collisions will turn energy into mass. With that mass we can create new particles so massive that they've never been seen before." Never, that is, since the Big Bang. "We'll be working back, creating particles that haven't existed in 14 billion years," explains Keith. "How great would it be to re-create the Big Bang?"

Keith has been dividing his time between Switzerland and the University of Colorado at Boulder



TOPEKA COLLEGIATE ALUM ON COLLISION COURSE WITH SCIENTIFIC DESTINY

for the past year. He and his Colorado colleagues are working on the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) portion of the experiment. CMS is one of two huge detectors designed to record the outpouring of particles created in the proton collisions. In July, Keith and the other physicists began measuring naturally-occurring particles from distant galaxies to test the detector in preparation for its debut.

Dr. Keith Ulmer can't wait to get his hands on the groundbreaking data the collider is expected to produce. "It's so exciting when you can really do something new," he enthuses, "something that will open up new ways to think about the physical world." Keith's love of physics began at Topeka Collegiate. His science teachers at TCS "possessed a curiosity about how the natural world works and shared it with us so enthusiastically that it became infectious," says Keith. "This infectious curiosity continues to serve me well today."

CLASS CLASS NOTES NOTES

*(T) indicates students who
transferred before graduation*

Our apologies to Haley Roembach-Clark Scharf who was listed with the wrong class in the last edition of Collegiate Life. She is a member of the Class of 1995.

1984

TIFFANI CHRISMAN THOMAS is in graduate school in Florida, working on her Master of Fine Arts in computer art.

1985

JENNIFER COWAN CHASE couldn't come for the recent 25th Anniversary Reunion, but sent her regards from New York: "I LOVED my years there and still have so many fond memories! Please tell (former Head of School) Mr. Rollings that I sing *Simple Gifts* to my little girls ALL the time. He taught it to me the first day of school at SCDS (Shawnee Country Day School)!" Jennifer and husband Dave's two older daughters, ages five and seven, attend a small private school that just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

HARI OSOFSKY accepted a position as an associate professor at Washington and Lee University School of Law. She spent a good portion of this summer transitioning from Eugene, Oregon to Lexington, Virginia. She's expecting her second child at press time and son Oz (4 years old) is looking forward to being a big brother with nervous anticipation.

TIM SNARR wrote from his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, that he would be unable to come to the 25th Anniversary Reunion last spring, but sent his regards, "All of you were very influential during my young life and many of those impressions I carry with me still. It was an amazing time."

1986

MICHELLE CUTRER accepted a position with Kansas Children's Service League as a case coordinator for the Oasis Program, where she works with youth who have run away from home or who are at risk for running

away. Home is a busy place for Michelle, too. She and her husband have five kids living with them full-time and two more during the summer for a total of nine people in the house. As Michelle says, "Can you say CRAZY?"

ALISON HILL LANGHAM and husband Brian ("Bean") are enjoying the first blush of parenthood. Daughter



Alison Hill Langham '86 and daughter Ellanor Jane Ellanor Jane was born July 22 weighing 8 lbs 5.5 oz., and measuring 20¾ inches long. Ella, as her friends call her, is seeing to it that mom and dad aren't sleeping much. Alison says, "Bean and I are surviving on caffeine and smiles from Baby Ellanor. We're stunned by how little we're able to accomplish in the course of a day, and yet we've never felt more fulfilled. But Lord help us if we run out of coffee!" TCS is holding a spot for Ella in the pre-kindergarten class of 2012. Now a second-generation Topeka Collegiate trustee, Alison spoke at the 25th Anniversary Reunion in April (see page 4).

1987

ALKA GANDHI and her husband Rob are expecting twins and they couldn't be more excited. Alka says, "We just found out that they will be here on or before election day - a historic day on many counts!" After moving to the Washington DC area last summer, Alka has been an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Economics Department. She's taking the fall semester off (for obvious reasons) but will be returning in the spring of 2009. Alka says she experienced a bit of a culture shock, as the number of economics majors at the University of Maryland just about equals the total number of students at her previous institution, Lycoming College. She describes it as "a challenge but rewarding in its own way. I'm assuming the same will be true for motherhood!"

1988

RICHARD ALBISTEGUI-DUBOIS and his family are living about 100 miles south of Los Angeles, where Richard is a full-time professor at a community college.

1990

SAMANTHA MILLER COULTER traveled to the 25th Anniversary Reunion from her home in Virginia. As



Kathleen ("Kaki") Williams '89, Samantha Miller Coulter '90 and former first grade teacher Susan Wilson share memories at the 25th Anniversary Reunion (photo by Nathan Ham)

one of the 43 original students at Topeka Collegiate (then Shawnee Country Day School), Samantha says her best childhood memories revolve around her teachers and classmates from those days. Now married and mother to three-year-old Colin and two-year-old Hayley, Samantha hopes her children will have a similar, "memorable and magical" school experience. Samantha is at Virginia Commonwealth University this fall, pursuing an MBA.

CHRISTINE CUTRER is the busy mother of three active children, the oldest a seventh grader. She is living back in Topeka now, working as an emergency room nurse.

MATT GARLINGHOUSE is engaged to be married to Katie Sween, a Northwestern University graduate. The wedding is next summer in Minnesota. The two were introduced by Matt's sister Meg. Katie and Meg met

*Matt Garlinghouse '90 and
Katie Sween are engaged*



each other seated at table shared by their respective companies, eBay and Yahoo. Meg asked Katie if she would mind Meg setting Katie up with her brother. Katie and Matt met three weeks

later in San Francisco where they both live.

RACHEL ROLFS ROGERS married Flint Rogers in Kingsville, Missouri at sunset on November 11, 2007. They



are now Mr. & Mrs. Flint Rolfs Rogers, as they both changed last names. Flint, who designed their wedding rings and the wedding invitations, is majoring in art at Washburn University. Rachel is serving as office manager and bookkeeper for

*Rachel Rolfs '90 marries Flint Rogers
in autumn wedding*

mom Lavetta's non-profit Learning for Life Center and brother Micah's '95 Greenlight Construction, in addition to managing finances for elders who can no longer do it for themselves. Flint and Rachel are into growing and eating organic foods, environmental sustainability and being together.

KANSAS WAUGH and his wife Britney are the proud new parents of a baby girl, Rita Vivian, born October 10 weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Her middle name honors Britney's grandmother.

*Rita Vivian Waugh
born October 10, 2008*



1991

MIRANDA FARMER is working on her degree in computer science and is doing well in Topeka.

KEITH LIESMANN is general sales manager for Topeka's Cumulus Broadcasting, including all six radio stations, and owner of K2 Promotions, an event promotion business. He's engaged to Topekan Monique Williams, and by the time you read this, they'll be married! The honeymoon destination is Mexico. Keith is proud to be a member of the first class to go all the way through Topeka Collegiate School.

MEGAN MCBRIDE FRANZ (T) is fighting cancer with courage, humor and the support of her husband



Alex, along with an army of family and friends. Diagnosed with stage IV cancer at age 30, Megan is under the care of specialists at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and travels there regularly from

*Megan McBride Franz '91 (T)
celebrates the 4th of July with
husband Alex and their dog
Freddy*

her home in Kansas City as she undergoes chemotherapy. Megan's sister Sara '93 (T) organized Team Megan Franz at Chicago's Walk and Roll in May and raised \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society. Read Megan's account of her battle against cancer at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/meganfranz>.

ELIZABETH RICH (T) is the mother of six-year-old Micah and lives in Minneapolis.

1992

LAWRENCE DIETZE and wife Julie live in Lawrence.

BETSY WALTON HOOGE is happy to report that she has launched her fine art and illustration business from her home studio in Portland, Oregon. This year she

*Betsy Walton Hooge
'92 is an artist in
Portland*

is showing her work in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and a few cities in Australia. Check out Betsy's work and recent news online at www.morningcraft.com.



1993

KATIE FREEMAN sells real estate in Chicago. She traveled to Ireland for a friend's wedding in July, then to London for a few days to visit another friend. It was there she spotted a Brit wearing a Kansas Jayhawk t-shirt, which sparked an interesting conversation! She loves her job and the city, and most of all ... her spoiled two-year old cockapoo, Auggie.

KEITH ULMER is one of the nearly 10,000 physicists working on the Large Hadron Collider in Europe, and exploring some of science's most basic questions (see page 18).

1994

BROOKE BOREL received her MA last September from NYU's John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Program. Her self-designed curriculum focused on science stud-



Brooke Borel '94 with a sleeping koala at a wildlife preserve just outside Sydney, Australia

ies, which looks at science from a cultural and social perspective – gender theory, and science and math education. She quit her longtime paralegal job

and spent a month traveling in Patagonia (Chile and Argentina), where she climbed mountains and glaciers, ice climbed, and visited a penguin colony! The travel bug bit her again so she spent two months in Australia and New Zealand. She is currently freelancing for COSMOS (online news) and recently accepted a permanent freelance position at *Science Illustrated*, which is a new science magazine owned by Bonnier Corporation. The website for *Science Illustrated* is www.scienceillustrated.com.

ANN GANDHI is in Alexandria, Virginia, just outside Washington DC, working as Labor and Delivery nurse at INOVA Fairfax. She's been there since February and loves it. When she gets time, she plans to join the sexual assault response team there.

RHIANNON DIETZE HARRIS (T) and her husband, Ben, live in Manhattan, where she is in veterinary school at Kansas State University and he is a manager at Famous Dave's restaurant.

NICOLE HOHERZ (T) became Nicole Williams when she married Hart Williams in Healdsburg, California. The couple had a week-long honeymoon in Belize, on



*Nicole Hoherz Williams '94,
husband Hart, and their
Great Dane Goose*

the Ambergris Caye. For the first time in her life, Nicole has siblings: her husband's brother Walker and his new wife Dudley. Hart and Nicole will continue to live in Salt Lake City; they are living in the Sugarhouse area with their 120-pound Great Dane named Goose. After working as the Public Information Officer for the Utah Division of Homeland Security, Nicole has jumped back into television news. She now works for the FOX affiliate in Utah as a reporter/anchor on the 5:00 and 9:00 pm weekday shows. "It's a great gig!" says Nicole.

ELIOT MONACO continues at the helm of The Mime Company, which received rave reviews for the opening weekend of its *Acts Without Words!* in May. This is from *Centerstage*: “Mime and pantomime have gotten a bum rap in pop culture, but The Mime Company of Chicago just might change your opinion of this art form, making it fun, exciting and extremely accessible. The company members (including **Eliot Monaco**) are all accomplished, disciplined artists capable of astounding with their controlled movement and expressive faces and bodies. Eliot’s hilarious *Paper Shredder* gives human qualities to office machinery.”

JULIA RICH (T) is an interactive Web designer, married and living in Kansas City.

WALKER WAUGH is running The Work Gallery, the Brooklyn art gallery he started with his girlfriend and partner, Emily Driscoll. Emily was hit by a car and killed on the street a few blocks from the gallery late last year. With Emily’s life cut so tragically short, Walker wasn’t sure he wanted to return to the gallery, but in an interview with New York radio station WNYC, Walker said it was Emily’s memory that compelled him to continue the work they began together. “We wanted to do a series of shows and I was committed to at least doing that and seeing how that went and to me that’s been this great relief, that decision. Because now I come down here and I know that this is where I need to be and this is where she wants me to be.” Read more about The Work Gallery at <http://www.redtinshack.com>.

1995

SAMANTHA CROW continued to work hard as a Product Marketing Manager for iGoogle until she resigned from Google in May (*see page 35*). She also tried her hand at weekend orange-picking and tree-planting, learned to play trampoline dodgeball, and traveled a lot. After four years in California, she has decided to move east to see what adventures are in store for her there!

STACY ELMER is back at KU finishing her master’s degree in philosophy after spending three weeks as a KU research fellow in Sierra Leone this summer (*see page 10*).

KELLY FARMER is still in England working hard to start practicing veterinary medicine after just a couple more years of schooling.

ADAM OBLEY spent a month in McPherson, Kansas this summer completing his rural medicine rotation, one of his requirements as a medical student at KU’s School of Medicine. Up next: oncology and critical care rotations, followed by graduation in May. From there, it’s on to residency. Adam and his fellow fourth-year medical students will find out where in March.

1996

JULIA FRANKLIN was hired as an assistant editor at *New Wave Entertainment* in Burbank, California after graduating with a master’s degree in editing from the American Film Institute. Among other things, NWE does many bonus features on DVDs like the Harry Potter films, *Risky Business 25th Anniversary*, and *The Bourne Ultimatum*.

PHOENIX MARTIN (T) is a graduate of Parsons School of Design with a BFA degree in illustration. She lives in the Chelsea area of New York and is a freelance designer with a concentration on hand-drawn typography and custom fonts. She is also a part-time artist assistant to a Japanese painter named Hisao Hanafusa. Phoenix tells us she is excited about creating her own body of work, consisting of graphite drawings encased in wooden boxes, and is focusing on a show for this fall. Ultimately, she says, “I am interested in pursuing drawing as a full-time job, whatever it takes!”

KERSTIN NORDSTROM is living in Philadelphia, hoping to complete her PhD in physics at the University of Pennsylvania within the next year and a half. She plays rugby with Philadelphia Women’s Rugby.

1997

AMANDA ARTZER graduated in August of 2007 with her Bachelor of Arts from Washburn University, with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in English. She currently organizes and manages KTWU’s Lights,

Camera, Auction, which takes place each November, and recently added Underwriting Representative to her title. She took a trip to Seattle, a city she loved and compared to “all those wonderful trips we took with Mr. Miller all those years ago.” Collegiate gave Amanda a thirst for learning, which she is now trying to push toward grad school, hopefully Baker University’s MBA program.

BEN BMMES and his wife Stephanie are expecting a baby, their first, in late February. Ben is a graduate student at the Baylor College of Medicine and Stephanie teaches first grade in Alvin, Texas, south of Houston.

BARRIE GARRETT (T) is a librarian in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma and is pursuing her master’s degree in Library Sciences. She lives on a ranch with her boyfriend, where their roommates include donkeys, horses, cows, chickens, goats, dogs, cats, and one very large 12-year-old pig! Barrie hopes everyone at Topeka Collegiate is doing well. She and her sister “both have such fond memories of our time there!”

STACIE KOSSOY is teaching at a charter school in Washington, DC.

ALEXANDER RICH (T) is a fourth-year medical student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

ALEXIS ROWE has been working as a social worker at Jewish Home and Hospital in New York City, working with the elderly in a day center program designed to keep them in their homes in the community rather than having to place them in nursing homes. Alexis says her favorite moment so far was when a new client with dementia arrived. “We knew that she was probably not taking her medications properly when she started pulling loose pills out of her pockets,” she explains, “but we thought we had taken all of the pills out of her pockets. However, when I went into the activity room where she was sculpting with clay, I noticed that her sculpture’s eyes, nose, and ‘crown’ were made out of different types of colorful pills. I don’t think I stopped laughing for the rest of the evening.” Alexis moved out of Harlem and into the Bronx and is familiarizing

herself with the new neighborhood. “New York never ceases to be a lively, interesting place,” she says.

1998

JACQUELINE CASTEL has spent the last few months all over the world! She went on tour across the country filming the Brooklyn and Chicago-based band, These Are Powers. After filming shows in 25 cities, she edited the footage into a live music video for the band’s latest press release. Even more interesting, perhaps, is that she traveled in a van converted to run on straight vegetable oil! Jacqueline then traveled to Austria and Cuba for work and to France for a family reunion. She plans to shoot and co-direct a documentary on Afro-Cuban religions in the winter. When she isn’t on a plane, she calls New York home, where, among other things, she DJs – shoots for live bands – and produces her own radio show.

KATHLEEN DAUGHETY continues her work in the field of politics, most recently in St. Louis, working on the Jay Nixon gubernatorial campaign.

KATIE FARMER is working for the Kansas Democratic Party as the Douglas County volunteer coordinator. She has been working for a non-partisan voter education agency for the last year or so but decided to take a break from that to work on the elections.



JOHN FREEMAN is living in Chicago and working for CDW, an IT solutions company in the financial district. He is currently living north of the city, but is rooting for the “southsiders” to win the World Series. He lives with his good friend Michael Jones and in his spare time he enjoys the company of his sister **Katie '93** a fellow Chicagoan, and the thriving music scene the city has to offer.

RACHAEL GREENE is a second-year law student at the University of Southern California, living in Santa Monica. She is on the law review and is a writing fellow.

DAVE KELLY (T) lives in New York City. He graduated from film school last year and is currently a producer's assistant at a full-service film production company called The 7th Floor. The company produces low-budget features, most recently *The Cake Eaters* directed by Mary Stuart Masterson. Look for it in theaters this fall! Dave is still active as company manager for The Anthropologists, an actors' ensemble gearing up for a piece on the American food riots of the early 1900s. When he has free time, Dave writes screenplays, one of which takes place in Topeka! Weekends you can find Dave at Think Coffee working the espresso bar as chief morning barista. If you find yourself in the neighborhood, he promises a free drink of choice to anyone who mentions Topeka Collegiate. He's the one in the red bandana.

JIMMY SHEPHERD (T) worked in New York City last year at a management consulting firm, but he decided to go back to school. He's working toward a master's degree in liberal arts and coaching basketball at his alma mater, Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

JONNY SCHMIDT traveled from Chicago to close Model United Nations in Topeka with stories from his Semester at Sea, four months spent traveling the world as a senior at the University of Georgia-Athens. Jonny plans to continue his interest in all things international by taking the foreign service exam.

*Jonathan “Jonny” Schmidt '98
with TCS eighth graders at
Model United Nations*

*Wesley West '98 and Julie
Freese '98 are TCS classmates
now living in New York*



*Mack Schroer '98 and
his father Paul Hess
at the White House
and (inset) Mack's
winning Christmas
tree ornament*



MACK SCHROER met First Lady Laura Bush at the White House in December, after his ornament was chosen to represent the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic site on the White House Christmas tree. The White House theme for the season was “Holiday in the National Parks” and all 391 National Park Service sites organized contests. Mack's ornament was prominently placed on the 18-foot Fraser fir in the Blue Room. “It was definitely an experience that I tried to soak up every little bit of,” Mack says, “to breathe it in. I got to eat as much as I wanted to, which was great for a starving artist.” An art student at Washburn, Mack graduates this fall. His senior art show is in December.

WESLEY WEST is an analyst for First Manhattan Consulting Group in New York City, where he often sees

former TCS classmate **Julie Freese '98**, who is engaged to be married.

BLAKE WHITAKER graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Master of Arts in history. This fall he began



working toward his PhD at Texas A&M University, where he's concentrating on the British Empire in the early 20th century. Also keeping him busy is his job as adjunct instructor teaching American history at Sam Houston State University and Blinn College. If that weren't enough, Blake has authored a chapter of a book! It is titled *War and Peace in Africa: History, Nationalism and the State* and is due to be published this fall.

ALLISON VIOLA is teaching sixth grade at a school in Mesquite, Texas, just east of Dallas. She absolutely loves it! It's a low-income public elementary school with a very diverse population. Allison describes it as "a really rewarding experience." She is also tutoring at the Boys and Girls Club after school.

CHRIS YORKE lived in Holland this summer, illustrating and collaborating with his college roommate on a book about an imaginary world in a gigantic tree. Chris says what began as a children's book "developed



Chris Yorke '98 travels the world photographing treehouses

into a more experimental work, somewhere between philosophy and science fiction." The book project began when Chris was designing and building up-scale treehouses as part of an internship in Seattle more than a year ago. That experience turned into an opportunity to travel the world photographing treehouses for a book due out this fall. Chris traveled to Brazil, Australia, Thailand and India during a 3½-month period, taking pictures of 11 elaborate structures. This fall, Chris began architecture school at Princeton University.

1999

LISA GREENE is a consultant in San Francisco at Salesforce.com.

2000

ANNA ANGEL married Timothy Lippold in June. Her younger sister **Aubrie '03** served as a bridesmaid. The



couple took a vacation to Las Vegas in July. Anna currently works at Walgreen's in Topeka.

Anna Angel '00 is the bride of Timothy Lippold

ABBY BROWNBACK is in the classroom for the second year with Teach For America in Houston, Texas. Last year, she taught seventh grade math. She is teaching math again at the same school this year.

WHITNEY HAMILTON married Tyler Wood on June 14. They met at Truman State where they were both on the tennis team. He started law school this year and she is studying at the Kansas City Art Institute.

REBECCA HOLMES graduated from KU with a bachelor's degree in social work and a minor in sociology, and is now pursuing a master's degree in social work. She's taking classes and living in Lawrence but commutes to Kansas City for an internship. Rebecca also has a job as a student



Whitney Hamilton '00 marries Tyler Wood

research assistant for The Office of Aging and Long Term Care with KU's School of Social Welfare.

REBECCA KOPP is a senior at the San Francisco Art Institute and will graduate in the spring with a BA in Urban Studies. She will be the first undergraduate student to graduate from there with this degree as the program is barely two years old. The newness of this degree presented a great opportunity for Rebecca to explore many facets of her passion, including the arenas of public art, architecture, city planning, community development, social activism and political change. She works at SPUR: San Francisco's premiere Planning and Urban Research organization and loves the exposure and insight it has offered her. On weekends, she enjoys hiking in Marin and on week days, she is busy exploring every nook and cranny of the city. She plans to attend graduate school soon. She hopes it will be somewhere in Southern California.

BEN LEIFER is a full-fledged musician who plans to move to New York City next summer. This summer he and his band, Diverse, competed in – and won! – the Gene Harris Jazz competition in Boise, Idaho, beating 13 other bands from across the country. They won a recording contract with Origin Records and got to open for Roy Haynes, Christian McBride, and Nicholas Payton at a concert. Look for a DVD of their performance on YouTube, and stay tuned for their album, which will be available on iTunes, CD Baby, and hopefully commercially available!

SCUBER MARTIN (T) lives in Arcata, California where he is studying marine biology at Humboldt State University. He is currently taking time off to play poker at various tournaments around the country, mostly in California and Las Vegas. He has participated in the World Championship Poker Tournament twice.

BREANA TUTUSKA graduated from Emory University in Atlanta in the spring, then moved to New York to take a job as a financial analyst with CIT, a Wall Street firm.

2001

ROBERT ADAMS has been named to the Creighton University Dean's Honor Roll in the College of Business Administration where he is majoring in marketing and human resource management.

RACHEL BUCK is enjoying her last year at Duke, and will graduate in the spring with a double major in International Comparative Studies and literature. She's been keeping busy balancing schoolwork, studying for the LSAT, involvement in her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and membership on Duke's Mock Trial team.

CAITLIN GARRETT (T) is attending the University of Tulsa, pursuing a major in English. She is also interning at Channel 6 KOTV, a local television studio.

EMILY HERONEMUS attends Bethany College. During her junior year she played softball, was president of Bio-Chem and Habitat for Humanity, secretary for the Ally Group, and an orientation leader, ambassador, Blue Key member, Peer Minister, and Christian Ministries Coordinator. Highlights of the year included receiving a number one ranking in the nation for fielding percentage for softball, breaking her finger, studying for the MCAT, and being an emcee at the homecoming pep rally. She spent the summer working at the VA Hospital, studying even more for the MCAT, and



Dan Thompson '01 coaches eighth graders for Model United Nations

“doing physical therapy on my decrepit finger.”

DAN THOMPSON is a KU senior who spent part of his junior year studying in Hong Kong. Voted Best Overall Delegate at Model United Nations while in high school, Dan returned to Topeka Collegiate in the spring to help prepare eighth graders for their Model UN experience. Dan continues his involvement as part of KU's Model UN Club.

2002

ANDY BROWNBACK is a junior at K-State, who spent



Andy Brownback lends a hand at an orphanage in Guatemala

two months last winter working at the orphanage in Solola, Guatemala where the family adopted his little brother **Mark**, now a fifth grader at TCS. Andy kept a blog while in Guatemala. Here are a few excerpts:

January 10 *I worked with the construction crew today. Moving dirt...Yeah it was exciting. I will never take a backhoe for granted again. We are trying to fill in the space behind a 15-20 foot wall so you can imagine how much dirt that takes. And it all has to get there by 5-gallon buckets up a ladder. My back is killing me.*

January 29 *Mom (visiting from Kansas) and I woke up...And woke up again... And again... And again... All of this craziness was the result of a chronologically confused crowing cock (I added the alliteration for literary depth). It woke us up probably 20 times between 4:00 and 8:00 in the morning at which point we gave up and went out for breakfast.*

Later, returning from a trip away from the orphanage, Andy crossed paths with an angry mob threatening vigilante justice against some kidnappers. It was a perilous journey home for an American college student.

February 17: *I walked the final two or so miles to the orphanage and quickly curled up in the fetal position alternating between saying 'There's no place like home' and singing The Star-Spangled Banner.*

March 10 *I had probably the most surreal moment there when I realized that I had so much invested in this country that I was never going to live in again. All I can say is that Guatemala is a part of me and I will never be able to get it out of me.*

AMELIA MAXFIELD is a junior at Vassar, studying at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she is in the European Culture and History program. During her first month, she's been traveling around Denmark and getting acquainted with Danish culture. October brings a three-week backpacking trip through Europe. Amelia loves Copenhagen and says, "depending on how the election goes, I might not be coming back!" During the spring of her sophomore year, Amelia worked as an advocate for abused women in a battered women's shelter in Poughkeepsie. She spent this summer in Washington DC doing an internship at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), mobilizing young adults to support the campaigns of the CDF. During her time at CDF, Amelia participated in a rally for healthcare for all children on the capitol lawn, among other things. "My summer was incredibly rewarding," she says, "and solidified my goals of pursuing a career in child advocacy."

ELISE MONACO is a psychology and English major at St. Louis University. She keeps herself busy working at the university recreation center where she is a staff supervisor and president of the handball club, and visiting with her mom's side of the family living in the area. She is an Oriflamme volunteer, helping incoming first-year students during SLU Welcome Week as well as assisting with new student activities throughout the fall semester. Elise plans to study abroad in Italy this spring, but only if she lets her mom come along!

2003

JORDAN CARTER is a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis. She continues tutoring local children through the Wash U program "Each One Teach One" and plans on another season of intramural volleyball, her newfound passion. Last spring, Jordan was selected for the sophomore honorary society Lock and Chain. After literally wearing a chain for 10 days, she became a full-fledged member and is looking forward to spending the year organizing service-oriented events

Vanderbilt University students Celina Garay '03 and Adrienne Eyman '03 (T) reunite with former TCS classmate Jordan Carter '03 as she visits Nashville

for Wash U students. Jordan took a spring break trip to Vanderbilt University to visit her best friend and TCS graduate **Celina Garay '03**. Over the summer Jordan fell in love with the city of Chicago and also took a trip to visit her roommates in Long Island and Cape Cod.



KATHY HEFLIN is a sophomore at Stanford. During her freshman year, she wrote for the Stanford Daily Editorial Board,



producing weekly articles for the main campus newspaper on topics including the Patriot Act, rising birth

Kathy Heflin '03 with students in Papua, New Guinea

control costs, and the election primaries. She also rowed on the varsity Lightweight 8, and the team took third place at nationals, medaling for the first time in Stanford history. Also during the school year, Kathy worked for a political research and lobbying group at the university called the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, and won the school-wide Innovative Research Award for freshmen and sophomores for a paper she wrote. She made the Athletic Director's Honor Roll by achieving a year-long 3.5 or higher GPA while competing in a varsity sport. This summer Kathy volunteered in Papua, New Guinea in the South Pacific for 8 weeks, teaching rural children English on the remote island of Karkar with a friend from Stanford. "It was difficult," Kathy says, "without running water, electricity, and extreme tropical diseases and drought--but ultimately very productive and rewarding." She also served as maid of honor at her sister **Kaitlynn Heflin's '00** wedding.

MARC HERONEMUS finished his freshman year at Grinnell College, where he made the dean's list. He played cornerback and punter for the Grinnell College football team. He plans to a major in chemistry and is hoping to go into physical therapy.

PABLO KENNEDY is in pre-med, studying anthropology and either Spanish or Latin American studies at Washington University. At Wash U Pablo tutored Hispanic youth in the St. Louis area. He also was a member of the Association of Latin American students, played intramural sports, and worked for the company Strategic Tutoring Systems. He spent a large portion of his summer in Guatemala visiting family and touring the country.

NICOLE MCCLURE (T) spent the summer in Alaska, working for the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition as their coalition coordinator. The aim of the Watershed Coalition is to protect the streams and rivers of Alaska, as well as the salmon in them. Nicole's job was to travel around four towns gathering information about their councils and assimilating the councils' efforts. She loved the mountains of Alaska and spent her free time converting to the "mountaineering lifestyle." When she's not climbing mountains, she's at KU in the dual degree program. She's working toward a BA in human biology and a BFA in painting. Her freshman year was "one of the best years of my life," which she completed with a 4.0 GPA!

MEGAN REYNOLDS loves being a Wildcat at K-State, where she has had some awesome experiences, including crowd surfing at a football game. As a theater major, Megan assistant stage managed and stage managed two shows during the school year. She is also involved in choir, as well as two Christian Ministries on the KSU campus. Over the summer Megan worked at Lowe's and at a fireworks stand around the Fourth of July.



Megan Reynolds '03 (second from left) with friends after K-State choir concert

CAITLIN SEALS-SCHWANKE was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an Honor Society for two-year colleges, at Johnson County Community College. She plans to finish her associate's degree there before continuing on to Baker University. She is currently working at a small dance studio in the Kansas City area and performing as an artist-in-residence with a company there. Caitlin also continues her work as a photographer. She spent two weeks in Guanajuato, Mexico this summer with other students and alumni from Topeka West and Topeka High, including some TCS alums. While in Mexico, they attended the Academia Falcon language school for an intensive course in culture and language.

JENN STUEVE (T) is a sophomore at Miami University in Ohio, where she is majoring in chemistry and planning on going to pharmacy school. She spent the summer in Kennebunkport, Maine and had a blast.

ERIC WANG spent his freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis, where he volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of St Louis. Eric became close friends with the student he mentored. Eric also was an active member of Y Tutor, a student-run organization where Wash U students tutor local kids. Over the summer Eric went to Bariloche, Argentina to study Spanish for a month, along with fellow TCS alum **Chase Hamilton '03**. At the end of the summer Eric and his family, including younger brother **David '07** went to China for two

weeks, where they took in several Olympic events. Eric is serving as an orientation ambassador and a peer advisor for incoming freshmen this fall. He is also excited to live in a Wash U bloc with 15 other guys, including his best friend of more than a decade, **Pablo Kennedy '03**.

DAVIS WITTIG is a sophomore at Vanderbilt where he is majoring in economics and history. This summer he lived in New York and worked full-time for Yahoo as an intern in corporate advertising. He worked on ad campaigns directly with the outsourcing team in India. He also worked on organizing a meeting with the heads of the North American sales teams in Chicago, and attended the meeting. Davis says it was a great experience and he is still working for Yahoo part-time while at school.

ALEXANDRA WOODBURY is a sophomore at Manhattan Christian College where she plays volleyball for the number three team in the NCCAA. She is majoring in Cross-Cultural Ministries. This summer, Alex interned for an organization called "Bigstuf," which hosts church camps for middle and high school students in Panama City Beach and Daytona Beach, Florida. With 15 other college interns, she spent 12 weeks running 11 camps with 1,500 students each. Before the camps began, Alex and the other interns traveled to Kenya for 10 days, where they learned more about the child sponsoring program Compassion International. Back in Florida, the interns encouraged campers to sponsor children in Africa, a subject they knew personally, after their trip to Kenya. Alex says, "Some of us even got to



Eric Wang '03 and brother David '07 at the Beijing Olympics

meet the children we sponsor. I did! Her name is Wambui. We saw the impact Compassion makes in

the lives of children and families all over Kenya, and we got to see first-hand the poverty that affects that area. Life-changing experience for sure!”

2004

ERIN ATWOOD graduated from Washburn Rural High School where she stayed busy with Student Council, National Honor Society, forensics, and volleyball. She played on the state volleyball championship team for the second year in a row. Also during the school year, Erin worked as a nanny and as a tutor for a child with Down Syndrome. Erin participated in Leadership Greater Topeka, which has allowed her to become a member of Safe Streets and Heartland Visioning. Over the summer, Erin continued her job teaching swimming lessons and coached a volleyball team to the USA Junior National Olympic Volleyball Championships, where they finished 11th out of 48 teams. This fall she began college at KU, where she’s considering a major in genetics and is hoping to follow a pre-med path so she can continue on to a career in pediatrics. Erin, along with TCS classmate **Austin Gideon ’04** was honored with the Kansas High School Activities Association’s Citizenship Award.

BILL BUTLER (T) is a freshman at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. In high school, Bill was named a commended student by the National Merit Scholarship Program. He also participated in cross country and forensics, where he qualified for state and made the semi-finals. Bill says he’s grateful to be a TCS alum and says he has very fond memories of the school. He is particularly grateful the language arts teacher John MacDonald, for “making me a much better writer than the majority of my fellow students.”

PETER EBELING kept busy with debate, forensics, National Honor Society, and numerous other clubs and activities as a senior at Topeka High. This summer, he competed in the National Forensic League national speech and debate tournament just outside of Las Vegas. This fall, he is attending the University of Kansas, where he is an honors program student planning to major in human biology.

*Austin Gideon ’04 and his dad
prepare to jump out of an airplane*



AUSTIN GIDEON is a freshman at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. He’s leaning toward a major in business, economics or political science with Spanish playing an important part as well. Over the summer he interned as a credit analyst at Silver Lake Bank. He traveled to both Denver and St. Louis this summer to watch his favorite band, Dave Matthews Band. He went on a family trip to Keystone, Colorado for a biking and hiking adventure. He also got to watch a baseball game at Yankee Stadium before it is demolished at the end of the year. Austin also shared an exciting adventure with his dad in February – skydiving! Last year, the Kansas State High School Activities Association honored Austin and TCS classmate **Erin Atwood ’04** with citizenship awards. Last spring, Austin organized the second Hope and Inspiration Coffeehouse – a fundraiser that raised a total of \$3,400 for the kids at Capper Foundation-Easter Seals.

NIKE KLEIGER (T) has returned to Kansas after many years in Maryland. He’s at KU as a business major. In high school, he played varsity lacrosse, swam on the varsity swim team, and played drums in several bands. Nike has traveled to Colorado several times in the past few years, where he visits relatives and goes

Atima Lui '04 and her brother Nyalia '08 with their mom following their performance in Now Let Me Fly



skiing. Over the summer he went to the Bahamas with his dad for a graduation present, where he passed his days jetskiing, parasailing, swimming, and playing craps (he won \$400!).

ATIMA LUI, an AP Scholar with Distinction, graduated in the spring from Phillips Academy Andover where she earned the Rodriguez Prize in Spanish and Departmental Award in English. She is now a freshman at the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis where she has been designated an Ervin Scholar, a distinction that includes a full-ride academic scholarship. Atima is the second Ervin Scholar in the family, following in older sister **Asona's** '01 footsteps. Atima is featured on the Andover website, in an article about how she found time for a variety of activities while maintaining a record of academic excellence: "It's a big misconception that PA (Phillips Academy) students have no time for anything but studying," says Atima, who consistently made honors while being very active each week in a variety of clubs and activities and playing four years of varsity volleyball." This summer, Atima appeared with her brother **Nyalia** '08 in the play *Now Let Me Fly* presented at the Brown v. Board of Education historic site, and filmed by French filmmaker Fabrice Chiambreto for the documentary *Black Clay*. Atima was also named a National Achievement Commended Scholar for her scores in the top 2% of African Americans

Erin Atwood '04, Kandace Yee '08 and Kirsten Marples celebrate their high school graduation



in the U.S. Voted "Most Likely to become a Millionaire" by her fellow 12th graders at Andover, Atima looks forward to studying finance and joining the Step Dance team at Wash U.

KIRSTEN MARPLES had a very busy senior year. She was captain of the varsity volleyball team, earning All City and All League Honorable Mention. She participated in National Honor Society, marching band, German club, French club, and was president of Mu Alpha Theta. Kirsten was nominated as one of seven YWCA Future Leaders in Topeka and was also a nominee for Outstanding Fall Female Athlete by the Topeka Shawnee County Sports Council. As if that's not enough, Kirsten was nominated for Homecoming Queen and won Best Looking in her senior class! Kirsten is attending the University of Kansas this fall and plans to study nursing, medicine, art history, or German.

BLAIR PAXSON graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Kansas but has moved east to Virginia. She spent the summer as a nanny for a family in Lynchburg and will start at Lynchburg College this fall, where she plans to major in graphic design.

KATRINA RAMIREZ graduated from New Trier High School in Illinois and spent part of her time working in the glass art department of the school, crafting plates, jewelry, and "whatever else you can make with glass and a torch." Over the summer she traveled through Europe with her family and ended up back in Chicago, where she is taking summer courses at Northwestern University. Although she left Kansas for high school, she is back this fall, attending KU, and planning on a major in economics.

TESS WILSON spent her summer working at On the Border and helping out with an art camp at the Mulvane Art Museum. Just before school started, she went to Boston for a conference dealing with international women's rights. In the fall she began her freshman year at Washburn University, where she plans to major in English and perhaps get a minor in mass media. Tess is proud to say that she is still very close to her TCS friends **Caitlin Fitzpatrick '04**, **Atima Lui '04**, and **Hannah Naeger '04 (T)**. Their summer has been filled with TCS alum fun!

2005

HUNTER ELLSWORTH (T) is a freshman at K-State this fall. Last year, he was a candidate for the prestigious Presidential Scholarship, which recognizes some of



Hunter Ellsworth '05 (T) honors TCS Math Teacher Phyllis Hoyt

the country's most distinguished high school seniors. While he hadn't been in her classroom for six years, Hunter wrote about TCS math teacher Phyllis Hoyt in his Presidential Scholars essay: "Mrs. Hoyt put everything in motion for me so that I could be strong and self-motivated, so that I could succeed in difficult courses, so that I could take tests calmly and well-prepared. But, like all good coaches, she not only prepared me for 'game day', she prepared me for life. I still remember the little sign on her file cabinet that said, 'To teach is to touch a life forever.' In this case, the sign holds true." As a senior at Topeka West, Hunter was a member of the Scholars' Bowl Team that took first at the state championship. **BONDY KAYE** was a lifeguard for the City of Topeka Parks and Rec over the summer. When he wasn't working, he was chillin'.

CORI VIOLA (T) is a varsity debater at Washburn Rural High School. As a member of Young Democrats, she sent food and other comforts to soldiers serving in Iraq. During the hot summer months, she worked at Sheridan's Frozen Custard, a job she liked so much she's staying there even now that summer's over. When she wasn't serving ice cream, Cori was traveling with her church's youth group, visiting Oklahoma and Texas to work on mission programs.

2006

SJOBOR HAMMER won first place at National History Day in the Senior Individual Documentary category with the video she directed, taped and edited: "Bones of Contention: Battling for Human Dignity at the Salina Indian Burial Pit." Sjobor also collected a \$5,000 prize from the History Channel (*see page 12*).

JACKIE HORN is a junior at Topeka High. She is a member of the Chansonettes, the all-girls choir, which makes her "happy as a clam." She had to have surgery on her vocal cords to have nodules removed, leaving her speechless – literally – for a week!

CYRUS WITTIG is back at Deerfield Academy for his junior year after working as a camp counselor at several sports camps on Long Island this summer.



Sarah Padgett '06 returns to TCS to judge History Day exhibits

2007

JOSEPH BARBER moved to New Zealand with his family after graduation from TCS. This summer, he welcomed Collegiate classmate **Joel Billinger '07** and his family, who came to visit. The Barbers showed the Billingers around, taking them to the beach, even though it was winter there! Joseph went with the Billingers to Taupo, a big lake in the mountains a couple of hours south of where Joseph lives.

JOEL BILLINGER traveled to New Zealand this summer to visit TCS classmate **Joseph Barber '07** and his family. They took three suitcases full of chips, marshmallows, crackers and video games - things the Barbers couldn't find in New Zealand. His family's first stop was Candyland, a candy factory that proved to be a big hit with everyone. Joel went to the beach and got to explore a thermal area in Rotorua. After New Zealand, the Billingers spent a few days in Tahiti before returning home.

THOMAS VARNEY is a sophomore at Seaman High School. As a freshman, he played football, basketball and baseball. This year he's concentrating on basketball and baseball. He still plays and enjoys summer league baseball.



Tobey Billinger '01 and Joel Billinger '07 (2nd from left and far right) enjoying the sights in New Zealand, where Joseph Barber '07 (2nd from right) now lives with his family



Thomas Varney '07 (sliding into base) enjoys summer baseball

LIFE AFTER GOOGLE



Samantha Crow '95 visits a Google office in Zurich during her summer travels in Europe



The Parthenon provides an ancient backdrop for Samantha in Athens

SAMANTHA CROW '95 spent the summer and early fall traveling, swimming, and reading novels and pondering her future. Why, she wonders, would anyone be interested in that? Good question, were it not for the fact that she just gave up a job that most people would kill for. Google topped Fortune Magazine's list of best companies to work for in 2007.

After four years at Google, during which the company went public and grew from roughly 2,000 employees to 10,000, Samantha called it quits, collected her stock options, and set about deciding what she wants to do next. "I still need to figure out what my dream is," she says.

Not that there was anything wrong with Google. "It's a really big company," says Samantha. "I was a very small piece of that very big company. It really is a great place to work. When I think about a corporation, Google is the one I would choose. But I don't want to spend my career in a corporation."

As a product marketing manager, Samantha worked most recently on iGoogle, the personalized version of the Google home page. Had she stayed at Google, she might have become a senior product manager or vice president of product marketing. But neither is what she wants to do with her life. "Now seemed like a good time to take the leap and see what else is out there," she says.

As we go to press, Samantha is thinking she might do anything from starting a business to writing a book to starting a web site. If it's business, the ideas she's most excited about are in the non-profit area. She moved to Washington DC in October.

This summer, Samantha traveled to Greece to visit a college roommate, then to Europe. Back home in Topeka, she spent time with her parents, Helen and Dan, and enjoyed the absence of traffic and the luxury of available, free parking. "If I want to go to a store, I can park right in front," she says. "It's so cool!"

COLLEGE CHOICES CLASS OF 2004

ERIN ATWOOD

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

National Merit Commended Scholar

State of Kansas Scholar

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship

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ELIZABETH BROWNBACK

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY: LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA

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CASSIDY CARPENTER

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

PAIGE CONLIN

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY: TOPEKA

PETER EBELING

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

Rowena Pringle Scholarship

President's Award for Educational Excellence

University of Kansas Achievement Scholarship

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KENYON COLLEGE: GAMBIER, OHIO

AUSTIN GIDEON

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY: LEXINGTON,
VIRGINIA

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Scholarship*

DANIEL GROSS

KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: KANSAS CITY
Soccer Scholarship

CHRISTAL HANNIGAN

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY: MANHATTAN

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JANE LEE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

State of Kansas Scholar

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Scholarship*

ATIMA LUI

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY: ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
Ervin Scholarship

KIRSTEN MARPLES

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

Manuel Pusitz Scholarship

University of Kansas Achievement Scholarship

President's Award for Educational Excellence

ERIKA O'SHEA

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

National Merit Scholarship

Self Scholarship

Long Scholarship

Combs Scholarship

JAMES "MONTE" PARRISH

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY: MANHATTAN

BLAIR PAXON

LYNCHBURG COLLEGE: LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Presidential Scholarship

Lynchburg College Scholarship Competition Award

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MORGAN PEACOCK

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY: TOPEKA

KATRINA RAMIREZ

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

CLASS OF 2004



REBECCA ROSACKER

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY: MANHATTAN

Kansas State University Merit Scholarship

TESS WILSON

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY: TOPEKA

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Wiseman Scholarship - Washburn University

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KANDACE YEE

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY

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Scholarship*

Chancellor's Scholar Award

Chancellor's Non-Resident Fee Differential

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Wayne Howbert Friend of Youth Scholarship

STEVEN YOO

KANSAS UNIVERSITY: LAWRENCE

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WASHBURN UNIVERSITY: TOPEKA

Dear Friends,

In this section of Collegiate Life and in this season of giving thanks, I want to express my gratitude to all the members of our community who helped make our school's 25th Anniversary year memorable. Thank you to the talented, dedicated, hard-working folks who stepped up to fill crucial leadership roles and to all who supported our school with gifts of time, energy and financial support.

In August we said farewell to five members of the Board of Trustees: Cindi Buck, Kris Chanay, Pat Gideon, François Henriquez and Bill Padgett. We thank them for their loyal service and for the many, many hours they spent working to make TCS a better place for our children.

It's with a smile that I thank 2007-08 Annual Fund Co-Chairs Kristina Dietrick and Bill Padgett, who truly put the "fun" in Annual Fund with their cheerleader routines and the accompanying silliness. Who says effective fundraising can't make you chuckle?



The 2008 auction mirrored our 25th Anniversary festivities with a theme of Celebrate! Auction Co-Chairs Kim Baker and Laura Schwerdt led the way with the hilarious "Heads or Tails" game and the launch of a successful corporate table sponsorship program.

Special thanks to the inaugural Parent Council leadership team: President Joe Pennington, Vice President Dave Lob, Secretary Tracey Goering and Treasurer Yelena Carrington. This foursome deserves credit for their pioneering efforts and for laying the groundwork for future Parent Councils.

The commitment of these individuals and of all those whose names appear in the pages of this Annual Report is greatly appreciated.

With warm regards,

David K. Hudspeth, Jr.

Annual Report

TOPEKA COLLEGIATE

2007-2008



NEW ENDOWMENT FUND HONORS FOUNDER'S MOTHER

**SUSAN BUDER HORAN
1918-2008**

FOUNDER SUSAN GARLINGHOUSE's mother, Susan Buder Horan, died May 13th at the age of 89. Shortly before she died, she made a generous bequest to Topeka Collegiate School to establish a fund that would provide financial aid to deserving students. Since then, the fund has grown with memorial gifts from Mrs. Horan's children, grandchildren, friends and admirers.

The Susan Buder Horan Endowment Fund is a fitting tribute to a woman who loved her family and prized educational opportunity.

Mrs. Horan grew up in a family where education was a priority. Her father and his four brothers founded the Susan Rassieur Buder School in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition, her father was a charter founder of the John Bur-

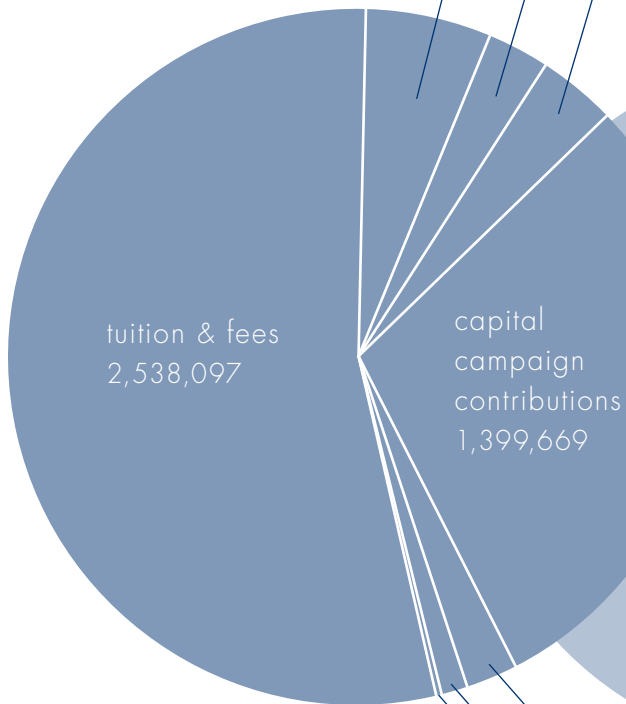
roughs School, an independent school recognized as one of the nation's premier preparatory schools. Mrs. Horan was a voracious reader who adored children and was entranced with their development. Susan Garlinghouse and her six siblings remember their mother as a natural teacher. "Mom opened doors but never forced us through them. Whether it was birds, wildflowers, horses or books, she was a teacher who respected each of our very different interests and personalities."

Awards will be made from the Susan Buder Horan Fund for children who meet Topeka Collegiate School's admission standards, and whose families demonstrate a need for financial aid (*See list of donors page 50*). ≈

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REVENUE

auction 171,879
annual fund 137,951
extracurricular activities 275,413

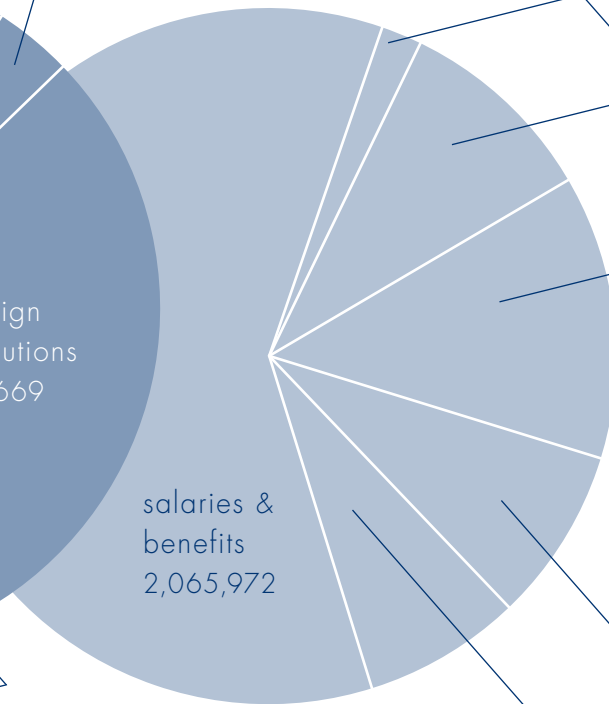


other fundraising 112,390
interest 56,269
other 15,567

TOTAL REVENUES 4,707,235

EXPENDITURES

fundraising 65,415
administrative & office 322,335
financial aid 455,406



facility & maintenance 278,863
instructional supplies 253,296

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 3,441,287

Co-Chairs
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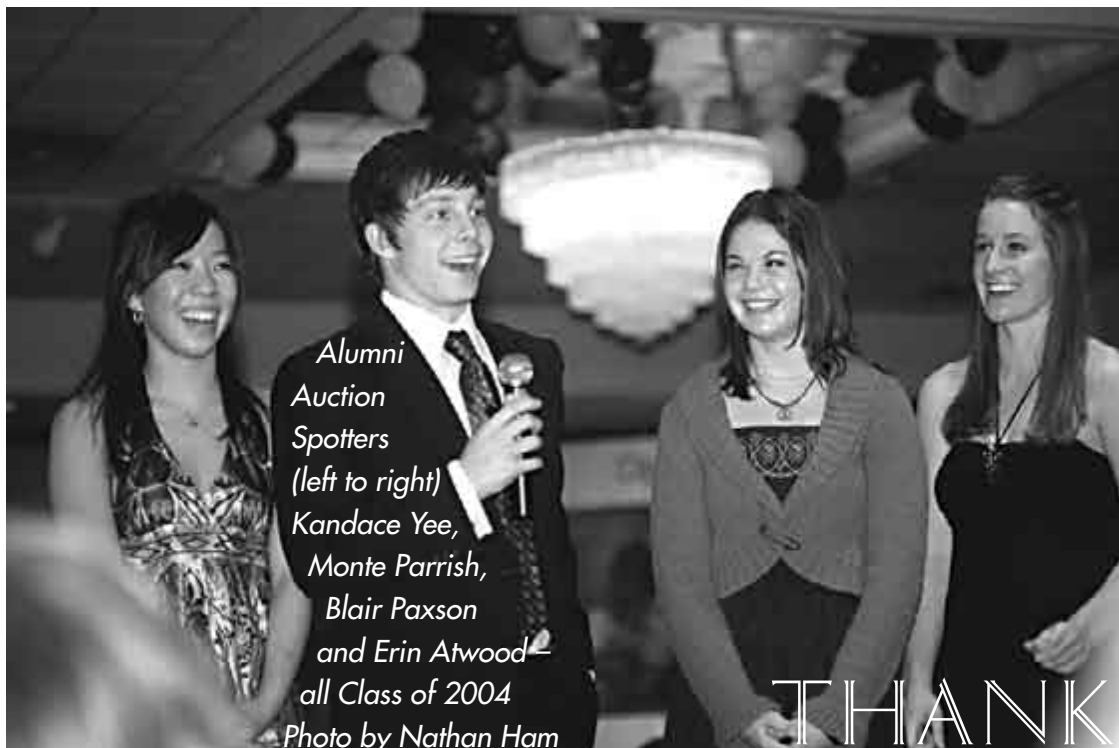
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