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Topeka Collegiate School Alumni Newsletter

Topeka Collegiate: An Independent School Grades Pre-Kindergarten Through Eighth

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

1982 - 2007



Photo by Nathan Ham



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Friends,

This is a year of celebration! We are marking the 25th anniversary of Topeka Collegiate School just as we reach the 300-student enrollment milestone. It's a confluence of happy events that makes it a great time to be Head of School. I have great respect for the founders of this school and for the hardy group we've dubbed The Pathfinders – those brave souls who saw the potential in the startup school out by the airfield a quarter of a century ago, and took the leap of faith.

While we are honoring the past this year, we are also looking to the future. We are at a critical juncture in the life of this school and there can be no moratorium or resting on our laurels.

We must teach students to strive each and every day to develop core values, build integrity, foster acceptance and tolerance for others, and understand the value of honesty while building a sense of community within the student body and a respect for individuals and differing points of view. This school is a microcosm of the world.

We give students alternatives so they can learn to take risks and enlarge their curiosity and creativity. They need both space and structure, academic challenge, and time to be themselves in order to foster their rapid physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth. When students are taught to ask and to make real choices, and are allowed to make mistakes in an atmosphere of high expectations and general support, they will learn to deal with the conflicts of freedom and interdependence that will continue throughout their adult lives.

This school is more than a series of buildings where teachers teach and students learn. It is a community which involves students, parents, teachers and friends in its decision making, learning activities and daily life. It is a community that is enriched by the inclusion of persons of differing backgrounds and personalities.

Education should give individuals confidence in their abilities, the skills to implement them, and enthusiasm for ideas to sustain them through a lifetime of challenges and learning. For our students to be the future leaders they will become, they must have a fearless and thoughtful approach to contemporary and future world problems. This is what we do here at Topeka Collegiate. We offer opportunities – opportunities for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

David K. Hudspeeth, Jr.
Head of School



SHAWNEE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION 1982 - 2007

*L*ooking back, it seems almost a miracle that Topeka Collegiate School opened its doors on September 7, 1982. The idea

of establishing an independent school in Topeka had met with resistance, even antagonism. There were obstacles and tremendous setbacks, including the death of the first headmaster. Fortunately for a generation of students, Topeka Collegiate's founding families were strong, smart, resolute and untiring in the pursuit of their vision.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Topeka Collegiate School, we mark another exciting milestone. Enrollment has reached 300 students – something that would have been difficult to imagine back when the school was nothing more than an idea.

The Beginning

Kent Garlinghouse remembers the very moment that the idea for Topeka Collegiate School was born. "I came home from work one day, asked what's for dinner," he recalls, "and Susan said, 'This will just never do.'" *This* was their daughter Kim's public middle school education. Always involved in her children's education, Susan Garlinghouse found middle schools in Topeka particularly lacking. When Kim finished her seventh grade math book before the end of the year, for example, she simply marked time for the rest of the year. There was no homework in any subject. Susan was galvanized into action. The year was 1978.



Students present Susan and Kent Garlinghouse with the 25th anniversary flag.

Photo by Nathan Ham

Susan and Kent set about finding like-minded parents who might be interested in starting a private, non-church-affiliated, college prep day school. From two organizational meetings emerged a core group dedicated to establishing Topeka's first independent school. Most came from private school backgrounds. Founding Board Member John Gay credits his private school education with helping him succeed in life. "We were all motivated," he says of that early group. "We didn't really know how to put a school together, but we were really dedicated and serious about wanting to do it." Bill Walls, also on that first board, shared many of the others' frustrations with Topeka's public schools. "They were not providing the kind of college prep we needed," he says. "We wanted our kids to achieve at a high level."

The Vision

While they wanted to improve things for their own children, there was consensus among the early families that Topeka needed another educational option for all its children. "The future depends on the quality of education for all kids," says Susan Garlinghouse. "Whatever we do for all kids helps ours." The common vision for the school that began as Shawnee Country Day School was that it would uphold the highest academic standards. It would instill integrity and perseverance, provide opportunity and global perspective, and foster respect and humanitarian ideals. But how would they pay for it? "There was a major financial problem,"



remembers Founding Board Member Bill Walls. "How were we going to raise the money, what would we do for a campus, where would we get the seed money?"

The Money

The answer came one evening in the Garlinghouse living room. Kent's parents were there, along with Ruth and Bernerd Fink. Kent's father Mark supported the independent school idea, and said he'd be willing to make a financial stake. He offered the Finks a challenge to join him. Ruth Fink remembered the moment distinctly. She accepted the challenge, and with that, two generations of Garlinghouses – Marjorie and Mark, Susan and Kent – and Ruth and Bernerd Fink became the founders of Topeka Collegiate School. Ruth Fink smiled at the memory of that pivotal night. "I was glad I could help," she says, "but Kent and Susan have always given me more credit than I deserve. They were the ones who worked so hard to start the school." Susan believes Ruth's support was crucial. "It has made all the difference," she said, "because when Ruth put her money behind an idea, it stood for integrity. Integrity has always been a part of this school."

The Planning

The school was incorporated as Shawnee Country Day School in November of 1979. For the next year and a half, the board worked to get the school off the ground. There was help available. The independent school model was tried and true. There were independent schools

across the country, a national association, even books on starting independent schools. “We spent lots of time discussing things as to how and what we wanted,” remembers Jean McElroy, a founding board member, “mainly hiring a headmaster.” The board’s first choice was Mac Rives, Head of Middle School at one of the top independent schools in Denver. Rives was charismatic and supportive. He came to Topeka a number of times, helping to guide and educate the young board about the independent school model. In 1981, Rives grew frustrated and bowed out of the process. Susan Garlinghouse was confident he could be convinced to return. “I still thought he would be the head,” she says. Sadly, Mac Rives was killed in a car accident. The board was devastated. “It was like a kick in the head,” says Bill Walls. “There was a period when nobody knew what to do. Then we started looking for someone else.”

The Search for a Head

The search for a headmaster led the board to a candidate at a private school in Wichita who took the job, then reneged. The loss of a second headmaster hit hard. Penny Hilpert, now Penny Oslund, had moved to Topeka and joined the organizers in 1980. She remembers thinking, “There goes our whole dream. It was a slap in the face.” Kent Garlinghouse was crestfallen and thought it might be the end of the line. Susan never gave in to despair. “That’s exactly what we want our children to learn – resilience,” she says. “You step back and try again.” And try they did.

By now it was early June of 1982. School was scheduled to begin in September. The Garlinghouses, Penny Oslund, and Tom and Meef McBride flew to New Orleans to meet a young man who had just opened a school there. The Topeka contingent knew that if they didn’t hire him, they didn’t have a school. Fortunately, Bill Rollings loves the challenge of starting things. “It’s

the hallmark of what I’ve done all my life,” he says. “I knew we could do it!”

The Race to Open

With Bill Rollings at the helm, it was a sprint to get ready for the first day of school, just three months away. The board had leased a former public school building in Pauline, adjacent to Forbes Field south of Topeka. “Between Bill, Penny and Susan,” recalls Kent, “there was enough commitment, passion and perseverance to get it done.” Bill Rollings hired teachers. “We found great people,” he remembers, “and it was heretical that we would hire people without degrees in education. One - Carl Graves - had a Ph.D. from Harvard in history.” The school was furnished with surplus desks. Whatever the public schools were throwing away was fair game. “Someone would call and say, ‘They’re dumping textbooks,’” Susan Garlinghouse says, “and we’d get six of whatever 501 was getting rid of that year.”

Bill Rollings describes that time as a “real adventure, but it was very hard work.” Penny Oslund, who served as the school’s first accountant, concurs, “It took a lot of energy and effort.”

The Opposition

The Shawnee Country Day School experiment was attracting attention, not all of it positive. A letter to the editor savaged the idea of an “elitist” private school in Topeka. An administrator at a suburban district warned parents considering the new school that their children wouldn’t graduate from high school on time. The superintendent of the Topeka School District said, “I’ll do everything I can to make sure your school fails.” Kent Garlinghouse was dismayed by what he heard from some parents: “I can’t understand why you’re doing this. You don’t need education to be happy.” When Bill Rollings arrived in Topeka not

everyone was welcoming. “A number of people approached me,” he remembers, “wagged their fingers in my face and said, ‘You’re the reason public schools are going downhill.’” Ironically, some years later, a public school administrator admitted to Susan Garlinghouse that Topeka Collegiate School had “jump-started” better schools in the Topeka School District.

The Dream is Realized

Shawnee Country Day School opened its doors on September 7, 1982. Here’s how the *Shawnee Country Day News* described it:

“The simple act of opening a door early Tuesday morning culminated four years of dreams and hard work for dedicated Topeka parents and marked the first day of the Shawnee Country Day School. Through the door on that bright and sunny morning walked 43 boys and girls and seven teachers. Something very special was beginning.”

As the 43 students walked through the door, Bill Rollings greeted them and shook their hands. It was a tradition he’d brought from other independent schools and it’s what he remembers about that first day. “It was a great way to get to know a lot of kids quickly,” he recalls. The day began with an assembly. Susan Garlinghouse remembers with clarity, “Bill Rollings played the guitar and sang *Simple Gifts* and welcomed everybody. In that moment, I believed ‘We’re going to make it!’” For Penny Oslund, “There was excitement, enthusiasm, and a little trepidation about what we’d done. The doors are open, but now the real work begins.”

Kent Garlinghouse remembers thinking of his fellow parents, “They were a collection of renegades, often from outside Topeka, who were willing to take a risk.” Bill Walls agrees. “It was a big leap. It was a risk financially but in the long run it wasn’t a risk because we had faith in our kids.” Susan Garlinghouse recalls, “It didn’t feel

like a leap of faith. It felt like the right thing to do.”

Reflecting on 25 Years

Bill Rollings stayed at Shawnee Country Day School for three years. He is now president of a Dallas consulting firm that provides HR support to 400 schools across the country. He values the lessons he learned in Topeka. “I learned a lot. The job I have now requires me to call on everything I’ve done in my life including what I learned by opening SCDS.”

Everyone involved in starting Topeka Collegiate School acknowledges that Founders Susan and Kent Garlinghouse were the driving force. Without them, the school simply would not exist. They have been active in the school they started from its inception to the present day, in ways large and small. One or the other has served on the Board of Trustees continuously from the very beginning. Kent is the current board treasurer.

Reflecting on the 25th anniversary, Kent says, “This school has been more than I could have hoped for in the beginning. Not only the quality output, but even more interesting, I think we have delivered on the goal to develop character as well as academics. Character is part of the culture of the school. It’s part of what parents expect. Parents don’t come unless they buy in.”

Susan says, “I’m as proud as I can be that this school is here, that it’s offered so many opportunities to kids. A teacher at Topeka High School told me he can tell the Topeka Collegiate kids without even asking. They know how to ask questions, they have a desire to learn and be involved in their world. You can’t say anything finer. Sometimes I have to pinch myself!”

The founding of Topeka Collegiate School involved many people. Not all are quoted in this article but all are remembered and appreciated.



The school mascot Spirit emerges from a birthday cake.

Photo by Nathan Ham

25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION EVENTS

Calling all alumni, alumni parents, former faculty and staff, and friends of Topeka Collegiate School: Whether you've been gone one year or 25, please make plans to return to Topeka Collegiate School the weekend of April 25-27 for our 25th Anniversary Reunion.

You will receive an invitation for these events, but please mark your calendars now!

Student Council President *Alex Chanay* suggested the theme for 25th Anniversary alumni art - Topeka Collegiate's eagle mascot Spirit bursting from a birthday cake. We have three submissions so far, but we would welcome more. If you would like to create a piece of art, simply make it 8" by 8" using whatever medium you like, and mail it to Mary Loftus at Topeka Collegiate School, 2200 S.W. Eveningside Drive, Topeka, KS 66614.



The 25th anniversary flag

Friday, April 25th

6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kansas Expocentre's Heritage Hall

Buffet dinner, blues band and fun for all TCS families and friends

Sunday, April 27th

Noon

Topeka Collegiate School

Picnic with food, games and family fun

(Three pieces of art are shown on the following page.)



(Upper left) Artwork by Lesley Ash '96

(Lower left) Artwork by Ana Maldonado '02

(Above) Artwork by Katie Jones '07



THE PATHFINDERS

*B*ecause they were the pioneers who paved the way for everyone who has come after, we have designated Topeka Collegiate School's founding families and first-year faculty, parents and students The Pathfinders. In 1982, they were charting unknown territory. It was an enormous leap of faith for parents to send their children to the fledgling Shawnee Country Day School 25 years ago. Here are some of their memories - then and now - of that first year.

Then

From the 1982-83 Yearbook - Memories! Shawnee Country Day School

Remember when...

"We didn't have a sports teacher and Mr. Graves tried to referee basketball?"

"We had a classroom debate between Israel and the PLO and both sides dressed up and chanted slogans?"

"The hawk swooped down in front of our faces as we shivered in the prairie chicken blinds?"

"Nearly everyone had trouble giving a two-minute speech?"

"We had no library?"

"We dissected cow eyeballs in Ms. Matthews' class?"

"We had three balls and a Frisbee for sports?"

"We went on a canoe trip down the Kansas River and Mike (Walls) accidentally drank the water?"

Now

"I got the kids involved in History Day, which was in its formative stage then. I was looking for some sort of academic competition. Some of them did quite well."

"I remember one time we were in the cafeteria with the little kids and one of them got sick. I was helping clean up and I thought, 'My Ph.D. is really coming in handy!'"

"It took real non-conformists to take part in Shawnee Country Day School. It was not something that was easy to do. There was no tradition of independent schools. People thought it was communism or something."

Carl Graves

(Now in his 23rd year of teaching at Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City)

"We actually dissected a dead squirrel in Ms. Mathews' class. It may have been road kill. The science budget was probably pretty limited. We definitely rolled up our sleeves and got into it."

On being one of only two eighth graders to graduate in the Class of '83: "My thought at the time was that I wanted to finish it out. I started it and I was going to finish it."

David Walls '83

"I'm glad my parents tried it out but being a pioneer wasn't that great."

Will McElroy (T) '83

"I think I may have been Student Council president. I remember thinking, 'I'm finally involved in Student Council and it's because there are only four of us (eighth graders).'"

"In history class we were studying the Civil War. Mr. Graves divided us into North and South, and we debated the issues. We learned a lot and I remember thinking we didn't do that in public school."

"I did feel like a guinea pig. I had told my parents I'd try it (Shawnee Country Day School) and at Christmas they let me go back to public school. I made the decision for all the wrong reasons. I missed my friends."

Dorsey Gay Paul (T) '83



Brock Hilpert (T) '93 (right) and friends wait to go on stage for a holiday performance



Mr. Carl Graves and Tammi Jones '84

"I have so many fond memories of my two years there. Among others, dissecting cow eyeballs and practicing taxidermy on squirrels in Ms. Matthews' science class, earrrrly morning studies at the Konza Prairie watching prairie chickens, overnight canoe and camping trips, and endlessly reciting Latin conjugations ... eram, eras, erat, eramus, eratis, erant ... with Ms. Ahrens."

"Every Christmas I am reminded of the first school play I was in at SCDS - the Christmas story. I probably still have my angel wings in a box somewhere in my basement, and 25 years after I learned them I can still remember every word of my lines."

"These memories, of teacher encouragement, dedication to thought and question, to the joy of learning ... these memories have impacted me and formed me much more than I realized during those two short years. They have shown me the person I want to be ... thoughtful, inquisitive, compassionate... the person I strive to be."

Tiffani Chrisman Thomas '84

"I remember playing Capture the Flag on the field. The fifth through eighth graders would divide into teams and everyone was very into it."

"I remember dissecting cow eyeballs in Ms. Matthews' class. Also someone brought in a human lung from a smoker. It was black and we talked about the effects of tobacco."

"I remember going to a statewide math competition one of the first years and even from our small school, we did very well as a team."

Brad Garlinghouse (T) '85

"As I strolled through the cavernous hallways, I had the strange feeling that my whole existence was being uprooted. Twenty-five years later, I realize, in fact, that it was. Shawnee Country Day School may have forced a change on the outside, but in doing so it fostered a stable environment for exponential change on the inside. Still waters run deep, and the impressions left by my experiences at SCDS run just as deep. The teachers I had, the friends I made, the laughter I shared, and the lessons I learned remain as vivid today as they were then. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

Tim Snarr '85

"It was hard! Academically and socially it was incredibly challenging for me. It was a challenging time for the students and the faculty. At first it was a very rude awakening. I realized it's about using your brain, challenging yourself and holding yourself accountable for doing good work. My parents had told me that I needed to try it (SCDS) but if I didn't really like it I could quit. The perception, when I was 10, that I had the choice was incredibly powerful. Once I decided to stay, what had been making me miserable - using my brain - became a passion. It turned into something I really enjoyed. I liked school. I liked challenging myself. I like being in



*Canoeing on the
Kansas River*



BACK ROW (left to right)

*Gary Owensby '86, Allison Hill Langham '86, Meaghan Nelson (T) '85,
David Rasch '85, Ed Prokop '85, Tim Snarr '85, Ted Enright '86*

FRONT ROW (left to right)

*Charlie Haahr (T) '85, Jennifer Cowan '85, Mike Walls '85, Brad
Garlinghouse (T) '85*

(Opposite page) **SITTING**
Maeghan Nelson (T) '85

STANDING left to right

Gary Owensby '86

Michelle Grim Caban '88

Jodi Snarr '88

Alison Hill Langham '86

Ervin Jones '88

John Kleinholtz '87

Kim Carkhuff '88

Naveen Atluru '88

Blake Vande Garde '87

BACK ROW

Jonathan "Andy" Rupp '88

situations now where I'm right at the edge of my skill level, and that absolutely came out of my experience at SCDS."

Alison Hill Langham '86

"We did a Christmas play where the third and fourth graders played recorders. I still remember the song. I could whistle it! There wasn't a real music room. There was a music 'niche' just past pre-k."

"We didn't have a lot of gym equipment. I brought Nerf balls and other balls and we played dodge ball."

"We didn't have a teacher at first. Mr. Rollings filled in. Mrs. Bakalar came at least a month into the school year."

Blake Vande Garde '87

"I remember Mrs. Wilson. I loved her classroom! There were lots of animals. We were learning French. I thought that was cool. I talked to other kids and nobody else was learning French."

"I broke my arm on the jungle gym, doing a jumping twist from the low bar to the high bar. I thought I had perfected the technique but I missed the bar. It hurt really bad."

Kathleen "Kaki" Williams (T) '89



"I went to kindergarten at Stout (the public elementary school) and I got to walk home from school. It was a big change in first grade when we were driving out to Pauline. Even at that point I recognized that there was an opportunity presented by the flexibility afforded to the students and teachers. At Stout, things were much more structured. At SCDS, Mrs. Wilson had carte blanche to do all sorts of things. If somebody fancied something, they tried it out. We would do these drawings and Mrs. Wilson would ask what kind of paper we wanted. I remember one week I was a smart aleck and said 'clear' and she found a piece of clear plastic! She lived outside of Topeka and we would go on fossil hunts on her land. We did a Viking project and made Viking ships. I still remember mine. It was brown with a red sail. I kept it for years. I still remember *Brent Hilpert's (T) '90* phone number in Topeka!"

Matt Garlinghouse '90

"The biggest thing I remember is the small class sizes and the ability to work at your own pace in a supportive environment. The teachers gave you the freedom to learn at the pace that was best for you

in each area of the curriculum and were always willing to help you whenever you needed guidance and support. I think the experiences that I had at SCDS laid the foundation for my decision to pursue a career in independent education. I can see the impact that small class sizes and individual attention from faculty had on my development as a student and I try to translate that into the way that I teach. The ability to engage students in the learning process and encourage students to progress at their own pace



First Headmaster Bill Rollings plays chess with Charlie Haahr '85.

with constant support have been key elements of my philosophy of education.”

Brent Hilpert (T) '90

“I remember working in the library one day. Susan Wilson had brought in a snake. Someone came around the corner and saw this black snake in the hall. Mrs. Wilson came out and said, ‘Well there you are!’”

“They did a unit on Vikings in Mrs. Wilson’s class. Years later we were in Norway and took the boys (*Brent (T) '90 and Brock (T) '93*) to the Viking museum. I stood back in amazement at all the things they remembered. The nurturing environment the boys had there helped us through a transition period and made me want to keep them in independent schools. They started with a strong foundation.”

Penny (Hilpert) Oslund

Parent

“I remember Penny (Hilpert) Oslund telling me a story about *Brock Hilpert (T) '93* after they moved to North

Carolina. They went to a private school connected with Duke University. Brock’s third grade teacher said, ‘I know you are really good at math Brock, but how do you do these math races so fast? Brock said, “Well, I did it every day in first grade!”’

“*Matthew Garlinghouse '90 and Brent Hilpert (T) '90* were best buddies in first and second grade. I remember that Brent and his dad were reading *Profiles in Courage* together. Matthew was playing around a bit one day in math when he discovered that if the numbers in the dividend of a division

problem added up to a number divisible by 9, you could use 9 for the divisor. He was pretty excited! Another time we were talking about Stormont-Vail Hospital. He said, ‘Stormont Vail Hospital, I was born in Stormont-Vail Hospital, but I was planted in Florida!’”

Susan Wilson

First/Second Grade Teacher



First/Second Grade Teacher

Susan Wilson

Class Notes

CLASS NOTES

(T) INDICATES STUDENTS WHO TRANSFERRED BEFORE GRADUATION.

1983

WILL MCELROY (T) has stayed true to his early passion for science. He works at Genentech in South San Francisco. It's a biotechnology company that uses human genetic information to develop medicines for serious diseases. Will develops new technologies for the analysis of proteins. He's particularly proud of his company's efforts to meet unmet needs with biologics. For example, Will says many women with breast cancer have survived longer than they would have otherwise because of Genentech's breast cancer drug Herceptin. Will is married to Jill, who's in marketing, and the couple has two girls, aged four and one.

DORSEY GAY PAUL (T) is a physician's assistant one day a week, a full-time mom the other four. She has two boys and a girl; Mitchell is eight, Libby is seven, and Duncan is four. All are in private school in Overland Park, Kansas, where the family lives. Dorsey is married to Troy, an entrepreneur who is currently sprucing up homes and selling them.

DAVID WALLS is a partner and financial analyst with Highland Capital Management in Dallas. He is married and has two boys; Carson, who is four, and Cullen, born June 1. His wife Cari works for an architectural firm. David earned his undergraduate degree from Northwestern and his MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

1985



Jack Garlinghouse, is the third child for Brad Garlinghouse (T) '85 and his wife Kristen

BRAD GARLINGHOUSE (T) is a vice-president at Yahoo!, one of the company's top 25 executives. Brad and his wife Kristen live in Menlo Park, California with sons Will and Jack, born in March, and daughter Kate.

HALEY ROEMBACH-CLARK SCHARF (T) recently completed coursework for an M.A. and Ed.S. in school psychology. This fall, she began a 10-month internship in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

TIM SNARR is living in Charlotte, North Carolina and working as a copywriter.

1986

ALISON HILL LANGHAM has joined the Topeka Collegiate Board of Trustees, only the second alum ever to hold that distinction. She has also put her expertise in evaluation to work by helping the school with its year-long re-accreditation self-study. When not volunteering at TCS, Alison continues to conduct education policy research for the US Department of Education as a contractor. Alison married Brian "Bean" Langham last fall at the family home in Tecumseh. They hosted a wedding reception in North Carolina and another in Kansas this spring. Brian's nickname, by the way, refers to an unfortunate haircut in his adolescence. In May, Alison delivered the

*Alison Hill Langham
'86 marries Brian
"Bean" Langham*



commencement address to the TCS Class of 2007. She shared a touching story about Bill Rollings. He was the first headmaster at Topeka Collegiate, and an inspirational English teacher. "This man was able to get a bunch of disaffected, apathetic adolescents jazzed up about punctuation and participles of all things. He was the special teacher who inspired me to start writing. Mr. Rollings left the school at the end of my 7th grade year. After the commencement ceremony that year, I lagged behind in the gym, waiting awkwardly until I could speak with him alone. I looked at him with tears in my eyes and said with the raw sincerity only a 13-year-old girl can feel, 'Mr. Rollings, this school wouldn't be what it is without you.' And he looked at me with tears in his eyes and said, 'Alison, this school wouldn't be what it is without you.' We were both right." Alison then went on to talk about how each and every one of us contributes to Topeka Collegiate's history and identity, making it a very special place.

1987

ALKA GANDHI married Robert Dietz in February of 2006. They met at Ohio State University, where both were earning their doctorate degrees in economics. Rob is the tax advisor for the Homes Builders Association in Washington, D.C. Alka left her much-loved teaching position at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania to move to Washington. She began teaching economics at the University of Maryland this fall. They live in Arlington, Virginia.

BLAKE VANDE GARDE is a patent attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina where he's lived for a year with his wife Nikki and their four children: second grade twins Connor and Nathan, three-year-old Caleb and one-year-old Haley. Nikki works for Cerner, the medical informatics company.

1989

KATHLEEN "KAKI" WILLIAMS (T) is training to be a stockbroker. She recently returned from five years as a scuba instructor in Hawaii. She learned scuba diving in Topeka, learned more while living and working in New Jersey, then visited a friend in Hawaii and "fell in love with the dream" of living there and teaching scuba diving. She savored Hawaii's "National Geographic moments" including whale shark and humpback whale sightings, but the high cost of living helped convince her to move back to Topeka. She vows to make enough money in the brokerage business to finance a dive trip to the Galapagos Islands.

1990

MATTHEW GARLINGHOUSE has co-founded a company called Recurrent Energy in San Francisco. "We install, own, and operate solar power systems on commercial building rooftops and sell electricity to the building occupant," Matt explains. "It keeps me quite busy, but I enjoy the work." In May, he traveled to Chicago for the wedding of TCS classmate **Kansas Waugh '90**.

BRENT HILPERT (T) is a chemistry and physics teacher at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. It's a large independent school with approximately 1,100 students in the high school. Brent began his tenth year at Woodward this fall, both as teacher and women's lacrosse coach. Brent received his Bachelor of Science from Washington and Lee University in 1998 and recently completed his Master's



*Alka Gandhi
'87 and her
husband Robert
Dietz*

of Education in educational administration and policy from the University of Georgia. He plans to progress into a career in independent school administration over the next couple of years. Brent has been married for seven years to Catherine, a fellow Washington and Lee graduate, who is an account director for a PR/marketing firm that specializes in health care technology. They're the owners of a Border collie/Lab mix named Haley.

JEFFREY ROLLINGS (T) works for the Red Cross in Dallas, in an outreach program for families trying to get their lives back together after Hurricane Katrina.

MAIA RUBY-CLEMMONS (T) has been working with Kansas Legal Services as an employment specialist for two years. She recently completed her OWDS (Offender Workforce Development Specialist) certification through the Kansas Department of Corrections in conjunction with the National Institute of Corrections. She is using her certification in a program to assist people with felonies reenter the work force. In November Maia's husband AJ, their sons *Alec 4*, and Christopher 19, welcomed another boy into their family - Damian Joran Clemmons. Alec entered pre-k at Topeka Collegiate this fall as a second generation student. The snake in the science classroom helped sell him on the idea of coming to TCS!

*Maia Ruby-Clemmons
(T) '90 and her son Alec,
now a second generation
TCS student*



Kansas Waugh (T) '90 marries Britney Wislow with the groom and brothers Nick '92 (far left), Tyler '01 and Walker '94 (far right) sporting kilts

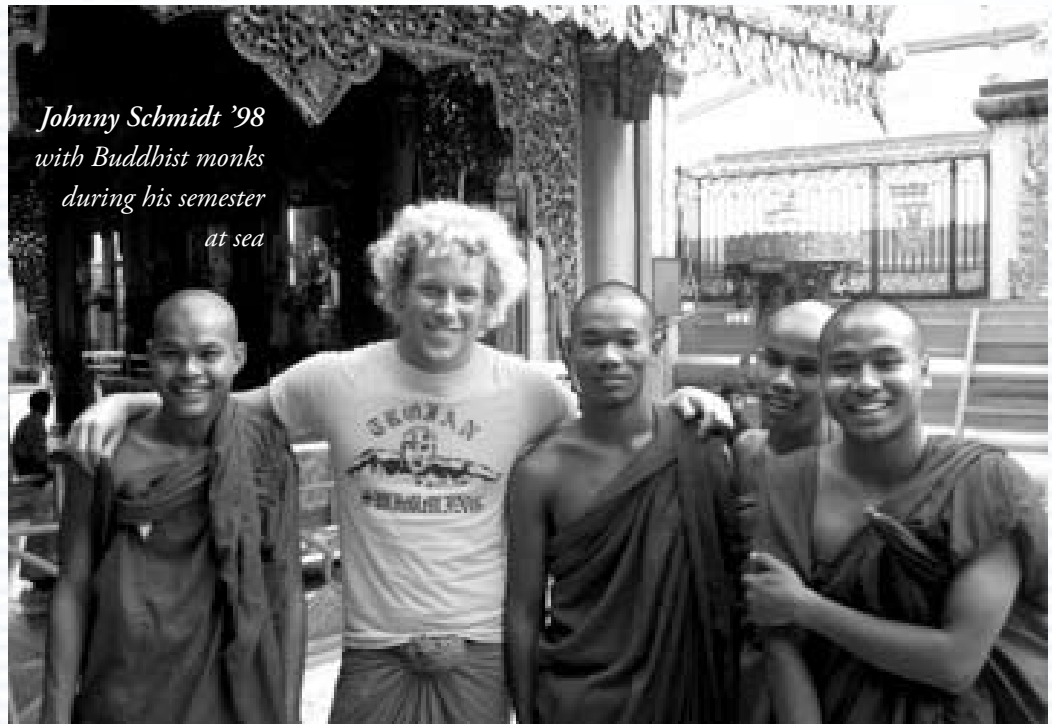
KANSAS WAUGH married yoga instructor and film editor Britney Wislow in May at the Chicago Cultural Center in downtown Chicago. The two met at Reed College more than a decade ago and have dated ever since. They honeymooned in Slovenia and Croatia. Kansas and members of the wedding party who are also members of the Waugh clan wore kilts custom made for the occasion from the Ross Ancient Red Scottish tartan. The Waugh family is part of the Ross clan.

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BRIDGET ELMER is pursuing her Master's of Fine Arts in the book arts program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She began this fall after being awarded a Windgate Fellowship which is available annually to three book arts graduate students. After spending the past five years working administratively in the field of book arts, Bridget welcomes the chance to focus entirely on her own work. She plans to work toward an additional master's degree in information and library sciences while at U.A., focusing on the relationship between special collections and the artist book. Bridget will also continue her work with Asheville BookWorks

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SEMESTER AT SEA



*Jonny Schmidt '98
with Buddhist monks
during his semester
at sea*

Jonny Schmidt '98 (known as Jonathan during his TCS years) spent part of his senior year at the University of Georgia in the Semester at Sea program, visiting more than a dozen countries around the world and laying the groundwork for a planned career in international affairs. Jonny and his fellow students took classes on board ship but he says the real lessons were on shore. He shared his experiences with family members and friends in a series of e-mails, excerpted here.

JAPAN

Konichiwa, everyone!

After leaving the ship, we started walking into town to the central train station. That ended up being an adventure. I had picked up on a few Japanese phrases and questions, but how would I know what the answers were? So we decided to look at a map on the street – nothing but Japanese. It was there that it clicked. For the first time in my life, I was wrapped up within a culture that has roots possibly deeper than any European root we've ever seen. I was in a place that has no sign of European descent, which meant that there was no chance of "guessing" what signs said based on Latin roots...It was a brand new challenge – and I loved it.

We got to Sannomiya Station. Lo and behold, what do I see across the street? McDonald's! So I decided to go. (For those of you rolling your eyes, even McDonald's is a cultural experience in every country.) So I'm looking at the menu (thankfully, with pictures) and see something that isn't on our Value Menu in the States...Eel Sandwich Meal. Ummmmm...sick.

The day before we left, we decided to just get on a train and go somewhere. We wanted to get away from the city and see rural life in Japan. We got off in a little town called Imbe. It was about as rural as you could get in Japan. We saw a school and we decided to walk in. The kids ran to the windows and started shouting "hello!" We ended up telling the headmaster that we were in training to become teachers in America (oops) so they gave us a tour. You had to take your shoes off to go in, and they gave us slippers that were about eight sizes too small to walk around in. We were told that no Americans had ever visited the school before, so the kids were extra excited. The teacher got me in front of the class as I spurted out the few Japanese phrases I had studied. The kids clapped every time. Then they would bow. SUCH a polite society.

P.S. I ended up trying the Eel Sandwich Meal. It was pretty good.

CHINA

Ni hao!!

I can't even put into words the feeling I had taking that first step onto the Great Wall. Like every piece of history that had gone into each brick on this wall was somehow rushing through the soles of my feet. It was tremendous. The hills and mountains on each side of the wall extended forever until their blue tint faded into eternity. The mist through the middle of the mountains gave the air a soft smell of dew...the

same smell soldiers on the wall had smelled when the patrolled the path against the Hun. The bricks that made up the floor had been worn and warped, bending and uneven. Some of the areas of the Wall were so steep that I had to take my sandals off to keep from sliding down. The warm stone felt so good on my feet.

At Tian'anman Square, this group of old Chinese men and women surrounded me. They were yelling at me and taking pictures and holding out pieces of paper with pens. They were yelling in Chinese and I had *no* idea what they were saying. A few in the group started yelling "TV Star! TV Star!" I started laughing and telling them I was definitely not a TV star, but they wouldn't leave. It was funny until I saw four Red Guards run up to the crowd, push their way through and grab me by the arm. They started yelling at me in Chinese...again, in vain. The guards had seen a boy being surrounded and talking to this group of people very loudly, and they grabbed me to make sure I wasn't spitting out political propaganda "against the Party." I was relieved when they finally understood that I wasn't doing anything, but it was a very poignant experience. I had never been in a country that forbids any sort of speech "against the government."

MYANMAR

Mingalaba, everybody,

Myanmar was such a conflicting country for me. I had an amazing time traveling, meeting new people, but I still left feeling a sense of helplessness.

Bagan contains one of the Seven Wonders of the World. There are over 2,700 pagodas that dot the horizon all around. They were absolutely breath-taking. Some were over 1,000 years old. Walking inside some of them, you could just smell the history. You could look out the same windows and have the same

view monks 500 years ago had. But inside was different. When the military junta took over the country, everything changed. The pagodas used to have these remarkable Buddhist murals that lined the hallways. They must have been gorgeous. Once communism took over, the walls of the pagodas were whitewashed – Buddhism had no place under a communist regime. Once the walls transformed into a white nothingness, their history died along with it.

The next day we visited an orphanage run by a Buddhist monk in Yangon. There were 180 children ranging in age from 2 to 16. Most of their parents had fallen victim to the government, either killed or kidnapped. One boy in particular stood out to me – he was the youngest in the orphanage. He was at the front of the “toddler” line. He was very shy and it made me wonder how long he’d been alone. He eventually warmed up to me and started taking my finger, wanting to walk and show me everything. He showed me his bed, which he shared with four other toddlers. I sat there holding him, hugging him, feeling him hug me back as if he’d never been hugged before in his life.

The monk told me they don’t have children older than 16. He told me that most are married off or have jobs by that age. With this little boy in my arms (his name meant “Lion” in English), I asked the monk what happens if they don’t have either of those two options. My

heart sank: “We sell them.” I couldn’t believe it. When a child is 16 years of age with no prospect of marriage or a job, they are sold by the monks at the orphanage to the human trafficking market in Thailand. There, most of the women are forced into prostitution, and most of the boys are sold into forced labor camps. The monks said they use the money to keep the orphanage running. I sat there holding this 2-year-old boy...he was squeezing my finger...unable to understand the fate that possibly lay ahead of him.

I got back on the ship as we pulled away from the port and reviewed all my photos. At that point they stopped being the exotic “Kodak moment” they had once been to me. They were real stories. They were real people. And I will never forget those faces for as long

as I live. I’m learning so much on this trip. I’m seeing how big this world really is...how much others need help...and how it’s seemingly an impossible job to finish. But I vowed that I would. I might not ever see those same children from the orphanage again but the faces of the people I met in Myanmar will be inside every face of every child I ever try to help again. And that’s a promise.



Johnny Schmidt '98 at an orphanage in Myanmar

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which is quickly becoming the southeast's most active center for the book arts. Finally, she is launching her own production label. Under the moniker Flatbed Splendor, Bridget will be producing handmade books and custom letterpress goods.

BROOKE TOURTELLOT GOC is providing freelance writing and design services while looking for a position in communications and outreach. She has been planning advocacy training and outreach strategies around mental health issues for the League of Women Voters, of which she is a member. She also provides content for the local edition of the League publication, *The Voter*. Brooke recently started a project called Art Bands Community, still in its infancy; the objective is to link Lawrence artists and musicians with local community organizations, providing exposure for both and fundraising opportunities for the latter.

MICHAEL HAZLETT and his wife Stephanie have welcomed the newest Hazlett into the family. Tripton Pearce was born June 26. Little Trip joined three-year-old Gillian and one-and-a-half-year-old Kalen. Dad says, "All are sleeping a full seven hours at night. Whew!"

Mike is selling real estate, and loving it. "I am focusing on residential real estate, and placing first time home buyers into houses. As you can expect, the mortgage industry is giving a guy in my line of work fits, so the team I created is rolling over into some investment stuff."

BERRY WANLESS, his wife Shannon and their daughter Maryella, born in September of '06, are spending 10 months in Taiwan. Shannon received a Fulbright scholarship to conduct her Ph.D. research there. They return to Corvallis, Oregon in October.

1993

KATIE FREEMAN is selling real estate in Chicago, and even sold her parents the condo her brother **John '98** is renting in the city. She has turned over day-to-day operation of



Michael Hazlett '91 and his wife Stephanie are now the proud parents of three children (l to r) Gillian, Kalen and Tripton.



Berry Wanless '91 gives daughter Maryella a ride on his shoulders.

her boutique gifting company - Chicago Presence - to a partner, and it continues to grow. She likes having former Head of School Michael Roberts in the same city as they often enjoy dinners together.

BROCK HILPERT (T) is in his second year of working towards an MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University outside of Chicago in Evanston, Illinois. As part of the program he completed a 12-week internship at Dell in Austin, Texas this summer, where he worked in brand marketing within the public sector - education, government, and health care. Before returning to school Brock lived in Atlanta for five years working for the Nielsen Company.

DORSEY WANLESS is a Ph.D. candidate in geophysics at Florida State University, and enjoying Gator football and basketball. She is continuing her research in underwater volcanic activity, which began while completing her master's at the University of Hawaii in 2005. She worked for Fugro Corporation in Seattle, mapping ocean floors, for a year in between.

1994

ANN GANDHI decided on a nursing career after getting a biology degree from KU. She credits Topeka Collegiate with giving her a love of science that continues to make her a voracious reader of all things science related. She graduated from Baker School of Nursing in 2005. In May she graduated with honors from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut with a master's degree in forensic nursing. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and works at the Georgetown University Hospital. She is completing her Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner certification.

NICOLE HOHERZ anchors morning news on the weekends and reports during the week at KUTV in Salt Lake City. On the station's Web site, Nicole credits a History Day project she did at Topeka Collegiate School with setting her on the path to journalism, "In 7th grade I did a project on the holocaust and interviewed several survivors. In this process I made friends with one of them and promised him I would always tell the story."

JOHN VAN SICKLE (T) is at Harvard University working on his MBA. He left his position at Castel Harlan, a private equity firm in New York City, to pursue the Ivy League degree. He is living on campus and will complete the master's program in two years. Before beginning at Harvard, John spent six weeks traveling the world.

1995



Samantha Crow '95 "high fives" women from the Masai tribe after dancing with them during a visit to Kenya.

SAMANTHA CROW is still at Google, lately working as Product Marketing Manager for iGoogle, which is the personalized version of the Google homepage. She hosts bi-weekly lunches at work where attendees speak only Spanish. "Usually I'm the only non-native speaker who shows up," she says, "so I miss out on lots of the slang (sigh)." Samantha also meets monthly with other Topekan living in the Bay area - including two other TCS alums, **Katherine Garlinghouse '97** and **Sarah Bellows-Blakely '01**. This summer Samantha visited Ethiopia and Kenya with family. In Kenya, she danced with women from the Masai tribe and high-fived them afterwards.

STACY ELMER spent the past year working on a graduate degree in philosophy, focusing on medical ethics and

international political philosophy at the University of Kansas. In addition her coursework, Stacy worked for Governor Kathleen Sebelius at the capitol. This summer, Stacy traveled to Washington D.C. for an internship in the Department of Clinical Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health. She helped investigate post-trial access to antiretroviral drug therapies for those suffering from HIV/AIDS participating in clinical research trials in developing countries. Stacy also traveled to Guadeloupe over the summer with boyfriend Bert Lyons to deliver a collection of Caribbean music to a local cultural center. She finished her summer by presenting a paper at a philosophy conference in Budapest, Hungary, then returned to KU with Bert to began another semester of school and spend time with their families, including the two feline additions, Dr. Tom and Louisiana. In February, Stacy reports, “the fearsome four failed in their attempt to cheer on the New Orleans Saints to a Super Bowl victory.”



Despite support from Stacy Elmer '95, her boyfriend Bert and their two cats, the New Orleans Saints did not win the Super Bowl.

Benjamin Hall (T) '96 will soon be Dr. Benjamin Hall.



1995

ZACK YORKE (T) is finishing his Fulbright Scholarship year in South Africa, where he's had a wide variety of experiences, which he describes on p. 25.

1996



Lesley Ash '96 visits Paris on her recent travels through Europe.

LESLEY ASH left her teaching job to work for a large architecture/engineering firm in New York City. She's really enjoying it so far. She's also been taking painting classes at the School of Visual Arts, and has joined an artists' group that has some upcoming gallery exhibitions in Manhattan. Between jobs, she went backpacking through Europe by herself, traveling through The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Spain. This year, she traveled to the Dominican Republic and Belize to visit some Peace Corps volunteers. It's been an exciting year!

BENJAMIN HALL (T) completed his third year at the University of Kansas Medical School and spent a month this summer in a “mini-residency” at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

MASTIN KIPP (T) is vice president at The BAM Group, a Los Angeles-based music management company. “Over the past year,” says Mastin, “I was fortunate enough to handle the management duties for Gnarlz Barkley, as well as produce their performance on the 2007 Grammy Awards.” Mastin also owns his own record label called Love Yourself and works with Emma Burgess, a folk/rock artist.

SARAH WANLESS just returned from six months of teaching environmental education and art at a community center on the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan border. She is thrilled to be back in Minneapolis, and is working as a lowly office assistant for the fabulous Design Institute (the University of Minnesota’s design think tank). Sarah’s short-term goals include repairing the gears on her road bike, while her long term goals include buying a new road bike.

1997

STACIE KOSSOY is teaching pre-kindergarten in Washington D.C. at KIPP DC: Leap Academy. KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) is a network of 57 charter schools across the country that are highly successful at educating students from low-income areas. Stacie made the move to Washington after teaching first grade for two years in the Teach For America program in Camden, New Jersey.

ALEXIS ROWE traveled Europe by train last summer with fellow TCS alum **Dave Kelly (T) ‘98**, visiting Paris, Versailles, Barcelona, Nice, Monaco, Rome, Pompeii, Prague, Munich and Innsbruck. Alexis says, “We had an excellent time and saw some landmarks and historical sights that I never thought I’d see in person. We happened to see some jellyfish in the wild. They kept us from swimming in Nice because they were everywhere.” Back in New York, Alexis began her second-year social work internship at Jewish Home and Hospital, caring for elders in the city in their homes. The experience convinced her that working with the elderly was her calling. In May, Alexis graduated from Columbia University’s School of Social Work with a master’s degree, and was offered a social work position with the Jewish

Home where she interned. She’s working in the Adult Day Health Care Program, which transports elders to the nursing home for meals, activities and health care services, then transports them to their own homes at the end of the day. Observes Alexis wryly, “I am enjoying getting paid for working for once!” She and Dave moved to Harlem where they’ve been enjoying local food and culture.

1998

ALEX BLEIBERG graduated from Macalester College with a degree in English. He has stayed on in Minneapolis with many of his classmates, working for AmeriCorp and providing a variety of community services through a comprehensive neighborhood center. This summer he organized recreation programs for children.

JACQUELINE CASTEL graduated from the Tisch School of The Arts at NYU with honors a year ago and shot her senior thesis film two weeks later. It’s a 20-minute narrative adapted from the works of late illustrator and writer Edward Gorey. Jacqueline is putting the finishing touches on editing, sound designing and digital post work, then will submit it to film festivals across the world. Another of Jacqueline’s films was selected for the senior level First Run Festival and was nominated for a Wasserman Award, the top level award for filmmaking at NYU. She and the other finalists were flown to Los Angeles where they screened their films for the Directors Guild of America. Since graduation, Jacqueline has been freelancing in New York, working mostly in art and camera departments for music videos and short films. She is still DJ’ing on a New York station, and debuted a new radio show in the spring. Jacqueline spent six weeks in Tokyo this summer as a cinematographer on a documentary, then traveled with a friend in China and Southeast Asia. She returns to the U.S. in October to begin what she describes as “the grueling process of finding a new apartment in Brooklyn.”

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A POSTCARD FROM SOUTH AFRICA

by Zack Yorke '95 (T)

Zack Yorke '95 (T) earned his bachelor's degree from Amherst College in Massachusetts and his master's degree in fine arts from the University of Pennsylvania. Last fall he won a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship which he's using it to fund a year of discovery in South Africa.



“We’re not in Kansas any more!” exclaims a delighted Zambian. This is how people usually respond when I tell them where I’m from. I hear this a lot here in South Africa, where I’ve been living for the past 10 months. Topeka and Johannesburg sit on opposite sides of the world, but in people’s minds, they often seem even further apart.

I’ve spent the last 10 months visiting chicken farms, art galleries and ghettos, campuses and shopping malls, festivals and conferences - trying to look at South Africa’s economic transition through an interpersonal lens. I returned to South Africa on a Fulbright Grant in November, 2006 to continue a personal and professional journey that I had begun two years prior on a grant from the Thomas Watson Foundation.

I began my investigation into South Africa’s creative industries by interviewing 50 creative professionals and entrepreneurs: Shakespearian actors, tattoo parlor owners, movie producers, mercenaries, urban apparel designers, photographers, painters and musicians. I was trying to find out if there was something distinct

about creative endeavor in South Africa - how and if historical trauma had shaped peoples’ imaginations.

I took a graduate course at the University of the Witwatersrand with 14 journalists, authors and executives from around the continent and the world. It was humbling

to pick apart a Reuters journalist’s paragraph and to listen to her pick apart mine.

I worked with Thembani International Guarantee Fund in Johannesburg and their partners, Shared Interest, an NGO (non-government organization) based in New York. I learned how they secure loans to high-risk (poor) borrowers as a way of uplifting South Africa’s underprivileged rural communities - women especially, since uplifting women often means uplifting a village.

I appeared on a television program aimed at stimulating dialogue around social issues of the day. I wrote seven articles for three magazines. I was a guest on a national radio broadcast. The host and I discussed an unpublished article that I wrote about well-intentioned American visitors to sub-Saharan Africa. Listeners from around the country called in to shout at me, offer opinions and ask questions.

After nearly two years here, Topeka and Johannesburg have indeed inched closer in my imagination. I’ve sat around many dinner tables, engaged people respectfully, and made life-long friends. I’m proud of that and I’m deeply grateful for that.

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JOHN FREEMAN graduated from K.U.'s Business School in May and moved to Chicago. He's working for a media/marketing firm downtown and living with a high school friend on the near west side. Just one floor below is former TCS classmate **Jonathan "Jonny" Schmidt '98**.

RACHAEL GREENE graduated from Brown in 2006, with a degree in public and private sector organizations. She was offered the opportunity to establish the Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy department at GUESS?, Inc., a position that includes articulating a strategic philanthropic mission, administering the GUESS Foundation, and project managing cause marketing promotions. With GUESS' support, Rachael began law school at USC - the University of Southern California - this fall and will continue overseeing Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy at GUESS.

DAVID KELLY (T) graduated from Marquette University in May with a B.A. in broadcast and electronic communication with an emphasis in television production and a minor in film. With graduation, he concluded his tenure as general manager of MUTV, the school's television station. David's proudest achievement was generating 80% percent of the station's budget in revenue. "While not quite a profit," he says, "it was by far the most successful year financially in the station's 30 year history." Dave moved to New York in July to attend the New York Film Academy's year-long intensive filmmaking program and "to hang out with Alexis." (TCS alumna **Alexis Rowe '97**) His final semester project went very well and convinced him he's on the right career path. Dave writes, "My fourth film featured special make-up effects by **Jacqueline Castel '98**, who I see regularly. My next big project is my thesis film. So far I've hired Alexis as my script and continuity assistant and hope to enlist Jacqueline again as well as friends from Marquette. I ran into **Allison Viola '98** at a restaurant in SoHo a few weeks back. She was just visiting, but there seem to be a lot of Collegiate kids crawling around this place." It's a small TCS world!

JONATHAN "JONNY" SCHMIDT graduated from the University of Georgia at Athens last spring with a B.A. in international affairs and a minor in German after spending his fall semester at sea. Excerpts from his e-mail diary of that trip are on p. 18. Jonny moved to Chicago after graduation, lives in the same building as TCS classmate **John Freeman '98** and works for a marketing company.

WESTLEY WEST is still working for First Manhattan Consulting Group, which he describes as the financial industry's leading management consulting firm. But he's not in Manhattan! "They've transferred me to our office down in Melbourne, Australia," says Wes, "where I'm running projects with one of the biggest banks in the nation. I live next to a casino here in Melbourne. If I get some free time I'm going to compete in a poker tournament or two. I'm currently homeless; my lease on my apartment in New York City has expired. When I get back I'm planning to stay with (fellow TCS alumnus) **Jim Shepherd '98 (T)** until I can get a new place."

CHRIS YORKE is living in Seattle, building tree houses part-time, illustrating a book the rest of the time and contemplating architecture graduate school in the fall of 2008. Asked if people actually live in those tree houses, Chris responds, "The tree houses are most often extra bedrooms, office spaces, artist/writer studios, etc. The clients who want an entire residence are either real bohemian nature-friendly types or hyper-affluent folks with four houses already."

1999

NATHAN BAMMES continues to do biology research at K-State involving human umbilical cord matrix stem cells (HUCS). He received one scholarship funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct research and another from K-State's Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research to further fund his research. He is currently working on a project to investigate the hypothesis that HUCS are therapeutically useful in bone marrow transplants. The goal is to begin clinical trials

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ALUMS RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC MERIT

Stephanie Atwood



Of the half dozen Topeka High School students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program last year, five were Topeka Collegiate alumni. **Stephanie Atwood**, **Elliot Buck** (T), and **Jordan Carter** – all members of the Class of '03 – are National Merit finalists. Jordan is also a National Achievement Scholarship finalist. **Chandler Maxon** (T) '03 and **Nicole McClure** (T) '03 are commended students.

STEPHANIE ATWOOD was valedictorian at Topeka High. At graduation she reminded her classmates of the slogan that had become their mantra: "Failure is not an option." Stephanie is a freshman in the honors program at KU, and thinks a career in law may be in her future. She's certain her life's path will lead away from Kansas at least temporarily. "I'm really ready to move on to more interesting and challenging things," she told *The Topeka Capital-Journal*, but, she continued, she may one day return to the capital city because "she likes the idea of sending her children to Topeka Collegiate where she attended school through eighth grade."

Elliot Buck



ELLIOT BUCK is also a freshman at KU. In addition to being a National Merit finalist, he is one of 16 Chancellor's Club Scholar recipients for 2007-08. Elliot has pledged the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, as has TCS classmate **Chase Hamilton** '03.

Jordan Carter



JORDAN CARTER is not only a National Merit and National Achievement Scholar, she is an Ervin Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis, where she's a freshman this fall. Although she carried a rigorous class load her senior year, Jordan still found time to volunteer at Topeka Collegiate, teaching digital photography to fifth and sixth graders. Jordan told *The Topeka Capital-Journal* that the biggest influences in her life are her mom and dad, Lisa Hecht and Vincent Carter. In particular, she said her dad, a firefighter, works hard and doesn't complain, something she is emulating. "I don't know about the not complaining, but I do strive to work hard," she said.

Chandler Maxon



CHANDLER MAXON is a freshman at K.U. this fall. The National Merit commended student plans to study journalism and Spanish. She was named a Kansas State Scholar and a member of Topeka High's National Honor Society.

Nicole McClure



NICOLE MCCLURE spoke at Topeka High's graduation as senior class president. She said in part, "In the same way religion is dependent upon faith, competence is dependent upon common sense, and I think that if there is one thing we should strive for, it is competence...Also, I believe there is tremendous power in graciously accepting the consequences of our actions. Especially if the path you take is an unorthodox one, be ready to face the opposition. In this way, you will have negated much of the hold your critics have on you." Nicole is a freshman at KU this fall.

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soon. Nathan took the MCAT in May and is now applying to med school. He will graduate from K-State with a B.S. in biology in December.

BRIANNE BURNETT graduated in the spring from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in communication studies and a minor in linguistics. Following graduation she stayed in Ann Arbor with some friends and worked for the university, giving campus tours to prospective students and their families. In July she traveled through Italy with a friend before starting law school at Michigan State University at the end of August.

LISA GREENE graduated from Berkeley a semester early in December. She moved to Nob Hill, a neighborhood she loves in San Francisco. Lisa is working at salesforce.com. "I love my job, and it's in a great location," she says. "Our headquarters are located next to the Ferry Building; I can see the 'Port of San Francisco' sign outside my window. I live so close that I walk to and from work every day. I also love that my sister lives in California now too! We get to see each other often on business trips and when we decide just to hop on a plane for an hour to see each other for the weekend."

NATALIE JENISON (T) graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland with a B.F.A. in interdisciplinary sculpture. She's decided to stay in Baltimore and currently has a piece of art in an invitational art exhibition there. Natalie enjoys living within two hours of her older sister Lauren, who lives and works in Philadelphia.

MARIA MALDONADO graduated in May from the University of Kansas with honors and with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and a minor in French. Her senior year at KU she was the president of Sellards Scholarship Hall. She was accepted into Teach For America, and assigned to Houston. She spent the summer at the Summer Institute (training program), where she taught sixth grade writing to summer school students. For two years, beginning this fall, Maria will teach sixth grade

language arts at Thomas A. Edison Middle School. "It's hard to believe that I have so much responsibility now," she says.

ANDREW VAN SICKLE (T) graduated early from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in May, finishing in three years as well as completing all his training and certifications to be a commercial pilot. Embry Riddle kept him on as a flight instructor. Most recently, he's been hired to fly Embraer 145 jets for regional flights, like from Boston to New York.

BETSY WANLESS graduated from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington with a BA in business and a minor in economics. Then, as she describes it, "It was time for me to switch from the west coast to the east coast. I packed my life up, said goodbye to my best friends as well as the place I had called home for the last four years." Betsy is in Philadelphia working for The Boeing Company.

2000

ALLISON ATWOOD is senior at KU. During her junior year, she finished her term as vice president for finance at her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. In November she was elected vice president for administrative affairs on KU's Panhellenic Executive Board, and will hold that position for a year. She is very involved with KU's Business School and was named the Outstanding Junior in Finance in the spring. Allison spent the summer interning at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City as a financial analyst.

ABBY BROWNBACK spent her last year at K-State working as *The Collegian's* copy chief and preparing for Teach For America. She graduated with a degree in print journalism and a minor in Spanish in May, and moved to Houston this summer for Teach for America training. This fall, Abby is teaching seventh grade math at a middle school in west Houston.

ASHLEY GIROUX is in the fourth of a five-year master's of interior architecture and product design program at K-State. This summer she spent eight weeks at the Denmark Design School studying glassblowing. Ashley is enjoying

running some half marathons and being an aunt for the first time.

WHITNEY HAMILTON is engaged and has set a wedding date in June of next year. She met her fiancé at Truman State her freshman year in college, where they both played tennis. Whitney studied painting in Italy last fall and is now attending the Kansas City Art Institute, pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting.

KAITLYNN "KAITY" HEFLIN spent the summer in Berkeley doing research on hydrogen as a potential new energy source, and other scientific research. She will graduate from Bryn Mawr College in the spring with a degree in chemistry that she declares will "be used only for environmental purposes and other positive means." Kaity lives in a vegan environmental co-op at Bryn Mawr, where decisions are made by consensus. She is engaged to Joshua Tate, a musician and songwriter. They plan to marry after she graduates, then go on a honeymoon in Thailand.

REBECCA HOLMES spent the summer in Lawrence, working and going to summer school. She graduates from KU next year with her bachelor's degree in social welfare, after which she plans to go to graduate school.

BENJAMIN LEIFER traveled to Switzerland with the Bobby Watson Sextet this summer to play at the Blues to Bop Festival. Ben plays guitar and recently scored a musical landmark he characterizes as "maybe the biggest gig of my entire life up to date with the legendary jazz drummer Michael Carvin who has played with names like Dizzy Gillespie, B.B. King, both Marsalis brothers, and Freddie Hubbard." Ben continues his studies this fall at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, playing at venues all around Kansas City. His post-graduation plans are already set. "I'm just waiting to finish school so I can go to the biggest school there is, New York," says Ben, "and try to play beautiful music with as many people as I can."

TYLER SCHMIDT continues his standout swimming career at the University of Minnesota. In March he won three more All-American titles, to add to the three from previous years as he helped his school team win a 10th place in the NCAA Division I Swimming Meet.



Kaity Heflin '00 is engaged to musician Joshua Tate

2001

SARAH BELLOWS-BLAKELY completed her sophomore year at Stanford and made the decision to major in history. In addition to keeping up with schoolwork and participating in her sorority (Pi Beta Phi) activities, she worked as a math tutor to grade school students in Palo Alto. She also used some of the long weekends as opportunities to explore California, visiting Yosemite National Park, Big Basin National Redwood Park, Big Sur, Carmel and



Sarah Bellows-Blakely '01 and Reed Underwood '01 ride a cable car in San Francisco

Monterey, Bodega Bay, and Los Angeles. This summer Sarah worked as a nanny in the Hamptons with **Reed Underwood** '01. She closed out the summer with travels through France and Spain before arriving in England to study abroad at Oxford University in the fall.

RACHEL BUCK says her second year at Duke University was even more rewarding than the first. She joined the Mock Trial team and competed in various tournaments on the east coast throughout the year. Her team qualified for the American Mock Trial Association's national tournament, and they placed in the top 25. This summer Rachel had an internship at the Shawnee County District Attorney's office which she describes as "a very dynamic place where I am constantly exposed to 'legal life.'" This fall she is studying abroad in Barcelona, and hopes to travel extensively around Europe.

SHRUTI CHALLA is a junior at Stanford University majoring in economics and international relations. She is been very involved on campus, has been captain of her Indian dance group and on the board of her Indian Council. She is an active member and leader of the Stanford Pre-Business Association, Stanford Women in Business, and the Asian Entrepreneurship Club. This summer she worked at eBay in the finance department and had the opportunity to work alongside major executives, forecast major bottom line profit numbers, and even created a proposal to enter a \$350 billion dollar market (she is still waiting for results). She was offered a two-year contract with eBay.

ASONA LUI volunteered at Topeka's Marian Clinic this summer, shadowing doctors and serving as a Spanish translator for clients. She also worked at St. Francis Hospital, sterilizing surgical instruments, and had the opportunity to observe several surgeries. As you might conclude from her summer activities, Asona has decided to major in pre-med. The hardest part of the year was having to undergo a tonsillectomy and be on the receiving end of a scalpel. "Who knew a uvula could swell up so big? I will never take pain-free swallowing for granted ever again," says Asona. Back at Washington University in St. Louis for her junior year, Asona has moved into her first apartment, off campus. "I spent three weeks

refinishing and staining an old wooden dining room set, then had to carry it up six flights of stairs in 100 degree heat," she says. "It looks great, so all the hard work was worth it. I love having my own place, a regular-size fridge, and my two best friends in an apartment right across the hall." Last year Asona was thrilled to perform concerts with Wash U's vocal chamber music ensemble *More Fools Than Wise*. Other treats included commandeering *Culture Clash! An International Fashion Show* as the culminating event for Africa Week, tutoring eighth graders in math twice a week at a local public middle school, and chairing the *Fool's Madrigal Feaste* last fall. An Ervin Scholar, Asona has welcomed TCS alumni **Eric Wang** '03, **Pablo Kennedy** '03, and **Jordan Carter** '03 into the Ervin Family and says, "We're stretching people's preconceived ideas about Kansans!"

REED UNDERWOOD was accepted into the University of Iowa's highly selective nursing school in Iowa City. After that she plans to attend graduate school and become a nurse practitioner. This summer Reed worked as a nanny in the Hamptons with TCS classmate **Sarah Bellows-Blakely** '01 and was invited by one of her families to travel with them to Switzerland. Unfortunately she had to return to school before she could make the trip.

KELLEY VAN SICKLE (T) is a junior at Fordham University in New York, where she's taken a lot of philosophy and world religion classes. Last summer she worked for Governor Kathleen Sebelius in Topeka. This summer she worked across from Lincoln Center and "loves New York City in the summertime."

2002

DANIEL BLEIBERG is a sophomore at Georgetown University where he is in the School of Foreign Service. He has his own radio show on WGTB, Georgetown's student-run station. He spent the summer in Barcelona, Spain, studying Spanish and appreciating all the joys of the city.

Photo right: Daniel Bleiberg '02 (far right) hiking in the Spanish Pyrenees with his parents and brother Ben (T) '06.

AMELIA MAXFIELD is back in Poughkeepsie, New York for her second year at Vassar College. She had a wonderful freshman year and has decided to declare a psychology major. Health problems prevented Amelia from swimming for Vassar, so she's managing the team instead. As a freshman, she was involved in the College Democrats, the Vassar Chapter of Save Darfur, and "TONCA" (Together Opposing Neglect and Child Abuse). This summer Amelia had an internship with Kansas Action for Children and continued her volunteer work with the Prairie Advocacy Center.

NATHAN PETERSON is a sophomore at Washburn University and remains active in local theater productions.

DANIEL PLENKOVICH is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. With a score of 237 out of 250, he graduated from Boot Camp as the best shooter in his platoon. Daniel deployed to Iraq in July. His father asks that the TCS community pray for his safety.

2003

STEPHANIE ATWOOD graduated from Topeka High with superior honors as her class valedictorian. She is a National Merit Scholar and a Dole Scholar, the latter based on political involvement. She is also an All-State Scholar, an honor given to the top 25 high school seniors



in Kansas, a Kansas State Scholar, and was named to the National Honor Society. This fall she is a freshman in the honors program at K.U. As a high school senior Stephanie participated in debate, forensics and students government. She took second at state in debate (6A) and placed second in domestic extemporaneous speaking at the state forensics tournament. Stephanie interned at the Kansas Democratic Party, heard Bill Clinton and Barak Obama speak, and met Senator Obama.

JORDAN CARTER is an Ervin Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis – one of three members of the TCS Class of 2003 to earn that prestigious scholarship. Jordan is a National Merit Scholar and a National Achievement Scholar. She graduated from Topeka High with superior honors, was named a Kansas State Scholar, and served as secretary of National Honor Society. She was a senior representative in student government, served as a *Topeka High World* copy editor, and contributed articles to the yearbook. Jordan spoke as part of the Heritage Panel and volunteered in Topeka Collegiate's after-school program, teaching digital photography. This summer she worked in the Topeka High office and enjoyed her last few months in Topeka.

CELINA GARAY is a freshman at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee this fall. She graduated with superior honors from Topeka High School as a Kansas State Scholar. She was concertmaster of Topeka High's orchestra and a member of its string trio. Celina was chosen to play first violin for the district and state honors orchestras. She was in the pit orchestra for *Les Misérables* at THS and played in the Topeka Youth Symphony as a senior for her seventh and last year. Celina was active in National Honor Society, the literary and art magazine Mandala, the student-run talent show SRO, and Robed Choir. She also served as secretary of AFS (American Field Service). Celina was selected to attend the Latino Leadership Summit at K.U. and was a Latina Award nominee. This summer she returned to the Ballet Folklórico de Topeka and performed at the Fiesta Mexicana.

CHRISTINA GITTO graduated from Topeka High with high honors. She's a freshman at Washburn this fall study-

ing elementary education. As a senior at Topeka High she was an editor of the literary magazine Mandala, and a coordinator of the Mandala Film Festival. She was co-head of the costume crew for Topeka High's production of *Les Misérables* and served on the costume crew for the play *Dearly Departed*. Christina sang with the Topeka High Robed Choir for the second year in a row, and traveled with the choir to Chicago. "I was a big supporter of all things Topeka High," says Christina, "displaying my school spirit at sporting events and school activities."



*Kathy Heflin '03
continues her rowing
career at Stanford*

KATHERINE "KATHY" HEFLIN won a full scholarship to Stanford University. She is a freshman on the Palo Alto campus studying politics and rowing on the lightweight crew team. Kathy spent her senior year at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut as prefect of her dorm, second-time president of the Art Club (which she helped reinstate her junior year), vice president of the Young Democrats, co-president of the Crossfire political debating club, and captain of her varsity rowing team. She was also the first person in her school to be in the First Varsity Boat for all four years. Kathy continues her academic achievement as well. This summer Kathy interned in Washington, D.C. with the lobbying group Americans for Democratic Action. She met with congressmen, political advisors and journalists, in addition to researching, writing, and lobbying on various political issues.



*Mark Heronemus '03
makes it official – he'll
play football at
Grinnell College*

MARC HERONEMUS is a freshman at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. He won academic and athletic scholarships and is playing football this fall. Marc graduated from Topeka High School with superior honors in May. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was named a Kansas State Scholar.

JACKIE HOYT is a freshman at Johnson County Community College in Kansas City on a basketball and academic scholarship. During her senior year at Topeka High, she was captain of the volleyball team and was named 1st team all-city. In basketball, she was team captain, 1st team all-city and all-league, and became Topeka High's all-time leading scorer with a career total of 1259 points, a 73.9% free throw average, and 598 rebounds. She was a McDonald's All American Nominee, and was selected by the Shawnee County Sports Council as the countywide leading female athlete for all winter sports. Jackie was also a nominee for Royalty of Courts, and graduated with high honors.

PABLO KENNEDY is a member of a very elite club. Accepted early to Washington University in St. Louis, he was chosen as both an Ervin Scholar and a Ramirez Scholar. Pablo is one of only three students this year and one of only five in Wash U history to achieve the double honor. Pablo graduated with superior honors from Topeka High School in the spring as the all-school president, a Kansas State Scholar, and a member of the Topeka High drumline.



It's a royal flush! Charles Lee '03, Jackie Hoyt '03, Elizabeth Coulon '03 and Eric Wang '03 are Royalty of Courts at Topeka High

CHARLES LEE is a freshman at Boston University this fall. He graduated from Topeka High School in May with superior honors as senior class vice president, a member of the National Honor Society and a Kansas State Scholar. Charles was also a nominee for Royalty of Courts, along with three TCS classmates.

NICOLE MCCLURE (T) is a freshman at K.U. and a National Merit commended student. She graduated with superior honors from Topeka High in the spring and spoke at graduation as senior class president. Nicole was a member of student government each of her four



(l to r) Nicole McClure (T), Pablo Kennedy, Elizabeth Coulon, Charles Lee, Chase Hamilton, and Stephanie Atwood – all Class of 2003 – graduate together from Topeka High

years at Topeka High, a member of the National Honor Society, and served on the District Citizens' Advisory Council as a senior. Nicole distinguished herself in the arts during her high school career, notably as founder and director of the Topeka Young Artists' Guild, and as the four-time winner of the Living the Dream student art competition. She won the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for Kansas last year and was named Topeka Performing Arts Center's Young Artist of the Year Award for Community Service in the Arts. She is a commissioned artist and was accepted at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design for pre-college courses in animation and painting.

MEGAN REYNOLDS is at K-State majoring in theater. She graduated with high honors from Topeka High School in May, as a member of the National Honor Society. Megan was properties manager for the play *Dearly Departed* and acted in *Les Misérables*. She performed in the student-run talent show SRO and volunteered on the production crew of the TCS middle school play. Megan sang in Robed Choir and the elite Madrigals and achieved Honor Thespians status. She attended the State Thespians Conference and recommends it as a "really

good way to get noticed by colleges if you are interested in theater."

CAITLIN SEALS SCHWANKE

is attending Johnson County Community College and living in Kansas City. She is pursuing a degree in secondary education with a focus in English, and plans to transfer to a four-year school in a year or two. She has been offered a position as an assistant to the director of Premiere Ballet of Kansas

City and will be actively involved in their studio and performances. Caitlin graduated from Topeka West High School in the spring, was named a Kansas State Scholar, and admitted into the National Honor Society. During her senior year she was involved in all three theatrical productions and various TW Players productions. As a member of Players, she directed and performed in a one-act play that was selected for the city festival, was

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Caitlin Seals Schwanke '03 interns in science class at TCS



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OF THE
CLASS OF
2007 AND
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MARGARET MARIE AULT	<i>Topeka High School</i>
JOSEPH CORNSWEET BARBER	<i>Hillcrest High School (New Zealand)</i>
JOEL BURTON BILLINGER	<i>Topeka High School</i>
PARKER JAMES CONLIN	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
JOHN CONNOR COPELAND	<i>Topeka High School</i>
NATALIE ELIZABETH STUTZMAN DEMONCHAUX	<i>Topeka High School</i>
ALIYAH RAI'CELLE DURANT	<i>Topeka West High School</i>
JONAH CHRISTOPHER JAMES FREED	<i>Oak Park River Forest High School (Chicago, Illinois)</i>
LAUREN GABRIELLE GERNON	<i>Topeka High School</i>
MAX WILLIAM HAVERFIELD	<i>Hays High School (Hays)</i>
ALEXANDER BENJAMIN HENRIQUEZ	<i>Southwest Junior High School (Lawrence)</i>
MYRIAH DARREYALE HOLT	<i>Topeka West High School</i>
TANNER JOSEPH HORST	<i>Topeka High School</i>
KATHERINE ELIZABETH JONES	<i>Topeka High School</i>
DANIEL SEBASTIAN KENNEDY	<i>Topeka High School</i>
TREVIN TIMOTHY LEACH	<i>Cair Paravel Latin School</i>
NICHOLAS EDWARD MASSEY	<i>Rockhurst High School (Kansas City, Missouri)</i>
KELSEY MARIE ROT	<i>Topeka High School</i>
JULIA REYE SNYDER	<i>Washburn Rural High School</i>
THOMAS VANCE BOGGS VARNEY	<i>Seaman High School</i>
DAVID XYEYAN WANG	<i>Topeka High School</i>
KELSEE MAE WRIGHT	<i>Topeka High School</i>

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heavily involved in the faculty variety show, worked with first graders at Whitson Elementary School in the creative dramatics program, and finished off the year with *Players Show*. A highlight was the *Faculty Follies*. Caitlin won a trophy for her partnership with Mike Callaway in *Dancing with the Faculty*. She also performed in her final Nutcracker ballet with Ballet Midwest. Last fall Caitlin was back at Topeka Collegiate for an internship with Lower School Science Teacher Mary Kate Baldwin, working with fifth grade students.

ERIC WANG represents one third of the Topeka Collegiate trifecta at Washington University. He and classmates **Jordan Carter '03** and **Pablo Kennedy '03** are all winners of the prestigious Ervin Scholarship. This trio of TCS alums is together again as they begin their college career on the St. Louis campus. Eric graduated from Topeka High with superior honors as a member of National Honor Society and a Kansas State Scholar. Eric and three of his former TCS classmates were nominated together for Royalty of Courts.

ALEXANDRA "ALY" WOODBURY signed to play volleyball at Manhattan Christian College and plans to get a dual degree there and at Kansas State University. She graduated from Topeka High in the spring with superior honors and was designated a Kansas State Scholar. Aly participated in volleyball, basketball and swimming all four years of high school, went to state in swimming two years, was captain for two years and set the all-school record in the 200 yard relay. She was in National Honor Society and won the Tower Award twice. She was selected as the Most Inspirational Athlete in volleyball, basketball and swimming from Topeka High for the Shawnee County Outstanding Athlete Award. She also sang in Madrigals and received a 1 rating at state. She worked as a lifeguard at a city pool this summer, spent a week in New York as an intern for Soho Publishing and visited Paris with her French class.

2004

ERIN ATWOOD is a senior at Washburn Rural High School, Student Council vice president and National Honor Society president. Last year she was junior class president and in charge of prom. She helped bring Rachel's Challenge, an inspirational program, to Washburn Rural and led several Student Council committees. She played JV volleyball and varsity at the end of the year, when her team placed first at the state tournament. Erin is working with a boy with autism and loves helping him learn to speak and interact better. She is playing softball this year for fun.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" BROWNBACK spent part of her summer making a film. She and a dozen other teens



met in Kansas City to make a movie in a week to enter in the Samsung Fresh Films competition. They were given a script and the equipment to do the job, but beyond that, the responsibility for the movie was theirs. The winners of the competition will be flown to Hollywood. Liz says the experi-

Liz Brownback '04 operates sound equipment on a film crew

ence was a prize in itself. She spent the rest of her summer accompanying her dad, Senator Sam Brownback, on campaign tours of Iowa, a state she jokes she has visited "a million times," and looking at colleges. Liz also chose to travel with her dad to woo voters in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, where she squeezed in some beach time. She was also in the audience for the televised republican presidential debate in New Hampshire. This fall, Liz is back at Washburn Rural High School for her senior year.

CASSIDY CARPENTER spent her summer working with Dr. Martin Maldonado (a TCS alumni parent), conducting interviews as part of a field study to help develop a list of questions for new parents about their children's feeding, sleeping and eating patterns. The right questions may elicit information that will help mental health professionals detect problems sooner. Cassidy talked with 80 mothers with babies from four to 14 months old. She also acted as a translator for Spanish-speaking mothers. Before heading back to Andover for her senior year, Cassidy traveled to Belize on a school trip where she and fellow students painted and fixed up a small, rundown preschool. Along with TCS classmate **Atima Lui '03**, Cassidy is co-captain of the varsity volleyball team and they're hoping for another undefeated season.

PETER EBELING is senior class president at Topeka High School. He is also president of the National Forensics League this year. Pete and TCS alumna **Stephanie Atwood '03** took second in the state in policy debate last year. He continues to be active in the Science Olympiad Club he founded at THS (with the help of TCS science teacher Mr. Shinn), and has been named to the National Honor Society.

AUSTIN GIDEON is a young philanthropist. Just ask the folks at Capper Foundation Easter Seals where they know Austin as a dedicated volunteer. Motivated by his work with children at Capper, Austin envisioned, planned and executed the Hope and Inspiration Coffee House, a charity event held at Topeka Collegiate. The coffee house showcased the artistic talents of local teenagers with musical acts, poetry readings and a display of artwork. His hard work resulted in a successful event that allowed Austin to turn over a check for \$828 to Capper's scholarship drive. The money will help students with disabilities whose insurance doesn't quite cover the cost of Capper's services. For his dedication, Austin was named a Young Hero by *The Topeka Capital-Journal* and featured on the

Good Kids segment of a local TV newscast. This summer Austin traveled with Duke University to Costa Rica for a biology research project, then to St. Louis for an internship at the Kilo Diabetes and Vascular Research Foundation.

CHRISTAL HANNIGAN is a senior at Topeka High this fall. She's been active in the women's choir as well as in school plays and musicals, and went on the school choir trip to Chicago in March. She is also on the diving team. Last year her anatomy teacher sent her to the Women in Science Conference in Nebraska. Her interest grew out of a LeadAmerica CSI Conference she attended in Washington, DC last summer. This summer Christal spent three weeks in Belize with a group called AcademicTreks. She earned her Wilderness First Responder Certification, volunteered at a hospital clinic and worked with the local kids. She also spent three weeks as a counselor-in-training at Girl Scout Camp.

CLAIRE JENISON (T) Claire is a senior at Keystone School in San Antonio, Texas. She is a co-captain of the varsity volleyball team, having successfully recovered from a devastating knee injury and resulting surgery last year. She spent a month in Grenoble, France



Austin Gideon '04 organizes a fundraiser to benefit children with disabilities

Katie (T) '07 and Nike Kleiger (T) '04 stop in to see pre-k teacher Mrs. Young

this summer in a language immersion program.

NIKE KLEIGER (T) is a senior at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. He plays lacrosse and is the drummer in a band he's played with on and off for several years. Nike lives in Bethesda, Maryland with his family, but is considering a return to Kansas and K.U. for college next year.

ATIMA LUI is a senior at Phillips Academy Andover, and co-captain of the varsity volleyball team. This summer she was accepted into the highly-sought-after LEAD Summer Business Institute at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia. LEAD is a program that identifies talented 11th grade students to encourage them to pursue a career in business. They had 1200 applicants for 370 spots. Thirty Fortune 500 businesses partner with LEAD and provide hands-on internships throughout college, mentorships, employment, and master's degree positions as time goes on. Before leaving for Philadelphia, Atima taught a Topeka Collegiate Summer Adventures camp in stepping, which involves stomping and clapping, often simultaneously and at various rates of speed. Atima continues to dance with SLAM, her Andover stepdance team and is president of her school's African Latino Society. Besides doing the "college search thing" this summer, Atima has "loved hanging out with TCS friends **Caitlin Fitzpatrick** '04, **Hannah Naeger** (T) '04, **Olivia Penn**



(T) '04, and **Tess Wilson** '04. They make my time at home very special," she says.

KIRSTEN MARPLES is a senior at Topeka High School where she plays varsity volleyball and was one of 17 students accepted into the National Honor Society as juniors. This summer she traveled to France with her French class. Last year she placed 11th in the state on the National French Exam. Kirsten volunteers twice a week at Stormont-Vail in radiology CT and in the pharmacy. She plays club volleyball for Topeka Elite and was recommended by one of her teachers to participate in the Women in Science Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was one of the only girls from Kansas. Kirsten is president of Mu Alpha Theta, the math club at Topeka High. This year she is exploring college choices and searching for a career she might want to pursue, "probably something in the medical field," she says.

TESS WILSON spent her junior year being much, much busier than she had planned. She was hired at a local natural food coop around Thanksgiving, and continues to work at A+ Learning Center, formerly known

as Kumon Math. Her school year included playing for the Topeka High Marching Band and drumline, Cruzline (an extracurricular drumline in Topeka), completing a course at Washburn University, and volunteering for the Topeka Performing Arts Center. This summer, Tess relaxed by taking a fishing trip to Alaska, and enjoyed the Fourth of July in Seattle with her family. Next she attended a Total Percussion Camp at Washburn University, then took on some Colorado mountains with fellow alumna (and long-time best bud) **Caitlin Fitzpatrick** '04. Now back at Topeka High for her senior year, Tess continues her college search.

KANDACE YEE is a senior at Washburn Rural High School and president of the student body. She is vice president of the National Honor Society, a member of Young Republicans, and a varsity cheerleader. Last year she was chosen Prom Princess.

2005

STEVEN ANDERSON is a junior at Topeka High where he's busy playing goalie on the varsity soccer team and varsity kicker for football. He's excited about going to Brazil for a month during winter break. He was invited by one of Brazil's national women's team coaches who saw him play at a soccer camp in Colorado. In South America, he'll train with other goalies. This summer, Steven helped the building staff at TCS and earned a reputation as a hard worker.

TYLER CHANAY is on the drumline as a junior at Topeka High. This summer he acted in the Topeka Civic Theatre youth production of *Holes*, worked

at a local retirement home and traveled to Nicaragua with his church on a mission trip where he dug *more* holes in an effort to help residents of a remote village develop a sanitation system.

ROBERT HAMILTON is a junior at Topeka High and has been chosen as junior director of SRO, the student-run talent show. It means he'll step up to the job of senior director next year. This summer Robert swam with the Topeka Swim Association ten times a week for two hours. All that effort paid off at the Air Cap Invitational meet in Wichita where all Robert's times qualified as AA standard, meaning he did very well. He swam a AAA (even better) in the 100 meter freestyle, qualifying him for the Missouri Valley meet. Last year at Topeka High, Robert participated in Science Olympiad and sang with the elite Madrigals.

MICHAEL MYERS is junior class president at Topeka High School. This summer he went to an engineering camp at K.U., volunteered at Capper Foundation Easter



Tyler Chanay '05 digs ditches for a sanitation system in a remote Nicaraguan village



Michael Myers '05 (far left), Pablo Kennedy '03 (fourth from left) and Tess Wilson '04 (far right) perform with the Topeka High drumline.

Seals, vacationed with his family in Mexico and worked for his own company, "Michael's Mowing and More." Michael has been taking flying lessons with his dad and the two are racking up hours toward their pilot's licenses. At Topeka High, Michael plays on the drumline, plays tennis, and is involved in a peer mentoring program for younger students.

LAURA POLITI is studying in Belluno, a small city in Northern Italy, near the Dolomites Mountains this year. She is living with a host family of four; mom, dad, two brothers. Laura's Italian is pretty good ("I can get by," she says), but not near as good as it will be when she returns. Laura organized a fundraiser and a garage sale to help finance her trip, in addition to working all summer.

CORRINE VIOLA (T) is a junior at Washburn Rural High School where she's on the debate team. She helped found the first Young Democrats club at Rural and works at a local retirement home. Cori is active in her church youth group and traveled to Chicago on a mission trip this summer. As part of the group, she volunteers at the Rescue Mission and Let's Help, among other charities. This summer she also went to debate camp.

2006

BEN BLEIBERG (T) is a sophomore at Emery High School in Houston where he plays on the school's basketball and tennis teams. This summer he went to Colorado with his old friend and Topeka Collegiate alumnus, **Blake Hamilton '06**, worked at a local theater camp as a counselor, brushed up on his Spanish and traveled to Barcelona with his family to visit his older brother **Daniel '02**.

JACKIE HORN is a sophomore at Topeka High School. She took part in a church camp at Baker University this summer. She describes it as an "amazing experi-

ence" and hopes to go back next year. Jackie's mom has moved to Florida, but the two spent some time together this summer, first in Topeka, then in the Sunshine State.

WESTON MCCULLY (T) is a sophomore at Northwest School of the Arts in Charlotte, North Carolina, the city's only arts school, where he has a dual major in musical theater and visual arts. The school shares a campus at uptown's "Spirit Square," a performance center for some of Charlotte's top organizations, including theater, photography, music and fine art. Weston got behind-the-scenes experience in technical theater when he worked the "run crew" for the March performance of *Les Misérables* at The Blumenthal Center for the Performing Arts. Weston played on his school golf team last spring and is a volunteer at *ImaginOn*, Charlotte's children's library, where he works in the teen loft and with children's theater projects.



Weston McCully (T) '06 attends an arts school in North Carolina

STUDENTS REPRESENT TCS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

History Day

Two performances – one individual, one group – made it into the finals at National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland in June. Then sixth grader **Soren Lamb** and seventh grader **Nyalia Lui**, finished ninth in the nation in their first attempt at the performance category with their “Unshackling the Mind of the Oppressed: Biko’s Black Consciousness and the Triumph and Downfall of Apartheid.” Despite being so sick that it looked as if she might not be able to perform, **Shelby Carpenter**, now an eighth grader, came through like a trouper, finishing 11th in the individual performance category with “One Woman’s Voice from the Oregon Trail: Abigail Scott Duniway’s Traumatic Journey and Triumphant Fight for Women’s Suffrage in the New Frontier.”

Also representing Topeka Collegiate were three students in the exhibit category: **Nick Gideon** whose project was called “The ‘Defence of Fort McHenry:’ One Poet’s Patriotic Vision, and **Colby Beardmore** and **Bailey Evans** who worked together on “Photographer Lewis W. Hine: Exposing the Dangerous World of Child Labor to Develop Protective child Labor Laws.”

Mathcounts

Led by **David Wang '07** (left), the Kansas Mathcounts team went up against 56 other teams at the national competition in Fort Worth, Texas in May. Mrs. Hoyt coached the team and Mr. McCoy served as assistant coach. The Kansas team finished 35th out of 57 teams. “All who make it to nationals are already winners of the highest caliber,” said Mrs. Hoyt. As an eighth grader, David also scored in the top 1% of the nation on the AMC-10 (American Mathematics Competition), a test designed for high school students through tenth grade.



Soren Lamb and Nyalia Lui take ninth place at National History Day.



Shelby Carpenter overcomes a bout with the flu to place 11th at National History Day



For the second year in a row, David Wang '07 represents Topeka Collegiate and the state of Kansas at national Mathcounts.

COLLEGE CHOICES

Following is the list of colleges and universities members of the Class of 2003 have chosen and the scholarships they've been awarded. (T) indicates students who transferred before graduation from Topeka Collegiate.

AUBRIE ANGEL

Washburn University: Topeka

MILES ARMSTRONG

Kansas University: Lawrence

STEPHANIE ATWOOD

Kansas University: Lawrence

Manuel Puszitz Scholarship
National Merit Scholarship – University of Kansas
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship
Juris Doctorate/Bachelor of Science Scholarship
– George Washington University

BENJAMIN BOUTON

Knox College: Galesburg, Illinois

Academic Scholarship – Knox College
Creative Writing Scholarship – Knox College

ELLIOT BUCK (T)

Kansas University: Lawrence

W. Harold Otto National Merit Scholarship
– University of Kansas

JORDAN CARTER

Washington University: St. Louis, Missouri

Manuel Puszitz Scholarship
John B. Ervin Scholarship – Washington University
National Merit Scholarship
National Achievement Scholarship
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

ELIZABETH COULON

Baylor University: Waco, Texas

President's Scholarship – Baylor University
Magis Scholarship – Creighton University
Founder's Scholarship – Tulane University
Freshman Honors Scholarship – University of Kansas
Miller Black and Gold Award – Fort Hays State
University

CELINA GARAY

Vanderbilt University: Nashville, Tennessee

Manuel Puszitz Scholarship
Topeka Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship
THS Orchestra Parents Booster Club Scholarship
Young Artist of the Year Scholarship – TPAC
Living the Dream Scholarship
Founder's Scholarship – Tulane University
Tulane Scholarship – Tulane University
Diversity Scholarship – Creighton University
Freshman Honors Scholarship – University of Kansas
McDonald's Oregon Shakespeare Festival Scholarship
LULAC Scholarship
Academic Scholarship – Washburn University
Wiseman Scholarship – Washburn University

CHRISTINA GITTO**Washburn University: Topeka***Academic Scholarship – Washburn University**Wiseman Scholarship – Washburn University***CHASE HAMILTON****Kansas University: Lawrence****KATHERINE HEFLIN****Stanford University: Palo Alto, California***Academic Scholarship – Stanford University***MARC HERONEMUS****Grinnell College: Grinnell, Iowa***Manuel Puszitz Scholarship**Medallion Scholarship – Kansas State University**Engineering Scholarship – Kansas State University**Trustee Honor Scholarship – Grinnell College**Athletic Scholarship – Grinnell College***JACQUELINE HOYT****Johnson County Community College: Kansas City***Athletic Scholarship – Johnson County Community College**Academic Scholarship – Johnson County Community College**Athletic Scholarship – Mid-America Nazarene University**Residential Life Scholarship – Mid-America Nazarene University**Foundation Scholarship – Baker University**Academic Leadership Scholarship – Baker University**Athletic Scholarship – Baker University***PABLO KENNEDY****Washington University: St. Louis, Missouri***Manuel Puszitz Scholarship**Annika Rodriguez Scholarship – Washington University**John B. Ervin Scholarship – Washington University***SCOTT KRESIE****Kaw Area Technical School: Topeka****Washburn University: Topeka****CHARLES LEE****Boston College: Boston, Massachusetts***Endowment Meritorious Scholarship – University of Kansas**Chancellor's Scholarship – University of Kansas**Irene Nunemaker Scholarship for Excellence***CHANDLER MAXON (T)****Kansas University: Lawrence***Watkins-Berger Scholarship – University of Kansas***NICOLE NCCLURE (T)****Kansas University: Lawrence***Annabel Pringle Scholarship**Justin E. Ramirez Memorial Scholarship**Prudential Spirit of Community Award**Watkins-Berger Scholarship – University of Kansas**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship***TAYLOR OBLEY****Kansas University: Lawrence****RYAN PATRICK****Wichita State University: Wichita***Chancellor's Scholar Award – University of Missouri-Kansas City**Music Scholarship – Wichita State University**Topeka High School Historical Society Ed Love Scholarship***MEGAN REYNOLDS****Kansas State University: Manhattan***Medallion Scholarship – Kansas State University**Theater Scholarship – Kansas State University**Freshman Honors Scholarship – University of Kansas*

CAITLIN SEALS SCHWANKE

Johnson County Community College: Kansas City

Kansas Honor Scholar - Kansas University

Manuel E. Pusitz Scholarship

Governor's Scholar Award

Educational Credit Union Scholarship

Menno Simons Scholarship - Goshen College

Esther Hodel Scholarship - Goshen College

C. Henry Smith Scholarship - Goshen College

Charles and Linda S. Carlsen Scholarship - Johnson

County Community College

ALEXANDRA WOODBURY

Manhattan Christian College: Manhattan

Timothy Days Scholarship – Manhattan Christian College

Dorean Scholarship – Manhattan Christian College

President's Scholarship – Manhattan Christian

College

Athletic Scholarships – Manhattan Christian College

MICHAEL SNYDER

Emporia State University: Emporia

DENNY TSAI

Boston College: Boston, Massachusetts

Excellence Scholarship - Northeastern University

RYNE TUTUSKA

Vanderbilt University: Nashville, Tennessee

Hays City Silver Academic Award – Fort Hays State University

Freshman Honors Scholarship – University of Kansas

SMU Distinguished Scholar – Southern Methodist University

ERIC WANG

Washington University: St. Louis, Missouri

Manuel Pusitz Scholarship

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

John B. Ervin Scholarship – Washington University

DAVIS WITTIG

Vanderbilt University: Nashville, Tennessee

APPENDIX

TOPEKA COLLEGIATE

ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

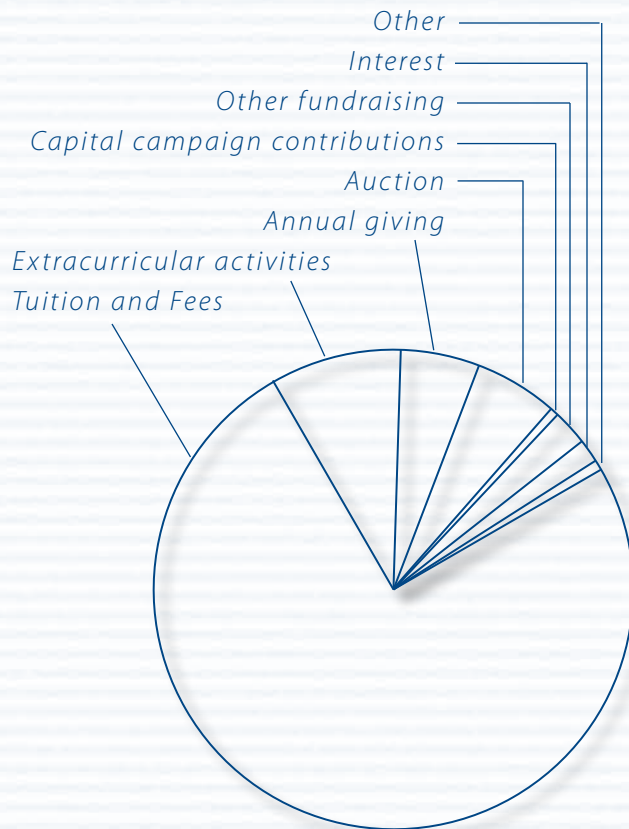
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ANNUAL REPORT

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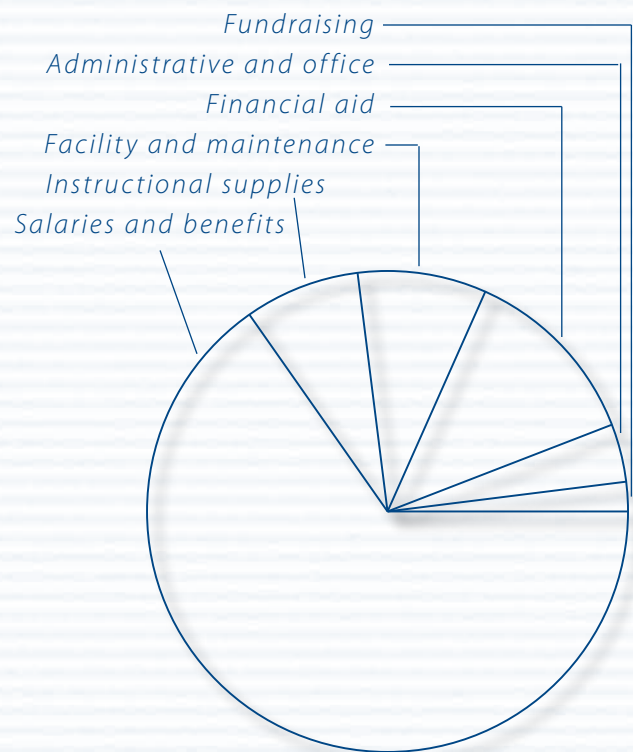
INCOME



Income

2,354,510	Tuition and fees
281,160	Extracurricular activities
167,122	Annual fund
192,027	Auction
13,792	Capital campaign contributions
63,852	Other fundraising
57,958	Interest
13,965	Other
\$3,144,386	Total revenues

TOTAL EXPENDITURES



Expenses

2,028,747	Salaries and benefits
241,944	Instructional supplies
271,172	Facility and maintenance
388,527	Financial aid
123,703	Administrative and office
59,443	Fundraising
\$3,113,536	Total expenditures

2006-2007 HONOR ROLL OF ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS

'(T)' indicates students who transferred before graduation.

RUTH AND H. BERNERD FINK SOCIETY

Membership Levels

I. American Eagle Council

\$5,000 and above

Sharon and Howard Fricke
Susan and B. Kent Garlinghouse
Pat Garrett
Kathy and Bruce Myers
Lori and Kris Robbins

II. Golden Eagle Council

\$2,500 to \$4,999

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Susan and Brian Beard
Laura and Cliff Farha
Ruth Fink
Charlene and John Gernon
Laura Stephenson and
Francois Henriquez
Sandy and Frank Memmo
Grace and Michael Morrison
Karen and Bill Padgett
Isolde and Stefano Pettinella
Stephanie and John Valley
Lynette and Peter Wert

III. Zap the Gap

\$1,300 to \$2,499

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Kristina and John Dietrick
Jett and Tim Elmer
Cheryl and John Fager

Ximena Garcia and Craig Gernon
Karen and Patrick Gideon
Jane and Russell Greene
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\$750 to \$1,299

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Mary Loftus and
Glenn Freeman
Yumiko and Alex Glashausser
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Becky and Edwin Linquist
Mary and Steven Ramirez
LeAnn and Brian Retzlaff
Cindy and Jim Shields
Denise and Charles Smith
Jane and Dick Tilghman
Changming Duan and
Lizhao Wang
Cathie and Thomas Wiley

II. Head of School's Council

\$500 to \$749

Andrea and Chris Bandy
Suzanne and Kevin Beckwith
Cindi and Mark Buck
Stefania and Adrian Caracioni
Anne Russell and Kevin Freed
Barrie Garrett (T) '97
Caitlin Garrett (T) '01
Sandy and Don Hazlett
Marjorye Savage Heeney and
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Suresh Ramamurthi
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Mary DeCoursey and David Brennan
Eva Brown
Lisa Hecht and Vincent Carter
Carol and Harry Daughenbaugh
Maggie Khater and
Moussa Elbayoumy
Gail and Benjamin Franklin
Tina and Bill Gannaway

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Sylvia and James Hamilton
Phyllis and Brent Hoyt
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Lisa Locke
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Sushmita Veloor and
Raghunath Malay
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Stacy and Jon McGillivray
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Julia Mullican
Erin Brunton-Pennington and
Joe Penington
Lovica and Payam Pourmirza
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IV. Friends' Council

\$50 to \$249

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Kelley and Jason Berryman
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April and Chris Holman

*2006-2007 Co-chairs
Sue Badsky and Bill
Padgett (far right) build
a record-breaking
Annual Fund campaign
on a theme of "Shaping
Tomorrow's Leaders."
Joined here by Debra Ricks
and Randy Badsky during
pledge week, the co-chairs
led the Annual Fund team
to a record total of
\$167,122, and a new school
family participation
record of 82%.*



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Blake and Robert Zachritz

V. Associates' Council

Up to \$49

Brint Baker
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VI. Matching Gift Companies

Del Monte Pet Products
Hallmark Corporate Foundation
Hill's Pet Nutrition
Pat's Pig BBQ, LLC
Security Benefit Group of Companies
Walmart Foundation
Wendy's - Legacy Restaurant
Group, LLC

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Auction Co-chairs Debra Ricks and Tracey Goering flank Head of School David Hudspeth and Auction Liaison Barbara Shinn as they celebrate at the "Silver and Gold, New Friends and Old" auction - even before they knew it would set a new auction record.



Teri and Kirk Williams
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The Yee Family and China Inn

II. Auction - Other

Allied Paints
Applebee's
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BC Capital
Beauty Brands Salon
Bee's Knees Jewelry
Karen Benson
Barry and Tana Blankenbaker
Bobo's Drive In
Don Brent Photography
Briman's Leading Jewelers

Brick Oven
Mark and Cindi Buck
Sally and Bert Buckland
Johnny Carino's
Casa Ramos
Chef Alli and Menu Makers
Morgan Chilson
Coach Bob Chipman
Chuck E. Cheese
Classic Bean
Copeland Gymnastics
Lavonna Creviston
Bert Degand/Ace Computers LLC
Delicious Dishes
The Diamond House
Dog Day Afternoon
Henry Doorling Zoo
The Eldridge Hotel

Elegant Temptations
Debra Fisher
Frameshop and Gallery
Framewoods and The South
Wind Gallery
Gail and Ben Franklin
Susan and Kent Garlinghouse
Dr. Michael Gardner
Glory Days Pizza West
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Vicky and Jim Gorrell
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tion so we may print a correction.*

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Collegiate Life

Fall 2007

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Save the dates!

Alumni Reunion Events

Friday, April 25th

6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kansas Expocentre's Heritage Hall

*Buffet dinner, blues band and fun for all
TCS families and friends*

Sunday, April 27th

Noon

Topeka Collegiate School

Picnic with food, games and family fun

