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OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Scholarship
and Personal Best

Editor: Ken Moore ‘00
Alumni Relations

On the cover: Alumni pose for picture during the Thanksgiving Games at Rob Hall.

President's Letter – Carol L. Klimas



Greetings from Lake Ridge Academy! I continue to be amazed by our community members. We have had a very busy and productive first half of the year with many student and faculty accomplishments.

A few highlights follow:

- The Ohio Educational Theatre Association selected our 2010 Upper School Fall Play, *Janey Miller's World Tour: A Fairy Tale*, to be presented at their annual thespian conference in March 2011. This is the second time in our program's history that Lake Ridge Academy will be traveling to the State Thespian Competition. Drama Director, Kristy Knechtges, has enjoyed watching the students' dedication and hard work throughout the entire process. Our congratulations to the entire cast and crew.
- During the month of November, Kindergarteners studied the United States of America. They started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Not only can they recite it correctly, but they can define each of the vocabulary words throughout the pledge. Students also held an election, with ballots, in their own voting booth. Some of the hotly-contested issues involved pizza toppings and ice cream flavors.
- The Lake Ridge Academy Science Department was selected by The Ohio Academy of Science for the prestigious Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities. Dr. Betsy Glor, Mrs. Gail Moran, and Mrs. Jen Wish received the award due to their superb simulations of scientific research and through broadening scientific opportunities beyond the classroom.

- Our Upper School strings ensemble has been accepted to perform at *You're Instrumental* at Walt Disney World Resorts, in Florida. In addition to the performance, they will participate in an eye-opening "You're Instrumental" clinic with Disney personnel. The strings group will travel after graduation in May. Our Jazz performers will also perform at Disney World this year. We are extremely proud of our talented musicians.
- Additionally, if you walk the halls, talk with students, parents, and teachers, you will experience a very positive atmosphere, the embodiment of our core values of respect, integrity, scholarship and personal best. Students are engaged, working with caring and understanding teachers. Parents are smiling, grateful for the experiences of their children. Our quest to achieve our mission is evident in every classroom, in the commons, and on the playground and athletic fields.

I thank all of our community members who have contributed to our incredible learning environment enabling Lake Ridge Academy to be one of the finest educational experiences in the state of Ohio.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol L. Klimas". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Carol L. Klimas
President



SCHOOL EVENTS

Madison Russell '21 (left) and Emma Stafford '19 draw their handprints

LOWER SCHOOL

Every year in the Lower School, certain Upper School students use their free periods to help in the classrooms, **servicing as mentors**. First Grade teacher, Mrs. Schulz, loves the connection that her Upper School buddy, Melina Schiff '11, has made with her students as they have built a long-lasting relationship. In the second grade classroom, Emily Glor '12, Stephen Rasoletti '12, Anjani Kapadia '13 and Abigail Kolczun '14 play an important role in the classroom environment. In addition, they have the unique opportunity of mentoring alongside their former teacher, Mrs. Lane, who loves the opportunity to see her former students in this new role.

Another success in the Lower School is the **class buddy program**; Kindergarten is paired with the third grade, first grade with fifth, and second with fourth. These groups meet every cycle to read together or collaborate on special projects. Recently, the entire Lower School worked on a special quilting project. Squares with their handprints were sewn into a quilt which was given away. It is great to see the Lower School rally together in support of their community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

During **Middle School Community Building Days**, students participated in a number of team building activities based on responsibility, safety and fun and designed to create their Middle School Community. Their program culminated in a day of canoeing down the Upper Cuyahoga River.

The Middle School Student Council hosted a Leadership Forum with other local Middle Schools to discuss leadership and government. The eighth grade leadership, comprised of President Alexandra Walsh '15, Vice-President Colin Howell '15, Treasurer Sage Blackwood '15, Secretary KT Hatcher '15, and Ambassador Berthy Feng '15, led breakout sessions to share initiatives and activities that each schools' student councils were undertaking. Our Middle School students have tentative plans to continue their leadership work with other middle schools.



Front:
Cassidy
Kolczun '15
Middle: Lily Kuentz '17
Back: Julia Bouzاهر '16

UPPER SCHOOL

During the fall of 2010, forty-two Upper School students met weekly in preparation for the Lorain County **Model United Nations** Conference held on November 18 and 19, in the Spitzer Center at Lorain County Community College. After two days of discussing pertinent issues such as nonproliferation and nuclear technology to oil and its impact on the global environment, our students wrote and passed resolutions in an attempt to find solutions that affect our world. Of the twenty-one Lake Ridge Academy teams, nine received awards with five of those nine winning the Excellent Delegation Award. In addition, three students were highlighted as an Outstanding Delegate for their individual accomplishments.



Outstanding Delegates with their Gavel Awards: Viveka Hulyalkar '11, Angel Zhang '13 and Adam Moreno '14



On Wednesday, October 27, 2010, Lake Ridge Academy held its **10th Annual Diversity Forum**. Dating back to 2001 in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, the Diversity Forum has been a vital part of our interest in promoting healthy awareness about diversity. This year, Lake Ridge Academy was honored to bring home one of our own, Eyad Zahra, Class of 2001, to speak about Identity in the 21st Century. Eyad continues to promote his movie *The Taqwacores*, a movie about young Muslims dealing with the complexities of modern life and culture with their devotion to Islam. Eyad's keynote speech was well received by students who shared their own identity struggles, similar to those shared by Eyad, growing up as a young American Muslim.



Seniors Mike Plecha '11 and Matt Nathal '11 led the Lake Ridge Academy **Boys' Soccer** team with their stellar play and excellent leadership. Matt earned a spot on the Greater Cleveland 1st Team and Mike was named to the 2nd Team. The Lions look to improve upon their record with fourteen returning players next year.

Mike Plecha '11 - All Lorain County First Team.

The **Boys' Golf** team had a truly extraordinary year, leading to Lake Ridge Academy's first berth for any team in a State Championship. During the regular season, the boys accumulated an undefeated record, 11-0 in match play, with a key victory over St. Edward's. In the Sectional Tournament, Mitchell Rice '12 earned Medalist Honors, with the best score, sending our boys to a first place finish. Lake Ridge Academy's only other Sectional wins came in 2000 and 2001. Our second place finish in the District Tournament earned the Team the coveted trip to Columbus. The two day state competition was fierce and the boys finished in 10th place. Individual awards accompanied the great team finish, as Mitchell Rice was named to the All District 1st Team, with Spencer Scheeler '11 and Nick Nemetz '11 named to the All District 2nd Team.



The 2010 Boys' Varsity Golf Team.



Left: Mikey-Jackson Smith '12 prepares to serve

Center: Matt Nathal '11 – All Lorain County First Team

Right: Spencer Scheeler '11 illustrates his flawless follow through

Girls' Volleyball had one of their best seasons, recording a 15-7 record, which included Lake Ridge Academy's first win over St. Mary's of Sandusky. Mikey Jackson-Smith '12 was named Lorain County Player of the Year, with Emily Glor '12, Jordan Guidish '12 and Alex Lavelle '13 earning 1st Team honors.

Sam Potoczak '12 was named All Greater Cleveland First Team



Third year coach, Tara Bowen, led the 2010 **Girls' Soccer** team into the season looking to defend their 2009 District Championship. They earned the number 1 seed in the District Tournament after ending with a regular season record of 11-2-2. They finished as District Semi-Finalists after losing a heartbreaking overtime game to Fairview.



Emily Kurtz '11, who was named 1st Team Lorain County as a Goalkeeper

Winter Sports

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are in the heart of their schedules. Lake Ridge Academy's Girls Basketball Team is currently ranked in the Top 5 by the *Plain Dealer* in the Seven County Area Poll of the Best Basketball Teams. Log onto www.lakeridgeacademy.org to find schedules and come cheer our student athletes on.

Although they finished with only two wins, the **Girls' Tennis** team showed great improvement during the season and hopes are high for next year and beyond. Players earning team awards were Rachel Rice '13, Most Valuable Player; Sara Al-Haddad '14, Most Improved; and Olivia Miraldi '13 Coaches Award.



Rachel Rice awaits a return.

Faculty Spotlight

Reflections on Education

Señor Francesco Catanese, in his 34th year teaching Foreign Languages at Lake Ridge Academy, recently reflected on his teaching career, the evolution of his teaching style and his passion for learning languages.

Señor's famous slogans



I came in contact with a foreign language for the first time when I started first grade, back in the village where I was born in Sicily, Italy. I belong, perhaps, to the last generation of Italians for whom the "standard Italian" language was a foreign language. After that, I studied Latin, French and English while in middle school. In 1966, when I came to the United States of America, I was a sophomore and for me the foreign language was English. Towards the end of my senior year, I went to the counselor and told her that I wanted to go to college. My first class of my first day of my first year in college was Elementary Spanish. Slowly, after a few classes, something started to happen: by the end of the semester I decided to become a language teacher! Not only would I study Spanish, I also decided to pick up French again. Since I decided to be an education major, with a double concentration in Spanish and French, besides all the courses I had to take in these languages, I also had to take some courses to prepare me to teach.

I graduated from college in May 1973, and in the fall of 1973, I started to teach Spanish I and II and French II at an all girls' school in Rocky River, Ohio. **I was positive that I knew all that there was to know about teaching.** I was full of enthusiasm. My students, all of them, would love to study and to learn. They would all be fluent speakers of French and Spanish... After a few

weeks, I had a hunch that something was not going according to plan. I kept on going. Every Saturday and Sunday I would write my lesson plans, making sure that they were timed to the minute. During the weekend, I would also go back to the school to the language lab, to make supplementary recordings. In spite of all this, things were a little strange.

The text I used to teach French was called "La France en Direct," but how was "La France en Direct" supposed to work? A basic component was a felt board that the teacher would use to arrange and move about figurines while telling a story under the form of a dialogue or narrative. The students were supposed to listen and, if called upon, repeat. Why was it that they would not do that? There I was asking them to repeat the dialogues, but they wanted to ask questions. They were not supposed to ask questions! They were supposed to listen, repeat, and do their homework, take quizzes, take tests...listen, repeat, do their homework, take quizzes, and take tests. Although the method for teaching Spanish was very different, the basic tenants were the same: the students were supposed to listen, repeat, do their homework, take quizzes, take tests.

The second year that I was teaching, there was a different chair of the department; she was a French teacher. One day I went to

her and very candidly I admitted that I didn't know what to do with "La France en Direct." She came over to observe me teach, and after class she gave me the following advice: **Improvise!!!** There I was, a relatively new teacher, doubting my capabilities and told to improvise... improvise with what?

In the fall of 1977, I began teaching at Lake Ridge Academy. I would be teaching the entire Spanish program, and for a number of years the only Spanish teacher, plus French II. What has happened over these few years? One thing that I can finally say is that **now** I feel that I can improvise, if I have to, and I often do. Over the years, I have also realized why things were not going according to plans before. I have found the culprit or culprits in this case, the students! Nobody told me that students were human beings: with likes and dislikes, with off days, with different abilities, who have lives outside of school that often influence what goes on in school.

I remember attending a workshop once at Oberlin College given by professor John Rassias, from Dartmouth College. He had devised a method of teaching languages that used all kinds of histrionics: dressing up as different characters or literary figures, tearing his shirt, throwing chairs against the wall, pretending to shoot arrows at the students to make them repeat, even going as far as cracking an egg on a student's head. He would give a short demonstration, and then one of the teachers in attendance would practice using the rest of us as students. Things went according to plan, but at one point I decided to behave as a "student" and started to mispronounce everything. I received a number of dirty looks from the person giving the demonstration, but not once did she stop to correct me and show me what to do. Once at another workshop, I decided to act as a student struggling, trying to learn the language. Again, nothing was done to correct the situation. Afterwards the lady that was demonstrating told me, "You know, you

are a pain." I proceeded to explain to her that I wanted to see how her demonstration would work with students.

So what is my method for teaching a foreign language? I continue to use the term foreign language, even though now the proper one is world language. In other countries they still use the term: langue étrangère, lengua estrangera, lingua estera, etc. I do what I think I have to do to put the point across: For some activities I use pattern practice, or backward build up, or repetition, or histrionics. If I have to, I throw myself on the floor, I stand on a desk, I shout, I cajole...

A couple of days ago in my Spanish I class, I was demonstrating the Spanish counterpart expression for "you are pulling my leg" — "me tomas el pelo." I went over to one of the young ladies in the class and I started to gently pull her hair. She became alarmed and turned to me: - What are you doing!?! I am demonstrating that "me tomas el pelo" means you are "taking my hair."

Most of my peculiar ways or expressions are the same: **Context equals meaning!** I interject when a student is not clear enough. **Apples and oranges!** I declare when a student does not want to accept that other languages do not behave like English.

After all, as I keep on saying, I feel like a comedian who only knows one joke, but since the audience keeps on changing, I am okay. Actually that's not true. I am constantly looking for new and improved ways to deliver the material. Over the past few years, I have noticed that some activities are done better through the use of Powerpoint. However, there have been some Powerpoint presentations that I have used only once, because as I use them I notice that I can improve upon them. After class I change them to reflect my observation.

Students often ask about how to succeed in achieving fluency/proficiency in a foreign language. I have been frustrated with students who have the capabilities to gain fluency but choose other paths after the mandatory three years of Foreign Language. However, thinking back on my own experiences, it was only when I decided that I wanted to learn how to speak a language that I started to succeed. Students are not cattle or horses that can be prodded or spurred into learning a language. My grandmother's Sicilian proverb, "Quannu l'amuri non veni di cori, e comu la minestra senxa Sali." — When love does not come from the heart, is like food without salt.



Señor Catanese wishes Miguel Beltran '13 well after class.

The Thanksgiving Games and Gathering

Aalap Narichania '04 scans the defense.

On Friday, November 26, Lake Ridge Academy Alumni and Friends met at Rob Hall to re-establish the traditional Thanksgiving Games held annually the day after Thanksgiving. Over sixty alumni were present with more than thirty participating in the Alumni Basketball Game. New this year was the three-point competition that allowed alumni and current students to participate. After four rounds of shooting, Rob Temkiewicz '02 took home the inaugural honors after defeating Tommy Butchko '04 in the final round.



Brett Cannaday '06 brings the ball up the court.



David O'Neill '01 elevates over the outstretched arm of Ben Maczuzak '00.



Jessica Golski '04 and Megan Gardner '03



Thommy Butchko '04, David Hastings '04, and Alison Zaleksi '05



Lourdes Ramirez '04, Tom Klein '05, Yanna Voutsiotis '05, Sarchin Garg '05, Marcus Mougianis '05, and Neil Patel '05 enjoy socializing at the Thanksgiving Gathering.

Later that evening, Lake Ridge Academy Alumni gathered at The Pub in Rocky River to continue the day of catching up and socializing. This was another great showing, as many who had participated earlier in the Games came out to meet about twenty other alumni who were unable to make it to the Games. A good time was had by all.



Georgia DiOrio '06 and Kate Galliers '06



Kusha Tavakoli '02

Lake Ridge Academy Auction

The annual Auction Gala, The Stars Are Out Tonight, was held at the Ritz Carlton on November 20. The event, sponsored by The Collection Auto Group helped Lake Ridge Academy raise a record breaking revenue of \$224,000! For the first time ever, the event was sold out with over 335 people in attendance.

There were several alumni in attendance, along with parents, grandparents, and friends of our school. Attendees bid on fabulous packages ranging from golf at Canterbury to an Earth, Wind, and Fire signed guitar, to an all expenses paid luxury trip to Germany!

The outpouring of support from our generous community was incredible, and donations from the Gift from the Heart fund-a-project alone raised over \$70,000 for technology upgrades!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, sponsored tables, or attended the event. Your participation was key to make this event a success for the Lake Ridge Academy community. We look forward to your increased involvement next year!



Bob Sweet '96 with Laura Rutledge



Troy Hatcher '07 and Carrie Pfeil '07



Tom Dresing '83 with wife Janna



ALUMNI COUNCIL

To become a class agent please contact Ken Moore in the Alumni Relations Office.

As we close another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the Alumni Council. From its origins as a loose-knit group of dedicated volunteers offering suggestions to the Development Office, we have come to formalize this effort with the adoption of The Lake Ridge Academy Alumni Association Constitution and Bylaws. This result represents the culmination of years of contributions from numerous zealous alumni and various staff members within the school. The Constitution and Bylaws establish a permanent organization charged with promoting a stronger, better connected alumni community and taking an active role in the advancement of Lake Ridge Academy.

2010-11 Alumni Council Members

David Ader '02
Jeffrey Ader '04
Franz Bauer '88
Damion Crannis '93
Meghan Flannery Hayes '98
Jennifer Higgins Anderson '89
Dan Latham '90
Ken Moore '00
Chris Pfeil '70
Kristin Kemper Roshkowski '84
Gint Strautnieks '90



Dan Latham '90 and Brett Swasey '90

Continuing on long standing traditions, the Alumni Council, in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations, hosted a couple of very well attended alumni events in 2010. In May, the Reunion Year Classes of '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, and '05 gathered at various locations, including the school's campus, to reminisce and catch up with other alumni, former and current faculty. Over fifty alumni were present at one point or another during the weekend where we honored the Founding Members of the Fine Arts Program.

In November, over ninety alumni participated in the Thanksgiving Games and Gathering. More than thirty alumni played in the Co-Ed Alumni Basketball Game or Skills Competition, with many friends and families cheering them on. Later that evening, some of those same alumni gathered at The Pub in Rocky River with more alumni. While some of the conversation revolved around the past, much of it was about the present and the desire to keep in touch with each other as our lives move forward into the future.

Looking ahead into 2011, the calendar of alumni events is even more robust. [Reunion Weekend 2011](#) is scheduled for May 20-21. This is an excellent

opportunity for interested alumni to become more actively involved. Members of the Reunion Year Classes who want to take the lead in assembling as many of their former classmates as possible can serve as [Class Agents](#), a new position created by the Constitution and Bylaws.

We hope to revive the Alumni Soccer Game in August prior to the start of school and before our young alumni head off to college. Speaking of young alumni, the Alumni Council is currently discussing a more comprehensive process of transitioning students into active alumni, which involves establishing events designed by young alumni for young alumni as well as the entire alumni community. Lake Ridge Academy also has several activities where alumni participation and attendance is encouraged and welcomed, such as the upcoming Spring Musical, *Leader of the Pack*, (March 3-5), and girls' and boys' basketball games (check lakeridgeacademy.org for schedules).

In closing, through the efforts of many alumni and staff members, an official alumni association has been formed. With very concrete volunteer opportunities, I would encourage all alumni to contact Ken Moore '00 or me to find out more about ways to contribute to The Lake Ridge Academy Alumni Association.

Yours truly,

Dan Latham, '90
Alumni Council Chair

Alumni News



Former Faculty News

Theatre educator and prolific *Teaching Theatre* contributor **Maureen Brady Johnson** received the highly prestigious Founders' Award for her significant contributions to the growth and development of theatre education, research, and practice. She has been a teacher for over thirty years, and is the author of a number of widely used theatre textbooks. Additionally, she has contributed more than twenty articles to *Teaching Theatre* journal. She has presented her creative teaching ideas at numerous EdTA conferences and during many student and teacher conferences across the United States.



The photo was taken at Sardi's where the award ceremony took place. Jim Palmarini, editor of *Teaching Theatre* magazine, presented Maureen with the award.

Rachelle Bilz

Since retiring in 2008, I've kept busy traveling (mostly Mexico), updating a few rooms in my house, and reading. I continue to review Young Adult novels for VOYA: Voice of Youth Advocates and write columns for the journal *Teacher/Librarian re: adult books that older teens would enjoy*. It's fun staying in touch with "Lake Ridge Academy people" via facebook.

Ben Maczuzak '00 reports that his mother, **Jane Maczuzak**, is currently teaching at the American School in Japan.



Longtime Upper School Physics teacher and beloved member of the Lake Ridge Academy community, **Samir Nasr**, enjoys Grandfriends' Day in the Lower School with his grandchildren, Gabriella, Danielle, and Nicholas Ayad, all three members of the Class of 2020.

Alumni Notes

1970

Class Agent - Chris Pfeil

Chris Pfeil just returned from a road trip to visit family and a Lake Ridge Academy friend/classmate in North Carolina. This photo is of the home Jane Mercer Ramsay '70, and her husband, Steve, built along the shores of Lake Norman, NC.



In the photo is Jane, Cathy Weiss Thompson '70, Betty Weiss, and Chris Weiss Pfeil '70.

1975

Scott Brouters lives in a relaxing home in Cary, North Carolina with his wife of 31 years and serves as the Assistant Principal at Green Hope High School. His three children are doing great: one in graduate school finishing her masters, one graduating from NCSU and one in his second year at Montreat. He has not made it back to Ohio since 1976, but welcomes all to visit him in the south.

1990 – *Class Agent Dan Latham*

Gint Strautnieks and wife Katrina welcomed their third child, Markus John, to their family on September 8, 2010. Sisters, Sabina and Kaisa, are both very happy to be older sisters and to have another playmate in the house.

1991 – *Class Agent Mary Delia Allen* *20 year Reunion*

Seema Haria Devitre currently lives in Singapore with her husband of 4 years and two small daughters ages 2½ and 1 year. She is a docent at the Singapore Tyler Print Institute where she enjoys guiding about fine art prints and papermaking. Seema recently received the great news that her brother Rahul Haria '93 is engaged to be married!

1997

David Liber still lives in Houston, Texas and works for Continental Airlines in Self-Service and Emerging Technology. During the week he works long hours, and then on weekends David travels extensively.

Alumni News



From Left – Blake Oatey '01, Nate Pangrace '01, Andrew Walleck '00, Dimitri Simakis '00, David O'Neill '01, Fallon McNally '07, Sarah Evans Moore '00, Ken Moore '00, Scott Whiteman '00, and Ryan Flannery '00 (Kneeling).

1998 – Class Agent - *Meghan Flannery Hayes*

Jennifer Tattersall Fiorello and her husband had a baby girl on June 25, 2009. Gianna Rosemary Fiorello is now 16 months old and keeping us very busy! We took her to Myrtle Beach this summer for her first beach vacation. She loved the pool but was a bit hesitant about the beach. She loves playing outside and chasing the cats around the house. Jennifer traveled to Pristina, Kosovo this past May to conduct an assessment of the civilian police program she managed. The USG contribution to the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) is unique as it is the first time the United States has contributed to an EU peacekeeping and stabilization mission.

She has since transitioned to a new position as the Deputy Training Coordinator for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) rule of law programs. Jennifer is very excited to begin a new endeavor with the Department of State.



Jennifer and Ahtifete Jajaga, Deputy Director General of the Kosovo Police Service, the highest ranking woman in the KPS and a long-time colleague.

Meghan Flannery Hayes and husband Greg welcomed Aidan William Hayes born in November.



Chad Kaltenstein was married to Meghan Zorn on August 28, 2010 at Holy Name Cathedral in

Chicago, Illinois, with reception at Germania Place in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. Lake Ridge Academy attendees included Jeff Kaltenstein ('00), John Washington ('00), and Matt Driggs ('97). Chad and Meghan now live in Denver, Colorado.

Matt Maczuzak lives in Austin, Texas and works with brother Sam '05 at RunFar Racing Services, according to brother Ben '00.

2000 – Class Agent *Ken Moore*

Colleen Carey is a PhD student in economics at Johns Hopkins University and is scheduled to graduate next year. She is currently working on how recessions affect income inequality and how to promote competition in Medicare. She lives in Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Max Kilbane married Ashley Lucca on October 9, in Chicago, Illinois. They live in Rocky River, Ohio and practice law in Cleveland. Max is a patent lawyer with Pearne and Gordon and Ashley practices in the litigation department with Porter Wright.



Ben Maczuzak lives in Canton, Ohio, and is a Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He enjoys his work and visiting friends in the Cleveland area.

2001 – Class Agents *Lakshman Swamy and Julia Bilz Sertich, 10 year Reunion*

Courtney Pycraft Reynolds moved to Thailand

in April, 2008, to teach English to high school students at a private Thai school. In the spring of 2010, she was accepted into the first cohort of a new Master's Program at Miami University (OH) in Population and Social Gerontology. The first year is spent focusing on Social Gerontology at Miami. The second year is spent focusing on Population Studies/Demography at Mahidol University in Bangkok. The degree is a Joint Master's Degree, which means it is recognized as both Thai and American. In July, 2010, she got engaged to Joel Reynolds, a childhood friend from Oberlin and got married on October 17!

Donald Butchko lives in Brooklyn, New York working as a free lance Stage Manager and part time office person. Recently, he worked on an acclaimed and Drama Desk Award-nominated revival of *The Boys in the Band*, a dance evening featuring a piece set to a Nelley McCay album and a Michael John LaChiusa commission, and shows in Fringe, NYC and NYMF.

2002 – Class Agent *David Ader*

After graduating from Harvard in '06, **Cat Walleck** went to the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco for her MFA in Acting, and then moved to New York. Last year, she had the wonderful opportunity to be in *The Royal Family* directed by Doug Hughes on Broadway with Manhattan Theatre Club, and then *Dial "M" For Murder* directed by Peter Flynn at the John W. Engeman Theater on Long Island. This past summer Cat shot a few short films, student films and some commercials, for example the *Powermat* National Commercial soon to be released. Next up is an exciting new project on Broadway set to open in the spring. She currently lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

2004 – Class Agent *Brian Shimko*

Jeff Ader is finishing up his term of AmeriCorps service at Outward Bound Atlanta and plans on going back to school to pursue a master of public administration degree after

Early College Acceptances

The following Seniors have already committed to the following schools early.

Sam Freiberg – University of Richmond

Christopher Huebler – Rochester Institute of Technology

Viveka Hulyalkar – Brown University

Jae Yeon Lee – Massachusetts School of Pharmacy

Matt Nathal – Northwestern University

Kournti Taylor – University of Evansville

his program. He had a great time coming back to campus for the Thanksgiving alumni events and was excited to hear all of the wonderful things happening at Lake Ridge Academy!

Sean Johnson recently got his Master's in Education from Ursuline College in middle childhood English and Social Studies. After working for a summer at a boarding school in New Hampshire, where he taught English, Sean started his first year of teaching at St. Francis of Assisi school in Gates Mills, Ohio teaching middle school history. Sean was able to take a group of students to Lake Ridge Academy's 10th Annual Diversity Forum, which was a surreal experience as Sean attended the first forum as a student.

Andrew Miglietti and bride Catie were married this September in Westfield Center, Ohio. Andrew graduated with an MBA from The Ohio State University this year, and has been working as a Senior Financial Analyst for Ford Motor Company. He is in the CFP, Career Foundation Program, where he'll complete two 18-month assignments (his current one is in Securitization Accounting, and the next one will probably be in product development). Andrew's wife, Catie, is pursuing a second Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and they reside in Dearborn, Michigan.

2005

Sam Maczuzak lives in Austin, Texas and works with brother Matt '98 at RunFar Racing Services, according to brother Ben '00.

2006 – 5 Year Reunion in May

Geneva Tavakoli graduated from Boston University in May with a degree in Psychology and a Chemistry minor. She is now teaching English in Chonburi, Thailand to 5 and 7 year olds in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. She has found Thailand to be a welcoming environment and culturally rich.

2007

MaryElise Topp was just accepted into the Teach For America program and will be teaching at a bilingual elementary school in Rio Grande Valley, Texas. She is currently a Senior Spanish/Psychology major with a minor in Studio Arts at Kenyon College.

Ethan Glor started a group/business centered around Haverford athletics with Mike Troup, a collegiate friend. Attendance and general school spirit at sporting events was low, so they wanted to try and get people interested and enthusiastic about supporting their friends who play sports, and thus the 'Squirrel Squad' was born. They created and sold t-shirts, designed a facebook campaign and this year began to broadcast Haverford soccer games over the internet. The parents on both teams loved being able to follow the games when they couldn't make it to Haverford. They hope to continue broadcasting during basketball season and have been approached by the athletic department, which has seen increased attendance as well as general school spirit at the games. Check out the Squirrel Squad website, <http://www.gosquirrels.com> to hear Ethan's podcasts!

2008

Matt Nahorn continues his efforts to preserve local Amherst History through his New Indian Ridge Museum, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in November and was featured on the front page of the *Morning Journal*. For more information, visit <http://newindianridgemuseum.org>

Zach Sweebe is doing well in his third year at Skidmore College. He is going to spend his study abroad at Italy's famous business school Universita Bocconi, where Zach will learn how to run a managerial consulting firm among other things. He continues to operate the business that he founded in 2009, Caulfield & Co LLC, which designs enterprise-level websites and online applications for small and medium sized businesses across the globe. So far, business has been very successful, and Zach is currently expanding the size of his company operations, with plans to sell to a larger marketing firm by 2012.

2009 – Class Agent Luke Howley

Adam Severs reported a successful season for the Dennison Big Red Mens' Soccer Team. They finished 10-8 and earned the 3rd seed in the NCAC Conference Tournament, losing to Ohio Wesleyan in the conference finals. Adam served mostly in a reserve role and hopes to contribute more next season.

Evan Severs, a starting defender for the Fighting Scots of Wooster, enjoyed his sophomore season. The team went 6-7-3 and he started all 16 games so it was a lot of fun. He truly enjoyed the familial matchup against brother, Adam.



Graduates from 2009, from Left; Leo Park, Adam Severs, Laith Elkurd, Evan Severs, and Sarah Persaud.

Sarah Wright just finished up her sophomore soccer season at Cal Tech and had a great experience with a committed and veteran team. She is excited about next season and is currently playing basketball for the Cal Tech Beavers.

2010

Mary Shimko started 16 games at outside midfield for the Brandeis Judges, who finished the season ranked 23rd in the country and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. In the opening round, Mary had the game tying goal against Castleton State College, before winning 2-1. Although they lost in the Second Round, it was the furthest Brandeis has ever been in the NCAA tournament in school history. Playing for this team was one of the best experiences of her life and she is exceedingly happy to be part of the Brandeis soccer family.



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