

# PINE VIEW FOUNDATION **ALUMNI NEWS**

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Summer 2005

## **Dear Alumni:**

Oh, man, we've been inconsistent with the newsletters. So sorry about that. We'll try to get this back on track soon.

Hope you all had a nice summer. It was a scorcher here, and sadly I seem to have lost all my native-Floridian tolerance for heat and humidity. Been busy here, with lots of new work, rigorous marathon training, Nationals games, and a lot of volunteer involvement with the local chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Nice to meet some like-minded folks three hours inland.

This issue includes the list of graduates with the Class of 2005. We also have a new item, the State of the School by Principal Steve Largo. Find that on page 5. Looks like things change, and yet somehow stay the same.

And the benefit to a slow newsletter cycle is that lots of news has time to pile up. So. Read about your classmates, your friends, and what else is going on in the Pine View community.

Thanks. Be well.

Julie

## **Katrina Update:**

I've been in contact with two alumni known to live in New Orleans, **TRICIA RUF '97** and **JESSE BALAITY '97**. Both safely evacuated. Tricia is with her family, who now live in Birmingham, Alabama, and will look for work and stay there until it's safe to return to New Orleans.

Jesse wrote, "After evacuating to Jackson, Mississippi, I am now traveling to Sarasota to stay with my family. Loss of personal belongings pales compared to the destruction of the city I've grown to love for the past eight years. New Orleans was already an impoverished city with a failing infrastructure, made strong by its cultural and architectural assets. I fear these assets are lost forever. I remain optimistic about returning, rebuilding my city and my home. Yet the images—local landmarks toppled, blocks of the urban fabric torn apart—wear at this optimism."

"Certainly my house in the Lower Garden District of New Orleans is destroyed or significantly damaged, if not by Katrina then by looters. I am thankful for my safety and support of family and friends. My regards to all those Pine View alumni who have been affected."

Anyone else who is or was in the affected areas, please let us know how you're doing. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Pine View community go out to you.

## **PINE VIEW FOUNDATION**

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To submit materials, send via USPS to Julie Lawson, Communication Visual, 733 15th Street NW, Suite 1107, Washington, DC 20005, e-mail [pvalumni@earthlink.net](mailto:pvalumni@earthlink.net), or visit [www.pineviewfoundation.org](http://www.pineviewfoundation.org) and complete the online form.

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# Weddings

**ANN BROWN '93** and **DUSTIN WILLIAMS '93**, both of Sarasota, have announced their engagement. Ann graduated in 1997 from Denison University and is employed by Ibis Reproductive Health. Dustin graduated in 1997 from Savannah College of Art and Design and is employed by The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. A June 2006 wedding is planned.

**SUSAN GERRY '97** has announced her engagement to Anthony Oliveri of Tampa. Susan graduated from the University of Florida in 2001 and is attending the UF College of Pharmacy. A December wedding is planned.

**ALEX P. KLIER '98** has announced his engagement to Patricia Froelich of Winter Park, Florida. Alex graduated from the University of Florida in 2002 and is working for Progressive Auto Insurance. A November 12 wedding is planned.

**ARIA LEVY '99** has announced her engagement to Max Darrah of Orlando. Aria graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2003 and is attending graduate school there. An April 29 wedding is planned.

**CHRISTOPHER RHODE '00** married Constance Lynn Rose Jones on June 25, 2005, at Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd in Venice. **TOBY SLABAUGH '00** served as best man. After a cruise in the Western Caribbean, the couple will reside in Tampa.

**WESLEY ROBERTS '90** received a wedding surprise (surprise wedding?) in April. Wes and Lisl Liang married at the Four Seasons at the Golf of Papgayo on the northwestern coast of Costa Rica. The surprise was that Lisl kept the location of the ceremony a secret from Wes, not revealing it until the night before departing from Tampa. Once back in Sarasota, the couple held a reception at The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort, where Wes had proposed a year prior.

**JACLYN ZARLING '97** has announced her engagement to Trace Felts of Tampa. Jaclyn graduated in 2001 from the University of Florida and in 2003 from the University of South Florida. She is employed by All Children's Hospital and lives in Brandon. A November 12 wedding is planned.

# In the News

**KATE HANSEN '78** and **BRIAN O'CONNELL '84** were profiled in the July issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune's* Style magazine. After being re-introduced in 1993 by **LEE-EN CHUNG '84**, Kate and Brian got married and Brian came on board at Kate's Hodgell Gallery. While Kate handles customers and acquisitions, Brian manages the gallery and handles day-to-day business matters.

The Hodgell Gallery is best known for its collection of art glass sculpture.

**HANNAH HARRISON '05** was profiled in the June 9 *Siesta Observer* for her volunteer work in Ecuador and Africa. After spending the summer in Otavolo, Ecuador, working at poorly staffed and funded local schools, Hannah is off to Ghana for eight months. Hannah will be living and working in an orphanage, teaching children the English language skills they will need as adults. As many of Ghana's orphans are victims of the AIDS epidemic, Hannah's other job is to help give the orphans as normal a childhood as possible.

Hannah will attend Santa Clara University in California starting in Fall 2006.

**STEPHEN HEYMANN '05** was profiled in the graduation section of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* on May 28 for his work with the American Red Cross Youth Corps. Thirteen years ago, when Stephen was 4, the Heymann family lost their home to Hurricane Andrew, and moved to Sarasota. Three years ago, Stephen attended a leadership conference at Emory University, and was motivated to start a Youth Corps group locally. The Corps now has more than 100 students from around the county, and worked extensively with Arcadia residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. The Corps made 4,000 sandwiches for victims and joined adult volunteers to help with the children, along with other responsibilities. Stephen's mother, Diana, said "All the memories kept flooding back. But he handled it well...It was very therapeutic for all of us." Stephen has since spoken at a Red Cross leadership conference in Washington, DC, and been honored with presidential and gubernatorial awards. He is attending the University of Miami in the fall.

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**ALEJANDRO MANZANO '05** was profiled in the July 26 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* for his musical achievements. He first performed live before an audience in the Mr. Pine View competition. Accompanied by his older brothers, **DANIEL '98** and **FABIAN '02**, Alejandro was a hit with his guitar and baritone leading the Manzano Brothers through their rendition of "Now and Forever." Alejandro was also active in community service at Southside Elementary School, performing with students in their own talent show, painting murals in the cafeteria, and delivering boxes to teachers' rooms. This fall he will be attending the University of Florida.

**STEVEN SUMMERFORD '01** was highlighted in the August 14 *Herald-Tribune* for his endeavors in landscape architecture. Though he won't complete his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida until 2006, he is already starting a residential landscaping company in Gainesville. Steven recently won fourth place in the National Environmental Design Research Association's Active Place Design Competition for 2005. He created drawings for converting an open area into

a park containing at least 10 outdoor activities. The project was displayed in the gallery of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Locally, Steven has designed the entry to his Sarasota neighborhood, Forest Creek, as well as the entrance to Pine View's own campus. He is engaged to Whitney Spoonhour, also a UF landscape-architecture student.

## Reunions

**CLASS OF 1996:** Interest is pouring in. While, as keeper of the addresses, I'm happy to help, I need someone to head up our first official reunion. (10 years?!?) E-mail me: <pvalumni@earthlink.net>.

### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

The **CLASS OF 1995 REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE** is hard at work and looks forward to seeing everyone! In order for us to best organize this event we need a tentative head count of those who plan to attend. After reviewing the details below, please reply to me with a 'No, can't attend' or 'Yes, will attend,' as well as with the number of people you expect to bring to the 1) daytime event; and 2) dinner. (Include yourself in each tally.) Please note that the evening event is not appropriate for children. Your response is not binding and invitations will be sent out in October. Please reply to **HILDA CANES** <hilda\_canes@hotmail.com> ASAP!

**WHAT?** Pine View Class of 1995 Ten-Year High School Reunion

**WHEN?** Friday, December 23, 2005

**WHERE?**

- 1) Daytime: Casual, family-friendly get-together; time and location to be determined
- 2) Nighttime: Semi-formal dinner with cash bar (music provided); ~7-11 PM at Meadows Country Club, 3101 Longmeadow, Sarasota, Florida 34235; [www.meadowsc.org](http://www.meadowsc.org)

**HOW MUCH?**

Tentative cost per ticket, per person: \$55

**WHO?**

Pine View senior class of 1995;  
Former classmates (attended 6th-11th grade);  
Senior class faculty sponsors;  
Guests of invitees

# State of the School

I asked Pine View principal Steve Largo to give us his thoughts on how the school is doing, to answer all those questions I get about what it's like to be a Pine View student in 2005. Here's what he had to say...

**GREETINGS** to all our esteemed alumni from Pine View! You should all be very much assured that we are alive, thriving and doing well.

As I complete my 17th year at our school, much has changed and much remains the same. I just recently participated in another inspiring graduation ceremony where we celebrated the accomplishments of 143 graduates! That's correct, 143! Next year's class is a bit smaller but after that, the numbers continue to increase and in fact, we expect to have over 200 in our freshman class when August rolls around.

I can almost hear the moans and groans from the far corners of the globe from all the PV grads—"That's not the Pine View I remember!" "It's too big!" "The school has lost its close-knit feel." "There were only 65 in my graduating class. They must be lowering the standards!"

There is no question that our enrollment has increased dramatically from the 800 when I arrived in 1988 to next year's predicted 2100+. We have, however, clearly kept up with the growth. Even since the move to our current campus, we have added lockers, expanded parking space for staff, students and visitors, and last summer added a two-story, 24-classroom building for our elementary students. Discussions are underway to build a new Student Union and add dozens of classrooms and science labs. We ARE keeping up with all the Pine Viewers.

But just as important, the growing PV community is staying true to our original mission. We remain, as one of the Class of 2005 told me, a school where "everyone knows everyone else." Sound familiar? Our students continue to perform and excel at levels that bring distinction to themselves, their families, their teachers and to those who graduated before them. I try to keep in mind a quote from Isaac Newton—"If I have seen a little further than others, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants."

I thank all our alumni for being the "giants" who came before us. Please be assured that the more Pine View may appear to change, the more we will stay the same. Those new faces to our school are very well-aware of the "tradition of excellence" that they have become a part of. Regardless of our size, the Pine View spirit will always be the guiding light that we carry forward.

My best wishes to each and every one of you and extend an open, personal invitation to come back and visit us.

# Pine View's

<b>ASHLEY ACTON</b>	University of South Florida	<b>KATELYN DOWER</b>	Florida International University
<b>JESSALYNN ADAM</b>	Princeton University	<b>JONATHAN EASEY</b>	Florida State University
<b>DANIELA AGUDELO</b>	Florida State University	<b>ERIC EINISMAN</b>	University of Michigan
<b>BRANDON ALBERT</b>	University of Florida	<b>MICHAEL ELBERT</b>	New College
<b>GABRIELLE ALCAZAREN</b>	University of Florida	<b>BEN FAGIN</b>	Florida State University
<b>SCOTT AMES II</b>	University of Miami	<b>BEN FOLIT-WEINBERG</b>	Brown University
<b>LEE AMOS</b>	Manatee Community College	<b>ANDREW FOODEN</b>	University of Florida
<b>DAVID ARBOR</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>NELSON FOX</b>	University of Florida
<b>STEPHANIE ARBUCCI</b>	University of Florida	<b>ALEXIS FRITSCH</b>	University of Florida
<b>SAM ARDEN</b>	Florida Institute of Technology	<b>SANDRA FROST</b>	University of Miami
<b>BRENNAN BEATY</b>	University of Florida	<b>CIERA GALBRAITH</b>	University of Florida
<b>KIMBERLY BOE</b>	Manatee Community College	<b>JESSE GIESEKE</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>NOAH BROCK</b>	Florida State University	<b>JOSH GILMAN</b>	University of Florida
<b>OWEN BROCK</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>ERIC GILSON</b>	University of Rochester
<b>CORDELIA BROWN</b>	Oxford at Emory University	<b>ZACHARY GLANTZ</b>	Boston University
<b>JAMES BURGESS</b>	Princeton University	<b>BRIAN GOLDSMITH</b>	Yale University
<b>CHELSEA CAMPBELL</b>	New York University	<b>JASON GOSCH</b>	University of South Florida
<b>ROBBIE CAMPBELL</b>	Florida Gulf Coast University	<b>KRISTIN GRAY</b>	University of Florida
<b>C. NICOLE CARLISLE</b>	Florida State University	<b>GARY GRZYMALA</b>	University of Florida
<b>FIONA CARNEGIE</b>	University of Aberdeen	<b>STEVEN GUNTHER</b>	University of Florida
<b>JAMES CATTANEO</b>	University of Florida	<b>DANIEL HALL</b>	University of Florida
<b>NICOLE CHAMPION</b>	University of South Florida	<b>JENNIFER HALPERN</b>	University of Florida
<b>WYATT CHAMPION</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>JACQUELINE HALVEY</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>HAMILTON COFFEY</b>	Rollins College	<b>ANDREW HARRISON</b>	University of Florida
<b>KATHERINE COOPER</b>	University of South Florida	<b>DANIELLE HARRISON</b>	University of Florida
<b>SHANE COWEN</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>HANNAH HARRISON</b>	Santa Clara College
<b>DAVID DABNEY</b>	Rollins College	<b>ERIKA HARTLEY</b>	University of Miami
<b>AMY DAI</b>	Wellesley College	<b>ALIZAH HERMAN</b>	University of Florida
<b>ALEXANDRA DART</b>	American University	<b>TOBY HERVEY</b>	Georgetown University
<b>AMANDA DELEO</b>	Florida State University	<b>STEPHEN HEYMANN</b>	University of Miami
<b>ROSS DEMIKE</b>	New College	<b>ZACHARY HOFF</b>	University of Michigan
<b>JEREMY JAY DESIONGCO</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>JENNIFER HUNG</b>	University of Florida
<b>JILL DICKINSON</b>	American University	<b>KATHLEEN JODOIN</b>	University of Florida
<b>KIMBERLY DOERNER</b>	University of Miami	<b>AVANTI JOHNSON</b>	University of Florida
<b>CASEY DOWD</b>	Florida State University	<b>MOLLEY KAIYOORAWONGS</b>	Middlebury College

# Class of 2005

<b>ALEX KENLEY</b>	University of North Carolina	<b>CHRISTOPHER PLESCIA</b>	University of Florida
<b>KENDALL KLEPPER</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>MITCH PONITZ</b>	University of Florida
<b>PERRY KORSZEN</b>	University of Florida	<b>LEAH PORTNOW</b>	University of Florida
<b>AWIKA KRIENGKRAIPETCH</b>	University of North Carolina	<b>KATRINA PULEO</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>JOHN LAMENDORF</b>	New York University	<b>DIONDRA REALI</b>	Southern Methodist University
<b>LINDSEY LARGO</b>	West Virginia University	<b>DANIEL RESTREPO</b>	University of Florida
<b>KATIE LEVENE</b>	Vanderbilt University	<b>MICHAEL RICCIO</b>	University of Miami
<b>ELIZABETH LEVINE</b>	Vanderbilt University	<b>JACOB RILEY</b>	University of Florida
<b>JANNA LEVITT</b>	University of Florida	<b>CRAIG ROHRER</b>	University of Miami
<b>JASON LEVY</b>	University of Florida	<b>RAFI SAWAF</b>	University of South Florida
<b>BENJAMIN LICHTER</b>	University of Florida	<b>JEFFREY SCHMIDT</b>	University of Florida
<b>BRYAN LIN</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>EMILY SCHWARTZ</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>KATHLEEN LITZ</b>	University of Florida	<b>JILLIAN SCUDDER</b>	Macalester College
<b>ROBIN LONG</b>	Tulane University	<b>TARA SEMERAR</b>	University of South Florida
<b>NICHOLAS LYSAK</b>	University of Florida	<b>ROBERT SETTI</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>ALEJANDRO MANZANO</b>	University of Florida	<b>ALIA SHAFIE</b>	University of South Florida
<b>RYAN MAXA</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>MICHAEL SHOWALTER</b>	University of Florida
<b>SHAUN McDOWELL</b>	University of Florida	<b>SARAH SIDWELL</b>	Harvard University
<b>MEGGAN McLEOD</b>	University of Florida	<b>JESSICA SLEVIN</b>	University of Georgia
<b>JAMES McWILLIAMS</b>	Brigham Young University	<b>LINDSEY SMITH</b>	Columbia University
<b>TIMOTHY MELIORIS</b>	University of Florida	<b>JENNIFER SOLU</b>	University of Michigan
<b>RACHEL MERRITT</b>	University of Miami	<b>ASHLEY STEWART</b>	University of Florida
<b>CORLEY MILLER</b>	Carleton College	<b>CHRISTINE STEVENS</b>	University of Central Florida
<b>CHELSEA MIZE</b>	Duke University	<b>JONATHAN STONE</b>	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech.
<b>BEATE MOEHLIG</b>	University of Florida	<b>CHANELLE STRAMMER</b>	University of Florida
<b>STEPHEN MONTANEZ</b>	Johnson & Wales	<b>MEGAN SUAU</b>	University of Florida
<b>SARAH MORRISON</b>	American University	<b>PALAK THAKKAR</b>	University of Florida
<b>KAITLYN MULA</b>	Tufts University	<b>CHRISTOPHER TIESI</b>	Julliard School of Music
<b>TYLER MYER</b>	Florida State University	<b>BROOKE TRAUTWEIN</b>	University of South Florida
<b>NICOLE NEUMANN</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>BENJAMIN TRAVES</b>	Florida International University
<b>COY NUZUM</b>	Florida Gulf Coast University	<b>SAMUEL WALDRON</b>	University of Miami
<b>REBECCA PEKARSKI</b>	Syracuse University	<b>COLIN WALKER</b>	Vassar College
<b>DREW PETERS</b>	Florida State University	<b>DIANA WILBUR</b>	University of Florida
<b>BRADLEY PETERSON</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>BRYANT WILSON</b>	University of Miami
<b>KATELYN PFORZHEIMER</b>	University of Central Florida	<b>MATTHEW ZACHARIAS</b>	Georgia Institute of Technology

# The '70s

**KIT CARLSON '76** wrote last fall, "Well, too much has been happening. I lost both my parents in the last year, my dad to lung cancer and my mom to a failure to thrive following his death.

"In January, my dog died. Then a serial rapist tried to break into my house while my daughter and I were home alone (as Dave Barry would say, I am not making this up!). Fortunately, he ran off when I caught him at the window, and I called 911, and then the police caught him before he even left the neighborhood.

"But there are many joys in my life. 2005 is going to be a big year: Wendell and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary, Andrew is graduating from high school and Katie is turning 16 and learning to drive. A large joke is that Andrew is planning to attend Michigan State (which was the first school I attended after leaving PVS) and that Katie wants to go to UF (the school I transferred to after discovering I couldn't take Michigan winters).

"I am still the associate rector at Church of the Ascension in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and I will become priest-in-charge in January when the current rector retires and the church searches for its next rector. After that, well, we'll have an empty nest, so the possibilities are wide open."

**KEELY MCGEEHAN '79** writes, "Just returned from my fifth trip to Africa, camping with Nomadic tribes. I try to make a trip every 12-18 months to Africa and love every minute of it. I have started writing a book on the women there. Stay tuned! Anyone interested in a fabulous trip to Africa, e-mail me!"

**DEBORAH REGEN '77** writes, "I have self-published an e-book titled 'Real Estate Investing: A Must Read for Beginners.' My book can be purchased through my new website ([www.new2realestateinvesting.com](http://www.new2realestateinvesting.com)).

"I am living large in the greater Ft. Lauderdale area. A big hello to my Class of '77 classmates. Please visit my web site and send me an e-mail <[info@new2realestateinvesting.com](mailto:info@new2realestateinvesting.com)>. Love to hear from everyone!"

Deborah's sister, **JENNIFER**, also attended PV from 4th through 8th grades. Deborah reports that Jennifer is married and living in Orlando, with two kids.

**PAULA SHERR-COLUCCI '79** passed away on March 9, 2005. Her obituary was published in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*: She was born March 13, 1962, in

Gainesville and became a lifelong resident of Sarasota. She was a speech therapist at Healthsouth in Sarasota and was co-owner of Primo Ristorante in Sarasota. She received a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Florida, a master's degree in speech pathology from the University of South Florida, and a master's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Florida International University.

Survivors include her husband, Maurizio; sons Julian, Gabriel and Liam, all of Sarasota; sisters Erica S. Barrett of Sarasota and Meredith S. Altschuler of Silver Spring, Md.; parents Sy and Linda Sherr of Sarasota; and maternal grandmother, Ethel Bernstein of Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Eye Tumor Research Foundation, P.O. Box 832, Philadelphia, PA 19105-0832; or Wellness Community, 3900 Clark Rd., P-3, Sarasota, FL 34233.

# The '80s

**LINDA GRIFFIN (PANKRAZ) BHAJAN '81-82** writes, "Third times a charm...I am on my third marriage.

"Working every day; still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up. I am enjoying my three year old Grandson Dillon. And I would love to hear from my many classmates...**PAM MADDOX; NIMIE STEWART; FRAN COOPER; MARTINA WALUK; LIBBIE HOFFMAN; BETH NEELY; MARIA; TWINKLE.**"

**AMANDA BRYANT '86** is working as a public health analyst at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Immunization Program in Atlanta.

**FREDERICK J. KIER '89** writes, "What's New? Lots! In order, I got my doctorate, got married, moved and got a job. I earned my PhD in Psychology from Texas A&M University in 1999. My wife, Xiaodan, is from China (and speaks better English than I do...apologies to the PV English Dept.!). We were married in 2000 and have been insanely happy ever since. She still laughs at all my stupid jokes and puns, even after five years! I met her while doing my post doc at the Houston VA Medical Center. Afterwards, I got a job at the VA hospital in Pittsburgh as a Staff Psychologist. I have since been put in charge of the Dementia Unit at VA Pittsburgh (my specialty area is in geropsychology—working with older adults). It can be difficult work at times, but also very rewarding.

Right now, I am trying to make the dementia unit a more 'home-like place,' and incorporate animals, plants, parties, visits from children, and other positive things to try to make the nursing home environment a more livable one. It's a battle, because hospitals and nursing homes tend to cling very tightly to their models of care, but we are making some very positive changes. I see many more smiles on my patients faces now, and it makes it all worth it! You can check out some of what we are doing in this online issue of our hospital's newsletter: [www.va.gov/pittsburgh/17\\_working\\_together\\_summer\\_fall\\_2004.pdf](http://www.va.gov/pittsburgh/17_working_together_summer_fall_2004.pdf)

**DAEMIAN MAINS '89** is living in Sarasota with husband Michael and daughters Dharma, 3, and Meagan, 11. She is a fitness trainer at the YMCA.

**KRISTEN TABLER MONTELLA '85** is living in Lithia, Florida, with husband Adam and children Lexi, Nick, and John-Michael. She works for LillianVernon.com and TimeLife.com as the director of online merchandise marketing.

## Dear Mr. Largo,

Just over 15 years ago, my classmates and I walked across the stage at the Van Wezel and accepted our diplomas from you during our graduation ceremony... I can hardly believe that 15 years have passed so quickly!! I was just surfing the Web and found the new Pine View website, and couldn't resist dropping you a line.

I am so glad to hear that you are still involved as principal of the Pine View program. And I was also pleasantly surprised to see that **Ms. ABRAMS** (one of our 1989 class sponsors) is now a vice principal. She is a wonderful lady.

Fifteen years ago I left Pine View and headed to college, expecting to pursue a career in education. Instead, I opted for a B.A. and later a law degree, but have always hoped to someday teach at the college level... earlier this year I began teaching legal studies two to four hours per day at a business college here in Columbus, Ohio—my birthplace and new home. Teaching is, so far, so much more enjoyable than I had ever imagined, although the extra hours complicate my work schedule. Perhaps when the practice of law loses my interest, I will try finding a more substantial teaching position at OSU or Capital.

I wrote Ms. Abrams a brief note, in which I asked her about **KEN BOWERMEISTER** and **SUSAN MOSKOWITZ**—but after revisiting the website I note that a Susan Salzman is teaching social studies... since I feel confident that is the Susan I remember from Geography and Yearbook, could you please pass along my email address to her?? I would also love to know how to contact Mr. B if possible.

I hope that you and the rest of the Pine View faculty and staff are doing well—I will be in Sarasota in early fall to visit my parents and will try to visit the new PV facility—if you can believe it, I have never seen the new campus. However, I hear that it is a wonderful facility.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Pine View; I'm certain that the school is a better place because of your dedication and involvement.

Best wishes. Please drop me a line if you have a spare moment.

**Julie Hall '89**

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**RUSSELL E. NATHERSON '85** is a CPA at his own firm in Sarasota. He is married with two children, R.J., 9, and Robyn, 7.

**KIRSTEN L. OLSEN '81** is “loving life in Tallahassee.” She writes, “After years of enjoying the single life, I married and had a son in 2004. The adjustment has gone well—mainly because I have a fabulous husband and the world’s cutest baby boy (ok, I’m a bit biased!). I moved to Tallahassee in 2001 to work for Florida’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Thanks goes to fellow PV-er **LEE-EN CHUNG '84** for luring me back to the Sunshine State by recommending me for a great management job at DBPR. She also was a bridesmaid at my wedding in Tallahassee and threw a wonderful bridal shower. Also attending my wedding was former Pine View teacher Ora Jean Henry and her husband, Jim. Sending their congratulations, but unable to attend, was Pine View classmate **LUKE CHUNG '81** and his family. Prior to arriving in Tallahassee, I lived in Washington, D.C., where I stayed after attending college. I received a B.A. in Journalism and a B.A. in Political Science (Domestic Public Policy) from The George Washington University. For the next 15 years I worked in journalism. I was an on-air television reporter, a radio correspondent, a newspaper reporter and an internet editor. I worked for USA TODAY, USATODAY.com, WTTG-TV (FOX), WMAR-TV, the Associated Press, CNN, ESPN and The Washington Post, among others. It was thrilling putting my journalism training to use in the nation’s capital. (While at Pine View, I was editor-in-chief of *The Sarasotan* newspaper at Sarasota HS.) Now, I’m enjoying using my political science training and I often call on the debating skills I learned at Pine View as part of **Ms. HENRY’S** debate team. I think often of Pine View and am grateful for the wonderful learning experience it provided me. If any PVer is ever in Tallahassee and wants to say hello, please contact me at <kolsenus@yahoo.com>.

**JANA PALEY '80** is self-employed in real estate management and development in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania (a suburb of Philadelphia).

**JULIE (PLOCAR) PORCELLI '89** is living in Tampa with her husband Anthony and two sons, Nicholas, 2, and Alex, 3 months. Julie is an actuary with Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

**MARC SOKOL '89** writes, “Things are great and hectic with us in So. Cal. We have three children now and they certainly keep us busy!

“Daniella plays soccer, piano, and takes ballet and is in first grade at Sinai Akiba Hebrew Academy in Los Angeles. Zoe also takes ballet and tries to do everything her older sister does. She is finishing her first year of day school.

“Elliot was born on February 15, 2004. He is a real trouble maker and is into everything! His nickname is ‘Danger Boy.’

“Shari and I have recently started Salsa dancing classes and are actively involved in the community with our Temple.”

**MARGIE WARD STEELE '83** writes, “Funny that I saw on the last newsletter that I was missing—I didn’t realize I was. I moved to Ohio from Atlanta about 9 years ago and love it up here on Lake Erie. Nothing will ever be like the Gulf of Mexico but I can’t convince my husband to move south. I am very fortunate because I work from a home office for a software company so I have a lot of flexibility and no commute (big bonus). I love being a mom but I love my job too so I get the best of both worlds. I have a nanny to watch the girls but I get to spend time with them (snacks, lunch, ice cream :-). I do get to travel but I’ve cut down on the big trips since I’ve had children. I used to work for a European software company which was a lot of fun and some good trips. We did sneak away with my company to Cabo in February on our first adult-only trip—strange going somewhere without diapers and such. Pretty stressful leaving the kids but after one day in the sun I was a changed person. Seems every time I take the kids to Venice to visit their grandparents it rains or is cold so no beach! Looking back I can see how much benefit Pine View gave me—especially now that I’m looking for schools for my oldest. The creativity and challenge was great and the environment was ideal—I only hope I can find something like that for them.”

**GABRIELLE (FULLER) VARIOT '87** writes, “Raising kids and being an artist. Going to Pine View with the intelligent, bright, kind people (piers) of ’87 was truly an honour and I cherish it every day. Thanks for being you. Remember: We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of the dreams.

“P.S.: I am looking forward to our 20-year reunion. I missed the 10. Just make sure whoever is in charge of the plans gets the word out early so I can make arrangements for my kids, dogs, and finances.”

# The '90s

**TRISHA PANCIO ARMOUR '95** writes, "**ERIN ROBSON-SMITH '96** and I recently spent an unholy evening at the Shanghai Tunnel in Portland coming to the painful realization that we're grown-ups now. Not only are we both officially homeowners now (yipes), she had just completed her first Equity Mainstage Stage Management gig at Artists Repertory Theatre here in Portland and I'm facing my two-year anniversary as a Marketing Director for that same theater. As if that wasn't enough, I recently took on the thankless task of running the Portland Area Theatre Alliance (League flashbacks nearly daily) and will be directing my first mainstage production for Mt. Hood Repertory Theatre this July. Yeah. We're grown-ups. When did that happen? But, I guess it has its compensations. Jack turns 4 in a couple of weeks and is turning into a very entertaining small person."

**THOMAS BLACK '96** writes, "Hello everyone!! I always get a kick out of reading about you guys so I figured I would update the PV world on what I was up to. I've been in Los Angeles for the last two years making groovy electronic music. My music was featured in every episode of *America's Next Top Model* last season and I've got a single coming out with Oracle records this summer. I'm also working on music for video games with Milestone Interactive and if all goes well I will get a chance to work with Activision this summer. Best wishes to all!!"

**MAREN BOBECK '98** writes, "Still in Miami, looking to relocate to Sarasota this summer with my boyfriend Shawn and our 2 dogs, Kaia and Bailey, with hopes of employment at Mote Marine, I have lost touch with everyone... would love to hear from **TRICIA KILEY, JESSICA SMITH, MALLOY WOOD** or anyone else from '98, talk to you soon."

**CHRISTINE BURPEE '96** is living in Sarasota with husband Michael Smallwood and newborn son John Boden Burpee (born March 15).

**BILL CARROLL '93** writes, "At the end of May I finished my MA in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, La Mirada, California. About a week later, a friend and I drove straight through (41 hours) from LA to northern Virginia (Washington, DC area), where I

have returned to my old software engineering job. I'm planning to work for a few years to pay off loans and then apply to PhD programs in philosophy."

**JEN DAVIS '97** is living in Sarasota with her son, Luke, 3, working as a wedding planner for Enchanted Affairs.

**MATTHEW DEL MASTRO '98** writes, "Currently in Graduate school and developing a Mobile CE project with a company based in Ft. Myers."

**BILL ELLIOTT '91** writes, "Thanks for keeping up the news, I know I appreciate when I see the newsletter pop my way.

"As for me, I currently living in San Francisco. I moved out a year ago to work in the silicon valley as the Director of Professional Services for Liquid Engines (an enterprise corporate tax management software company). I travel almost constantly for work and the running joke is that I've spent more nights in hotels in the last year than in my apartment in SF. I really enjoy the travel though and it gives me the opportunity to hang out and catch up with PV friends all over the country. Of course the frequent flier miles and hotel points are a nice perk when I do get a little vacation time. Another perk of my move out here is that I have found the time and the inspiration to pick up my guitar and write music again. I don't see starting another band anytime soon, but just writing and recording again makes all the difference. It's funny, for me playing music is like another one of those friends that keeps coming into and going out of your life. When they do come back in, its like you still have that connection and never missed a day in between. How lucky is that?"

**ALISON FRANK '95** is living in Tampa, having recently received an MA in Economics from the University of South Florida.

**KATHERINE GILL '95** is living in Sarasota, working as a chemist at the Manatee County Water Treatment Plant. She is getting married in December 2005 to Jeff Gilmore (RHS '94).

**BRIAN GROSSBARD '97** writes, "Now that I've finally finished school, I figured I'd say hey to everyone. I graduated from UF's veterinary school in 2005 and am currently working as an intern in emergency medicine and surgery at the MSPCA Angell Animal Hospital in Boston. It's been quite a change but Barron and

I have settled in nicely up here. I hope everything's going well with all my old classmates and teachers."

**RYAN HARTWIG '96** writes, "After a few years in Indiana—at Purdue University where I got my Masters in Higher Education Administration—my wife Jill of almost 4 years (wow, time flies!) and I moved back to Colorado, and moved out of student affairs administration into development. I currently work at my alma mater, Colorado Christian University, as Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and serve as an Adjunct Professor of Leadership Studies. I never thought I'd be a fundraiser when I was younger, but, hey, crazier things have happened! And leadership studies has become a passion of mine, so it's fun to be a part of raising up the next generation of leaders! I'm also in my first year at University of Colorado at Boulder (Go Buffs!) pursuing the PhD in Organizational Communication.

## Dear Class of 1999,

Many of us have begun to lose touch with each other. Not to mention that over the years e-mail addresses for nearly everyone have changed. I wanted to provide a way for us to keep up with each other, so I set up a group just for the Class of 1999 on Yahoo Groups. Subscribing to the group is easy. Just send an e-mail to <PVClassof99-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>. Once you subscribe, Yahoo will require you to set up email address with Yahoo in order to access the group. Setting up one email address is worth it to keep in touch with your friends from high school! Once a member of the group, you can find individual classmates who are also members of the group. You can also send e-mails to everyone in the group by sending an e-mail to <PVClassof99@yahoogroups.com.> Everyone please sign up!!! This will ensure that I can get in touch with ALL class members when reunion times come around!!! If you are averse to putting your name out on Yahoo, please at least send me an e-mail with updated contact information at <lcstuart@gmail.com.> I hope this finds all of you happy and healthy and I am looking forward to hearing from everyone!

*Thanks, Lauren Stuart*

Enough of those gory details.

"The best stuff though is my daughter. Halle Elizabeth hits her first birthday this Sunday, June 19—Father's Day! She is an absolute joy, tons of FUN, and a true gift from God. She's got her mom's personality—which is wonderful, but keeps me hopping! Fun stuff.

"We've got extra space out here in Colorado, so we'd love to have visitors—look us up when you are out skiing—<rthartwig@ccu.edu>. May you all be blessed!"

**RUTH (DUBINSKY) HEFFES '96** writes, "My first daughter was born on April 13, 2005. Caring for her is the best thing that I have ever done and I am dreading returning to work."

**BRIAN KELLER '98** writes, "Hello, Pine View! I figured it was time to provide an update of what I've been up to for the past few years. I graduated with my Master's in Decision Information Sciences from the University of Florida in 2002, then headed to the other corner of the country to Redmond, Washington (just outside of Seattle). The Pacific Northwest is quite different from Florida—although you see the sun fewer days of the year, it's really lush, green, and there are a lot of outdoor activities going on. The primary reason for moving here is that I landed the job of my dreams working for Microsoft as a Product Manager for Visual Studio, which is a tool used by millions of software developers worldwide to build software applications. I love my job, and get to do a lot of really fun stuff like travel around the world to meet with customers and give presentations. I've put over 30 stamps on my passport since starting my job 3 years ago—places like Sydney, Singapore, New Zealand, Barcelona, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, etc. Next up—Amsterdam!

"Recently I was in my first "exec-level keynote" on stage with one of our Sr. Vice Presidents in Orlando. It was an adrenaline rush being on stage in front of over 8000 people, but the really special part was that I later learned Chap Percival was in the audience! He was as excited to be there as I was to get the chance to make my middle and high school computer teacher proud. I fondly remember him saying in class, over and over, "Guys—hands off the mice and keyboards" while he was lecturing. I guess we were just

too excited to start coding that we didn't want to be held back.

"I routinely see **GEOFF WILSON '96** and **JESSE MURSE '96** when I visit Gainesville or when Geoff comes out to Microsoft since his company does a lot of work for us. Geoff is still running the Web development company, 352 Media, and has even branched out into owning two Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream shops! Jesse is finishing up law school at UF. **CHRIS VELAT '98** came to visit while he was training at the Air National Guard base in Portland, Oregon. He's currently in flight school (in Tennessee I think?) training to fly F-15s. **MATT GALBRAITH '99** is also out here working for Microsoft so I get to see him occasionally.

"If anybody wants to get in touch with me you can do so via the Contact link on my blog at <http://blogs.msdn.com/briankel>."

**JESSICA LANTOS '95** is living in Austin, Texas, working on an MA in art history, and working toward a PhD.

**AMANDA WIETRZYKOWSKI LONG '97** is working as a project coordinator at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

**ERIKA NIKLA QUARTERMAINE '96** writes, "My husband, Sam Quartermaine (Riverview High School '93), and I are living in Tampa. Sam and I were married a year and a half ago at a lovely ceremony on Longboat Key. Bridesmaids included **PAM (RITTER) GOLDMAN '96**, **ANNE (WILLIS) CHAPMAN '96**, and **ALICIA GILCHRIST '96**. Married life has been absolutely wonderful.

"I graduated from Stetson University in 2000 and then went to the University of Miami for law school. Now, I work for a boutique law firm in the field of creditors' rights in bankruptcy and commercial litigation. My husband is a pharmacist and family-practice physician. Our schedules are demanding but during our free time we enjoy restoring our old bungalow and I volunteer for the local Humane Society.

"I often have the opportunity to see other PV alum who have made their way to Tampa, including **RINAT HADAS '96**, **DONALD KIRK '92** and **LAURIE MORRIS '95**. I would love to hear from anyone else in the area and I look forward to the ten year reunion for the Class of '96! Who's planning it? I'd be happy to help."

**LAURIE ROBERTS '97** writes, "Greetings! I'm finally writing, mainly because I have news, mostly because it's exciting news. I'm currently living in Los Angeles

with my best friend from college and my fiancé. And no this isn't some sort of weird threesome! Oh and Yes, I'm getting married! I can't believe it myself. My fiancé's name is Jonathan Porter, he's from New Jersey—Damn Yankee... We've been together for 4 years and we're getting hitched October 2006. Besides the big wedding news I'm also having my first book published at the end of September called *Behind the Mystery*. It's a compilation of photographs and interviews on 18 mystery writers. I shot the photographs and worked with Sarasota mystery writer, Stuart Kaminsky. There are over 150 pictures in the book! It's pretty amazing and I'm incredibly proud of the outcome. Hope you all make it to your local bookstores and ask for it. If you don't read mysteries, it's a great gift. So enough selling. Other than that I'm working at a movie-poster design company called Shoolery Design. I shoot all the in-house photography and manage the theatrical photo department. It's a great job and I'm learning a lot. Before I started working here I was freelancing for photographers and shooting for the Magic Castle. Luckily I've been able to maintain my relationship with the Castle since I went full-time and have continued to shoot for them. Also, check out my one big poster accomplishment on [IMDB.com](http://IMDB.com), *Twist of Faith*; it was nominated for an Academy Award in Documentary Films and I shot the photograph in Toledo, Ohio. Also, check out my website: [laurieroberts.net](http://laurieroberts.net) to see some of my photography. Okay, enough info until later. Take care and check out my book!!"

**IAN SCHLEIFER '91** writes, "Yeesh, I don't even know where to begin. Or end, for that matter. After graduating PV, I went to New College in Sarasota. Got a degree in philosophy. Thunk deep thoughts, learned to cook, fell in love, all that good stuff. Then I moved to Gainesville, and became 'the coolest dude in the World' (tongue firmly implanted in cheek), running all over the place, reading poetry, hanging out with musicians, artists, activists. Then I spent a few years in San Francisco doing the same thing. Then back to north Florida... you get the picture. Hitting 30 was sobering. I know a lot about 'alternative' things and am currently working my way out of restaurant management (which I love... and hate..) and into a more lucrative career doing something that I am making up as I type this. I would love it if anyone from my old crew got in touch with me <[ianschleifer@hotmail.com](mailto:ianschleifer@hotmail.com)>. I stay in touch with **JOBE BITTMAN '91** (San Diego) and **WADE BRODKORB '91** (also here in G'ville).

**DANIELLE SPINELLI (NUTTEN) '91** writes, "busy raising kids, living in Osprey...checked out the Osprey campus (nice)."

**CLAIRE HANSON STONE '91** is working as a software consultant and analyst in Sarasota.

**LAUREN STUART '99** writes, "After I graduated from the University of Florida in May with my Masters in Tax, I traveled around Europe for a month and fulfilled my desire for culture, architecture, and art... for now. I also settled down and worked hard last summer to pass the CPA exam and am now in the process of applying for my CPA license. Hungry to get out of Florida for a while, I took a job with Ernst & Young, LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina as a tax consultant in September 2004. Currently, I live by myself in a small, modern apartment in downtown Charlotte. I can't emphasize enough how great it is to walk to work every morning! I have enjoyed my time in North Carolina, especially the change in seasons and the mountains. However, I have plans to transfer my job and my life to Atlanta in September 2005. I spent this past year in a long-distance relationship with my long-term boyfriend Chad, and am ready to have him back in my day-to-day life in Atlanta. I am also excited about reuniting with **DANIELLE SIMS '99**. If anyone is ever in the area, please contact me! I'd love to get in touch again! <lcstuart@gmail.com>"

**CINDY (NIPPER) TAN '92** writes, "Just getting back into the swing of things at work since returning from maternity leave. Riley Kathleen Tan was born January 9, 2005 (my 31st birthday)."

## The '00s

**DAWN AKRIDGE '01** writes, "Getting married on August 13, 2005, and want to send an open invite to everyone in the class to attend. Just contact me at 865-966-5290 or at <dhad@dndhomes.org> for more information." [Ed.: Apologies for not getting this out quicker...]

**ARYA ATTARI '01** is attending St. Thomas School of Law. She graduated from the University of Miami in 2005. She reports that Danny Bass '01 recently graduated from the University of Florida and is continuing at UF's dental school.

**CHRISTINA BASS '03** writes, "I am currently a commercial multi-engine pilot and certified flight instructor at a flight school in Orlando with plans to fly for the airlines in the next two years."

**STEPHANIE FEIL '01** is living in Tallahassee, working for the Apalachee Center for Human Services as an adult case manager for clients with major mental illnesses. She is currently applying to clinical psychology PhD programs, and spends her free time drag racing her 2000 Mustang GT.

**EMILY GOLLNICK '00** writes, "Getting married to **TOBY SLABAUGH '00** in July 2006 in Sarasota, after several years of being on and off. I will be a military wife for a while. Changing Master's programs to Psychology."

**JACQUELYN LEVINE '00** is attending St. Thomas School of Law in Miami Gardens, Florida, pursuing a law degree. She graduated from American University in May 2004.

**EVAN SMALL '00** writes, "After **MOLLY BISHOP '01** and I became engaged last fall, we graduated in May and relocated to Chicago where I received a full tuition scholarship for the MD/PhD program at the UIC medical school. Molly was hired for a full-time research specialist position in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology at UIC, where she will work until beginning graduate school."

**CLINTON WARREN '03** made the dean's list at Georgia Institute of Technology.

## On Campus

**LIZ COFFIN-KARLIN '06** worked for the *Siesta Observer* as a summer intern this summer. In addition to compiling and writing profiles of Siesta Key high school graduates, she wrote other stories on a variety of topics, including one on **HANNAH HARRISON'S '05** volunteer work, described in In the News on page 3.

**JOSH CORN '06** and **EMILY MILAM '06** were profiled in the June 2005 Style magazine in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, for their magic act. Josh, one of the youngest members of the Sarasota Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and lifelong friend Emily, have developed an elaborate

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disappearing/reappearing illusion, which was a big hit at the February Pine View Variety Show. The act was also on the bill of the May convention of the Florida Magicians Association.

**ABIGAIL PATTERSON '07** was profiled in the July 5 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* for her development of a television series for the county school district-owned Education Channel. The series, called "She

Blinded Me With Science," covers topics like the physics of skateboarding, the importance of hydration, and the history of cell phone technology. Abbey picked the topics because they relate to the teenage experience. The segments air on the Education Channel (Comcast channel 20, locally) at a variety of times. **COLIN WALKER '05** worked with Abbey to produce and edit the segments.

# Misc.

**PV IN DC:** We're working on putting together another event in Washington, DC, hopefully in September or October. E-mail me if you're not sure I know you're in town <pvalumni@earthlink.net>. Stay tuned for more info.

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