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# PINE VIEW FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

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April 2008

From the Editor:

Pine View is an exceptional place because of the Proud Pythons who teach, attend and support it. **Julie Lawson ('96)** is one such Proud Python who has supported Pine View through her work on *Alumni News*. Over the past seven years, Julie has culled, revised and disseminated the experiences of Pine View alumni. I have always looked forward to each issue. Our thanks go out to Julie for her *tradition of excellence*.

As the new editor of *Alumni News*, I am happy to give my support to our school. The timing could not be better. After six years in Los Angeles, **Malloy Wood ('98)** and I moved back to Florida, just as our fourth wedding anniversary nears. I remain at the same law firm, Foley & Lardner. I'm in our Tampa office, and continue to practice health care law and litigation. Malloy continues to run [www.sageresumes.com](http://www.sageresumes.com), her resume writing business. Enjoy this issue, check out the revised alumni info questionnaire, and send us your news.

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## **Pine View's Own *Nouvelle Star***

**Katie Friedland ('00)** writes "In September of 2006 I moved to Sens, France to be an English teaching assistant in a lycee, or French high school. The experience, which included a free pass to every national museum in addition to a very flexible schedule that allowed many traveling opportunities, was so fantastic that I decided to renew my contract for the 2007-2008 school year. After visiting family and friends in Sarasota over the summer I returned and got back into my teaching routine... and everything was quite normal... until November. I have always liked to sing, regularly performing in Pine View variety shows since the third grade and shoobedoowopping the role of Crystal in the Drama League's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. However, I have never really pursued it seriously and always just did random performances (such as "I Will Survive" at school dances) for the fun of it! In November I decided I would add another fun element to my French adventure. I traveled to Lyon and auditioned for France's version of *American Idol*, *La Nouvelle Star*! (continued on page 8)

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# Announcements

## Website Guru? Techno-Wizard?

The Pine View Foundation *seeks a volunteer* to run our esteemed website, [www.pineviewfoundation.org](http://www.pineviewfoundation.org). As a non-profit, the Foundation draws on its gifted alumni to support its growth. Running the website should not require a major time commitment, but the volunteer will be empowered to revise and grow the website as he or she sees fit. The volunteer would also post new issues of the Newsletter, post news on class reunions, and update news of special projects affecting the school. Help maintain the Tradition of Excellence. *If you have what it takes, please contact Laura Roberts* at [lauragr@comcast.net](mailto:lauragr@comcast.net).

## National Gifted Conference

### Fundraising Campaign

The Pine View Foundation has a new goal: *send as many of our esteemed Pine View teachers to the National Gifted Conference as possible.*

The National Association for Gifted Children has chosen Tampa for the location of its annual convention, October 29 through November 2, 2008. With a location near Sarasota, the convention presents a rare opportunity Pine View teachers to attend this conference in full force. Pine View has the unique opportunity to host a group from the convention to tour our school campus and provide an insight into our successful educational program.

It will cost approximately \$1000 per teacher to attend. This figure includes registration fees, transportation, lodging and the cost of substitute teachers for the days that our staff be at the conference.

*We seek your assistance to fund this extremely important project. The Foundation depends on your generosity. Give back to the institution that instilled your Tradition of Excellence.*

### *Donate online at*

[www.pineviewfoundation.org](http://www.pineviewfoundation.org). Or mark donations payable to the "Pine View Foundation" and mail to:  
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## The '70s

### Reunion: 1978

The Class of 1978 (Zeta Class) is planning its 30th reunion. Activities and a date are still in the works, so please join our new Facebook group or contact Randi Brent Whitehead or Jane Zuknick Morgan with your current contact information.

Contact Randi at [randiwhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:randiwhitehead@gmail.com) or Jane at [janie624@aol.com](mailto:janie624@aol.com). Also check out the Facebook.com group, "Pine View Class of 1978 – 30th Reunion 2008."

## The '80s

### Reunion: 1988

Save the Date!!!

The 20 year reunion of the Class of 1988 will be held July 25-27, 2008. See your friends and classmates!

- Friday Welcome happy hour
- Saturday lunch beach picnic & evening dinner event
- Sunday Farewell brunch

More information coming soon! Check out the class website at [www.coolstufflabs.com/pv88](http://www.coolstufflabs.com/pv88).

Hope to see you there! For more information, contact The Reunion Committee: Jennie (Blanton) Peluso; 407.761.9020 (cell); email: [jbpeluso@embarqmail.com](mailto:jbpeluso@embarqmail.com).

**Don Nations ('82)** is President of DNA Coaching, a full service coaching and consulting company based in Sarasota. "We work with churches and not-for-profit organizations across the country to help them move towards greater health and effectiveness. We also provide executive coaching for businesses and entrepreneurs."

An ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, having served as a pastor for 17 years, Don was recently certified in SCUBA and has been taking flight lessons toward his pilot's license. He has written a book, several workbooks and many articles.

My wife and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past summer. Our oldest son, Daniel, has enlisted in the Army National Guard and is currently attending collect. Our second son, Matthew, plays soccer for Riverview High School and the Sarasota Storm. Our third son, Jordan, is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has been taking flying lessons as well as earning his SCUBA certification. Our fourth son, Aaron, is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and plays soccer with the Sarasota Storm. My wife, Susan (Callahan), was named Teacher of the Year in Sarasota County a few years ago and received her National Board Certification. You can email Don at [don@dnacoaching.com](mailto:don@dnacoaching.com).

## The '90s

### **Reunion: 1997**

The Class of 1997 reunion was a weekend affair, kicking off Friday night and ending Sunday evening at Siesta Key beach. The main event included a formal dinner downtown. In Pine View fashion, Andrew Samson hosted a trivia contest with some rare factoids (Q: who designed the original map for Pine View's new campus? A: Ryan Featherstone and George Famiglio).

Big thanks go to Amber Marcellino and Andrew Samson for orchestrating the reunion. Access photos from reunion at: [www.flickr.com/photos/pineview97/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pineview97/sets/).

### **Reunion: 1998**

The 10-year reunion for the Class of 1998 will be this year! Plans are in the works. Meanwhile, please send Smriti Sateesh your current contact information. [smriti.sateesh@fd.com](mailto:smriti.sateesh@fd.com).

### **Reunion: 1999**

The 10-year reunion for the Class of 1999 will be held December, 2009.

Lauren Stuart Forster, Danielle Sims, Kashmir Hill, Matt Irwin, and Jason Clarke-Laidlaw have volunteered to coordinate and plan the reunion for Class of 1999. Over the years they have lost contact with many classmates, so they need your help. Please email them at [pvclassof99@gmail.com](mailto:pvclassof99@gmail.com) with your contact information including address, phone number, email address, current city of residence, and any spouse or children's names.

There are also discussion forums: "Pine View Class of 1999 10 Year Reunion" Groups on Facebook and My Space.

**Dave Horlick ('91)** lives in Washington, D.C. He worked as a computer expert with The Washington Post. He recently joined a company called Catalyst, which helps Democrats get elected to high office.

**Michael Horlick ('94)** lives with his wife, Liz, and their dog, Bamboo, in Hyattsville, Maryland, where he works as a linguist and lexicographer, and she as an artist and designer. Michael has contributed to publications in Uyghur, Chechen, and Chinese, and is currently helping compile a 50,000 word Uzbek-to-English dictionary, the first volume of which is due out this summer. When he isn't rock climbing in West Virginia or paddling the Potomac in his kayak, Michael volunteers as an EMT with his local fire department.

**Dawn Croft ('96)** says: "Hi PV people. I'm just finishing up a little over three years as an in-house translator and localization consultant for a Toyota affiliate in Nagoya, Japan. After eight years in Japan I've finally decided it's time to go to grad school like everyone else, so my husband [Ko-ichi Watanabe] and I will be moving to Arizona this summer via Naples, where my mom lives now. I'll be starting my degree in Psychological Counseling at [Arizona State University] in the fall and trying to survive the cultural/decade shock. Feel free to give me a shout-out at [dawncroft@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:dawncroft@alumni.duke.edu).

**Joseph Locrasto ('96)** announced his engagement to Jennifer Cruz, of Orlando. Joe graduated from the University of Central Florida ('00) and Webster University ('07). His engagement announcement can be found in the October 28, 2007 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Jesse Murse ('96)** announced his engagement to Carrie Montgomery, of

Sarasota. Jesse graduated from the University of Florida ('00) and the UF Levin College of Law ('03). His engagement announcement can be found in the September 9, 2007 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Stephanie Spalding ('97)** announced her engagement to Steven Cook of Coopersburg, PA. Stephanie graduated from Duke University ('01) and Old Dominion University ('05). Her engagement announcement can be found in the September 16, 2007 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Ryan Featherstone ('97)** lives on Lido Key, in Sarasota. He graduated from the University of Florida in 2001 with a degree in Finance. He then moved to Orlando, Florida to work at Huntington/Suntrust Bank as a Personal Banker and Commercial Credit Specialist. After one year in Orlando, he moved to Los Angeles to attend law school. He lived in Hollywood, CA for three years, attending Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, graduating in 2005 with his J.D. After law school, Ryan returned to Florida to begin his legal career at Dunlap & Moran, P.A. as an associate attorney specializing in real estate and business transactions. For recreation, Ryan enjoys attending sporting events (go Gators!), playing golf, going to the gym, boating, heading to the beach and hanging out with friends and colleagues. Get in touch with Ryan at 941.504.1258 or [rfeatherstone@dunlapmoran.com](mailto:rfeatherstone@dunlapmoran.com) or 143 Harrison Drive #3, Sarasota, FL 34236.

**Mara Friedland ('98)** writes, "Hi everyone, it has been awhile since I have been in touch. Currently, I am in my second year in Grad school at East Carolina University (Greenville, NC- a smaller town about half way between Raleigh and the Outer Banks).

I am working on my MFA in Metals and Jewelry. I love being in the studio full time; working with all that sparkles and shines. I am still addicted to traveling and festivals - looking forward to Merlefest (a huge Bluegrass festival in the NC mountains) in a few weeks. I would love to hear from PV folks, and may be reached at [mara\\_friedland@yahoo.com](mailto:mara_friedland@yahoo.com) or [www.myspace.com/kiwivenus](http://www.myspace.com/kiwivenus) (you can check out my latest pieces on myspace as well)."

**Keramet Reiter ('99)** announced her engagement to Thomas Wolff of Watertown, MA. Keramet graduated from Harvard ('03) and the City University of NY-John Jay (MA, '06). She currently attends Berkeley School of Law and the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Doctoral program. Her engagement announcement can be found in the March 2, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Kashmir Hill ('99)**, has been in Washington, D.C. since graduating from Duke in 2003. At the National Press Foundation, she manages international educational programs for journalists. Work has taken her to Kenya, China and Australia in the last few years, with bonus trips to Ethiopia, Egypt and New Zealand. She's currently considering switching over to "actually being a journalist." She was a reporter covering local news for the *Washington Examiner* in Fall 2007, and is a guest writer on the legal blog [www.AboveTheLaw.com](http://www.AboveTheLaw.com). She can be friended on Facebook or reached at [kashmirhill@gmail.com](mailto:kashmirhill@gmail.com).

## The '00s

**Jon Prettyman ('02)** joined AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps in January, 2007 and spent 10 months volunteering in communities that were devastated by hurricanes or tornadoes. He helped the communities of Slidell, Louisiana, Kiln and Biloxi, Mississippi, among others. Jon signed up for AmeriCorps after graduating from the University of Florida with a degree in political science. His efforts were profiled in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Catherine Xu ('02)** now lives in New York City. You can contact her at [catherine.y.xu@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.y.xu@gmail.com).

**Josh Corn ('06)** co-founded Camp Cigma, a summer camp for aspiring magicians in Sarasota. Josh, an architecture major at the University of Pennsylvania, is active in Mask and Wig Club, an all-male comedy troupe that performs nationwide. "Magic is just a way of entertaining people, and I've always loved entertaining people." Josh's success was profiled in the January 9, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

**Lance Larson ('08) and Crane Tecce ('08)** were nominated for admission to a U.S. Service academy. Lance and Crane were two of only 11 nominees selected by the service academy board appointed by U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan.

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## **Pine View's Own *Nouvelle Star*** (continued from page 1)

**Katie Friedland ('00)** continues, "Immediately after my audition, which consisted of me belting out *Call Me* by Blondie, I was approached by the production staff. They were interested in doing a special profile on me for the show; "Katie l'Americaine" was born. After the whirlwind audition day where I filmed my web interview, I returned to Sens and a few weeks later was met by M6 Nouvelle Star cameramen at the lycee! They filmed me all day, singing to my students (I often use songs as dictation exercises), entertaining my international roommates, kickboxing and even practicing yoga! It was a blast! My casting episode aired on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the following morning I had a live interview on the funny national M6 show *Le Morning*. I was interviewed for about 5 minutes and then gave a live performance of *Sympathique* by Pink Martini. I even proposed to the head writer my interest in becoming a regular adjunct host, continuing on the silly theme of enthusiastic Katie, the American on the streets of Paris. She gave me her e-mail and so I got the ball rolling... we'll see! That is when the recognition started, which has been quite crazy, but really fun at the same time! I have been getting stopped in the street all over the country, from Paris metros to teeny boutiques in the countryside, and am delighted to put smiles on the faces of all these French people! Most recently I had a full page interview in *TeleStar* magazine which is just crazy! I was recently eliminated as part of the top 70 of the 28,000 candidates, but hey with all the fun publicity and the potential for more future opportunities I have no complaints at all! Anyway, I'm having a great experience over here and definitely am continuing my day job of teaching English at all different levels: Lycee, Continuing Education at the Sorbonne and even for two Paris Banks, while I wait and see what else will come from this fun taste-of-celebrity experience!

"As far as how long I'll be here, well I'm not all too sure, but I am indeed having a great time and enjoying the culture, the food, the architecture and the pace of life in this country, so we'll see. For now it looks like at least one more year! If there are any Pine View people coming through Paris, please contact me on Facebook as I'd love to meet up!"

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