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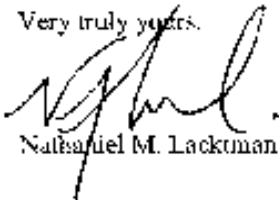
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From the Editor:

Summer is in full swing and although current Pine View students enjoy the luxury of summer break, many alumni are hard at work, maintaining the Tradition of Excellence. A few of their efforts are chronicled in this edition of *Alumni News*.

This is the first Florida Summer I've endured in seven years. But apart from biking to work, most of my time has been indoors (where the majority of lawyering occurs), writing articles on health care law and advising hospitals and health care providers on regulatory compliance and litigation issues. Enjoy this issue!

Very truly yours,



Nathaniel M. Lackman

STATE OF PINE VIEW SCHOOL

By Principal Steve Largo

Greetings and my personal best wishes to all our renowned alumni! As I prepare to begin my 21st year at our school, I am pleased that I have nothing but good news to share.

For the upcoming school year, we are anticipating the arrival of almost 2150 happy, smiling faces (I'm sure our faculty and staff of more than 180 will also be smiling. . .). For the first time in many years, our student projections do not reflect an increase in enrollment. Those familiar with the economic circumstances in Florida are well-aware that fewer and fewer families are moving to the Sunshine State for a variety of reasons.

Of course, this leveling of enrollment has some advantages. It should allow us the time to begin some capital improvement and construction projects that are long overdue. Hopefully, this reprieve will permit the eventual removal of the 30+ portables that we have squeezed onto our campus (sound familiar old-timers?).

Exciting plans are underway to celebrate Pine View's 40th anniversary. As you all are aware, what began as an experiment in January 1969 in a handful of portables next to Alta Vista School, has grown to become one of the most recognized schools in the country with many accomplishments to celebrate. (continued on page 8)

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Announcements

Pine View Foundation Scholarships

The Pine View Foundation is proud to bestow scholarships on graduates of the Class of 2008. The following students received a scholarship.

- Jake Pinto received the \$500.00 Ken Bowermeister Scholarship. Jake is attending New York University.
- Sarah Gondela received the \$1000 Elizabeth Herman Memorial Scholarship. Sarah is attending Harvard College.
- Britany Putnam received the \$500 Bruce Butler Memorial Scholarship. Britanny is attending Fairfield University.
- Gregory Murphy received the \$500.00 Class of 1998 Scholarship.
- Emily Dwyer received the \$500.00 Bowermeister Scherer Scholarship.
- Adam Clarke received the \$500 Sol Malinsky Scholarship. Adam will attend the University of Miami.
- Estafeny Saez-Flores received the \$500.00 Aaron Korotie Memorial Scholarship.
- Emma Jones received the \$500.00 Patrick Coelingh Scholarship.

Pine View Ranked Best in State

Pine View students typically perform well on the FCAT, but this year the school had the best scores in Florida. The score is a combination of the percentage of students considered proficient in reading, math, writing and science. Despite the op rating,

Pine View Principal Steve Largo said the school will continue challenging its students. "It's nice for the recognition, but it's important to set goals to do even better," Largo said. "The true measure of success is not to outdo others, but to outdo ourselves." Pine View's achievement was profiled in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Michael Goshey: Website Wizard

Big thanks to Michael Goshey, who volunteered to revamp and run the Pine View Foundation's esteemed website, www.pineviewfoundation.org. The website will contain new issues of *Alumni News*, updates on class reunions, and broadcasts of special projects affecting the school. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Michael at mgoshey@comcast.net.

National Gifted Conference Fundraising Campaign

The Foundation has raised enough money to send 12 teachers, but we hope to send more. *Let's send as many of our 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. Or mark donations payable to the "Pine View Foundation" and mail to:
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The '70s

Lori White ('73) was voted unanimously to become the new Superintendent of Schools in Sarasota. She was profiled in the June 1, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, the July issue of *Biz941* and the June 2, 2008 issue of *The SRQ Journal*.

Shari (Nichols) Clifton ('79) writes, "Not much new here. We still live in Brunswick, GA. My oldest child will be leaving for college in August. He will be attending Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. My youngest will begin 8th grade in August. I still enjoy my volunteer activities." You can reach Shari at shariclifton@bellsouth.net.

The '80s

Reunion: 1989

Save the Date!!! Plans for the 20 year reunion of the Class of 1989 are in the works. Jennifer D'Amico and Julie Plocar Porcelli have taken the reins to head the reunion plans. Please send Julie your current contact information at aporcelli@aol.com.

Renee S. Newell ('81) lives in Naples, Florida and writes, "I am looking for a job that inspires me! Anyone have a position for a PV graduate with a diverse background that includes financial consulting with Merrill Lynch to yoga certification in India? Seems I've been given an East/West blend. I am free to move anywhere two toy poodles can go." Contact Renee at 239.591.2353 or inspiredbyom@yahoo.com.

Jennie Blanton Peluso ('88) writes, "I was pleased to find out that my son's elementary school principal in Seminole County, Florida attended Pine View! **Heidi Pape Gooch**, PhD was member of class of 1986 and left in 11th grade to graduate from Venice High School. Dr. Gooch was new to the school this year and I was very impressed with her and now I know why! We reminisced over our fantastic yearbooks and now I'm trying to convince her to let the 3rd graders have off-campus lunch!"

The '90s

Reunion: 1998

The 10-year reunion for the Class of 1998 is this year. Plans are in the works. Please save the date for December 26, 2008 (dinner event) and December 27, 2008 (daytime event). Keep your eyes peeled for details/times in the coming months, but in the meantime, you can go ahead and make travel arrangements as needed. Spread the word. For the most current updates, send Smriti Sateesh your contact information at pvclassof98@gmail.com.

Holly Hartwig Moorhead ('93) lives in Asheboro, NC with her husband, Andrew. At Florida Southern College, Holly studied sociology, art communications and studio art earning her Masters of Arts degree in 1997. She continued her studies and earned her

PhD in counseling and counselor education from University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 2003. Currently, Holly is the Ethics Officer for the National Board for Certified Counselors. Email her at hollymoorhead@yahoo.com.

Julie (Patton) Lawson ('96) writes:

"I figure I've been whining about being too busy to write the alumni newsletter for a few years now, so I should probably explain what I've been up to. Galen and I are still living in DC, with our two dogs, Cocoa and Miles. Our marketing and design studio, Communication Visual, is seven years old now, on its fourth office, and still just the two of us (the way we like it). We mostly work with non-profits, seemingly with a niche in social policy, human rights, and the environment. We like to say we specialize in branding and publications, but since we end up serving as a sort of off-site marketing department for several clients, we end up doing a lot of everything.

Last year I was elected chair of the local chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, a grassroots environmental organization. We have about 500 members, and it keeps me extremely busy, managing campaigns and planning events and volunteer activities here in DC and at the beach. I love it, though, and the growth we've seen since last summer is mind-boggling. Galen does all the design, web, and marketing work, so it's been especially fun to put our brains together for a different sort of project. If you're in or around DC, you should come check us out.

I also coach for Girls on the Run, a program that helps girls develop confidence, self-esteem, and positive body image while training them to run a 5K. For the past two years I've been coaching at the middle

school level. There is nothing like seeing these girls realize the finish line is right there and watching them dig deep. Makes all the preteen whining and moaning during practice almost tolerable.

And on top of all that, I'm still running, and surfing, and snowboarding, and hiking, and this winter I started indoor rock climbing. I ran the JFK 50-Mile last fall, followed by a 50K a month later. That was after 4 marathons in 2007, too. (Even I'm a bit surprised to see it all written out like that.) I'm thinking about doing JFK again this year, then tackling some other ultras next spring. In May, Galen and I took the dogs to Acadia and the White Mountains for a hiking and camping trip. More than 55 miles and 10 summits in 8 days. Plus we saw a moose, which really was the highlight of the trip. Feel free to get in touch! Would love to hear from old friends." Contact her at julie@com-vis.com.

The '00s

Mark Sylvester was conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine.

Roger Zare ('03) was awarded the American Composers Orchestra's 2008 Underwood Emerging Composers Commission. The \$15,000 commission affords Roger the opportunity to create a piece of music to be performed at Carnegie Hall in the 2009-2010 season. He will also be the composer in residence at SONAR, the new-music ensemble at Peabody, where he will write several pieces of music, including a chamber opera. Roger earned his master's degree in composition at the Peabody Conservatory and has had his works

performed across Florida. One of Roger's pieces, "Dark and Stormy Night," involves a piano and 150 ping pong balls poured onto its strings. Watch a performance of "Dark and Stormy Night" on www.Youtube.com. Read more about Roger's music in the July 13, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Stephanie Bradley ('04) announced her engagement to Phillip Kapets of Ironwood, Michigan. Stephanie studied biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan, graduating, *magna cum laude*, in 2008. Her engagement announcement can be found in the June 15, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Leah Portnow ('05) is a student at the University of Florida, studying Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences. Leah participates in UF's Junior Honors Medical program and will graduate from UF's School of Medicine in 2012. Get in touch with Leah at lhportnow@verizon.net.

Ashley Largo ('07) competed in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Swimming Trials in Omaha, Nebraska. Ashley's event was the 800-meter freestyle, where she placed 42nd with a time of 8:54.81. Only one-half of one percent of competitive swimmers make it to the Olympic trials. Ashley is a member of the Sarasota Family YMCA Sharks and a sophomore at the University of Arkansas. Read more about Ashley's efforts in the June 28 and July 5, 2008 issues of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Pine View engineering techno-wizards flexed their mettle at the 2008 BotsIQ Competition in Miami. Transforming a pile of steel, copper and circuit boards, the team brought home a first place BattleBot victory. **Eddie Burgess ('08)**, along with co-captain **Dan Curhan** and fellow Pine View team

members **Julien Kuzniarek**, **Justin Bounds**, **Cole Eisenberg** and **Vincent Baiamonte ('08)** dominated the competition with their Copperhead III robotic destroyer. The team designed and built the machine using engineering equipment, under the tutelage of Pine View teacher Dr. Jay Skipper. Baiamonte will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Read more about the team's victory in the May 13, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Casey Altier ('08) was profiled on the front page of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. Casey was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a very rare form of cancer. Enduring seven months of chemotherapy, she continued her work as a member of the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Philharmonic and played Carnegie Hall with her parents in the audience. She will attend Florida State University, where she plans to study zoology and animal studies. Read more about Casey's outstanding achievements in the June 15, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Edward E. James III ('08) was a national semifinalist in the 71st annual national American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Competing against students nationwide, James won the quarter- and semifinal rounds. His speech, titled "Branches of the American Tree," addressed the importance of Constitutional Federalism and maintaining the separation of powers among the three branches of government constitutional issues. James has been a local television news and talk show personality for several years. He is president of the Sarasota County NAACP youth chapter and a three-sport athlete. James' efforts were profiled in the March 16, 2008 and May 1, 2008 issues of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

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Listed below is the initial sampling of some of the special events we have tentatively planned:

- Wednesday, January 21, 2009
 - Memorabilia Video
 - Pine View Timeline Simulation
- Thursday, January 22, 2009
 - Three, 45-minute, student directed and produced performances of the "History of Pine View"
 - Pine View Timeline Simulation
- Friday, January 23, 2009
 - Aerial Photo
 - School-wide Event
 - Cake Gym
 - Alumni procession
 - Wear PV shirts/school colors
 - Pine View Timeline Simulation
- Saturday, January 24, 2009
 - Pinestock (on-campus event)
 - Music, Food
 - Pine View Timeline
 - Fair-type Activities
 - All Faith's Food Bank Donation

Your contributions to our school have been immense. We would be delighted if you could join us. Please stay tuned for more details and a personal invitation to each of you to participate.

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