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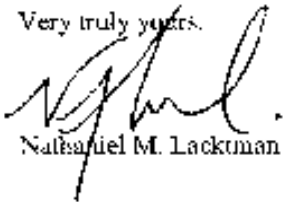
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From the Editor:

Although many Pine View alumni are bundled up in sweaters and heavy coats, those of us in Florida prepare for Winter by simply turning off the A/C. No matter the climate, we can all appreciate the Thanksgiving holiday, spending time with friends and family, and sharing our time, treasure and talent with those who most need it.

As for me, I continue to advise health care clients on regulatory compliance and litigation issues. With the election of a new President and a renewed focus on health care reform, health care law should see some interesting changes and challenges. Enjoy this issue!

Very truly yours,



Nathaniel M. Lackman

40 Years of Excellence

Pine View is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a week of special events. Please join students, teachers and alumni and celebrate the remarkable success of the school. Here is the schedule of events:

- **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
 - 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

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This newsletter is published two to four times annually for distribution to alumni, teachers, parents and friends of Pine View School, Sarasota, Florida.

Memoirs, Articles, Updates, Notes & Photographic images: We encourage you to submit timely your articles, letters and updates for publication in Alumni News. Our current printing process does not allow for photographs, but feel free to send announcements of web sites where such photographs are available. We reserve the right to revise and/or abridge all copy as needed.

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Announcements

Support the Pine View Foundation

From a city block of portables to a modern, expansive campus, Pine View has educated nearly four decades' worth of students. The Pine View Foundation is the alumni organization for our unique school, formed to aid in the continued success of Pine View and to afford a platform for sharing our experiences.

The mission of the Pine View Foundation is "to sponsor educational and cultural programs, to make grants to teachers and departments of the school, and to make capital investments in equipment or materials."

Please consider supporting the Pine View Foundation through 100% tax deductible donations. Contributions may be made online at www.pineviewfoundation.org or by mail at 2621 Mall Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Foundation Mini-Grants

The Pine View Foundation each year sponsors teachers and their unique ideas for educational opportunities in the classrooms. Here are the recent mini-grants.

- "School House Rock" is the creation of third grade teachers. 145 third grade students singing and dancing their hearts out to some favorite tunes from School House Rock. This project combines science, social studies, English, art, public speaking, physical education, and music. Each class had a class song and dance. These numbers deal with such subjects as conjunctions, circulation and the Constitution. While highlighting individual talents, it drives

home the importance of teamwork and cooperation. The foundation was provided \$700.00 for costumes, painted sets, programs, and the Broadway Junior Show Kit.

- Many graduates will remember Patricia Johnston and her Islamic Tiles. The Foundation has supported her project for a number of years.

- The Foundation continued its support for Stephanie Gould-Olson and Denise Fugere in their on-going research and collaboration with the Myakka River State Park on a bromeliad monitoring project. Pine View School works with New College Professor Meg Lowman, the Tree Foundation of Sarasota, the Myakka River State Park, and Selby Gardens.

- The Foundation provided funds to Mary Alice Deveny in the Pine View Media Center for supplies to encourage reading, a benefit to 1500 Pine View students.

- The Foundation provided "Scholastic Math" magazine to the fifth graders in the class of Susan D'Angelo.

- The Foundation provided funds to purchase a Pine View School license for 20 teachers to enjoy a one year subscription to edHelper.com, an online teacher resource with a comprehensive collection of instructional material in all subject areas.

- Our mini grants are usually in amounts up to \$350.00 per teacher, but teachers can combine grants for larger projects. If you are interested in helping Pine View School provide for its goal of a differentiated educational curriculum and creative

projects, please send your donations, in any amount, to the Pine View Foundation.

current contact information at aporcelli@aol.com.

The '70s

Keely McGeehan ('79) writes, "The most awesome thing I have done in the past 5 years was founding NomadHope.org!"

"I am so excited with the progress my nonprofit NGO, www.NomadHope.org, has made this past year. In 2007 we raised over \$10,000 and in 2008 we are beginning work with 6 rural schools in Mali, Africa, to provide solar electrification, clean water, and sanitation facilities. We have been sponsored by Engineers without Borders and Rotary International, which all so wonderful."

"I am constantly surprised when I see these children, in the middle of the sub-Saharan desert with no running water, electricity, or bathrooms, RUN to get into the classroom to learn. As soon as they have solar electricity, they come after their dinner and chores, back to school to study some more. There is a direct correlation between solar electricity in schools here and the test scores of these children, as well as the health of the teachers and access to lights!" Contact Keely at keelyinla@roadrunner.com.

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

Sheila Dearybury Walcoff ('85) writes, "Since our 20 year reunion I had a baby, Skyler Pierce Walcoff, now 3 years old. I moved from being Associate Commissioner at the US food and Drug Administration to Counselor to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services for science and health policy matters (both political appointments under the Bush Administration). I resigned from the Administration in July of 2007 and became a stay-home mom and the senior health policy advisor to the Fred Thompson presidential campaign.

I decided I missed being paid for the fun work I was doing (my area of expertise now is personalized medicine) so I returned to private practice in May of 2008 as a Partner with the law firm McDermott Will & Emery. I still live in the Washington DC area and, in August 2008, we welcomed our second son, Jaden Blake Walcoff.

My husband, Jeff, and I still own a couple veterinary hospitals, but he sold his primary practice this year so we could concentrate on building a new hospital closer to our home. He is of course hoping our sons become veterinarians and not lawyers...or worse...politicians!

Sadly, my father passed away in March of 2008. The Sarasota paper did a lovely obituary about him as the founder of Dearybury Donuts.....a part of my life I am sure my classmates remember well." Email Sheila at sheila.walcoff@gmail.com.

Kasandra Blyden Maender ('89) lives in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her BS in Business Management and her law degree from the University of Florida. She is a technology program manager with

Accenture and has twin babies, Jonas and Leanna, born in April. Get in touch with Kasandra at kbm971@gmail.com.

Marina Pais Melson ('89) lives in Tampa, Florida. She received her BA in History and her law degree from the University of Florida. She is married and has three children, Tessa (9), Zachary (6) and Leo (4). You can get in touch with Marina at whiterabbit1313@hotmail.com.

Daemian Shannon Mains ('89) lives in Sarasota, Florida. She studied Anthropology at the University of Florida and is a personal trainer with the YMCA. She is married and has a child, Dharma (7). You can get in touch with Daemian at daemianmains@yahoo.com.

Louis Alfieri ('89) lives in Middle Grove, New York with his wife, Kym, and their daughter, Raven. He received his degree in Illustration from Ringling Schools of Art and Design. Louis is the Creative Director at Universal Studios Creative and enjoys playing with his daughter, kayaking, camping, photography.

He writes, "After living in Osaka Japan for 12 months designing and building the Hollywood Dream Coaster I am now in Orlando for 18 months responsible for designing and building the most technologically advanced roller coaster ever built, for Universal Studios Florida. As well I am the creative lead on the marketing, world wide sponsorship, and licensing components of the attraction. From here the next stop will either be Dubai, Singapore, Seoul, or Beijing to do some other kind of ride for Universal unless something more interesting comes up." You can get in touch with Louis at Louis_Alfieri@nbcuni.com.

The '90s

Reunion: 1998

The 10-year reunion for the Class of 1998 is this year. Save the date for December 26, 2008 (dinner event) and December 27, 2008 (daytime event). Spread the word. For the most current updates, send Smriti Sateesh an email at pvclassof98@gmail.com.

Nikki Maxson Haddock ('92) lives in Conway, South Carolina. Nikki received a degree in Psychology from Coker College and conducted her post-graduate studies at NOVA Southeastern University, where she majored in Physical Therapy. She is an insurance agent with BB&T – Puckett, Scheetz and Hogan. She has two children, Hunter (8) and Hailey (7). Contact Nikki at nikkihaddock@mail.com.

Beau Vestal ('93) lives in Providence, Rhode Island with her husband, John. You can get in touch with Beau at jvesta913@hotmail.com.

John Vidas ('97) announced his engagement to Jennifer Lynn Sireci, a television and film producer. John graduated from the University of Florida and lives in Los Angeles. An April wedding is planned. His engagement announcement can be found in the September 19, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

Seth Koehler ('97) lives in Newberry, Florida with his wife, Krista, and two kids, Sammy and Emma. He is currently in graduate school at the University of Florida, focusing on computer science and engineering. Get in touch with Seth at skoehler@ufl.edu.

Brian Tomkins ('98) announced his engagement to Annemarie Padula, of

Morristown, New Jersey. Brian graduated from Tufts University and received his law degree from the Rutgers Law School. Brian is a patent attorney. His engagement announcement can be found in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

John Sites ('98) lives in Neptune Beach, Florida. John received a degree in Biochemistry and his medical degree from the University of Florida. He is a OB/GYN resident at the University of Florida. John writes that he is "anxiously awaiting our class reunion." Contact John at lagwagon5454@yahoo.com.

Maren Bobeck ('98) announced her engagement to Peter W. Simmons III, of Midland, Michigan. They will be married on October 4, 2008 at the Helmsley Sandcastle. Her engagement announcement can be found in the October 3, 2008 issue of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

The '00s

Lara Urfer ('01) lives in New York City. Lara graduated from the University of Florida, studying Art History and Italian. She works at AXA Equitable and may be reached at 212.314.2909.

Heather Chase ('06) is a student at Florida Atlantic University, majoring in International Studies. She writes, "I have just returned from a year-long study abroad experience in Morocco. The culture and challenges of being an American abroad (and not as part of a tour group but as a regular student) at this time were something I would recommend to almost any Pine View student. If you thought Pine View was the best experience of your life, try

going abroad for a year, you might change your mind. In a year in Morocco, I made some amazing friends that I know I will remain close to the rest of my life, the same way some of my Pine View friends have remained in my life."

"I'm attending an all-Honors program at FAU, where all of our courses are Honors. In addition, we are required to write and defend an Honors Thesis. I'll begin mine this coming Spring, with a focus on comparisons between the Middle East/North Africa and Latin America." Contact Heather at navinge12006@gmail.com.

Katherine Herleman ('06) studies environmental engineering at the University of Miami. She writes, "This year I created a dorm community at the University of Miami called 'Living the Green Life.' This diverse group of students has committed to learning my year-long curriculum focusing on environmental sustainability, and will participate in projects such as tracking their energy usage, visiting landfills and recycling plants, and educating our larger University community about the importance of living a sustainable lifestyle."

Katherine has maintained Pine View's Tradition of Excellence by: "pursuing a triple-major degree in engineering, geological sciences and political science." The most awesome thing she did in the past 5 years is: "work with NOAA because I learned how to suck it up and be a real field scientist. When I think about Pine View, I miss my professors the most because they were the most nurturing people I have ever met." Contact Katherine at k.herleman@umiami.edu.

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