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## home for the holidays?

SPS alumni are invited to visit campus whenever they are in the area. If you're interested in stopping by to say hello, check out the new buildings or just want to take a walk down memory lane, please contact your Alumni Affairs Office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org) or call 505.338.3021. Hope to see you soon!

## performing arts center update

The performing arts center got it's 'legs' this week as steel erection on the structure began. We are excited to move into this facility this summer—where we are adding space for dance, instrumental music, theater, and a digital studio. Our new front door will also include a new area for admissions and seven classrooms to facilitate the move of all the fine arts classes into the 500 building. Please come by to check on the progress of this project! **Click here** to learn more.

-Headmaster Dick Heath



SPS Performing Arts Center as of 12.9.08

## in memoriam



**Ben Kivitz '05** passed away on December 13, 2008. Ben's short life was lived fully with laughter, compassion and friendship. In his fight against cancer, Ben's true character was revealed. He took on the battle with humor, strength and rarely complained. He will be truly missed and always loved. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the UNM Cancer Research Center Foundation.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, December 21st at 2pm in Sandia Prep's West Gym – many of you remember it as the "New Gym." To accommodate seating, please RSVP to [zenbo@aol.com](mailto:zenbo@aol.com). Also, the family has received many requests to speak at the service. For time constraints, they are asking that you email Ben's mom, Ellen, at [zenbo@aol.com](mailto:zenbo@aol.com) with a story or thought you would like to have included.

**Elizabeth Anne Ball Torres Camden '78** passed away on December 14, 2008 of heart failure. Elizabeth graduated from Sandia Prep School and attended the University of Denver. She loved animals, singing, the arts and gardening.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1st United Methodist Church at 10:00am on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Her many friends are invited to come celebrate Elizabeth's life in the service and remain for a gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Donations may be made to a group that serves women's and children's needs or organ donations.





## sps booster club sponsors mural competition

Sandia Prep's Booster Club is looking for artists to help create murals that will adorn the School's concession areas and baseball/softball dugouts.

Participants are encouraged to create a design that represents the spirit of the SPS community. The mural design contest is open to all SPS alumni, students, staff, faculty and parents. Submissions are due on Friday, January 16, 2009. Winners will be announced in February 2009.

Have questions? Want more details?

Contact Margaret Garcia de Duran at 505.797.7511 or email [mgduranmom@aol.com](mailto:mgduranmom@aol.com).

### the power of participation

From the classroom to the playing fields to the Outdoor Program, all SPS students have benefited from the generosity of alumni over the years. Help ensure that today's students enjoy the same advantages.

### Participation Matters

Every gift to SPS is significant – no matter what amount. Last year gifts from alumni and their families ranged from \$10 to \$10,000.

### How You Can Help

**Click here** to learn more or to make your tax-deductible gift.



## class reunion updates

### Class of 1999

Heather (Barr) Marot '99 is creating a website/registration page to gather interest for the '99 reunion – additional details will be available soon.

Heather lives abroad and is looking for fellow classmates to help with the planning, execution, etc. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Heather your contact information for future updates, please email [Heathaba@gmail.com](mailto:Heathaba@gmail.com) or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).

### Class of 1994

It's time to celebrate your fifteen-year reunion! Sally (Heath) Kilbride '94 and Joanna Clarke '94 have started to plan for this anniversary event. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Sally and Joanna your contact information for future updates, please email Sally at [sallykilbride@yahoo.com](mailto:sallykilbride@yahoo.com), Joanna at [joannaclarke07@gmail.com](mailto:joannaclarke07@gmail.com) or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).

### Class of 1989 Reunion

Is it hard to believe that it has been nearly 20 years since you graduated? Chandra (Burnell) Packham '89 is interested in joining a reunion committee and is looking for classmates to join her. If you're interested in joining Chandra, please contact your SPS Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org) or call 505.338.3021.

### Class of 1974 Reunion

Interested in getting together for a 35-year reunion? Julie (Serna) Steplowski '74 is putting together a committee to help select a date, location, etc.. If you're interested in helping, please email Julie at [happystep0101@msn.com](mailto:happystep0101@msn.com) or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).

## don't miss our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual grad lunch and discussion panel

Recent grads are invited to come back to SPS on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 for a complimentary fajita bar and green chile stew feast. It's your chance to mingle with former classmates and teachers, while giving Seniors insight into life post-Prep.

We'll have plenty of NM food favorites and the SPS Alumni Association will host a panel discussion for the Class of 2009. The discussion panel is your chance to give current students the inside scoop on what really happens during your first semester away.

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## alumni notes

**Anita Miller Summers '75** is the proud grandmother of Havana Gail, born August 24, 2008 to her stepson William and his wife Lynn.



*Havana Gail, granddaughter of Anita Miller Summers '75*



*Quint Nieto Rankin '90 with his wife, Tiffany and three children*

**Quint Nieto Rankin '90** reports that he is newly married and living in Addison, TX with his wife Tiffany and three children Tyler, 7, Abbie, 5, and Christopher, 4. In January, Quint started a Christian clothing company. To learn more, visit [www.Bigfishwear.com](http://www.Bigfishwear.com).

**Camian (Poling) Larson '94** is excited to announce that her construction design consulting business website is complete. "After eight years of accumulating photos of my construction and design work, it's great to have a functioning website with a sample of my portfolio. It feels great to finally have it done!" In addition to a large portfolio of Camian's work, there are also descriptions of how she got into the business and what services she offers. To check it out, visit [www.Zenteriors.net](http://www.Zenteriors.net). In other news, Camian and her husband, Erik, live in the UNM North Golf Course neighborhood, and are expecting their first child, a boy, in February of '09.



*Carmen (Poling) Larson '94*

**Annie Portia Michaelis '99** is living in Cambridge, MA where she is working on the final installment of her PhD dissertation for Johns Hopkins University. Michaelis is in a four-year PhD program in Public Health Policy with a focus is transitional care of adolescents who are HIV positive. She hopes to be Dr. Annie by mid-2009.

In October, **John Korbin '05** received one of three \$5,000 scholarships given through the Macey Scholars Program. The New Mexico Tech senior has a 4.0 GPA and is working on a bachelor's degree in mathematics and another in computer science. At NM Tech, John serves as a peer facilitator, is the Chief Financial Officer for the Residential Hall Association, and is a research assistant and intern in the math, computer science and chemistry departments. The SPS '05 grad has also helped write a textbook; presented at a national conference; and has conducted research at Sandia National Laboratory in applied physics and chaotic dynamics using Sandia's supercomputer. In addition to competing in the William Lowell Putnam math competition and the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, John presented his research at an American Physical Society conference. Additionally, John made time to be on TruTV's "Man Vs. Cartoon" show.



*Dale Minschwaner '08 (center)*

**Audra Gentry '06**, a junior at Southwestern University was named Player of the Year in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC). The SCAC reports that her all-around abilities led the Pirates to a 30-win season.

In his first college basketball game, **Dale Minschwaner '08**, a Colorado School of Mines freshman, scored 12 points, with 11 rebounds.

**be on the lookout for your preppost delivery**

**40+ alums included in December issue**

You should have received the December issue of *PrepPost* last week. The issue features "A Day in the Life" of SPS Community members, including alums Matt Clarke '98 and Hope DeLaRue '00.

If you did not receive a copy, please contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org) or call 505.338.3021.

### volunteer opportunity

The Drama Department is looking for seamstresses/sewers to make costumes for the SPS production of *Les Miserables*.

The costume patterns were made especially for SPS by a local designer. If you're interested in helping, the fabric and patterns are available now – we ask that completed costumes be returned in early February.

To learn more or to volunteer, please email [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).

**make your mom proud, have your name in PrepPost!**

If you'd like to submit your news for future issues of *PrepPost* or the alumni insider, please email [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).



## calendar markings

Your high school alma mater has several fun events planned for the near future. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one or all of our advertised events. Full details will be available closer to the scheduled activities — visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for the most up-to-date details.



### WANTED: class of '84 & '79 reunion reps

We're looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming class reunions. Your SPS Alumni Affairs Office is committed to making this process as simple as possible and is available to help in a variety of ways. If you'd like to learn more, email [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org).

### santa visit success



[Click here](#) to see additional photos from this inaugural event!

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### Denver Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 11, 2009 • Wynkoop Brewing Company • 1634 18th Street • Denver, Colorado 80202

Join Headmaster Dick Heath, Assistant Headmaster Ron Briley and Alumni Affairs Coordinator Melissa Besante Dineen '97 for drinks and appetizers at Wynkoop Brewing Company on Sunday, January 11.

We're working on the event specifics now and are looking for Denver-area alumni to help with the details. If you'd like to volunteer, please email Melissa at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org) or call 505.338.3021.

### Chicago Meet & Greet

Saturday, February 28, 2009 • Location TBD • **NEW DATE**

Join Headmaster Dick Heath, Assistant Headmaster Ron Briley and Alumni Affairs Coordinator Melissa Besante Dineen '97 for drinks and appetizers at a Chicago-area restaurant.

We're working to book a location - visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for additional details closer to our event date.

To learn more, email Melissa at [alumni@sandiaprep.org](mailto:alumni@sandiaprep.org) or call 505.338.3021.



### Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 22, 2009 • Russell Student Center Mezzanine

Sandia Prep's Class of 2009 will be officially welcomed into the SPS Alumni Association!

### 2009 SPS Commencement

Saturday, May 30, 2009 • East Quadrangle

Help congratulate Sandia Prep's Class of 2009! Attending alumni will receive recognition and a keepsake.