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In December we held a contest to help put together a SPS Alumni Association networking page on both Facebook and MySpace. We received several incredibly creative submissions and are pleased to announce our two winners - congratulations to **Alex Kwak '01** and **Audra Gentry '06**! They will each receive a \$50 VISA gift card and will have their names included in the May 2008 edition of the *Prep Post*.

Thank you to all who participated. We're still putting together our profiles for both Facebook and MySpace, but will pass along the completed pages as soon as we're done.

just four days left to order your limited-edition alumni brick

Installation order deadline - Monday, March 3rd



As you probably know, the SPS Alumni Association is selling bricks to help support Sandia Prep's new 23,000+ square foot Field House & Gymnasium. On May 7, we'll unveil the alumni brick entrance at the Field House Dedication and Festival. These bricks will be engraved with the names and graduation years of participating alums.

The **limited-edition** pavers are tax-deductible if you itemize and are just:

- \$10 a month** (\$120 total) for 2007-1997 graduates
- \$12.50 a month** (\$150 total) for 1996-1969 graduates

Bricks can be purchased for a one-time fee or can be broken up into monthly payments.

As of this morning we have less than 60 bricks remaining - have your name etched in history, *reserve your brick now!*

Questions?

Contact your Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.



To purchase a personalized, engraved brick, simply *click here* OR call your SPS Alumni Affairs Office at 505.338.3021



alumni notes

Please note, this is just a sampling of submitted alumni notes. We've collected 50+ more and will publish the full list in subsequent issues of the alumni insider, as well as in the May 2008 edition of the Prep Post. If you'd like to submit your news, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Former SPS English teacher **Valerie Shoudt '87** is the Center Director for Huntington Learning Center in ABQ. Huntington Learning Center provides supplemental education (tutoring) for kids in grades K-12 in small ratios of 4:1 or 1:1, as well as SAT and ACT prep. In December 2007, the '87 grad was elected to the Albuquerque Press Club (APC) Board of Directors for a two-year term. Valerie will join **Nick Eleftheriou '95**, who was elected to the APC board last year.

In January, **John Brown '92** was featured in the *Albuquerque Business Journal* for his invention, A Helping Handle, a plastic handle that attaches to the swinging doors of restaurant trash cans to make it easier to dump a food tray. John created the handle in conjunction with his business partner, Nate Zich. In addition to A Helping Handle, the team runs two Subway franchises and West Side New Mexican restaurant La Salita. To learn more, visit <http://ahelpinghandle.com>.

Catherine Green '97 and her husband Jerome Johnson welcomed Elizabeth Ann Johnson, a 6 lb 12 oz and 17" baby girl into the world on February 10, 2008 at 11:40am.



Dr. **Angelynn Fox**, PharmD, RPh '99 graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's School of Pharmacy in May 2006. Since graduation, Angelynn has been primarily employed at an independent pharmacy in Siler City, North Carolina. The '99 grad also works a few days a month at the local hospital. She said, "Serving the residents of Chatham County continues to be a rewarding experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed not being pinned behind the counter (having the traditional pharmacist role of only counting and checking prescriptions). Instead, my position at the independent pharmacy allows me to provide disease state education; I have become actively involved in managing many disease states for several patients. It is so much fun!"

Following his SPS graduation, **Blake Houghton '02**, attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) on a President's Scholarship. While at SMU, Blake joined Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, serving as its President during his Junior year. He also participated in two SMU Study Abroad programs: an engineering program held in Koenigswinter, Germany and "SMU at Oxford" in England. Prior to graduating *magna cum laude* with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Math, Blake was honored as "Outstanding Greek Leader" and "Outstanding Senior Male Student" of SMU. Following graduation Blake embarked on an "Around the World" trip to Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, New Zealand, Croatia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and England. Blake currently works as a Consultant in the private sector of Booz Allen Hamilton.



379 and counting

Are you a member of Sandia Prep's Online Alumni Community: <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org>? If not, what are you waiting for?

The easy-to-use, networking site has 379 members registered and is always looking for more! It's a great way to keep up with life at SPS, reconnect with classmates from across the globe and learn more about ways to get involved - it's a Sundevil version of Facebook or MySpace!

Through our interactive alumni site, you can:

- Search for and reconnect with your former classmates
- Network with other SPS alums
- Create a profile page and upload photos
- Learn more about the latest SPS events
- Make online gifts
- Read the latest edition of the *Prep Post*
- And much more!

Register now!

Registering takes just minutes. To get started, [click here](#). Please note - this site is only accessible by SPS alumni following a registration confirmation; your information cannot be viewed by outside parties.



reunion updates & announcements

Class of 1999

Planning is underway for the Class of 1999's ten-year reunion. **Heather Marot (Barr) '99** has offered to start collecting interest for this anniversary event and is looking for classmates who would like to help plan a reunion. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Heather your contact information for future updates, please email Heathaba@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1998

It's time to celebrate your 10th anniversary! **Drea (Brue) Kendall '98** has offered to help her fellow classmates put together a ten-year class reunion and is looking for help to get a committee together. If you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email Drea directly at akendall@unm.edu or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1993

Interested in getting together for a 15-year reunion? **Richie Ramos '93** is putting together a committee to help plan a reunion. If you want to learn more, please email Richie at ramosric@msu.edu or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1988

When: Independence Day Weekend 2008

Where: TBD

Save the weekend of July 4, 2008 for your 20-year reunion! The Class of '88 reunion committee is working on event specifics, but planning for this anniversary celebration is well underway.

Reunion committee co-chairs **Chris White '88** and **Adena Brumer '88**, are searching for updated contact information for members of this class. If you're interested in helping or want to learn more, please email Chris at chriswhite88@comcast.net, Adena at adenas@yahoo.com or our SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1978

It's hard to believe that 30 years has passed so quickly! **Tina Sparks Duncan '78**, has offered to help gather her former classmates together to celebrate. To learn more, please email Tina at cduncan4@optonline.net or contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

field house construction update

The new SPS Field House & Gymnasium is nearly complete. With just weeks to go until our unveiling, the campus is buzzing in anticipation of our new 850-seat gymnasium.

If you'd like to get a sneak peak, join us for one of our Hard Hat tours. Available tour dates include:

- Wednesday, March 5th
8:00am & 2:45pm
- Thursday, April 3rd
8:00am & 5:30pm

Groups will convene in the Commons at the published time and then be led to the construction site. Tours are approximately 30 minutes and are limited to groups of 25 people. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP by email to alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

To check out construction progress or to take an interactive tour, [click here](#).



February Hard Hat Tour

alumni volunteer opportunities

Help mold the future of the SPS Alumni Association by volunteering! We're always looking for alumni to help with a variety of programs and events - current opportunities include:

- *Help coordinate special events and activities*
- *Serve as a class agent*
- *Help plan your class reunion*
- *Chaperone a field trip*
- *Facilitate a senior experience*



calendar markings

Your 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.



Pack the 'Post' - Send us your news!

We're gathering updates for the May issue of the *Prep Post*. Being that this is typically everyone's favorite section, we're working hard to include as many alumni notes as possible. If you've started a new hobby or job, got married, have a new addition to the family or just have something fun you want to share, send your news and photos to alumni@sandiaprep.org. Help us 'Pack the Post!'

have you moved?

Your Alumni Affairs office is constantly working to keep our database up-to-date, but we realize that our alumni move and don't always send us their new contact info. We have some exciting activities planned for this year (individual class reunions, out-of-state 'Meet & Greet' visits and more!) – so send us your contact information and we'll be sure to send you all the details.

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Noche de Arte

Friday, April 25, 2008 · Hyatt Regency Downtown
Our biennial auction gala will feature fine art, fine jewelry, home décor and experiences. For ticket information, please contact Roxanna Caird at 505.338.3029 or email rcaird@sandiaprep.org.

Field House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & Alumni Brick Entrance Unveiling

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 · 3:30pm to 5:30pm · SPS Field House
Join us as we reveal Sandia Prep's newest campus addition, the SPS Field House! During the campus-wide celebration we'll unveil the alumni brick entrance and campus tours will be available.

Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 23, 2008 · Breakfast begins at 7:25am · Russell Student Center
Sandia Prep's Class of 2008 will be officially welcomed into the SPS Alumni Association!

Commencement

Saturday, May 31, 2008 · East Quadrangle
Help congratulate Sandia Prep's Class of 2008! You'll have a chance to catch-up with former teachers and congratulate the newest members of the SPS Alumni Association. Attending alumni will receive recognition and a keepsake.

Class of 1988 Reunion

Independence Day Weekend 2008
The Class of '88 will celebrate their 20-year reunion over Independence Day weekend. To learn more, email **Chris White '88** at chriswhite88@comcast.net, **Adena Brumer '88** at adenas@yahoo.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Homecoming

Saturday, September 20, 2008 · East Quadrangle
We'd love to have you back for Sandia Prep's Homecoming 2008. Our soccer, volleyball and tennis teams will play in some heated tournaments + we'll have plenty of fun, complimentary activities for the kids, including a moon bounce, face painters, balloon and caricature artists; as well as free food for all and several generous door prizes.

