

the alumni Insider

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a message from dick heath

Another year under my considerable belt—and one more to go!

Your school continues to grow with the capital building projects garnering most of the headlines, but the growth of programs for kids is probably even more significant. The community service program has spread from the upper school to the mid school and the mock courtroom enthusiasts are travelling to New Jersey to compete. We have often expressed the goal of offering a leadership opportunity for any student across a broad range of activities and we're increasingly closer to that goal.

Our travelling Alumni show will hit Dallas and NYC this coming winter, but alumni in NM are always welcome to come to campus. Our best to you from everyone here — please come by or connect with us at <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org>



-Dick Heath

shhhh.... can you keep a secret?

The SPS Alumni Association is putting together a memory book with quotes, messages and photos for Dick Heath's retirement party. If you'd like to sign the book and/or submit a message or photo, contact your **Alumni Affairs Office**.

stop by and take a hard hat tour!



performing arts center update

Our new Performing Arts Center will open in just a few short weeks. The space will house our drama, instrumental music, dance, chorus and digital communication programs, along with an admission wing and middle school classrooms. **Click here** to check out the building's progress and to learn more about this \$5.7 million campus addition.

If you'd like to take a tour of the space before our **building dedication** in August, contact your **Alumni Affairs Office**.

► Heath's Advisory took a tour of the new Performing Arts Center prior to the start of their Senior Experience.



We're Twittering and Tweeting...Follow Us!

The SPS Alumni Association is now on Twitter – follow our tweets **@SandiaPrep** to read our latest blog entries and updates.

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class reunion updates

finances 101

In April, the SPS Alumni Association co-hosted a “Managing a College Budget” seminar to help our soon-to-be graduates learn the basics of general financial planning: how to create and maintain a budget; read and obtain a credit report; protect themselves against identity theft and predatory lending; and more.

The first-time event was well attended and we’ve started to plan an additional program for next year. If you are interested in attending a similar seminar, limited to graduates, please contact your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.



come on down!

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**. Hope to see you soon!

Class of 1999 Reunion

When: June 19-20, 2009

Friday, June 19th

Campus Tour – Meet in the Quad @ 5pm

Drinks & Appetizers – Lydia (Jones) Pizzonia Residence

Saturday, June 20th

Hike in the Sandia Mountains – Email Greg at gff731@yahoo.com for additional details. The hike should last until about 3pm.

Bowling – 6132 4th Street NW – 4:30pm – We’re meeting at Lucky 66 Bowl – formally known as Sun Valley Bowl. Please note, the number of lanes reserved will depend on number of confirmations received.

Reunion Party – Kelly’s Brew Pub – 3222 Central Ave. SE – Please RSVP as we will need numbers for the restaurant.

Questions? Contact Heather at Heathaba@gmail.com, Lydia at pizzonia2007@yahoo.com, or your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.

Class of 1994 Reunion

When: July 24-25, 2009

Campus Tour – Friday, July 24th – Meet in the Quad @ 5pm

’94 graduates who have come back to visit have remarked that our campus has changed dramatically from their time at SPS. Join us for a tour and trip down memory lane!

Drinks & Appetizers – Friday, July 24th – Location TBD

It’s a kick-off to a weekend of fun! Additional details will be available soon.

Reunion Party – Saturday, July 25th – Location TBD

Joanna Clarke and Sally Heath Kilbride are leading a **Facebook Reunion Group** – check out the page to learn more about the weekend’s events and to read messages from your former classmates. To contact your reunion planning committee, please email Sally at sallykilbride@yahoo.com, Joanna at joannaclarke07@gmail.com or your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.

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**.

Class of 1984 Reunion

Celebrate your 25th reunion! Erika (Logan) Ninneman ’84 is working to put together a reunion committee. If you’re interested in helping, please email Erika at eninneman@q.com or contact your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.

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 or your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.

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participation matters

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how you can help

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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 contact your **SPS Alumni Affairs Office**.

alumni notes

Please note, this is just a sampling of submitted alumni notes. Additional notes are available in the May 2009 issue of **PrepPost**.

One of our original alumni couples, **Dave Knutson '75** and his wife **Karen "Lea" (Zimmer) Knutson '77** are living in Sapello, NM. Karen is an office manager for Knutson Construction Co. and Dave works as a contractor. Lea is also a wildlife biologist and recently started a non-profit "Citizens Watershed Monitoring Team" and works as part-time as Executive Director. The couple has two children: Cory, 22, a senior at Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design and Jamie, 16, who is on his way to Norway to work on a sailboat.

Paula Zimmer '82 is a speech therapist in New Plymouth, New Zealand. She has been living "down under" for seven years and loves it. Her father reports that she is also a marathon runner.

Andrea Brue Kendall '98 and husband Shayne welcomed Chase Jonah Kendall into the world on April 30, 2009 at 9:20am. The little man weighed in at 6.9 pounds and was 19 inches long.



◀ **Scott Montoya '99** and **Melissa Schwartzman-Stubbs '01** were recently visiting family and friends in Albuquerque and brought their newborn son, Logan to campus. The family lives in Alabama where Scott works as a Commander / Instructor Pilot for the United States Army.

Jeremiah Collatz '00 is pursuing a Masters in Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Izzi Stone '01 is engaged and living in Cambridge, MA. The '01 grad recently received a Masters in Education from Endicott College and is working as a teacher in the 9-12 program at Lexington Montessori in MA.

Ally Weninger '05, a senior at Lake Forest College is interning at *Rolling Stone* magazine in downtown Chicago. The '05 grad is working in Marketing and Advertising and helps with issue letters, client research and retention, prepares client presentations and helps to generate new business. Last fall, Ally interned at JWC Media and with *Sheridan Road* and *Forest and Bluff* magazines.

This summer, **Talia Sanchez '06** will intern with energy company BP at their Carson refinery in California. The Colorado School of Mines junior is looking at graduate schools for tissue engineering and has plans to spend her senior year conducting research in drug targeting and polymers. In addition to her studies, Talia reports that she plays club soccer, rock climbs and participates in several community service outlets.

In early April, **Tatianna Duran '07** was crowned the 2009 United States Cherry Blossom Queen as part of DC's premier tourist event, the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Tatianna's win marks the first time a New Mexican has worn the crown in the program's history. The recent grad traveled to Japan earlier this month to compete in the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival. Tatianna, an International Affairs major at George Washington University (GW), is on GW's Triathlon team and is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. In addition to her studies, Tatianna, interns for US Senator Jeff Bingaman. ▶



Michael Schranz '07 reports that he will begin basic training for the Army in late May. The '07 grad said he is participating in the Split Membership Program (SMP) and will enter the Army as enlisted personnel. Following his graduation as an officer, Michael plans to resume his studies at Colorado State University.

be on the lookout for your prepost delivery

The May 2009 issue of PrepPost was mailed last week. The issue, "Behind the Scenes at Sandia Prep" features alums Christie Kurucz '94 and Steve Smith '95.



If you did not receive a copy, please contact your **Alumni Affairs Office**.

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calendar markings

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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!

Commencement

Saturday, May 30, 2009 • East Quadrangle
Help congratulate Sandia Prep's Class of 2009! Attending alumni will receive special recognition.

Class of 1999 Reunion

June 19-20, 2009 • Details listed above in **Class Reunion Updates**

Alumni Boys Soccer Game & BBQ

Friday, July 10, 2009 • East Soccer Field - Field House
All former SPS Boys Soccer players are invited to dust off their cleats and join Coach Tommy Smith and his team for our first annual Alumni Boys Soccer Game & BBQ.

The game will begin at 6pm on the east soccer field. A barbecue will follow immediately after in the entrance-area/parking lot of the new Field House. Family and friends are encouraged to join us in the stands and at the following barbeque.

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July 24-25 2009 • Details listed above in **Class Reunion Updates**

Performing Arts Center Building Dedication

Friday, August 28, 2009
Join us as we reveal Sandia Prep's newest campus addition, Sandia Prep's Performing Arts Center! Building tours will be available. More details to be announced soon.

Homecoming – Ben Kivitz Memorial Tournament

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Don't miss Sandia Prep's 2009 Homecoming! Our soccer, volleyball and tennis teams will play in some heated tournaments + we'll have fun activities for the young and young at heart, including a moon bounce, a face painter, balloon and caricature artists; as well as free food for all and the chance to win some fun door prizes!

Prior to the Boys Varsity Soccer game, SPS will formally dedicate the Tournament to Ben Kivitz '05, a Sundevils goalie from 2003-2005.

Golf Tournament

Monday, October 19, 2009 • Tanoan Country Club
Alumni are encouraged to join us for our first annual golf tournament.

Dallas Meet & Greet

November 2009 • Location TBD

NYC Meet & Greet

Saturday, January 23, 2010 • Location TBD

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