

# Keystone Alumni

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## West Hall Fire

In the middle of the night on April 17, there was an electrical fire in West Hall (former Mildred English building). Firemen (including 1977 Keystone grad, **Capt. Michael Walsh**) quickly put out the flames but one room—Pat Stanley's third grade classroom—suffered major damage. The rest of the building had smoke damage, rendering it unusable for the remaining school year. West Hall is

the home of second, third, and fourth grade classrooms. In typical Keystone fashion, we made the situation livable. Classes were held in the science labs, dance loft, and even on the stage of the theater! These young students were so resilient! One third grade student raised money to help Mrs. Stanley replace her collection of teaching materials and ended up with

over \$1,000! A Girl Scout troupe donated the profits from their cookie sales. On a larger scale, other grants and donations were received to completely renovate the building. All of the classrooms are in wonderful condition, the lower school library received a beautiful facelift, and the lower school computer lab is in a new location. What should have been a tragedy, turned out to bring the community together!



Pat Stanley's Fire Damaged Room



The Newly Renovated Lower School Library

## From Alumni to Faculty

Because of our record enrollment, we were able to hire a new faculty member for the upper school. When searching for a math and science teacher, and interesting resume popped up. **Jason Nydegger** (Class of 1988), once a Keystone student himself,

applied for the teaching position. Having a diverse background of research and small group teaching, made him a unique candidate. After watching Jason teach some classes, we knew that he would be a perfect fit.

Jason has settled into Keystone life and is enjoying teaching Algebra I, Algebra II, and Physics.

**Be on the lookout for a new alumni communication center on our website. It should be up and running by this Spring!**

## 1950s

**Peter Dillard, would have been Class of 1959**

Peter attended Keystone for grades 3, 4, and 5 before his family moved to England. He recalls fond memories from Keystone even though

they were over 50 years ago! Peter has three boys, Carl, Noah, and Sam. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts and then went on to Albany Medical College for his MD and to Harvard University for his MPH.

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## 1960s

Replies to announcement of Keystone's outstanding AP performance:

**Henry Fitzhugh, Class of 1961**

"Thank you very much for sending me this. It must be very gratifying, but I am not the least bit surprised! Although I went on to MIT and then did a PhD at London University, I always reckoned that I got my real education from Keystone, and the other places merely gave me a training.

Best Regards...

Henry Fitzhugh, '61

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**Reynolds Saunders, Class of 1961**

"That's great news! I was one of the original "Sciencers" (class of 1961) and I know that we had high hopes and a lot of achievement among the 16 of us. Congratulations on keeping the quality up.

I'm changing directions since last June, when I stopped active practice of Anesthesiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center here in Los Angeles because of health problems: I'm still at Cedars-Sinai but in a research capacity, with a high-tech startup venture to develop the Operating Room of the Future (with apologies to Massachusetts General Hospital, who first popularized the term with *their*?project). I'm also active in photographic gallery exhibitions

(see below for my current one-man exhibition; I was founder and first president of the Keystone Photography Club and yearbook photographer). And I play classical guitar, though not for pay. My wife Marie and I just celebrated our 39th anniversary a month after our first grandchild was born; we'd have skipped having children and gone straight to the good stuff if we had known it was this good.

For pictures and more information about Reynolds, his website is <http://homepage.mac.com/reynsaunders/Armadoceros Images>"

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## 1970s

**Karen Cheyney Brunell**, Class of 1976, writes:  
(kbrunell@comcast.net)

“**Robert Navarro**, after graduating from Texas A&M joined the Navy. After traveling around the world and marrying a fellow Navy officer, he now lives in the Washington, DC area, with 2 kids, and has made Admiral!

**John Brantley** got his PhD from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and is working for Pell doing biochemical filters outside of Syracuse, New York. He is married, with no children.

**Debbie Franks** graduated from Bennington College, got a teaching degree from University of Vermont at Burlington, a Masters in English from William and Mary, lived in Taiwan for a while, married her college boyfriend, has 2 children, one of them in college and is currently living in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Joe Anderson** died in 1984 from a sudden attack of pneumonia. We all still talk about him and miss him to this day. He was married and had a young child and his death was completely unexpected and tragic.

**Joseph Albert** graduated from Rice University and went off to work for Hewlett Packard. We have lost touch with him, so if you could find him, we would appreciate it!

We had a 25th class reunion in 2001 at my house in Connecticut, with Debbie and John. I saw Robert a week later.

**Chuck Moczygamba** passed away around 1986.

**Marty Rumbaugh**, an honorary member of our class, I have lost touch with, but Debbie Franks would probably know. He has led a varied and fascinating life that won't all fit in your newsletter.

I graduated from Wellesley College, got a JD from UT-Austin, an MLS from Southern Connecticut State University. Married **Erty Brunell**, from class of 1977, we have 2 kids, one of whom is in 11th grade already, and live in Durham, Connecticut.

**Robert Brunell** graduated from Rice University, got his PhD at Yale, taught graduate and undergraduate statistics at Univ. of Texas-Dallas and Southern Methodist University for a while, then moved into corporate interests, made twice as much money with half the time, and is now a Research Biostatistician at Pfizer. We should all be grateful to have him reviewing the safety of our products.”

**Rick Meinig** (Class of 1975) writes:

“Luke "Henry" Dones '75 passed on the link to the inaugural alumni newsletter-very impressive! By coincidence, Larry Ledlow '75 was in

town. The three of us got together for a dinner which constitutes a class reunion with 30% participation. Luke is a planetary scientist at SW Research Institute in Boulder, CO and Larry works for NOAA flying weather satellites from Fairbanks, AK. I am an orthopaedic surgeon in Colorado Springs. I think our dinner was the first time we have been together since the late 70's! Congratulations on the newsletter-hopefully it will be a catalyst for more alumni interactions.



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*Rick is married to Katherine and they have three children -Elisabeth, Erich, and Peter. He graduated from MIT and went on to medical school at UTHSCA. He is now an orthopedic surgeon in Colorado Springs.*



**Dawn Keogh** (Class of 1973) and her daughter, Charlotte

**Bobbe Ann Chamberlin Kerr**, Class of 1972, is currently a self – employed as a Math Tutor, Web Designer, Owner of Twisted Creek Land and Cattle (Brangus ranch), manager of a Christian book store and President, Mozart Music [www.mozartm.com](http://www.mozartm.com), a nationally advertised music publisher. She maintains [www.ChristianScienceHouston.com](http://www.ChristianScienceHouston.com) and is developing [www.HeavenlyBednBath.com](http://www.HeavenlyBednBath.com).

She has been blissfully happily married to Dr. David Wallis Kerr for 33 years now and their son is doing an outstanding job in computers in the Army.

During the summer of 2000 her family (11 of them) went to Edinburgh, Scotland where Bobbe was born. Then, 4 of them continued the trip to Barcelona, Spain and then to Paris, France.

After she quit public school teaching in 2002, she did some genealogy, compiled a book of family recipes (over 100 pages long) and collected inspirational quotes and photos.

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**Karen Corley Elliott**, Class of 1973, lives in Austin and attended the Alumni gathering in Austin at Starlite in February. She left Keystone for High School but has “always had a special place in my heart for the school’. Karent’s mother, Karen, was the first debate coach at Keystone. [kelliott@summit-mortgage.com](mailto:kelliott@summit-mortgage.com)

*Responding to Annette Cantu Garcia’s (Class of 1982) e-mail about finding her old cheerleading sweater, Doris Soares responded:*

Please let Frankie and all the other young whippersnappers know that we former Keystone cheerleaders don’t die out or fade away---we just morph into responsible, law-abiding, tax-paying adults! (smile) As a Keystone Cobra Varsity cheerleader in 1973, I had lovingly kept my mini-megaphone, gold pendant necklace and pom-poms in my bedroom at home throughout college and law school. One vacation when I went home, they had mysteriously disappeared and were no longer on display atop my lingerie chest. When questioned, my mother breezily informed me that she figured I was too old to want that stuff and she had either boxed it up in the garage or ditched it on trash day. She did, however, offer the consolation that she had cut off the Varsity letter "K" from my velveteen formal uniform and placed it in a drawer. The simple truth is that, while it would be hazardous to my current health to attempt a flying split and while I may not cut quite as dashing a figure in a short skirt as I did at 15, somewhere inside this middle-aged body beats the heart of a teenaged girl leaping in the air for the sheer joy of it.... We Texans transplanted to New England are enjoying a relatively mild early-December, but can't wait to get home to authentic barbecue and tamales! Give my regards to all the Class of 1974---what an eclectic, diverse and promising group of teens were we!!!

**Doris White Soares '74**

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## 1980s

### **Sarah Gonzales Busse, Class of 1986**

Sarah Gonzales married Nathan Busse and now lives here in San Antonio. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Classics and Studio Arts from Pomona College. [Sarah.gonzales.busse@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.gonzales.busse@gmail.com)

### **Jessica Trapp**

Jessica Trapp, formerly Jesica Grunden, class of 1987, procrastinated studying for a lot of college biochemistry exams by reading gobs of science fiction and romance. She began following her dreams of writing a book a few years after she became a registered pharmacist in 1994.

Her debut novel, *Master of Pleasure*, a medieval romance, was published in June 2005. It placed in over twenty-five national fiction writing contests and was nominated by AAR as best medieval romance of the year. The cover recently placed third in a contest judged by booksellers.

Her second medieval romance,



Jessica Trapp



*Master of Desire*, will be a May 2006 release. It is set during the War of the Roses and incorporates elements of her research trips to the British Isles. Her writings have been described as a "bold unabashed voice" and "beautifully evocative" by contest judges.

Jessica lives in Houston, TX with her husband of eighteen years, one son and one sweet, spoiled-rotten West Highland white terrier named Jack. When she's not reading or writing, she putters in the garden, bellydances and drinks copious amounts of hot tea. For excerpts, contests and more, visit her on the web at [www.jessicatrapp.com](http://www.jessicatrapp.com)

**Alex Snead's** contact info was incorrect in the last newsletter. It is:

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His business' URL is [www.jetabroad.com](http://www.jetabroad.com)

## 2000 cont'd.

**Stacey Faulkner**, Class of 2002, graduated from Southwestern University and now works for California Lutheran University as Assistant Director of Annual Fund.

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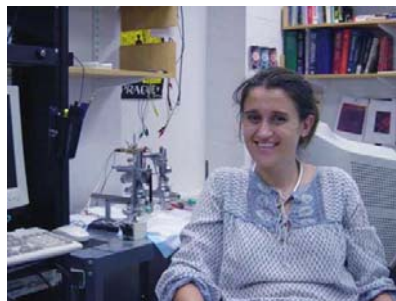
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## 1990s

### Ana Pechenik, Class of 1991

Ana is a Neuroscience Specialist working for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Austin, TX.

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Gul is living in Boston and working on her MD/PhD at MIT.

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**Gul Dolen, Class of 1994**

CHECK OUT KEYSTONE GRAD ON NBC'S NEW SHOW...

### HEROES

Mondays at 9 p.m. EDT/NBC



**Sendhil Ramamurthy**, Class of 1992, is starring in this new series. Read more about him at Nirali magazine's website:

<http://niralimagazine.com/2006/10/holding-out-for-a-hero/>

[for-a-hero/](http://niralimagazine.com/2006/10/holding-out-for-a-hero/)

Congratulations, Sendhil!

Former Keystonian, **Ben Jelen**, Class of 1997 is a fast rising star in the music world. Take a look at his accomplishments by going to his website:

[www.benjelen.com](http://www.benjelen.com) In addition to great talent and brains, Ben was listed as one of *People* magazine's 50 most beautiful people in 2005!

Ben left Keystone in 1993 when his family moved to New Jersey.

1999 graduate, **Chris Guzman**, has been selected to compete in the San Antonio International Piano Competition October 17-21. Chris is currently living in Boston where he is working towards an Artist Diploma at the New England Conservatory of music. He received a bachelor's and master's degree from The Julliard School.

## 2000s

**Jamie Zuehl**, Class of 2003, recently graduated as valedictorian of Centre College. This is an amazing accomplishment from such a recent Keystone Graduate!

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**Candice Weiner**, Class of 2004 is a pre-med student at Vanderbilt studying physics and theater arts. During the summer of 2005, she worked at the medical research laboratory at NYU and is very interested in branching out into other areas of research while she still can. Candice was VP of the Lotus Eaters, the sophomore honor society and has developed a passion for dancing—especially swing and the blues!

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## Upcoming Events

### Keystone Alumni

vs.

### Keystone Varsity

### Basketball Game

Tuesday, January 2

7:00

Keystone Gym

Contact

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Keystone coming to NYC!!

Meet **Michelle Rothwell**, Head of Keystone's Middle School, and

**Jessica Cihal**, Admissions and College Counseling Coordinator, and other alumni living in the area

on **Friday, October 20** at

**Stout NYC** (133 W. 33rd)

from **6:30-9:30**

rsvp to [jcihal@keystoneschool.org](mailto:jcihal@keystoneschool.org) or [mburch@keystoneschool.org](mailto:mburch@keystoneschool.org)

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2006**

**5:00-7:00**

**Founders Hall  
Keystone School**