

## '53

**Jock Hannum** writes "I turned 67 on Feb 9th, 2010, and had the pleasure of attending the Upland phonathon with my daughter, **Christy Hannum Miller '83** in February and then the Upland Casino night in April where I bought a bike at the silent auction. This bike will enable me to stay fit for foxhunting, golf and tennis. I am happily married to Anne Stroud and we live in her wonderful parents house, *Landhope*, which Anne has made geo-thermal . . . I continue to practice law at Goldberg, Meanix & Muth in West Chester, where I am Senior Of Counsel and concentrate in litigation, business and equine matters. I am also on the Chester County Bar Association Foundation Board, and do a lot of *pro bono* work. In the summers, I am lucky enough to go to Northeast Harbor, ME with Anne . . . I, happily, have four children and three grandchildren who are all in the area, as well as three wonderful step-children living in Unionville, New York City, and Lyle, WA . . . I continue to stay active in politics, supporting moderate candidates and causes . . . My best to all that support our great Upland School."

## '56

**Sally Newhall Freestone** lives in RI and operates Freestone Pottery with her husband, Tom. In a recent article in the *Valley Breeze* newspaper, Sally remarked that "[f]rom the very first time I held a piece of clay in my hand, the stuff was magic to me . . . [P]laying in the streams on the farm in PA where I grew up, I remember vividly the musky scent of the natural clay there in the banks; how fun it was to discover it, dig it out, and make a little animals from it right there." Sally now focuses on creating practical household items that are special because of the prayers and words of encouragement carved into each piece. Sally also credits "the wonderful, strong influence that two art teachers at Upland had on me, Dorothy Montgomery and Phil Jamison. They encouraged me at the beginnings of my life-long love of making things and reassured me that this was a valuable, worthy thing to try to

become: an artist. Thanks to them, I received a strong, solid start. It's so important for a young person to have good role models and these two were the best! I am grateful to them both and feel very fortunate to have been exposed to such excellence at an early age. Thanks, Upland!" Sally's website is [www.freestonepottery.com](http://www.freestonepottery.com). Check it out!

## '59

**Jessie Cocks** married J. Patrick Seyler on Oct 31, 2009. She serves on the Kennett Square Borough Council and on many community committees. She is a member at Kennett Friends Meeting and a Reiki Master Teacher. She continues doing her SpiritBody Resources workshops. Jessie's husband Patrick is a Lutheran minister and a master upholsterer. He is seeking certification in spiritual direction, teaches at Esperanza College in Kensington, and will be doing workshops with Jessie. They are both certified in Prepare Enrich counseling, and both love working on their Zen and vegetable gardens. This spring, the couple created a heart garden and labyrinth.

## '67

**Scott Riebman** reports that he had a busy summer in Boynton Beach, FL. He is working with a Dr. Blaas in the field of earthquake prediction and has connected with his genetic family through Facebook. Scott and classmate **Jim Fitzgerald** are both on Facebook, and Scott would "love to hear from [his] classmates."

## '76

**Louisa Hayes Leipold** is living in Kennett Square just a few miles from Upland. She has two sons at Unionville High School, and she works part-time as a substitute in the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. This past spring, Louisa coached the Unionville High School boys' volleyball team. In her spare time, she plays adult volleyball and is a USAV chaperone and assistant with the Delaware Juniors Volleyball Club. She also sings with *A Cappella Pops*,

a mixed show chorus, and *Valley Forge Sweet Adelines*, a women's barbershop harmony chorus...**Tim Butcher** was recently elected PA State Constable. Tim was also appointed Executive Director of the Chester County Minority Caucus, helped found the Parent Advocates Network for Special Needs and in November was elected Democratic Committee Person for Precinct Ten in Chester County.

## '82

**Rich Stewart '82**, one of the finest ice hockey players in Upland history, was posthumously inducted into the Lawrenceville School Athletic Hall of Fame on May 8, 2010. At Lawrenceville, Stewart's ice hockey coaches and teammates called him "the Franchise." He was a two-time captain, team MVP during his senior season, and a two-time All-Prep selection. He is also the Lawrenceville School's all-time leading scorer in goals, assists, and points among defenseman. Rich joins another Upland alumnus, **Jock Hannum '53**, in the Lawrenceville Athletic Hall of Fame.

## '86

**Chad Hague**, wife Tanya, and boys Chase (10 years), Ashton (7 years), and Bryce (5 years) are enjoying life on the north side of Atlanta, GA. Chad writes that he has enjoyed "reconnecting with all the crew via Facebook and email."

## '88

**Megan Strange Wilberton '88**, who spent the last several years as an English teacher and coach at Marianapolis Prep School in Thompson, CT, has moved to The Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA for the 2010-2011 school year, where she will serve as Chair of the English Department and will coach tennis and lacrosse.

## '92

**Renee Richardson** is an architect at Buck Simperts Architect + Associates in Wilmington, where she has lived now for seven years. She is currently working on completing her licensure and designing a 73,000 SF Elementary School in Dover, DE. This past year, Renee and her firm won an American Institute of Architects award for a building design for which she designed the majority of the interior spaces . . . **Zubair Hamir** and his wife Heather are living in Austin, TX with their two children.

'93

**Brel McCoy** was married to Jesse Bass in May, and the reception on June 20 was attended by several members of the Upland family. Brel and brother **Clay McCoy '88** (and possibly brother **Tate McCoy '86**) are planning on returning to campus for Winter Weekend in November.

'94

**Winden Rowe** writes that she is "doing really well" living in Kennett and student-teaching two sections of Academic Spanish IV and three sections of AP Spanish at Unionville High School. This summer, she and her mother "enjoyed a 10 day jaunt through Colombia . . . a fabulous trip and special for us to have uninterrupted time together." Winden reports that her two boys (Reed Roebling, 7, and William Croft, 8) "have such a creative and playful nature and are the loves (and occasional headaches) of my life. I have my hands happily full!"

'95

**Karen Preikzsas** is an event coordinator for a research center at Boston College. She is getting married in November, and she reports that she has been in "non-stop wedding planning mode" since mid-April.

'97

**Steve Danby** married Sibyl Schmidt on December 5, 2009 . . . **Sampa Jarvelainen** recently married Isa Willberg who is a teacher in Helsinki,

where the couple reside. Sampa works for Kaefer – one of the largest insulating companies in the world – and travels around Europe frequently for his job. Sampa reports that he is "loving married life!"

'98

The flying school launched by honorary alumnus **Court Dunn** – New Garden Flight Connection – was featured in the *Daily Local News* on Sunday, August 22. The online version of the paper – still available on the newspaper's website – includes photos and a video of Court. . . **Akraad Hamir** returned from Iraq in April 2009, and was married on May 22, 2010. His wife Liz, also a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is a pathologist at the Mayo Clinic . . . **Scott Borden** writes that he is "[w]orking and living in Yosemite National Park at Yosemite Institute. We teach 13,000 students each year about the natural history of the park with the goal of connecting youth to nature and inspiring actions that sustain it. I am in charge of all the field science with our students. I teach the many biology lessons I learned in 9th grade Upland Biology but with Yosemite National Park as my classroom. I conduct science projects such as water quality monitoring and snow depth studies. The rock climbing is world class and fills my free time with some of the best and biggest granite cracks in the world. I want to encourage any current student at Upland to visit the most popular World Historical Area of Yosemite. The 3,000 foot waterfalls and cliffs and plethora of wildlife will not disappoint. My best to all the Upland community in this upcoming fall."

'01

**Ruth McConnell** has finished with her studies at the University of Delaware. She writes that last year, she "gained an international bartending certification and mixology" diploma in New Jersey. This year, she is "off to trade school at York Technical Institute to pursue Motorcycle Technology. So happy to be a Pennsylvanian again! Prospect for

2011/2012: Pastry Arts chef. I can't stop learning!" . . . **Peter Danby** married Xiaoxia Lou on May 1, 2010. Originally from Shanghai, Mrs. Danby is a professor of finance at the University of Delaware . . . **Willie Osborn** graduated from St. Andrew's University in Scotland a year ago and spent the winter in Jackson Hole where he skied every day and worked in a hotel. He reports that "it was awesome." In mid-August, Willie travelled to Haiti to volunteer at an orphanage and in one of the tent cities. This fall, Willie began graduate school at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, where he is pursuing an International Relations-based Master's Degree in "conflict, violence, and development."

'02

**Joshua Baumann** recently graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History and English Literature and is working at the Winterthur Museum in Prevention and Collections Maintenance . . . **Megan Fusco** graduated from St. Joseph's University in May with a degree in Marketing and Spanish. Since graduation, she has been working as a sales representative for a distribution and logistics company based in Delaware while attending night classes at St. Joe's in pursuit of an MBA. Megan lives in Philadelphia - just a few blocks from the Art Museum. She also reports that she was "lucky enough to be a part of **Amelia Lyon's** wedding this past April" and remarks that "it is hard to believe how much time has gone by."

'03

**Patrick Manning** graduated from The Catholic University of America in the spring with a BS in Architecture, and he has continued the Finnish connection made during his days at Upland. During his final semester at CUA, Patrick participated in a course called "Spirit of Place," in which he and fellow architecture students, along with students of architecture from Finland, attended design meetings held at the Finnish Embassy in Washington, DC. On August 12, 2010,

the group left for Helsinki to construct their design - a small retreat center inspired by a Finnish national epic poem. The project was completed by August 28 to coincide with Design Week in Helsinki . . . **Ana Steele-Norton** graduated from Elmira College in May and has returned to the Millbrook School to work in admissions and coach field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

'04

**Emily Neilson** is the starting goaltender for the nationally ranked Bowdoin College field hockey team.

'05

**Morgan Ross** is a junior at Dickinson College where she is playing field hockey . . . **Jackie Plush** had an internship this summer working on Wall Street as a Summer Analyst for Deutsche Bank in NYC. She is excited for the year ahead at Villanova where she will be doing immunology research, getting her Personal Trainer license, and being a peer educator in nutrition and fitness for POWER, a student program backed by health promotion. . . **Sarah Rowe** is in her third year at Albright College where she is playing rugby for the Albright College Women's Rugby Club and tutoring Spanish. Later in the year, she will be working with Albright's *Club Vogue* to produce the spring fashion show . . . **Curry D'Ignazio** spent much of the spring in Peru going to school and living with a host family . . . **Billy Howard** travelled the East Coast playing Rugby this summer. This fall, he is the starting keeper for the Albright College Men's Soccer team . . . **Colin and Ian McCallum-Cook** are both running cross-country for the highly successful Grinnell College men's cross-country team . . . **Aidan Steele-Norton** is a junior at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

'06

**Emily Hughes**, a sophomore at Dickinson College double majoring in Dance and Psychology, participated in a dance workshop this summer with the famous choreographer Anna Halprin in San Francisco. Emily is

hoping to pursue her interest in dance in the field of the healing arts. At Dickinson, she is also a member of the co-ed Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, is performing a great deal of community service, and writes that she "can't wait to go back this fall but I also miss Upland!". . . In addition to continuing his pursuits in ice hockey and lacrosse, **Niko Aho** spent the summer in Reserve Officer School in Hamina, Finland. Upon graduation, he returned to Turku to complete his military service . . . **Bobby Schluter** had a fantastic freshman lacrosse season at Widener University. As the starting goalie, Bobby led his team to the Middle Atlantic Conference title and a trip to the NCAA Tournament . . . **Joseph Somers** enlisted in the Navy last August and is now an Air Traffic Controller in Coronada, CA.

'07

**Greg Stellan** had a fantastic year behind the plate as the catcher for the Tatnall School baseball team. For his fine performance this spring, Greg was named to the Delaware Independent School Conference First-Team All-Conference squad and was named to the Delaware Blue-Gold High School All-Star Game. This summer, Greg played for the highly competitive Kennett American Legion baseball team. At Tatnall's commencement, Greg was awarded the Wooden Spoon, which is awarded to one senior girl and boy "selected by their classmates for leadership, school spirit and service." Greg has taken his talents to Susquehanna University where he is playing baseball . . . In June, **Dean Patterson** received the Octorara High School Sgt. Handy Family Scholarship, honoring an Octorara graduate who was killed in Iraq. In related news, Dean joined the Pennsylvania National Guard 111th infantry brigade stationed in West Chester, and on August 30, he left for Fort Benning, GA for Military Basic Training . . . After three great seasons on the ice at Lawrenceville, **Keith Campbell** is playing junior hockey for the Philadelphia Revolution of the Eastern Junior Hockey League to prepare himself for college hockey . . . **Curran Forgue** was a standout defenseman for the South Kent School boys' lacrosse team in the spring . . .

**Margaret Miller** was the girls' lacrosse recipient of the Westminster School's Stephen Harris Squibb Bowl, an award given to a member of each varsity team who demonstrates the "greatest sportsmanship, consistent effort, and inspired performance throughout the season." Margaret won the same award in the fall for her performance on the varsity field hockey team. Her classmate at Westminster, **Sara Nolan**, won the same award for her excellence on the court as a member of the Westminster varsity tennis team. Additionally, Sara graduated from Westminster School *Summa Cum Laude* . . . **Celine Schlobach** graduated from Tatnall with high honors and was awarded the Linda D. Margulis Life Science Award at Tatnall's awards assembly on June 2 . . . **Spence Slattery** had a phenomenal lacrosse season at Archmere in the spring; he was named to the Diamond State Athletic Conference All-Conference team and was also selected to play in the Delaware Senior All-Star Game . . . A standout on Millbrook School's field hockey and ice hockey teams, **Louise Steele-Norton** was also chosen by the school faculty as the recipient of Millbrook's "Founders Prize" this past spring. The prize "honors the qualities that Millbrook's founders . . . sought to inspire in their students. It is given annually to a member of the Vth Form who has displayed an enthusiasm for life's challenges, a creative and innovative spirit, and a commitment to the community and to team play." In presenting the award to her, Millbrook Head of School Drew Casertano remarked: "Here, before you, is a true Energizer Bunny. Louise is a spitfire, a fireplug, a catalyst. Or, as her adviser, Mrs. Duhoski said more eloquently, Louise 'brings a spirit and a joy to all she does with an intensity and depth that few could ever replicate.' A standout athlete, talented singer, honor roll student, and loyal friend, Louise can fit more into a day than many can work into a week. And she does it with laughter, joy, and commitment."

'08

**Elizabeth DiFilippo** enjoyed a strong tennis season at the Sanford School this spring. Her team placed 4<sup>th</sup>

overall in the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association tournament, and Elizabeth advanced to the Quarterfinals in the third-singles competition . . . **Lindsay Harrington** was an academic all-star at the Pomfret School during the 2009-2010 academic year, earning honor roll marks in both the winter and spring terms . . . After a stellar year with the Tatnall School girls' lacrosse team, **Katelyn Jackson** was named to the Delaware Independent School Conference All-Conference second team . . . **Kathryn Marshall** was a leader in the performing arts at Sanford School last year; she was named to the All-State Chorus and had a leading role in the Sanford Repertory Theatre Company's spring production of *Little Women* . . . **Baylor Wickes** won the University of Pennsylvania History Book Award at Tatnall in June . . . **Ashley Mercede** is the captain of the Westminster School girls' cross-country team this fall.

## '09

**Josh Wallace** is the captain of the West Nottingham Academy boys' varsity soccer team, the defending Mid-Atlantic Independent League champions. This past spring, Josh was the leading scorer on the WNA lacrosse team. Outside of school, Josh spent his fourth summer working in the Aquatics Department at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation operated by the Boy Scouts of America in Rising Sun, MD . . . After her outstanding performances in *Pippen* and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, **Lauren Reilly** was honored as the winner of the Mercersburg Acting Award for the Class of 2013 . . . **Stone Lieberman** was a member of the Delaware State Champion Tower Hill School boys' lacrosse team this past spring. Stone's outstanding individual play was rewarded when he was named to the Delaware Independent School Conference Honorable Mention All-Conference team. He was the only underclassmen so honored by the Conference . . . **Chelsea Perkins** performed in the Kennett High School production of *Footloose* in March. . . **Jason Plush** spent seventeen days in Leh, Northern India in June on

a Choate work/study community service trip, traveled to Switzerland and Germany in July and is looking forward to his junior year at Choate as president of his class. Jason is also a linebacker this Fall on Choate's football team.

## '10

**Lucy Yeatman, Devon Young, and Liza Hendriks** attended the *Missy Meharg School of Hockey* field hockey camp at the University of Maryland this summer, learning the game from Upland's own **Missy Meharg '78** . . . Lucy and Liza also volunteered as camp counselors at the Fairville Friends School for three weeks . . . **Shaz Rishi** competed in a piano competition at Princeton Hall and placed an impressive fifth of forty-seven competitors . . . **Malorie Murray** spent much of her summer working as a lifeguard at the Kennett YMCA, while **Geoffrey Grant** worked at Lacrosse International in Downingtown . . . After returning to Finland in June, **Niko Nurmio** and **Jan Raho** immediately got back on the ice and have been skating daily . . . **Devon Stroup** worked at Upland this summer as a counselor at Upland music teacher Guenevere Finley's camp . . . **Alex Horne** worked this summer for a company called RoboGladiators.com, appearing at children's birthday parties with his battlebot, "Shish-Kabot." Alex has also been preparing his battlebot for the Franklin Institute battlebot competition on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 . . . **Ben DiFillippo** attended Tabor Academy's Orientation-At-Sea, sailing around Buzzard's Bay for a week learning about marine biology and the school. Additionally, Ben reached the quarter-finals of a scholarship tennis tournament and competed in four sailing regattas, placing highly in two of them.