

FRIENDS' CENTRAL

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## From THE HEADMASTER:

Dear Friends,

Commencement for the wonderful Class of 2008 was held on a very hot Saturday morning in June. It was so hot that the graduating class, which normally gathers on the Campus Green before assembling for the procession, preferred to linger on the first floor of the Wood Building where the air conditioning provided relief. A few brave seniors ventured into my office announcing that they had never been in the "inner sanctum." They quickly allowed that that was probably a good thing and went on to admire the secret staircase and my view of the Graduation Terrace.



A few minutes later the entire class was happily proceeding through the rose chain amidst a sea of enthusiastic parents, grandparents, friends, faculty, and trustees. A little over an hour later, after our simple and traditional ceremony, the School officially let the seniors go with plenty of encouragement for their new adventures and genuine wishes for many happy returns to their *alma mater*. We trust they will join generations of Friends' Central graduates in having a positive impact on human endeavor.

Sincerely,  
David M. Felsen  
*Headmaster*

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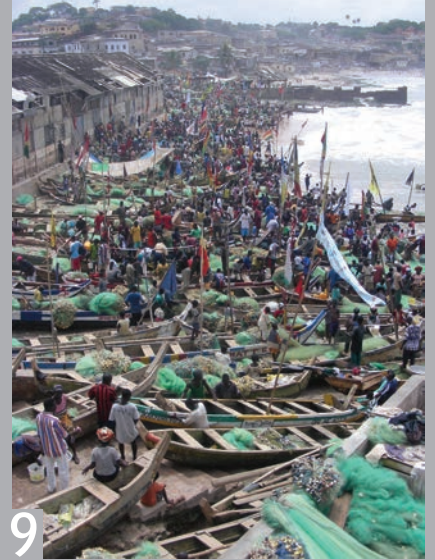
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#### CORRECTION

In the Spring '08 issue, we mistakenly said that Jason Sheltzer '04 was living in Los Angeles, working in TV. In fact, Jason is a molecular biology major who will be attending MIT in the fall to pursue a Ph.D. in biology. Our apologies.

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## Harlem Renaissance

For years, kindergarten teacher Michelle Johns' classroom has housed a boat large enough to fit the entire class. The boat originally served as a model of Earnest Shackelton's ship "The Endurance" when the Fall Thematic Project was "Journeys." Each year since then, it has evolved to take on a new identity to fit the curriculum. The boat has taken kindergarteners to India, the Dominican Republic, an Amazon rainforest, and Italy in their imaginations.

This spring, as the kindergarteners in KC dove into the history of the Harlem Renaissance, the boat became the A train and whirled them in to the world of Harlem in the 1920s. Michelle partnered her students with fifth graders from Elkins Park Middle School who were also studying the Harlem Renaissance, recreated the Sylvia's Ribs restaurant with candles on the table and jazz playing in the background, and, as a culmination to their studies, put on a play in Shallcross Hall entitled *Beautiful Harlem* for the Upper School. The performance included hits such as Fats Waller's song "Your Feet Too Big," as well as a beautiful recitation of Langston Hughes poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers."



(Clockwise from top) Zachary Carr '20 and Caroline Groves '20; Cotton Club sign; Lindsey Schweitzer '20 and Gideon Powell '20

## "Where do we come from?"

Every spring, following their return from the March break, the Friends' Central fourth grade has a unit on immigration, primarily focusing on the wave of immigrants that came to the United States between 1880 and 1910. In the context of these studies, they learn about the history and symbolism of the Statue of Liberty, and in mid-May two sections travel to Ellis Island for the day to bring their studies to life.

In keeping with the Lower School's tradition for thematic teaching, the fourth graders' unit on immigration and the Statue of Liberty incorporates the study of poetry. This year in Chris Ramsey's class, inspired by the famous poem "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, fourth grade students wrote their own tributes to Lady Liberty and the promise of a new land. Chris reports that when the children spotted the Statue of Liberty on their way to Ellis Island, they "looked as though they were seeing an old, beloved friend," a sentiment reflected in their poetry.

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**Liberty**

Welcome to the safety of  
another country.  
Welcome from the voyage to a  
new life.  
Lady Liberty stands here,  
Her torch gleaming in the night,  
The crown on her head,  
With independence in her hands,  
She welcomes you,  
to the United States.  
Welcome.

*By Zach Jacobs '16*



**Liberty is Near**

Peace hope liberty  
Justice happiness love  
You feel at home yet excitement floods you  
Happier at another friend  
Grieving for friends lost  
An angel looks upon you  
Wishes on a star  
May all of them come true  
Happily we embrace you  
Sorrowfully we grieve with you  
Journey on my friend  
Stand fast in this new land

*by Hannah Anderson '16*

**Spring Scenes**



(Clockwise from top left) Book Buddies Sebastian Villa '20 and Gil Dreyfuss '16; First grade strummers; Melina Daniilidis '20 as Madeline; Austin Shorter '16 rings the Friendship Bell as the fourth grade finishes Lower School; Jack Briggs begins the third grade's annual Gamwing Celebration





## Japan

Over spring break, six students from Friends' Central made a trip to Japan, accompanied by Middle School art teacher Leslie Marie Grace, science teacher Dyann Connor, four parent chaperones, and one sibling. Leslie Marie traveled to Japan last summer with a grant from the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund. As part of that grant, she agreed to do lesson plans that would incorporate what she learned in her travels. She has certainly lived up to that agreement this year, teaching countless creative, Japanese-inspired projects to her Middle School classes. Leslie's students made anime style portraits, emaki scrolls, and fake sushi rolls that were displayed in local restaurants.

One of her most meaningful projects grew out of this year's celebration of the



International Day of Peace on September 21st. In honor of the day, Leslie Marie had students in all grades fold paper cranes to be delivered to the Sadako Sasaki monument in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. When the Friends' Central group departed on March 20th, they carried with them a box containing the 1,000 paper cranes.

Once in Japan, the group of twelve traveled to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima. The students enjoyed riding the bullet train, feeding deer in Nara Park, and visiting Studio Ghibli of the film *Spirited Away*. All agreed, however, that the most moving moment of their trip was on the last day, when they delivered the 1,000 paper cranes they made to the Hiroshima Sadako Sasaki Monument as a symbol of Friends' Central School's wish for universal peace. The group stood in a circle and helped put all the cranes on one loop of string, which Leslie Marie says "became its own ceremony." The Friends' Central students were surrounded by a group of Japanese tourists who were evidently unused to seeing students from the United States deliver cranes by hand. Leslie Marie says, "that one day, everything came together—it made it seem like peace could be done and should be done."

*All photos by Leslie Marie Grace*

## FRIENDS' CENTRAL SIXTH GRADERS INVEST IN THE STOCK MARKET

The brave sixth graders in Padraig Barry's math class, undaunted by the harrowing economic climate, took on a project in which they invested 10,000 imaginary dollars in five stocks of their choosing. In keeping with Friends' Central philosophy, the stock market project encourages independent learning and thinking, allowing students to pursue their own interests and make their own discoveries. Each week for six weeks, the sixth graders

### Spring Scenes



(Clockwise from top left) Andrea Adelsberg '15, Rose Gendelman '15, visiting author-David Lubar, Blake Bortnick '13; Emily Flick '14 browsing at the Middle School Book Fair; Samantha Resnik '12, Hannah Albertine '12, and Tori Levin '12 at the Delaware Valley Earth Force Summit;

(Above) Cynthia Valdez '12, Gemmika Champion '12, and Breanna Guindon '12 suit up to take on their parents during Parent/Child Game Day.



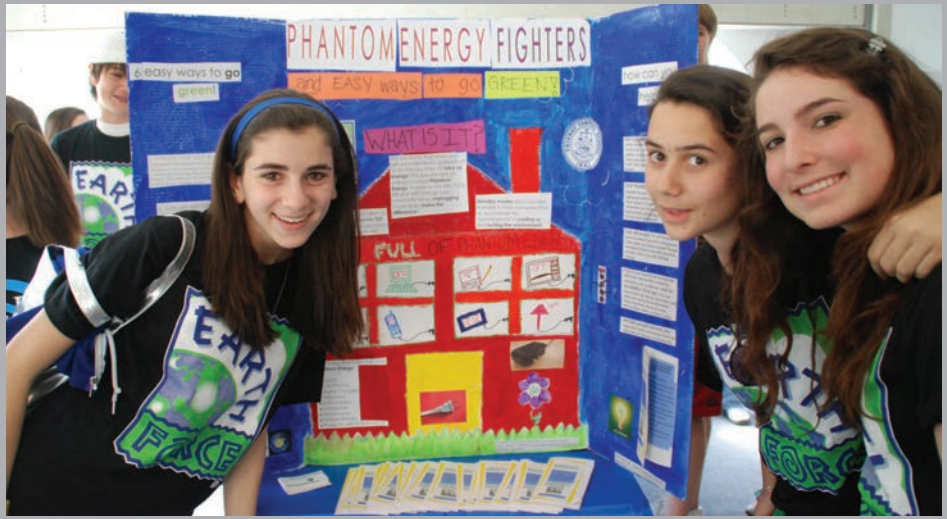
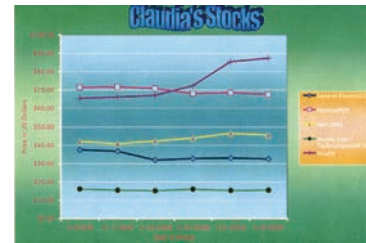
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gathered in the computer lab to carefully monitor the market and follow the rises and falls of their investments. At the end of their project, the students wrote up a portfolio on their stocks, which included colorful graphs as well as detailed research about the companies they chose to invest in. They also had to explain why they chose to buy shares in each of their companies. Their reasons ranged from the emotional “I love the product” to the practical “the stock is inexpensive so I was able to buy lots of shares” to the simplest explanation: “my dad told me to.” Padraig gave the project a competitive element by awarding a first place and second place to his students. First place, awarded the stu-



Padraig Barry helps Maya Rosenberg '14 track her stocks.

dent who made the most money during the project, went to Lindsay Saligman, who made \$2,527. Padraig gave second place to the student who lost the most money: Taylor Allen, who lost \$935. Lesson learned? When the money is imaginary, everybody wins!



(Above) Middle School Spring Concert



(Right) Francesca Abramson '12, Jasmine Kinsey '12, Linds Wilson '12, Ella Torres '12, and Lauren Harris '12 with Tom Hickey, a member of Governor Rendell's Dog Law Advisory Board, State Representative Bryan Lentz, and Bill Smith and Shrimp from Main Line Rescue.





## Visiting Scientist

On April 10th, 2008, Friends' Central welcomed its second Distinguished Visiting Scientist, Dr. Peter deMenocal of Columbia University. The Friends' Central School Distinguished Scientist Program seeks to inspire the next generation of scientists, researchers, and policy makers by bringing renowned scientists to campus for courses and a public lecture. deMenocal is a paleoceanographer and marine geologist who analyzes marine sediments and icebergs in order

to understand how and why past climates have changed. He was recently featured as a climate change expert in the 2007 documentary film *The 11th Hour*.

On Thursday evening, deMenocal gave a lecture entitled "Understanding the Global Warming Forecast: Our Past and Future Climate" to a large audience of FCS students, parents, faculty, and members of the community in Shallcross Hall. The lecture summarized what is known about climate change over the past

400,000 years and offered compelling evidence that the current warming trend is unprecedented. An attentive and informed audience concluded the talk with questions about deMenocal's research and what can be done to address the problem of global warming.

deMenocal's visit continued on Friday, April 11th, when he visited science classrooms throughout the day and held a discussion over lunch with a smaller group of Friends' Central students. In the classrooms, many of the questions the students asked reflected their apprehensions about our ability to change the course of global warming. deMenocal encouraged them to pursue an active role in finding solutions to environmental problems and expressed confidence that the world can and will respond to this crisis. In the summer, a core group of about 25 students will travel to New York to visit deMenocal's lab (at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory) and the American Museum of Natural History.

Next year's Distinguished Scientist will be Jared Diamond, author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel*.

## Edges: a Song Cycle



Grace Travers '08 (center) with the cast of "Edges."

Each year at the end of April, when senioritis reaches its peak, Friends' Central releases its graduating class into the wider world to pursue individual projects that they have envisioned and planned. The projects this year represented the diverse interests and talents of the senior class, from boat building to novel writing. Grace Tarves '08 took the senior project as an opportunity to explore her passion for acting and singing and to test the waters of directing.

Grace had known that she wanted to put on a production of the song cycle "Edges" since the first time she heard it. "Edges" consists of thirteen songs that center around the lives of young people trying to find their true identities. The show, which just finished a run in Albany and will run in New York this fall, was written by Benj Pasek '03, brother of Grace's friend and classmate Mikey Pasek '08. The Senior Project period provided Grace with the perfect chance to stage the show for the FCS community.

But her work began long before the end of April. With the help of her parents, Grace fundraised throughout the spring at the Shakespeare showcases, Comedy Sportz Night, and spring concerts to pay for the licensing fees to the show. She also auditioned talent from outside the greater Philadelphia area. Grace, who has been acting outside the School for most of her life, saw this project as a fitting way to celebrate the end of her high school career.

Grace also says that her senior project allowed her to grow as a person as she faced unanticipated challenges. "I am pretty quiet and introverted," she says. "I had to open up and be a presence in the room....I always had this fantasy that directing was easy. But I didn't realize how much being an actor would help me as a director." Her show was a great success and raised around \$200 for the charity Broadway Cares-Equity Fights AIDS.





Spring Scenes



(Clockwise from top left) Naomi Crimm '09, Emily Ziffer '09, Michael Murray '09, and Jeremy Stursberg '09 help out at the Bethesda Project; Upper School French exchange students; The Upper School Instrumental Concert;

Charlotte James '10, Rachel Erulka '08, and Max Bernard '08 at the Upper School Choral Concert; Jason Kirschner '09 during the Upper School Fringe Festival of performance art; The annual Wallups Island trip for Biology students heads out.





## The Greening of Friends' Central

by Annie Sproggell '08

This year, Friends' Central took on the challenge to go green with gusto. All three divisions increased their efforts to reduce the School's impact on the environment. We began to monitor, and take steps to reduce, our gas, paper, and electricity use. As a part of these efforts, a program was begun to replace light bulbs with more energy efficient models and the parent newsletter is now sent home electronically. The School has also continued its long-standing practice of maintaining the sports fields using only natural fertilizers, and students this year have been tending to the green roof that was recently added outside Room 25 of the Wood Building.

The Lower School began recycling yogurt containers for Terra, an organization that plants a seedling tree in every container it receives. Science teacher Mr.

(Above) Kampus Keepers

(Below) Noreen Neal '10 and Charlotte James '10 from the Environmental Awareness Club



Grove also installed a solar panel on Bea's House to model for the children a way to reduce dependency on conventional "dirty" energy.

In the Middle School, environmental consciousness was at the center of the curriculum, service projects, and action, much of it initiated by the students. Students involved in Service Through Art produced a puppet show about ways to preserve the environment. Each puppet was made of entirely found materials such as plastic bottles, string, and old pieces of fabric. Middle School students also planted rain gardens to help absorb run-off, and continued their hard work cleaning up local streams and parks.

This year the Upper School saw the creation of the student run Environmental Awareness Club, dedicated to increasing awareness in the student body. Collaboration between students in this club and the Administration led to a massive recycling initiative on the City Avenue Campus, including participation in the Terra program, the purchase and sale of reusable bags to help raise money for future energy saving projects, and the start of a conversation about waste in the cafeteria.

In the spring, the School was surprised and pleased to learn that it had been awarded the first annual "Go For The Green Award" by the Lower Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council. The award recognized Friends' Central's long standing commitment to raising the environmental consciousness of all its students, a commitment that will continue with great enthusiasm next year!





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### BASEBALL

**Record: 8-4 League; 15-11 Overall**

Coach: Ross Trachtenberg

Assistant Coaches: Kyle Beatty,  
Mike Crauderueff, Matt Driscoll '97

Captains: Phillip Rosenblum '08,  
Thomas Lefevre '08, Matthew  
Bernstein '08

MVP: Richard Moses '09,  
Phillip Rosenblum '08

MIP: Alexander Yih '10

#### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Phillip Rosenblum '08,  
Richard Moses '09, Edward Rooney '10  
HM: Matthew Bernstein '08,  
Alexander Yih '10

#### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Phillip Rosenblum '08,  
Richard Moses '09, Edward Rooney '10  
2nd Team: Matthew Bernstein '08  
HM: Alexander Yih '10,  
Peter Liebman '09



### SOFTBALL

**Record: 6-5 League; 6-10 Overall**

Coach: Tony Coladonato

Assistant Coaches: Steve Colucci,  
Lauren Talemal '02

Captains: Samantha Cutler '08,  
Taylor Lee '08

MVP: Taylor Lee '08, Caroline Satalof '11  
MIP: Hannah Shaw '10

#### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Taylor Lee '08, Caroline  
Satalof '11  
HM: Jessica Cooper '11

#### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Taylor Lee '08, Caroline  
Satalof '11  
2nd Team: Nicole Deutschman '09,  
Cayla Huppert '08  
HM: Jessica Cooper '11, Anne Estey '10



### BOYS' TENNIS

**Record: 7-1 League; 14-2 Overall**

Coaches: William Sember, Hardy Baker

Captains: Brendan Kaminsky '08,  
Henry Friedman '08, Daniel  
Fedder '08, Charles Baron '08

MVP: Brendan Kaminsky '08  
MIP: Henry Friedman '08

#### *Friends Schools League Individual Champions*

Brendan Kaminsky '08 (3rd Singles),  
Eric Goldwein '08 and James  
Gallagher '08 (2nd Doubles)

#### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Brendan Kaminsky '08,  
Daniel Fedder '08, Eric Goldwein '08  
HM: James Gallagher '08, Charles  
Baron '08

#### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Brendan Kaminsky '08,  
Daniel Fedder '08, Eric Goldwein '08  
2nd Team: Charles Baron '08,  
James Gallagher '08  
HM: Alexander Margolies '10





## SPRING ATHLETICS WRAP-UP



### GIRLS' LACROSSE

**Record: 3-4 League; 5-7 Overall**

Coach: Lauren Becker Rubin '83

Assistant Coaches: Diana Bleakley '03,

Lydia Martin

Captains: Sarah Bradburd '08,

Lindsay Nadkarni '08

MVP: Lindsay Nadkarni '08

MIP: Emily Belkoff '10, Megan Holt '10

#### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Emily Brodsky '10, Lindsay  
Nadkarni '08

HM: Sarah Bradburd '08, Emily Belkoff '10

#### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Phoebe Harris '09

2nd Team: Sarah Bradburd '08,  
Lindsay Nadkarni '08

HM: Emily Brodsky '10,

Kaitlyn McCaffrey '10

#### *Academic All-Americans*

Candice Hardy '08, Lindsay Nadkarni '08,  
Phoebe Harris '09



### BOYS' LACROSSE

**Record: 5-2 League; 10-8 Overall**

Friends Schools League Champions

Coach: JB Bowie

Assistant Coaches: Sean Tischler,  
Jesse Amoroso '04

Captains: Pir Granoff '08, Andrew  
Levan '08

MVP: Andrew Fusselbaugh '09,  
Henry Lobb '10

MIP: Richard Olson '10, Jesse  
Rothenberg '10

#### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Henry Lobb '10, Andrew  
Fusselbaugh '09, Andrew  
Mongeluzzi '10

HM: Ahmad Zachary '10

#### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Henry Lobb '10, Andrew  
Fusselbaugh '09, Andrew  
Mongeluzzi '10

2nd Team: Ahmad Zachary '10;

HM: Emmett Culhane '09,  
Pir Granoff '08, Jacob Schutzman '09

#### *All Northeast Lacrosse League Team*

1st Team: Henry Lobb '10, Andrew  
Fusselbaugh '09

2nd Team: Andrew Mongeluzzi '10,  
Ahmad Zachary '10

HM: Emmett Culhane '09



### DAVID KIRK AWARD

Mathew Bernstein '08

Daniel Fedder '08

### FLORENCE JACKSON AWARD

Taylor Lee '08





### **GIRLS' TRACK**

**Record: 5-1- League; 5-1 Overall**

Coaches: Jernell Mapp

Assistant Coaches: Venetia Ricketts,

Brandon Shell, Jim O'Dore

Captains: Elisabeth Fifer '09, Jillian Glen '09, Samantha Greenberg '10, Tracy Weldon '08

MVP: Megan Wilson '09, Elisabeth Fifer '09

MIP: Deborah Lee '11

#### ***Friends Schools League Individual Champions***

Megan Wilson '09 (100 Meters, 200 Meters, Long Jump), Jacqueline Conyers-Jordan '10, Megan Wilson '09, Mary Shimell '11, Tracey Weldon '08 (4x100 Relay), Mary Shimell '11, Samantha Greenberg '10, Natalie Willis '09, Tracy Weldon '08 (4x400 Relay)

#### ***State Independent School Track Champions/Place Finishers***

Megan Wilson '09 (1st Place 100 Meters, 1st Place 200 Meters), Elisabeth Fifer '09 (1st Place Discus), Megan Wilson '09, Mary Shimell '11, Natalie Willis '09, Tracy Weldon '08 (1st Place 4x100 Relay)\***Broke State Record**, Natalie Willis '09 (2nd Place Pole Vault), Elisabeth Fifer '09 (2nd Place Javelin, 3rd Place Shot Put),

Megan Wilson '09, Samantha Greenberg '10, Mary Shimell '11, Tracy Weldon '08 (3rd Place 4x400 Relay)

#### ***All Friends Schools League***

1st Team: Elisabeth Fifer '09, Tracy Weldon '08, Megan Wilson '09

#### ***All Main Line***

1st Team: Megan Wilson '09, Elisabeth Fifer '09, Jillian Glen '09, Tracy Weldon '08, Samantha Greenberg '10  
HM: Natalie Willis '09, Mary Shimell '11



### **BOYS' TRACK**

**Record: 3-1 League; 6-2 Overall**

Coach: Tony DeSabato

Assistant Coaches: Sky DuMont, Mark Fifer, READ DeSabato '02

Captains: Michael Dohrmann '08, Bryan Farrar '08, Patrick DeSabato '09, Ivo Milic-Strkalj '09

MVP: Michael Dohrmann '08

MIP: Hal Woodin '09, Jordan Grossman '09

#### ***Friends Schools League Individual Champions***

Hal Woodin '09 (Pole Vault), Michael Dohrmann '08 (110 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles, Long Jump)



### **OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETES**

Sarah Bradburd  
Lindsay Nadkarni  
Bryan Farrar







### *State Independent School Track Champions/Place Finishers*

Patrick DeSabato '09, Jacob Snider '09,  
Daniel Segall '11, Ivo Milic-Strkalj '09  
(1st Place 4x800 Relay), Michael  
Dohrmann '08 (1st Place 110 Hurdles;  
2nd Place 300 Hurdles)

### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Patrick DeSabato '09,  
Ivo Milic-Strkalj '09,  
Michael Dohrmann '08

### *All Main Line*

1st Team: Patrick DeSabato '09, Ivo  
Milic-Strkalj '09, Michael  
Dohrmann '08;  
2nd Team: Bryan Farrar '08,  
Samuel Propper '08, Christian  
Weber '10; HM: Peter Chawaga '09,  
Fernando Jones '08, Hal Woodin '09

## GOLF

### **Record: 4-6 League; 7-7 Overall**

Coach: Tom MacFarlane  
Assistant Coach: Padraig Barry  
MVP: Benjamin Bersoff '09  
MIP: Matthew Biron '08,  
Matthew Fedder '11

### *All Friends Schools League*

1st Team: Ben Bersoff '09

### *All Main Line*

2nd Team: Ben Bersoff '09

## SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Taylor Lee '08, Daniel Fedder '08



## SPRING ATHLETICS

### **Most Valuable Players (Above, from left):**

*(back row)*

Richard Moses '09,  
Andrew Fusselbaugh '09,  
Henry Lobb '10, Benjamin Bersoff '09,  
Phillip Rosenblum '08

*(front row)*

Elisabeth Fifer '09,  
Lindsay Nadkarni '08, Taylor Lee '08,  
Caroline Satalof '11,  
Brendan Kaminsky '08,  
Michael Dohrmann '08  
(Missing: Megan Wilson '09)

### **Most Improved Players (Bottom, from left):**

*(back row)*

Jordan Grossman '09,  
Richard Olson '10,  
Henry Friedman '08, Matt Biron '08

*(front row)*

Deborah Lee '11, Megain Holt '10,  
Emily Belkoff '10,  
Matthew Fedder '11,  
Alexander Yih '10  
(Missing: Hal Woodin '09,  
Jesse Rothenberg '10,  
Hannah Shaw '10)







# The Annual Giving Campaign:

*They couldn't see it, but they felt it every day*

The class of 2008 may not have known it, but your gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign supported them every day at Friends' Central, from their first moment in a classroom right through the celebrations at Commencement. Annual Giving, the School's first fundraising priority, accounts for 5 percent of the School's operating budget and provides Friends' Central with the strength and flexibility to sustain its tradition of excellence. It helps Friends' Central to attract and retain first-rate students and first-rate teachers; to maintain its buildings, fields, and playgrounds; to purchase daily classroom supplies; to enhance its library collection; to sponsor field trips; and to provide educational opportunities for faculty. In all of these ways and more, your gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign helped the class of 2008, and the entire Friends' Central community, to achieve its very best this year in the classroom and in volunteer efforts, on the stage and the playing fields. And while it did not provide the sunny sky that sparkled over Commencement Terrace on June 7th, it helped define all that was celebrated that day.

*Thank you, Friends' Central family and friends, for another outstanding year. Without your generous gifts to Annual Giving, Friends' Central would be 5 percent less extraordinary than it is.*



## ALL SCHOOL: Senior Awards



*Language Department*  
Katherine Lindenbaum '08  
Robin Segal '08  
Anne Sprogell '08

*History Prize Paper*  
Christopher Hall '08  
Alison Turka '08

*Science*  
Christopher Hall '08

*Mathematics*  
Paul Gallagher '11

*The Poets and Playwrights Prize*  
Maxwell Kaplan '09

*The Ramsey Award for Prose*  
Emily Harnett '09

*Benjamin V. Ogden Award*  
Fernando Jones '08  
Lindsay Nadkarni '08  
Phillip Rosenblum '08

*Calvin Rankin Award*  
Bryan Farrar '08  
Jasmine Martin '08  
Devon Mongeluzzi '08

*Leola Adelaide Smith Memorial Award*  
Jackson Greenberg '08  
Christopher Hall '08  
Anne Sprogell '08

*Art Award*  
Katherine Lindenbaum '08

*Music Award*  
Jackson Greenberg '08

*Susan Durnford Snipes Memorial Award*  
Isabel Friedman '08  
Candice Hardie '08  
Michael Pasek '08  
Amanda Zeiger '08

*Special Award Presentation*  
(Perfect attendance,  
all four years of Upper School)  
James Shelton '08

*John H. McCollum Memorial Award*  
Candice Hardie '08  
Michael Pasek '08  
Alexander Unkovic '08  
Amber Williams '08

*Executive Award*  
Mathew Bernstein '08  
Isabel Friedman '08



*Friends' Central senior Oliver Backes was recently named a National Merit Scholar. The National Merit Scholarship program singles out students based on their performance on the PSAT, their academic record, school recommendations, and other accomplishments. Oliver will be attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall.*



Friends' Central inducted eighteen members of the class of 2008 into the Cum Laude Society. The Cum Laude Society "recognizes academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence (*Areté*), justice (*Diké*) and honor (*Timé*)."

*(Top Row, From Left) Charles Baron, Matthew Buchwald, Jordan Villars, Michael Dohrmann, Christopher Hall, Thomas Bernard.*

*(Middle Row, From Left) Oliver Backes, Annie Sprogell, Samuel Summers, Katherine Lindenbaum, Logan Brenner, Jackson Greenberg, Bryan Farrar, Matthew Bernstein.*

*(Bottom Row, From Left) Lindsay Nadkarni, Devon Mongeluzzi, Robin Segall, Amanda Zeiger.*





### Montgomery County residents

*(Back row)* Louis Lesser '11, Michael Rubin '09, Pir Granoff '08, Christopher Hall '08, Jacob Schutzman '09, Matthew Buchwald '08, Brett Richardson '09, Aaron Reichlin '10, *(middle row)* Natasha Sultan '10, Megan Holt '10, Nicole Deutschman '09, Elizabeth Deutschman '09, Alexandra Baron '09, Michael Pasek '08, Jeremy Slovak '08, *(front row)* Alexi Several '08, Leah Perloff '11, Liz Mitnick '09, Logan Brenner '08, Jillian Glen '09, Rebecca Horowitz '09, Katherine Roll '11, and Rachel Weissman '11.

### Friends' Central Students Recognized for Service

Forty-one Friends' Central School Upper School students were awarded Service Certificates. This award recognizes students who have worked 40 or more hours for nonprofit agencies outside of the Friends' Central community.

#### Philadelphia residents

Michael Carpenter '09, Sasha Rescorl '09, Chelsea Pasahow '10, Sarah Starr '09, and Ephraim Frankel '10.



#### Delaware County residents

*(Back row)* Emily Brodsky '10, Benjamin Bersoff '09, Anne Estey '10, Andrew Kelly '09, Catherine Weingarten '09, *(front row)* Taylor Anderson '10, Grace Pearlman '10, Hannah Shaw '10, and Adam Posner '11.







### Friends' Central Winners in Delaware Valley Science Fair

Six students from Friends' Central School participated in the Delaware Valley Science Fair, which represents the best science and math students from nineteen counties in New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Approximately 1,000 students participated in the event, and four Friends' Central students were awarded medals. Pictured are the FCS winners: Jason Kirschner '09, Third Place Botany; Arielle Fogel '10, Third Place Microbiology; Paul Gallagher '11, First Place Mathematics; and Max Gilbert '09, Special Award from Chromotography Forum of Delaware Valley.



### Nine Eighth Graders Receive Citizenship Awards

On Friday, June 6th, 2008, the Middle School gathered in Shallcross Hall for the last time to hold Meeting for Worship and celebrate the accomplishments of their peers. At the assembly, nine eighth graders who were nominated by their fellow students received citizenship awards. Hannah Albertine, Leah Hawkesworth, and David Yarnell were recipients of the Ida Hill Cahn "Peace Through Service" Award, which was established by the Cahn Family in 1974. Rebecca Dahle, Joshua Glen, and Claudia Rizzo were honored with the Frank M. Groff "Sportsmanship and Friendship" Award, established in 1982 by Joseph Ludwig '69 and Michael Mersky '72. Finally, Gemmika Champion, Jeremy Crimm, and Samantha Resnik received the Jaqueline Frances O'Neill "Enthusiasm and Spirit" Award, established in 1992 by Lincoln Meyers '08. Congratulations all!

(Back row) Samantha Resnik '12, Claudia Rizzo '12, Hannah Albertine '12, David Yarnell '12, Joshua Glen '12, Leah Hawkesworth '12, (front row) Gemmika Champion '12, Jeremy Crimm '12, Rebecca Dahle '12.

### Venimus, Vidimus, Vicimus

Middle School Latin students had the opportunity to enter three contests this year to show off their knowledge of the Latin language, the culture, history, and geography of the Romans, and the mythology of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. They competed on the regional level and then moved on the national contests along with Latin students at their level in all 50 states and 27 countries around the world. Winners of the Philadelphia Classical Society Latin Competition were honored at a banquet in April along with students from schools all over the Philadelphia area.



Pictured are the Summa cum laude winners in the Philadelphia Classical Society. (Back row) Liza Bergmann '12, Emily Roll '12, Paula Burkhardt '12, Becca Dahle '12, (front row) Sophie Kaslow '13, Tess Wei '13, Rachel Weiss '13, and Antonia DiLuca '12.



Pictured are the National Medal Winners. (Back row) Cara DeCusatis '13, Beah Jacobson '13, Ben Lichtman '13, Becca Dahle '12, Paula Burkhardt '12, Emily Roll '12, (front row) Jonathan Adler '13, Anna Lynn-Palevsky '13, Dylan Pearl '13, and Michael Furey '13.



### Regionally and nationally ranked in the 2008 French National Contest:

(Back row) Madelena Rizzo '10, Alexandra Forrest '11, Katherine Roll '11, Arielle Fogel '10, Amy Corenswet '09, Kossi Anyinefa '11, Charlotte Bassett '09, (front row) Sarah Backal-Balik '09, Devon Kratchman '10, Alexander Klieman '11, Arielle Parker '11, Maggie Marks '11, David Eschenazi '09. (Missing) Oliver Backes '08, Jennifer Simon '09, Elisabeth Fifer '08, Samantha Karpinski '10, Robin Segal '08, Brandon Laing '09, Matthew Bernstein '08.



# the class of

2008

STUDENT	COLLEGE CHOICE
Oliver Backes	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Charles Baron	<i>Wesleyan University</i>
Erica Berg	<i>Syracuse University</i>
Thomas Bernard	<i>Vassar College</i>
Mathew Bernstein	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Peter Bernstein	<i>Penn State University</i>
Matthew Biron	<i>Bucknell University</i>
Katie Bowker	<i>Arcadia University</i>
Sarah Bradburd	<i>Guilford College</i>
Logan Brenner	<i>Skidmore College</i>
Matthew Buchwald	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Cyleb Burton	<i>Bloomsburg University of PA</i>
Erica Carey	<i>College of the Atlantic</i>
Adara Cohen	<i>Delaware State University</i>
Samantha Cutler	<i>Eugene Lang College</i>
Michael Dohrmann	<i>Franklin and Marshall College</i>
David Eisner	<i>Drexel University</i>
Lindsey Elkin	<i>Vanderbilt University</i>
Aimee English	<i>Hobart &amp; William Smith Colleges</i>
Rachel Erulkar	<i>Undecided</i>
Bryan Farrar	<i>Washington University in St. Louis</i>
Daniel Fedder	<i>Washington University in St. Louis</i>
Henry Friedman	<i>Connecticut College</i>
Isabel Friedman	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Madeleine Friel	<i>University of Delaware</i>
James Gallagher	<i>Middlebury College</i>
David Glassner	<i>George Washington University</i>
Anthony Golan-Vilella	<i>University of St. Andrews</i>
Eric Goldwein	<i>Lafayette College</i>
Pir Granoff	<i>Amherst College</i>
Jackson Greenberg	<i>Princeton University</i>
Julian Guindon	<i>Gap Year</i>
Chris Hall	<i>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</i>
Candice Hardie	<i>American University</i>
Daniel Horowitz	<i>Ursinus College</i>
Cayla Huppert	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Fernando Jones	<i>Ursinus College</i>
Lance Jones	<i>Ursinus College</i>
Brendan Kaminsky	<i>University of North Carolina Chapel Hill</i>
Daniel Kessler	<i>University of Southern California</i>
Samuel Klehr	<i>Franklin and Marshall College</i>
Max Kleine	<i>Temple University</i>
Scott Kunz	<i>Carnegie Mellon University</i>
Michael LaBlanc	<i>University of San Diego</i>
Taylor Lee	<i>Muhlenberg College</i>
Thomas Lefevre	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Andrew Levan	<i>University of Maryland</i>

STUDENT	COLLEGE CHOICE
Katie Lindenbaum	<i>Rhode Island School of Design</i>
Caitlin Louie	<i>Marist College</i>
Ken Ludwig	<i>Muhlenberg College</i>
Megan Lundy	<i>Bates College</i>
Alfonse Mandese	<i>Franklin and Marshall College</i>
Jasmine Martin	<i>Columbia University</i>
Alexander Mazurek	<i>Boston University</i>
Kelly McCloskey	<i>Dickinson College</i>
Brittany McLellan	<i>Queens College</i>
Hannah Minkoff	<i>New York University</i>
Devon Mongeluzzi	<i>Northwestern University</i>
Sam Morris	<i>Franklin and Marshall College</i>
Lindsay Nadkarni	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Sydney Naylor	<i>Spelman College</i>
Noredy Neal	<i>Penn State University</i>
Michael Pasek	<i>Bates College</i>
Alexy Posner	<i>University of Delaware</i>
Sam Propper	<i>Skidmore College</i>
Anna Rosenblatt	<i>Ithaca College</i>
David Rosenblatt	<i>McDaniel College</i>
Phillip Rosenblum	<i>Wesleyan University</i>
Arielle Schwartz	<i>Syracuse University</i>
Robin Segal	<i>University of Miami</i>
James Shelton	<i>Ursinus College</i>
Dana Sigovich	<i>West Chester University</i>
Jeremy Slovak	<i>Carnegie Mellon University</i>
Hope Spector	<i>Indiana Univ at Bloomington</i>
Anne Sprogell	<i>Princeton University</i>
Ben Stein	<i>Brandeis University</i>
Mary Stroman	<i>Washington College</i>
Sam Summers	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Grace Tarves	<i>Boston Conservatory</i>
Megan Taylor	<i>East Stroudsburg University</i>
Noah Tischler	<i>Temple University</i>
Allison Turka	<i>Hamilton College</i>
Alec Unkovic	<i>Skidmore College</i>
Jordan Villars	<i>Bowdoin College</i>
Luke Wagman	<i>Gap Year</i>
Ariela Weinberger	<i>Gap Year/Muhlenberg College</i>
Susie Weir	<i>University of Rochester</i>
Tracy Weldon	<i>University of Maryland</i>
Amber Williams	<i>Boston University</i>
Ben Wright-Rowan	<i>Drexel University</i>
Zahir Yancey	<i>Temple University</i>
Colin Yarnell	<i>Union College</i>
Amanda Zeiger	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>





# FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Commencement



**Commencement**  
(Clockwise from top) The class of 2008;  
David Felsen awards Katherine Bowker her diploma;  
Jordan Villars and Michael Dohrmann



# the class of

2008

## Commencement Address 2008 Delivered by Brad Morris

“Welcome parents, teachers, administrators, staff, family, friends and welcome especially to Friends’ Central School’s Class of 2008. . . . let me simply reflect on your Friends’ Central education and the world of limitless possibility that awaits you in the future. I hope you agree that Friends’ Central School has served you well. You have benefited greatly from a group of highly talented, highly dedicated teachers who have taken a deep and personal interest in your well being and achievement. In my opinion they are the finest k-12 faculty in the Philadelphia area. The School has given you a vast array of opportunities both inside the classroom and beyond on the athletic fields, the stage, and in the School’s many extracurricular clubs and programs.

You have been exposed to, and I hope you have absorbed, the School’s Quaker values and testimonies as well as its culture and philosophy which include peace, integrity, equality, service to others both on campus and off campus, and an unreserved respect for diversity in all of its hues and orientations. Friends’ Central has provided you as well with a deep sense of being an integral member of a spirited, close knit community. It is our hope that Friends’ Central has prepared you for the road that lies ahead. But what does that road look like?

. . . for many of you the next four years could very well be the best yet to come. Certainly the odds are very good that in the next four years you will get to lead what could be called a utopian existence. You will be away from home, on your own with close friends living all around you and no real responsibilities

other than trying not to flunk out. If it’s anything like my four years at Dickinson College, you are in for a real treat. So savor every moment because you will never get that kind of life again. Let me repeat that. Savor every moment and take advantage of every opportunity, both the academic and the social, because the utopia known as college will not come your way again.

Here’s what you will have: Gas bills, rent bills, tax bills and phone bills. Dirty dishes and dirty diapers and the agonizing cacaphony of Chuck E. Cheese. While your Parisian counterparts while away endless hours discussing modes of alienation in sidewalk cafes you will be downing a burrito from Taco Bell in your cubicle over a laptop. While your Spanish and Italian counterparts are taking their daily siestas, you will still be at the office, missing your kids little league game, in the

hopes of getting that big promotion. But while you’re thinking of that big promotion, your boss is thinking of downsizing you and shipping your job to off to Bombay.

Now I know what you’re thinking. You’re thinking, “What kind of a graduation pep talk is this?” Well don’t worry. I’m not here to talk about doom and gloom. I’m here to scare the heck out of you so that you will not waste the great opportunities that lie on the road ahead.

So, to repeat my question, what does that road look like? Perhaps not what you think. In the book *A Whole New Mind*, which incidentally the faculty will be reading this summer, Daniel Pink argues that we are at the dawn of a brand new







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will. Yes you study co-valent bonds and allegory and quadratic functions and primary sources and imperfect tenses but what you learn is how



to work together in small groups with an appreciation for different points of view, how to synthesize material into a coherent presentation, how to write persuasively, how to express yourself artistically and creatively, how to give of yourself for the benefit of those around you, what the meaning of "team" really is, and what kind of person you hope to be

age in America, which he calls 'The Conceptual Age.' Our current age, often called 'The Information Age,' . . . is an age of left brain thinking dominated by linear, deductive reasoning. The kind of reasoning you need, for example, to do well in math class or on the SAT test. Engineers, lawyers, accountants and programmers have all flourished in this era. But in the new global economy these tasks, Pink argues, are increasingly being outsourced to equally talented professionals in developing countries like India for a fraction of the salaries paid to American workers. With white collar jobs now being outsourced the way blue collar jobs were outsourced in the past, a new class of skills and talents will be needed in addition to the left brain style of reasoning of the information age. In the new conceptual age it is the non linear right brain that will finally be in the spotlight and be the ticket to future success for today's graduates.

In 'The Conceptual Age' the right brain's capacity to 'detect patterns and

opportunities, to create artistic and emotional beauty, to craft a satisfying narrative and to combine seemingly unrelated ideas into something new' will serve as the cornerstone of modern society's new economic model. The architects of 'The Information Age' were superb at seeing the trees, but in 'The Conceptual Age,' it will be those who also see the forest that will thrive. In 'The Conceptual Age' the MFA is the new MBA.

And here is the good news. You, the class of 2008, are already prepared for the Conceptual Age because a Friends' Central education is a right brain education. Friends' Central is not a college preparatory high school. I know it says so in the literature but college preparation is really only a lovely by product of a Friends' Central Education. Friends' Central, with its wholehearted respect for the individual, its commitment to community well being, its profoundly strong student faculty relationships, and its Quaker values is a life preparatory school. A right brain preparatory school if you

in this world. What you learn at Friends' Central is how to develop a whole new mind. A right brain mind. A mind completely unrelated to anything on the SAT.

Class of 2008, you are entering a brand new brave new world. This is a great time to be going to college. There is a blank canvas that lies before you and you will need to be bold and daring with the palette you select to paint it with. The opportunities that await you will be unlike those that have come before. Seize your moment with imagination, creativity, and vision. And seize it as well with empathy, thoughtfulness and compassion.

*(Clockwise from top far left)*

The class of 2008 on Commencement Terrace; Brad Morris delivers the Commencement Address; Phillip Rosenblum, Matthew Bernstein, Tom Lefevre, Peter Bernstein, and Cyleb Burton waiting, in the air conditioning, to process; Haleemah Jackson '10 playing with the Commencement Orchestra; Getting the perfect shot; Kelly McClosky; Holding the daisy chain.





**JASMINE  
MARTIN  
'08**  
Columbia  
University

*What is  
your fond-  
est memory  
of Friends'  
Central?*

One of my fondest memories at Friends' Central is of my freshman Spanish class, Spanish 2 with Mrs. Soccoro. It was my first year at Friends' Central, and I was nervous about being in the class because I had to get tutoring over the summer to be placed into it. The group of kids in our class, though, made learning Spanish so much fun! Not only did our class have freshman, but sophomores, a few juniors, and even a senior! I thought it was so cool that at Friends' Central, everyone could be in different grades but on the same level and thus be in the same class.

*What is one thing you learned at Friends' Central that will help you after you graduate?*

Friends' Central taught me to respect and value everyone's opinion and view, because there's something to be learned from it.

*What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (Class of '09)*

The advice I would give the Class of '09 is that yes, you'll have a lot of work to do, between school and applications and SATS, but don't give up things you value because you think you can't manage it all. With determination and aspirations, you can manage everything (although you may lose some, no, a lot, of sleep).

*What do you think you'll be doing in ten years?*

In ten years, I'll have completed getting my MBA and Law degree and will hopefully be working a vigorous and very well paying job at a large music corporation or entertainment law office. I want to

have traveled the world, or a lot of it, and will probably be living in New York. I want to be content and happy with my life at that point, enjoying my twenties, with no thoughts about having children!

**MICHAEL (MIKEY) PASEK '08**  
Bates  
College

*What is your  
fondest  
memory of  
Friends'  
Central?*

If I were to pick one climax of my FCS years, it would be the Lower School Halloween parade. Some of our costume creations included a camera with a zooming lens, an airplane (the year's theme was flight) with retractable wings, so it could make it through doors, and a Coke machine that dispensed empty cans of soda at the press of a button.

*What is one thing you learned at Friends' Central that will help you after you graduate?*

The most important thing I learned at Friends' Central is that people matter, and there's no problem in our world that can be solved without collaboration.

*What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (Class of '09)*

No matter what, you will be fine and finding your "fit" is more important than going to the top ranking university.

*What do you think you'll be doing in ten years?*

In ten years, I expect to be asking myself this same question. As I see it, life is a journey that cannot be followed on a map. I hope to be charting the unknown and moving forward.



**ALEXANDER  
(TEDDY)  
MAZUREK  
'08**  
Boston  
University

*What is your  
fondest memo-  
ry of Friends'  
Central?*

My fondest memory of Friends' Central was the Italy trip that I went on during Spring Break of my sophomore year. It was incredible to see in person the various sites that we studied in both Latin and History class.

*What was one thing that you learned at Friends' Central that will help you after you graduate?*

In eighth grade Mr. Terrell told us at the beginning of the year that his goal for us was to be able to teach ourselves. Now that my high school career is over, I can truly understand the significance of being able to teach yourself. Even when I am done school, there is always more to learn, and the ability to learn it on your own is crucial.

*What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (class of '09)*

Have fun and try something new. Although at times it is stressful, senior year allows you the opportunity to do things you might have not done previously in high school.

*What do you think you'll be doing in ten years?*

Hopefully I should be out of graduate school for either Classics or Archaeology. I hope to either be a professor or a high school teacher, who knows maybe I might teach Latin at FCS.





# FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL Reunion



(Clockwise from top left) Marlene Miller Buckley '53 and Robert Buckley '53; Nina Weisbord '78 and Lindy Snider '78; Alex Otey '78 with Patrick and Phillip; Nancy Alessandroni Cardon '68, Don Fair '68, Deborah Massey '68, Joyce Ginsburgh Hess '68; Beth Johnson '77, Dean of Students, with Jeffrey Brody '98.



# Reunion 2008



## Class of 1943

Top row (l to r): William G. Thomas, Herbert Spatola, Donald Kirklan, James Dannenberg, bottom row (l to r): Priscilla Patch Weber, Suzanne Curtis Smythe, Nancy Fitts Donaldson, Robert Conn



## Class of 1948

Top row (l to r): Theodore Reinke, Virginia Goodman, Louise Todd Moore Cope, Barry J. Reimenschneider, bottom row (l to r): Lazarus M. Kirifides, Peggy McCann Litchert, Marguerite Ridge Perrone, (Charles Perrone), Robert Goodman



## Class of 1953

Top row (l to r): Francis Markland, John Bates, Dave Hepner, Martha Green Mead, Francis James, Karen Klein Mannes, Robert Buckley, bottom row (l to r): William O'Brien, Sally Henley O'Brien, Carolyn Cannon Eagan, Dorothy Lieberman Grant, Marlene Miller Buckley



## Class of 1958

Top (l to r): Bill Loescher, Ann Dothard Walters, Robert Freedman, Wetherill Cresson Winder, Kirk Foulke, Charles W. Schiffer, George Hardman, Stephen Reynolds, Tamar Jefferis, Jack Parsons, John Miele, bottom row (l to r): Marjorie Schwartz Dilsheimer, Judy McBride Scruggs, Mary Smith McElderry, Page Tindle Fritts, Alan MacLean, Rachel Goddard Desmond, Barbara Custer Flower, Letitia Calby Hodges, Robert Kindred



## Class of 1963

(l to r): Joanne Johnson Hemingway, Elizabeth Kirchhofer Hague, Vivian Appel, Robert Weinstein, Leslie Statzell Marshall



## Class of 1968

Top row (l to r): Barbara Brodie Burger, Neil Yoskin, William Brown, Juan Jewell, Stephen Seidel, Nancy Allesandrone Carolan, bottom row (l to r): Doug Linton, Helen Miehle, Janet Goldwater, (Miriam Seidel)







### Class of 1973

Top row (l to r): James Murdock, Ronald Harris, Bruce Baird, Jonathan Orwitz, bottom row (l to r): Evan Wessel, Emma George Terndrup, Marcus Guynn, Pearl Graub-Goldstein, Penny Levin



### Class of 1978

Top row (l to r): Creighton Boyer, Stacey Goldsborough Snider, Nina Weisbord, John Balson, Lexy Lovell, Noel Trask, front row (l to r): Sylvia Hamerman-Brown, Karen Palcho, Lindy Snider, Diana McElroy, Amy Cooperberg DiLuca, Alex Otey



### Class of 1983

Top row (l to r): Peter Gross, Alexander Klein, Jamie Hunter, William Miller, bottom row (l to r): Lauren Becker Rubin, Jeremy Treatman, (Colin Roberts '14), Margaret Somerville Roberts, Nancy Sanders

### Class of 1988

Top (l to r): Jordan Lapsansky, Amy Miller, William Georges, Andrew Baer, David Perloff, Eric Miller, bottom (l to r): Macon Pickard Jessop, Felice Rosenberg Yeshion, Samantha Hauser Ekert (Julia and Cole), Sandra Hull Laber (Grace), Ryan Sanghavi, Elizabeth Chait Sanghavi, Jessica Zeldin, Elizabeth Rubel Corrin, Sarah Davis, Noah Parsons, Elizabeth Gerst, Elizabeth Robbins



### Class of 1998

Top (l to r): Andrew Bennett, Kaivon Paroo, Michael Blum, Jordan Rubin, Adam Weinstein, Daniel Silver, David Levin, bottom (l to r): Daniel Immerwahr, Patrick Dostal, Elizabeth Wells Oppenheim, Elizabeth Shinn Hulford, Lauren Tanzio Blanchard, Jeffrey Brody

### Class of 2003

Top (l to r): Sylvan Hemingway, Jacob Cooper, David Kleban, Blake Emerson, Alexander Jarboe, Jonathan Wegener, bottom (l to r): Debra Japko, Madeleine Sheldon-Dante, Amy Kurtz, Sarah Glickman





# Reunion 2008

## Q & A



**ANN DOTHARD WALTERS '58**  
Ann lives in Naples, Florida.

***What is your fondest memory of Friends' Central?***

There are so many—some of the best involve helping in the 1st and 2nd grades for my child development class (a minor subject) and working at FCS summer camp. These experiences helped me realize that I wanted to be a teacher--and I was one for 30 years!

***What was one thing that you learned at Friends' Central that has served you well?***

I often need time for quiet reflection. Service to others helps keep balance in my life.

***What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (class of '09)***

Laugh a lot—and that includes at yourself.

***What would your classmates be most surprised to learn about you now?***

I am not nearly as quiet and passive as I was in high school



**DON FAIR '68**  
Don lives in Los Angeles, CA where he is the Coordinating Producer for the Fox News Channel, Los Angeles Bureau

***What is your fondest memory of Friends' Central?***

For me, FCS was all about the people. We had exceptional teachers who challenged us every day. Clint Ely, Tom Worth, Nancy Rice, Clayton Farraday, Jim Murray, Dave Kirk and many others were wonderful mentors and supporters. They weren't our buddies, but they made us feel welcome and listened to us..

***What was one thing that you learned at Friends' Central that has served you well?***

FCS gave me confidence. There were great demands on us because of the size of our classes. There were only 44 kids in the Class of '68. When we made our points in class, we couldn't fake it. Our papers were heavily scrutinized. But when it came to getting us ready for the rest of our lives, our teachers/mentors gave us the tools and encouragement to venture into the real world.

***What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (class of '09)***

Everything's going to be all right.

***What would your classmates be most surprised to learn about you now?***

I actually ended up doing what I set out to do. Even before going to FCS, I wanted to work in the media - be on television. I got my start with the FCS Senior Project as a Desk Assistant at KYW Newsradio. From there, I finished college and reported for KYW-TV through the 70's. After a few very interesting detours along the way, and a move to the Left Coast, I find myself back in the media. And, with one great marriage lasting more than 30 years and two great daughters - I couldn't be happier.

**FRANK JAMES '53**  
Winston-Salem, NC

***What is your fondest memory of Friends' Central?***

My fondest memory at

Friends' Central was taking four years of Latin with Miss Monroe. The fact that she had taught my mother and my grandmother at Friends' Central brought a real sense of continuity and history to my time with Miss Monroe.

***What was one thing that you learned at FCS that has served you well?***

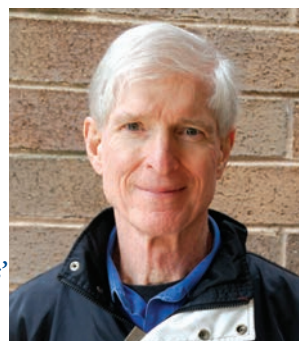
I learned to respect other people whoever they might be.

***What advice would you give to the new Friends' Central senior class? (class of '09)***

The class of '09 would be well served by enjoying the moment, OK months, of their senior year at FCS and not focusing on anticipation of the college experience. Eventually that year will seem like a moment.

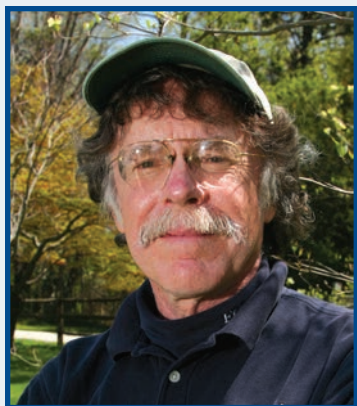
***What would your classmates be most surprised to learn about you now?***

Despite my Quaker background I joined Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem by letter of transfer from Merion Friends Meeting thirty one years ago. Moravians and Friends share many common beliefs: all people are equal before God, pacifism, simplicity in their places of worship, a history being persecuted for their beliefs, etc.





# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/AE AWARDS



**DOUGLAS LINTON**  
Distinguished Alumnus Citation  
Friends' Central School ~ Class of 1968

Doug, yours is a life dedicated to the preservation and care of the natural environment. Master gardener, founder and keeper of Friends' Central's arboretum, you have committed your career to the belief that gardens and landscapes should be models of environmental integrity. You have devoted unparalleled energy and enthusiasm to Friends' Central for more than 20 years, identifying, cataloging, and enhancing a living collection of trees and plants that beautify our campus and serve as a laboratory study for our students. You have served Friends' Central as an Alumni/ae Board member, reunion volunteer, parent and friend. We are proud that your loyalty to the School and the environment were encouraged here. It is with highest regard and great pleasure that we confer upon you the Friends' Central Distinguished Alumnus Award.



**JANET GOLDWATER**  
Distinguished Alumna Citation  
Friends' Central School ~ Class of 1968

Janet, we are deeply gratified to have you with us today. Your life is a model of professional achievement in the field of documentary filmmaking. As a film writer and producer focused on defining issues in women's lives, you have worked collaboratively with Barbara Attie to make widely acclaimed social documentaries that have been broadcast nationally and internationally. A recipient of a 2005 Pew Fellowship in the Arts, a 2008 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship, and the Pennsylvania Commission for Women's 2008 Women's History Month Award, you create intellectually and politically courageous films. Loyal alumna, your sense of advocacy and conviction brings pride to your alma mater. Janet Goldwater, we are truly honored to award you the Friends' Central Distinguished Alumna Award.

## A Glorious Season Remembered

In the fall of 1958, Friends' Central football was undefeated. The School doesn't play football anymore, but during this year's Reunion, the members of that team came together for a celebratory huddle. Peter Woerner '60 was not able to attend, but the memory he sent in illustrated their emotional connection to each other and their glorious, undefeated season.

Dear Teammates,

Unfortunately I won't be able to come to the Reunion Weekend. I've been thinking a lot about it and have written about a memory I have of that time.

Sometime in the winter of 1958 I was in the gym at Friends' Central. My father had died in May 1957 when I was 15. I had played football the previous fall but the emotional devastation of my father's death took my confidence away and prevented me from playing to my ability.

It was late afternoon. Carl Andrews came up to me and drew me aside. He put his arms on my shoulders and looked me in the eyes. He said to me "Next fall, you can do it, I know you can. Just go out and play hard, I know you can do it."

It is amazing to me that 50 years later I remember this as if it were yesterday. His words and gestures made the difference for me and I still am in wonder that he was able to get through to me. The next fall he left to be the Headmaster at the Collegiate School in New York City. He came down to Bryn Athan for the football game. It meant more to me to see him than the 4 touchdowns I scored. Whenever I've seen a young kid going through hard times I always remember what Carl did for me and try to pass on that same inspiration that he instilled in me.

There were a lot of great times that fall of 1958 and I often think how lucky we all were to have had that experience. My best to everyone, Peter Woerner





# THE LIZA BLACKBURN LEGACY



## Leave a Legacy to Guarantee Excellence Over Time. *This Teacher Did!*

Throughout Friends' Central's history, teachers have touched the lives of our students, creating a legacy of intellectual pursuits and devotion to school. Some, like Liza Blackburn, continue to touch the lives of students today.

Liza Blackburn graduated from Friends' Central School in 1922. She returned to School where she became the Director of Girls Athletics, Assistant Dean for Girls, coached field hockey, basketball and tennis and taught social studies. Her career at Friends' Central spanned 42 years from 1925 to 1967. Ever a generous supporter during her life, Liza included Friends' Central in her estate plan. This thoughtful and generous decision ensures that Liza Blackburn's devotion to Friends' Central will always be present in the lives of Friends' Central students and teachers.

We invite you to follow her example and join the society named for her, The Blackburn Society. Membership in this Society is granted those who, like Liza Blackburn, include Friends' Central in their estate plans. The generous legacies provided by society members will truly guarantee excellence over time.

**To learn more about joining the Blackburn Society and leaving your own legacy, please call Lydia Martin at 610-645-5034 or email to [lmartin@friendscentral.org](mailto:lmartin@friendscentral.org)**



# FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Career Day 2008

Each year, the Friday before Reunion is "Career Day." Alumni/ae, mostly from Reunion years, return to spend the morning meeting with sophomores and juniors to discuss their professional lives and the paths they followed. This year's Career Day, the thirteenth since the program began in 1995, drew over thirty alumni/ae back to campus. The morning began with an assembly by Shana Fisher '88, Senior Vice President of Mergers & Acquisitions and Strategy for the internet company IAC. Shana gave a dynamic presentation about her most recent project—online video gaming. After the assembly, the alumni/ae broke into panels representing their varied careers and met with small groups of interested students. The panels, which included performing and visual arts, social service and non-profit, technology, medicine, law, film, education, communications, business, and architecture and engineering, allowed students and alumni/ae to have focused conversations. Students interested in technology, for instance, had the chance to hear Fred Hawkins '83, CEO of Finpago, speak about his Conshohocken-based startup, while members of the Jazz Band asked questions of professional jazz musician Robert Kindred '58. Don Fair '68, Coordinating News Producer at Fox News Channel in Los Angeles, spoke to students interested in communications about his work on air and in Iraq, and how his career began as a senior project internship at KYW. A few alumni/ae also led special sessions with students. Marcus Guynn '73 and Mallory Floyd '96 met with the African-American Male Affinity Group; Robert Kindred '58 met, and played, with the Jazz Band; Lexy Lovell '78 met with members of Steve Patterson's film course; and student leaders met with Stacey Goldsborough Snider '78, CEO and Co-Chairman of DreamWorks Studios. We would like to thank the all the alumni/ae who returned to campus to give so generously of their time and expertise.



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Architecture/Engineering  
Business  
Education  
Law

(Right column)  
Communications  
Film



# FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL Career Day 2008



## ALUMNI/AE CAREER DAY PANELISTS

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008

### ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING: MODERATED BY MATT MURPHY '97

**Marcus Guynn '73**  
Northwestern University, BSChE  
Lead Engineer, *British Petroleum*  
Cleveland, OH

**Mallory Floyd '96**  
University of Michigan, BSE  
Aerospace Engineer, *Boeing Company*  
Philadelphia, PA

**Phillip Scott '73**  
Amherst College, BA  
University of Virginia, MArch  
Senior Associate Architect, *Kise Straw & Kolodner, Inc.*, Philadelphia, PA

### BUSINESS: MODERATED BY ROSS TRACHTENBERG '98

**Shana Fisher '88**  
Hampshire College, BA, Sculpture, Philosophy,  
Linguistics  
Senior VP of Mergers & Acquisitions, *IAC*  
New York

**James Murdock '73**  
Princeton University, BA  
Columbia University, MBA  
President, *Endless Pools*, Aston, PA

(Clockwise from top left)  
Medicine  
Performing & Visual Arts  
Social Service/Non Profit  
Technology

**Jordan Rubin '98**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS  
VP & Actuary, *Validus RE*, Hamilton, Bermuda

**Rich Ulmer '60**  
Brown University, BA  
Harvard University, AMP  
CEO & President, *InVitro International*  
Irvine, CA

### COMMUNICATIONS: MODERATED BY REBECCA ANDERSON

**Michael Bronstein '98**  
Cornell University, BA  
London School of Economics, MA  
Political Consultant, *Bronstein & Weaver*  
Bryn Mawr, PA

**Don Fair '68**  
Widener University, BA  
Coordinating News Producer, *Fox News Channel*, Los Angeles, CA

**Elizabeth Gerst '88**  
University of Pennsylvania, BA  
Producer, *CNBC*, New York

### EDUCATION: MODERATED BY AARON SELKOW '88

**Juan Jewell '68**  
University of Chicago, AB, Political Science;  
MA, Modern European History  
Director of Studies, *Paideia School*  
Atlanta, GA

**Aaron Selkow '88**  
Rosemont College, BA  
Vice President, Program Services, *Jewish Community Centers Association*  
Director, *Merrin Center for Teen Services & Maccabi Experience*, New York

**Nina Weisbord '78**  
Ithaca College, BA  
John F. Kennedy University, MBA  
CEO & President, *Steppingstone Scholars, Inc.*  
Philadelphia, PA

### FILM: MODERATED BY JULIE COWITZ GORDON '81

**Janet Goldwater '68**  
New College, BA  
Boston University, MFA  
Documentary Film Producer, *Attie Goldwater Productions*, Bala Cynwyd, PA

**Lexy Lovell '78**  
Yale University, BA  
Documentary Film Producer, *Out of the Blue Productions*, Wynnewood, PA

**Stacey Goldsborough Snider '78**  
University of Pennsylvania, BA  
University of California, JD  
CEO & Co-Chairman, *DreamWorks*  
Los Angeles, CA

**Adam Weinstein '98**  
Cornell University  
Talent Agent, *United Talent Agency*  
Beverly Hills, CA

### LAW: MODERATED BY JESSICA ZELDIN '88

**Andrew Baer '88**  
Brown University, AB  
University of Michigan, JD  
Special Counsel, Financial Institutions Group,  
*Sullivan & Cromwell* 1999 – 2007, Counsel  
in the Legal Division of the Board of  
Governors of the Federal Reserve System in  
Washington, DC

**Pete Drayer '57**  
Wesleyan University, BA  
University of Pennsylvania, LLB  
Temple University, LLM  
Judge, *Montgomery County Orphans' Court*  
Norristown, PA

**Neil Yoskin '68**  
University of Virginia, BA  
Temple University, JD  
Partner, *Bennett & Yoskin*  
Princeton, NJ





**MEDICINE: MODERATED BY DAVID ELLIS '51**

**Michael Levin '93**

Muhlenberg College, BS  
DO Nephrology, *Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
Philadelphia, PA

**Jonathan Orwitz '73**

Haverford, BA  
University of Pittsburgh, MD  
Vice President, *Neurology Consultants of Burlington County*  
Lumberton, NJ

**David Roberts '83**

University of Pennsylvania, PhD  
Radiologist, *South Jersey Radiologist Associates*  
Vorhees, NJ

**Nancy Sanders '83**

Duke University, B.S., Zoology  
The Ohio State University, DVM  
Small animal criticalist & internist *VCA-Veterinary Referral Associates*, Hill's Nutrition Advisory Board  
Gaithersburg, MD

**PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS:  
MODERATED BY JOEL PRICE**

**Robert Kindred '58**

Muhlenberg College, BA  
Professional Jazz Musician

**Alex Otey '78**

Drexel University, BS  
Professional Singer/Pianist

**SOCIAL SERVICE/NON PROFIT:  
MODERATED BY CLIO MALLIN '96**

**Jeffrey Brody '98**

Franklin & Marshall College  
Development Manager, *National Multiple Sclerosis Society*  
Philadelphia, PA

**Elizabeth Shinn Hulford '98**

Calvin College, BA, Spanish  
Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv  
Chaplain at a major non-profit religious based hospital system  
in the Chicago area

**TECHNOLOGY: MODERATED BY ANDREW NEWCOMB '87**

**Ross Donolow '73**

Tufts University, BS  
Villanova University, MS  
*Donolow Database*, Philadelphia, PA

**Fred Hawkins '83**

University of Pennsylvania, BS  
Stanford University, MBA  
CEO, *Finpago*, Villanova, PA

**Andrew Newcomb '87**

Trinity College, BA  
Director, Corporate Development, *Ecount*  
Conshohocken, PA

# SAVE THE DATE!



## ALUMNI/AE BABY DAY

A morning for alumni/ae to visit Friends' Central's Lower School campus with their young children followed by...

## ANNUAL PUMPKIN FAIR

An afternoon of fun for all Friends' Central families. Come pick out some pumpkins for carving, visit the Haunted House, enjoy carnival games, storytelling, entertainment, a silent auction, music, and great food

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH RAIN OR SHINE

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*Look for details in the fall or contact*

### BABY DAY

The Alumni/ae Office at 610-645-4499  
Jody Mayer at [jmayer@friendscentral.org](mailto:jmayer@friendscentral.org)

### PUMPKIN FAIR

The Home & School Office at 610-645-5041  
Wendy Frame at [wframe@friendscentral.org](mailto:wframe@friendscentral.org)  
Pam Yih at [pyih@friendscentral.org](mailto:pyih@friendscentral.org)





On May 1st and 2nd, 2008, Friends' Central Lower and Middle Schools held their annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Days. At the Lower School, grandparents and visitors joined fourth grade students for an open house with light refreshments and the opportunity to meet Lower School principals Joe Ludwig and Lou DelSoldo. The fourth graders then took their guests on a "tour through time," leading them through the School to their old classrooms and introducing them to former teachers. This tour was a special chance for the fourth graders to look back on their time at the Lower School before making the transition to Middle School.

On the City Avenue campus, Middle School grandparents and friends arrived early on Friday morning to sign in and meet up with the students for breakfast snacks and coffee. They then moved into Shallcross Meeting Room, where they were greeted by Mark Fifer and Ray DeSabato before heading off to classes. After a recess, everyone reunited in the Meeting Room for a musical assembly featuring performances by the Middle School Jazz Band and Choruses. Students and guests at both the Lower and Middle Schools enjoyed these opportunities to spend time together and share experiences at Friends' Central.



*(Clockwise from top left)*

Peggy Wachs, Charles Book '16, Ellis Wachs; Doris Moultrie and Mica Moultrie-Bullock '15; Steven Shoemaker '15, Leonard Abramson, Andrew Shoemaker '13, Madlyn Abramson; Joseph Neubauer, Hannah Anderson '16, Jeanette Neubauer.

### Philadelphia Area Alums Gather

On March 19th, Philadelphia area alumni/ae from the classes of 1994-1999 gathered for delicious food and a few drinks at Bonte Café and Wafflerie, a new restaurant owned by Brad Messinger '97.



*(Top right)* Ruba Habtemicael '96 and Bess Collier '96, *(bottom right)* Clio Mallin '96 and Demetrius Williams '96, *(far right)* The group at Bonte.







On April 27th, 2008, the Home & School Association hosted the second annual Family Day & Fun Run. Parents, children, faculty, and friends ignored the chill and gathered to enjoy the Plant Sale, 5k and 1-mile races, Fleatigue, moon bounce, and food.

(Above) Runners Sam Ebby '16, Noah Averick '16, Gus Anderson '16, and Peter Bradbeer '16, (right) Annie Sprogell '08, Megan Lundy '08, Liz Mitnick '09, and Andrew Kelly '09 at the Plant Sale.

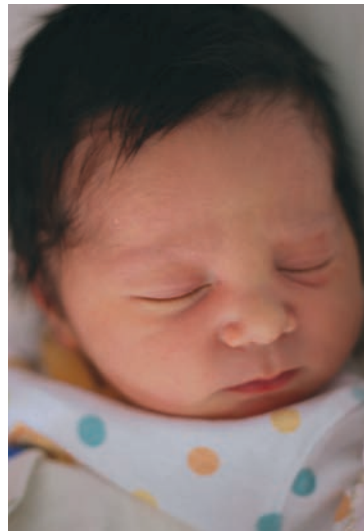






### MARRIAGE

Jessica Zeldin '88 and Jay Whitman were married in March 2008 in Colorado.



### BIRTHS

*(Clockwise from top)*  
Sage Claire Thomas to AnnMarie Polsenberg Thomas '97 and Chris Thomas on January 17, 2008.

Braden Michael Lent (Brady) to Kimberly Kurtz Lent '87 and Dean Lent on April 21st, 2008.

Harlow Sadie Greenwald to Amanda Welsh Greenwald '90 and Jason Greenwald on October 26, 2007.

Jake Victor Blanchard to Lauren Tanzio Blanchard '98 and Todd L. Blanchard on April 24th, 2008.

August (Auggie) Charles Humphrey to Stephanie Denenberg Humphrey '87 and Ted Humphrey on March 12, 2007.



### In Memoriam

Barton Lewis, former trustee  
Anna Janney DeArmond '28  
Helen Flanagan Randle '29  
Wilson M. Brazer '32  
David A. Winder '39  
Arthur Levinson '42  
Jane Burnett Smithwick '43  
Virginia Griffin Coslett '44  
Carl A. Levinson '44  
Helen Levinson Doroshow '46  
Eileen Selmi Masterson '47  
Sally Paul Dommel '53  
Alan MacLean '58





## "Vacation Dream"

by Abraham Hankins (1904-1963), Oil

*From the Friends' Central School Permanent Art Collection. Presented in 1944 by the Home and School Association and the Lower School Civic Club*

*In this composite dream picture we find Hankins at his best, even though one may feel an admirable debt to the Russian artist Marc Chagall. Not having been able to realize a summer vacation, he depicts with humor and child-like fantasy the things most longed for in his mind. From the seashore, to the farm, to the mountains, he plays with animated form, color, and light and interprets each with integrity and*

*affection. The handling of air and space, realized with such vitality, is derived from a broad and varied experience in abstract and semi-abstract painting. His color is exciting in the choice of vivid reds, blues, greens, yellows, and cool grays.*

—Hobson L. Pittman, *Friends' Central*  
Director of Art (1931-1958)

**When longtime director of art,** Hobson L. Pittman inaugurated the first of a series of exhibitions held at the School known as the Philadelphia Annual Exhibition of Paintings in 1931, Friends' Central students suddenly had the works of recognized Philadelphia artists in their midst.

An accomplished artist himself, Pittman sought to bring his peers to exhibit at the School with the aim of exposing students to a wide variety of style and subject matter in painting.

With the aid of a small committee, Pittman selected a painting from each annual exhibition to become part of the School's permanent art collection. Various organizations connected with the School and interested and generous individuals stepped forward to purchase the paintings and today, the collection contains more than 150 works by a range of artists.



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# FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL Reunion



(Above) Natalie Jones,  
Katie Jones, and  
Stacey Goldsborough  
Snider '78

(Right) Members of the  
undefeated 1958  
football team



(Above) Miriam Barnes  
Johnston '38 and  
Nancy Schranz  
Wall '38

