

# WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

# Alumni

## CLASS NOTES



'17 **Thomas Carney**  
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**Tayo Ball** was on the St. Albans JV football team this year, playing wide receiver. **Dale Bell** performed in Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School's winter children's production of *Miss Nelson is Missing*, playing a dual role of Detective McSmogg/Principal Humleker. Dale is in the Chess Club as well as the Shakespeare Club, and he is an épée fencer with the DC Fencing Club. He is enjoying his AP history/government class, and is a member of the chess club. **Lisa Byskov** played JV soccer at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. She also is in the *a capella* club and was selected for show chorus. **Thomas Carney** is in honors band at Gonzaga and was part of the stage crew in the fall. **Joanna Dematatis** is on the varsity basketball team at Holton-Arms School, and has been a school representative for students during their application "shadowing" days. **Evan Deobald** was on the cross country team at Georgetown Prep. He was one of three freshman to make the top 15 prep runners to travel to Florida for a meet in the fall. **Karim Elkassem** made the swim team at Churchill High School, is playing bass clarinet in the band, and played in the pep band during football season. **Emelia Isola** was on the cross country team for Walter Johnson and is on the indoor track team this winter. **Nico Jordan** and **Garrett McCally** played on the Georgetown

1 Lindsay Rubin '03 and husband Gus Harwood, June 2017 (photo courtesy Kristin Moore Photography) • 2 Sayema Tareq '08 and husband Liban Saif, September 2017  
• 3 Brittany and Hunter Gosnell '02, June 2017 (photo courtesy Compli Photography)  
• 4 Holly Gordon '07 and husband Chris Katich in Aspen, October 2017

Prep freshman soccer team. **Christian Larson** is playing in the concert band at Walt Whitman High School. **Alex McMillan** ran cross country at Georgetown Prep. **Cole Montrose** is enjoying his freshman year at Walt Whitman and is playing tennis outside of school. **Caroline Moore** received "Gator of the Week" honors (September 29) for her outstanding soccer team contributions at Stone Ridge. **Arman Naseh** has enjoyed robotics club and playing soccer at Bullis. **Nick Stewart** played on the freshman football team at Georgetown Prep. **Lily Talieh** played varsity soccer at Holton-Arms last fall and is on the hockey team. **Holden Woodings** is playing for Bethesda Soccer Club's Academy Team and will go to Spain in March with his team for a soccer tournament. Last summer he traveled with the team to Sweden. **Miles Woodings** played JV soccer at St. Andrew's Episcopal School and made academic honor roll and effort honor roll in December. **Nate Zola** played freshman soccer at Landon.





Top-bottom, L-R: Dale Bell '17 during a performance at BCC • Georgia McCally '15 was a star at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! • WES faculty Mehdi Elkassen, Caitlin Lennon, Kim Bair, and Nancy Wright attend Lisa Byskov's '17 soccer game in October • Lily Talieh '17 at the Grade 8 vs Faculty soccer game in November



## '16 Maddie Blonder Maddieblonder@gmail.com

**Jemma Bazemore** played field hockey at Holton-Arms in the fall. **Caitlin Cooper** played tennis in the fall and was on the lacrosse team last spring at Holy Child. **Ben Deobald** played JV soccer at Georgetown Prep. **Nellie Dick** was a volunteer this summer and weekends this fall at Rock Creek Park Horse Center. She recently made their new competitive show team. **William FitzGerald** is active in Georgetown Day School's theatre program (tech) and continues to rock climb. **Felicia Gelos** played in the band and was on the equestrian team at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. **Charlotte Mensforth** played JV soccer at Stone Ridge. She is enjoying her photography class. **Caroline Milne** sang with the a cappella group at St. Andrew's. She also performed in *She Kills Monsters* at St. Andrew's. All the best to **Georgia Mitchell** who moved to New York state. She attends her mother's alma mater, Buffalo Seminary. **Pascale Schmidt** was the captain of her JV soccer team at Holton-Arms School. She also is involved with theatre (tech crew), is a copy editor for the school newspaper, and is an art major. **Renata Taylor-Smith** was the captain of her JV field hockey team at Holton-Arms School.

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**Allyn Abbott**, a junior at the Potomac School, is on the hockey team, and sings in the Mag 7 a cappella group and chorus. He has a visual performing arts concentration and is a Potomac School Steward, guiding admissions tours. **Bridget Dick** ran on the Georgetown Day School cross country team and will row crew in spring. **Juliette Faris** is playing volleyball and rowing crew at Episcopal High School. Former WES classmates met up with each other with their cross country teams at the DC XC Invitational in September: **Ryan Kyle** (Sidwell Friends School), **Grace Mahaffie** (Georgetown Day School), **Sophia Mishurny-Santini** (Potomac School), and **Alicia Pané** (Stone Ridge). **Ryan Kyle** ran cross country



for Sidwell Friends School and went to Guatemala again last summer with "School the World" with **Georgia McCally**. Georgia and her family have a tradition of marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as clowns. This year Georgia was a red star. **Hadley Nolan** received "Panther of the Week" honors (Sept. 26) for her outstanding play on the varsity field hockey team at Holton-Arms School. She is captain of the hockey team. **Georgia McCally** (Bullis) and **Libby Scanlon** (Stone Ridge) played against each other in September, both wearing blue and gold! **Patricia Massaro** played on the ISL championship varsity volleyball team at Georgetown Day School. **Sophia Mishurny-Santini** was on Potomac School's cross country team and continues to take ballet. **Matthew Sheets** participated in St. Albans' fall play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and ran cross country. **Morinsola Tinubu** was elected to service council at Episcopal High School, tutoring children in the metro area. She also has started playing the harp.

## '14 Samantha Liggins samanthaliggins@gmail.com

**Sam Liggins** was one of seven high school-aged Academy interns last summer for St. Andrew's Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning as they prepared for and hosted their first-ever Science of Teaching and School Leadership Conference. We were happy to have her as a Jr. Counselor at Summer@WES. Congratulations to **Lawrence Redmond** who will attend Emory University in the fall and be on their swim team. **Matthew Sheets** was on the St. Albans cross country team. **Charles Sullivan** stopped by WES in September and spoke to some eighth-graders about his experiences at a boarding school in Costa Rica.



## '13 Alya Ahmed AAhmed17@sidwell.edu Genevieve Dickinson genevieve.dickinson@gmail.com Sterling Myhre semyhre12@gmail.com Jack Szulc-Donnell thenso37@yahoo.com

**Sarah Collins** began a gap year in France in August and is having a wonderful experience staying with a family. She is working with refugees and immigrants in Toulouse, is enjoying the culture, and is becoming more fluent in French every week. She traveled to Florence, Italy, met up with her mother in London, and enjoyed hosting her family during Christmas. She plans to attend the University of Colorado (Boulder) in the fall. **John Dahlberg** was a National Merit Scholarship Commended student at St. Albans. He attends Cornell University. **Justin Harmon** received recognition for Excellence in Performing Arts, and **Nathan Mosher** received the Excellence in Religion distinction at St. Andrew's Episcopal School at their graduation last June. **Tarik Lamech**, a graduate of Potomac School, is doing well during his first year at Bucknell University. **John Young** is enjoying life at University of Wisconsin and is on the freshman crew team.

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**Laura Abbott** is a psychology major with a business minor at Vanderbilt University. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority. **Dylan Mitchell** declared his major as biology/pre-vet at Juniata College in Pennsylvania. **Richard Royle** spent the fall in Spain. He starts classes at Boston University in January 2018.



Top-bottom, L-R: Libby Scanlon '15 and Georgia McCally '15 after facing each other at a field hockey game this fall • Nico Jordan '17, Nate Zola '17, and Garrett McCally '17 after the Georgetown Prep vs Landon soccer game this fall • Class of 2017 members Tatiana Johnson, Lisa Byskov, and Emelia Isola chat with Matt Gill at WES in September.





Top to bottom, L-R: Class of 2015 alums: Jack Roberts, Logan Bee-Latty, and Hadley Nolan last summer • Charles Sullivan '14 at WES • Class of 2016 members at WES last summer: Rowan Jones, William FitzGerald, Aidan Smith, and Mark Lasner • Blaine Mengistu-Gunn '14 and JD Dueffert '14 with Katie Hopper in December • Anna Sophia Massaro '14 with Laurie Sparling during her internship at WES in the fall • WES Class of 2015 members gather at a cross country meet: Sophia Mishurny-Santini (Potomac School), Ryan Kyle (Sidwell Friends School), Alicia Pané (Stone Ridge), and Bridget Dick (Georgetown Day School). • Tareq sisters Tayyaba '14, Seyema '08, and Maimuna '12 at Sayema's wedding



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**Peter Abdow** spent the summer working in Shanghai, China and spent the fall in Beijing studying during his junior year at Georgetown University. He was tasked with learning 100 new words in Chinese each evening. He worked teaching science at Wellesley International College (boarding school) this summer and met his mother and sister in Hong Kong. Peter is a pre-med student, majoring in Chinese and minoring in art. **Sarah Bair**, a junior at Emory University, is President of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Read about **Claire Collins** and her college rowing career on page 25, Alumni Profile. **Katie DeVries** is finishing her sophomore studies at Johnson and Wales University by completing an internship at Basta Restaurant in Cranston, RI. In February she will begin her junior year studies on her Bachelor of Science in Culinary Arts. Last summer she returned to Italy visiting many of the places on the itinerary of the WES Italia trip in 2010. **Isabelle Kramer** is a molecular biology major at Brigham Young University. She has an internship with the university's museum, creating Instagram and Facebook posts.

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**Jonathan Butturini** is finishing up his engineering degree (computer science) at University of Michigan and has accepted a job with Microsoft in Seattle, WA, after graduation. **Lindsay Bratun** is an alumni rep for Annual Giving this year. We enjoyed chatting with **Felix Chassaing** at the Thanksgiving Chapel in November. He was on break from Purdue University where he is majoring in mechanical engineering. **Nora Dahlberg**, a double major at Bates College (theatre design, specializing in costume design and construction, and studio art), worked last summer in New York City for two Broadway costume shops. **Olivia Givens** had an internship with SourceAmerica in Vienna, VA last summer, a non-profit helping people with disabilities find jobs. Congratulations to **Byron Jones** on his graduation in December 2017 from the University of Maryland, College Park. He majored in kinesiology. **Luke Kennedy**, a student at American University has joined the team of CFOs at Foresight CFO, Inc. **Kyle Rushford**

was nominated and elected to be the commanding officer of Marines at Virginia Tech. He graduated from Officer Candidate School and will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. It's great having **Na'Kia Simpson** working in Extended Day at WES and helping out in NTK.

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**John Bair** graduated from Clemson University in December 2017 with a degree in English; his minor was in screenwriting and Spanish. **Darwin Forsyth** is working as the executive assistant to the chief of staff to Mayor Jacob Frey at the City of Minneapolis. **Patrick Holland** graduated from Swarthmore College last spring. He is living in New York and working at the Manhattan District Attorney's office. **Kelsye Little** graduated from Spelman University with a degree in early childhood education and teaching last May. She is enrolled in a masters program at the University of Pennsylvania (reading, writing, and literacy). We were happy to see her at the January Reunion. **Bethany Mark** graduated from Denison University in May and is working in the Atlanta area. **Daniel Rubin** had an internship this fall at DOE and is



**Hadley Nolan '15** received "Panther of the Week" honors for field hockey from Holton-Arms School in September



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**Tyler Bartels** graduated from Boston University in 2016 with an international relations degree. **Sean Dwyer** is a product line manager for a software company in San Francisco. **Tommy Finton** relocated in September to Boston and works for Boston Consulting Group. He lives in Cambridge with roommates from Middlebury College. **Emma Hemus** started graduate school at Imperial College London in biochemical engineering. She graduated from McGill University last spring. **Ben Martin** enjoyed his time in Munich in the Fulbright program. He created a musical program and recitation about it that was performed on November 4 at the Mansion at Strathmore. WES classmate **Evan Deyak** and his mother attended the concert, along with Ben's parents and Nancy Wright. **Katherine Rosenman** moved to San Francisco in November and has a job in the

textile industry. Congratulations to **Sayema Tareq** on her marriage to Liban Saif on September 30, 2017. **Spencer Veirs** moved back to the DC area from Charleston, SC, and is working for JBG Smith in Arlington, VA.

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**Susie Bair** is the Event Coordinator for the John Paul Jones Arena and UVA Athletics. She was a counselor at Summer@WES and a frequent substitute teacher this fall. **Faith Collins** hosted some WES classmates for a "Friendsgiving" gathering this fall. We are delighted to have **Shannon Egan** join the WES faculty as a Grade 5 teacher. Shannon is our first full-time alumni teacher. **Holly Gordon** and **Chris Katich** were married on October 2, 2017 in Aspen, CO. They are living outside of Boulder, CO. It was so nice to see **Julia Meier** when she



Top to bottom, L-R: Poster announcing Ben Martin's '08 flute concert at Strathmore.  
 • Evan Deyak '08, Nancy Wright, and Ben Martin '08 following Ben's performance in November  
 • Josh Dickey '13 stopped by WES in October.



Hunter Heflin '10, Byron Jones '10, and Andras Gizaw '10 at Byron's graduation in December at University of Maryland

stopped by Summer@WES to visit in July. She works for an engineering firm (environmental) in Boston and lives in Brookline, MA. **Liz Mosher** is working on a masters degree at Johns Hopkins and is living in Baltimore. **Amy Sharfman** and Elliott Belchatovski became engaged in September 2017. They plan to wed in November. Amy received her master's degree in communications from Stevenson University in May. She works part time as an event planner at Take Shape For Life, a subsidiary of Medifast, Inc. and part time as a graduate assistant at Stevenson University. She lives in Baltimore and adopted a puppy, Kari.

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**John Gill** ran into **Philip Rosenman** in Prague last summer. **Ceci Ochoa** is the Adoptions Outreach Coordinator for the Humane Rescue Alliance in DC. **Philip Rosenman** moved to New York City in November and is living in the East Village while working for BNP Paribas.



Philip Rosenman '06 and John Gill '06 in Prague last summer







## Alumni



Top-bottom, L-R: The Bair family at a Clemson football game in November: Sarah '11, Kim, John '09, Susie '07, and Jim • Andrew Taylor '04, Chris Taylor '04 and M.G. Earnest '03 at WES in July • Shannon Egan '07 and her fifth-grade class this fall at recess. Shannon is the first alum to hold a full-time teaching position at WES. • Chris Tuttle '10, Campbell Peterson '10, Byron Jones '10, Susie Bair '07, Na'Kia Simpson '10, Lindsay Bratun '10, Forrest Wright '04, Courtney Bratun '09, Olivia Givens '10, and Ryan Goetzenberger '10 at Rio Grande this summer at a social giving event for WES • Julia Meier '07 with Bill Isola and Mehdi Elkassem • Susie Bair '07 substitute teaching at WES in September • Class of 2007 members: Faith Collins, Liz Mosher, Shannon Egan, Katie Leep-Lazar, and Amy Sharfman at Faith's house • Sophie Hecker '13 at her graduation from National Cathedral School in May 2017

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**Spenser Li** and Lynda Cholvibul were married on January 28, 2016, in Colorado Springs, CO. After training as a combat medic, Spenser was assigned to the 52nd Engineers Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson. Lynda, originally from Montgomery County, MD, is a physical therapist working at a child development center. They met through their love of rock climbing, both volunteering to coach a special needs children's climbing team at their rock gym. They have two adopted husky puppies. **Tony Ochoa** is an Air Force veteran (three years in South Korea). He recently started a photography business (12:36 Photography) in Lowell, MA. **Charis Whitnah** lives in Denver, CO, where she is the Assessment Coordinator and Elementary Supervisor at The Tennyson Center for Children. She continues to pursue her love of running and is training for the Colorado Marathon, a 50k, and a 50-miler.

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**Liam Miller** runs Windy Hill Family Farm, a small diversified vegetable farm and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) operation, out of Centreville, MD, along the Corsica River. The CSA pick-up point is in Chevy Chase on Thursdays during the season. Farming fulfills a lifelong dream of Liam's after graduating from Natural Gourmet Institute Chef Training Program in 2012, working as a produce buyer for a NYC catering company, and working on farms in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Brothers **Andrew** and **Chris Taylor** stopped by WES with **M.G. Earnest '03** last summer.

**'03**

Mehdi Elkassem and Bill Isola ran into **Patrick Carr** in October. Patrick is working at Greenfield Senior Living in McLean, VA, and has two children. **M.G. Earnest** stopped by WES in the summer with **Andrew** and **Chris Taylor '04**. He writes: "I'm a junior executive for a writer/director/producer named Michael Mann (*Last of the Mohicans*, *Heat*, *The Insider*). I mainly work on the development side, but also help out with production for both movies and

TV. It's been a great learning experience." **Matt Kneiss** works for Clark Construction as a civil engineer and is currently working at a site in Washington, DC. He married Aimee Reilert of Margate, NJ in June of 2016 at a vineyard near Warrenton, VA and honeymooned in Italy and France. They live in Clarendon, VA. Matt enjoys golf (he is a scratch golfer), is an avid hockey fan and likes to travel. This past year, Matt and Aimee have been to Italy, Amsterdam, Austin, TX, Charleston, SC, New Orleans, and Boston. **Lindsay Rubin** married Gus Harwood on June 17, 2017 in Kent Island, MD. They reside in New York City.

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Congratulations to **Hunter Gosnell** on his marriage to Brittany Heath on June 17, 2017 at the Old St. Joseph's Church in Philadelphia. The reception was held at The Union League of Philadelphia and was attended by several WES friends and families. They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. The couple met while students at the University of South Carolina, and now live in DC. Congratulations to **Andrew Harding** and his wife Kristen on the birth of their daughter, Reagan Grace, born October 6, 2017! They live in Charlotte, NC. They visited Andrew's mom, Nursery

teacher Dawn Harding, at WES in November.

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**Chelsea Whittaker** is the Director of HR for an environmental non-profit, GrowNYC. She and her fiancé purchased a home in Orange County, NY, and are building a recording studio in their house. **Laura Wright (Salomon)** and her husband live in Jersey City, NJ. She works at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. She recently completed her first half marathon, the Disney Princess Half Marathon at the Walt Disney Resort in Florida. Laura enjoyed seeing **Sarah Forman Scullin** at a friend's wedding in September. Sarah lives in Northern Ireland with her husband James and their three children.

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Top-bottom, L-R: Forrest Wright '04, Max Neubauer '91, and Juwan Reid '08 played for the faculty team against Grade 8 in November. • Emily Bien's '93 son Maddox Emmot • Andrew Harding '02 with his daughter, Reagan Grace (one month old), wife Kristen, and mother Dawn Harding in November. • Daniel Rubin '09, Rebecca Rubin '02, and Lindsay Rubin Harwood '03 • Michael Harding '05 with mother Dawn Harding in September

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Claire Levinson graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2016 with a master's of science in nursing. She is a primary care nurse practitioner at MedStar's Urgent Care practice, PromptCare.

## '99

## '98

It's been terrific to reconnect with Cri Cri Richards (Randolph). She has joined the WES Development Committee and is an alumni rep for Annual Giving this year.

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It was so nice to have Will Rawson's daughter (6 years old) at Summer@ WES camp (pictured with Bill Isola, below).



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## '91

Max Neubauer has been a frequent substitute teacher at WES this past fall. He and his wife Tricia celebrated their first anniversary in September and live in Falls Church, VA, with their dog, Leopold. After graduating from WES, Max graduated from St. Albans and Macalester College and went on to Georgia State University for graduate school. Max worked for the last 10 years as an analyst and consultant at the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy and DNV GL. He advocated for energy-efficient related policy and evaluated programs across all sectors of the economy. Max is hoping to make a career change and teach middle school math. He played for the faculty team at the Grade 8 vs. Faculty soccer game in November.

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## Former Faculty News

Jackie Thornton became a grandmother on August 21, 2018 to Kailynn Marie (her daughter Jessica's child). We were happy to host a Retired and Former Faculty group lunch this fall. Dave Schuessler gave them a presentation about the history of the WES property. We are grateful to the group for helping prepare our Christmas cards for mailing in November.

## In Memory

Former Spanish teacher Susy Olivera-Hansen passed away on September 25, 2017. She taught grades Transition through Grade 5 from 2003-2015.

## Parents of WES Alumni:

Please email or call us with any news you wish to share (photos too!) of your WES alums! Contact us at [www.w-e-s.org/alumni](http://www.w-e-s.org/alumni) or call the Development Office at 301-652-7878, ext. 212, 214, or 215. Thank you so much!

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Claire Collins (right) with teammate Emily Kallfelz, both Princeton '19, row in the Ivy League Championship, May 2016.

**Claire Collins '11, a standout athlete, student, and musician during her 11 years at WES, is now a junior at Princeton rowing for their crew team. She and her sisters Faith '07, and Sarah '13, and her parents spent the Christmas holidays in France, where Sarah is spending a gap year. It was a pleasure to see her at the January reunion and hear about her latest experiences.**

**As a WES "lifer," having started at WES in Nursery and graduated in 2011, what are some of your favorite WES memories?** Hmmm! So many! Well Mr. Bane's 4A class was a peak because we had our own rap CD and listened to a lot of Lil Mama. The ancient Egypt unit in Social Studies in Ms. Berman's sixth-grade class was also a good time. We really experienced the culture back then by going through rituals such as a burial and a mummification. Playing "Farkle" (a dice game) with Mr. Chalfin during lunch in middle school was also fun. He would tease us a lot. Chandler Hughes, Sierra Jones, Peter Abdow, Cornelia Smith, Katie DeVries and I all had a lot of fun in Ms. Miller's art course too. Of course, the trips were highlights! Discovering Italy through food, art, and history was amazing. Staying with host families in Paris was our first taste of independence and seeing the breath-taking canyons out west was a treat.

**Where did you go to school after WES?** After WES, I went to a boarding school in western Massachusetts--Deerfield Academy. WES prepared me extremely well for this next challenge. I had good time management skills and I could set goals and standards for myself, academically, athletically, and musically (I played the trumpet in the band at WES and also played the violin and continued that in high school). WES taught me to be comfortable approaching teachers and to be curious and creative. Because of the constant student involvement in classes at WES, I was comfortable speaking and participating during class in high school. I also was eager to be involved in many aspects of school life. I participated in sports,

music, student government, the baking club, a Christian Fellowship, among other groups at Deerfield.

**And now you're in college. Tell us about that.**

I am a junior at Princeton University. I am an economics major and am happily living on campus (most Princeton students stay on campus for all four years). I am on the rowing team and I am in a bible study with Princeton Faith and Action (a Christian group). I am on the Varsity Student Athletic Advisory Committee (VSAAC) and am working on creating a female athlete group on campus. I am part of an eating club (specific to Princeton, but kind of like coed Greek life), Cloister Inn. I also teach swim lessons, which is so fun!

Princeton has given me great opportunity to travel. After my freshman year, I went on a service trip to Vietnam through a program called Coach for College. I taught English and coached volleyball for 3 weeks to children ages 11-14 in the Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam. Afterwards, my sister (Faith '07) and I traveled to Hong Kong and Thailand.

Also after my freshman year, I traveled to England with the Princeton rowing team to row at the Women's Henley Regatta and the Royal Henley Regatta. We were training and racing for three weeks over there.

**Athletics have always been a big part of your life. In fact, you received the WES Coaches Award in 2011. Tell us about your favorite sports.** Yes, I have always LOVED athletics. I think they teach great lessons and are extremely fun, challenging, and exciting. I grew up swimming and was swimming competitively starting at age 10. Swimming taught me a lot mentally and about the journey as an athlete. It also taught me discipline (early mornings! Yay!) and drive. At WES, I played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Wow that was fun! I was competitive, but I loved the team aspect that I didn't always get while swimming.

It makes it even more fun when you play on the same team as your classmates. We had great bus rides, exciting overtimes, and upsets. It was also very fun to play against the boys every once in a while.

**How did you get interested in rowing?**

At Deerfield, I played volleyball in the fall, continued swimming in the winter, and then all the swimmers either did water polo or rowing. My sister and my swim coach suggested I try rowing and I found that I enjoyed it and had some natural talent.

**Tell us about your rowing pursuits.** After my freshman year of high school, I was selected for the US Junior National rowing team. I competed on the Junior National team for three years, earning two silver medals. I also won two Youth National Championships with my Deerfield boat. After high school, I was recruited to row at Princeton. Here I have won two Ivy championships in the varsity 8+, placed in the top 10 at NCAA's twice, won the Women's Henley Regatta in England, and made it to the semifinals of the Royal Henley Regatta. I am a Second Team All American, two time first All Ivy League, and a 2017 Spring Academic All-Ivy League. This summer I competed for the US U23 team in the Women's 8+ and got silver at the U23 World Championships. I look forward to trying out for the U23 team again this summer and have some rowing goals beyond that, but one day at a time.

**What advice can you offer WES students and graduates today?** My advice to WES students is to get to know your teachers. They care for you a lot. Have fun and learn from your friends. Always ask questions. Do not be afraid to try something new or step out of your comfort zone; the more you do it now the easier it will be later. Also, take pictures and write memories down because you will want to remember them later.



## Alumni at Summer@WES



Emelia Isola '17 and Maddie Blonder '16 on playground with camper



Sam Liggins '14 and Cameron Harris '14



Geneva Marquardt '17 with camper



Alexis Doyle '10 and a camper



Charles Ruberl '14 working at WES this summer



Evan Deobald '17, Lydia Frentos '13, Jaymin Ortega '14, David Butturini '14, and Forrest Wright '04



Na'Kia Simpson '10 with camper in Extended Day



Juwan Reid '08 and Olivia Givens '10 with Mehdi Elkassem at Bethesda Pool



Allie Davis '08 sketching with campers at Glen Echo Park



Aidan Smith '16, Greg Jones '17, Emelia Isola '17, Caroline Moore '17, Karim Elkassem '17, Ben Deobald '16, Zach Alexander '17, Evan Deobald '17, Nate Zola '17, and Sam Liggins '14 (seated)



Molly Adams, Emelia Isola '17, Anna Matsui, Lachlan Bond '17, and Tayo Ball '17



Susie Bair '07 with a camper



Lisa Byskov '17, Emelia Isola '17, Julia Crupi, and Geneva Marquardt '17



Laurence Ruberl '12, William FitzGerald '16, Aidan Smith '16, and Paul Marquardt '15 instructing robotics



# WELCOME BACK PARTY



## Alumni Reunion

sept.

FRIDAY



**Class of 2017** members with Bill Isola (background) Miles Woodings, Dale Bell, Karim Elkassem, Tayo Ball, Arman Naseh, Holden Woodings, Zach Alexander, and Sean Lasner  
• Maddie Voth '17 and Caroline Moore '17 • Geoffrey Shaiyen '16 and Ben Deobald '16



Dan Freer '93 • Elisabeth Freer 5 months old and mom Katie Freer • **Class of 2016:** Madison Welborn, Sarah Norton, Renata Taylor-Smith, Jemma Bazemore, Pascale Schmidt, Felicia Gelos, and Caroline Milne • Joanna Dematatis '17



**Class of 2017** (left to right) Dale Bell, Alex McMillan, Evan Deobald, Karim Elkassem, Garrett McCally, Nate Zola, Joanna Dematatis, Zach Alexander, Tayo Ball, Holden Woodings, Arman Naseh, and Sean Lasner • Julia Topetz '16 and Katie Hester '16



Evan Deobald '17 and Nick Lellenberg • Randolph Kaminskas, Maria Stepanyan, Alexandria Farrington, Emelia Isola, Tatiana Johnson, and Maddie Voth, **Class of 2017**  
• **Class of 2016:** Becca Ehrhardt, Christian Phillips, Geoffrey Shaiyen, Alex Davidson, and Maddie Blonder



Elena Grant '17, Geneva Marquardt '17, and Lily Talieh '17 • Constantin Velev '17 and Adam Thomas '17 • Susie Bair '07, Na'Kia Simpson '10, and Shannon Egan '07  
• Thomas Carney '17, Dale Bell '17, and Arman Naseh '17 • **Not pictured:** Class of 2014 members Nick Gelos, Brendan O'Donnell, and Lawrence Redmond



## Class of 2013 Colleges

**Congratulations to the Class of 2013!** We have heard from the following alumni about their college choices and other plans. If we lack information about where you've landed, please send us an email: [alumni@w-e-s.org](mailto:alumni@w-e-s.org). We love to hear from you!

**Alya K. Ahmed \***  
Yale University

**Sam Akins**  
Queen's University  
(Kingston,  
Ontario, Canada)

**Alex Alagia \***  
Washington College

**Ryan Arinaga**  
University of Maryland  
College Park

**Katherine Bowles \***  
Miami University (Ohio)

**Hannah Brown \***  
Xavier University  
(Louisiana)

**Mary Butler**  
University of  
Cambridge (UK)

**Sarah Collins \***  
Gap year in France;  
University of Colorado  
(Boulder) fall 2018

**John Dahlberg**  
Cornell University

**Josh Dickey \***  
Messiah College (PA)

**Genevieve Dickinson \***  
Bates College

**Dominic Doyle**  
American University

**Lydia Frentos \***  
Butler University

**Marian Hampe**  
Louis and Clark College

**Justin Harmon**  
Michigan State

**Sophie Hecker**  
Bucknell University

**Amiri Hill \***  
Loyola College  
of New Orleans

**Lindy Hill**  
Denison University  
(lacrosse)

**Matthew Jackson \***  
Virginia Tech

**Annelise Kotz**  
College of William  
and Mary (lacrosse)

**Chloe Lacombe \***  
McGill University

**May Lonergan**  
Gettysburg College

**Christopher McTaggart \***  
Carlton College

**Mary Claire Medeiros**  
Georgia Tech  
(Environ. Engineering)

**Nathan Mosher**  
Occidental University

**Alexander Murrell \***  
University of Colorado  
(Boulder)

**Sterling Myhre \***  
Tulane University

**Alexander Ratliff \***  
University of Maryland  
Honors College

**Matthew Seebald**  
University of Chicago

**Alexander Sells**  
Highpoint University

**Naveen Siddique**  
New York University

**Caroline Slocumb**  
Virginia Tech

**Jack Szulc-Donnell \***  
Pomona College

**Victoria Thede**  
University of Michigan

**Claire Todd**  
Boston College

**Emily Todd**  
Case Western  
Reserve University

**Wyatt Wisnosky**  
University of Maryland  
College Park

**John Young \***  
University of Wisconsin

\* WES graduate

## ALUMNI REUNION • January 5, 2018 • We had a FANTASTIC TURNOUT of nearly 50 ALUMS!



L-R, Top-bottom:  
Ibn Muhammad '15, Alex  
Davidson '15 • Shannon  
Egan '07, Katie Leep-  
Lazar '07, Julia Leep-Lazar  
'10 • Byron Jones '10,  
Juwan Reid '08, Spencer  
Veirs '08



**Front Row (L-R):** Christian Larson '17, Sayema Tareq '08, Tayyaba Tareq '14, Greg Jones '17, Lisa Byskov '17, Suzan Waliki '16, Madison Welborn '16, Renata Taylor-Smith '16, Tom Mangan '14, David Butturini '14, Ibn Muhammad '16, Lawrence Redmond '14 **Back Row:** Emelia Isola '17, Mark Schlager '15, Holden Woodings '17, Cole Montrose '17, Karim Elkassem '17, Miles Woodings '17, Lily Talieh '17, Thomas Carney '17, Caroline Milne '16, Constantin Velev '17, Felicia Gelos '16, Pascale Schmidt '16, Juwan Reid '08, Sarah Norton '16, Jemma Bazemore '16, Patrick Moore '17, Sierra Jones '11, Selome Gizaw '11, Shannon Egan '07, Sarah Dickey '11, Cornelia Smith '11, Lindsay Bratun '10, Claire Collins '11, Faith Collins '07, Kelsye Little '09 **Not pictured:** Alex Davidson '16, Josh Davidson '14, Joanna Dematatis '17, Nick Gelos '14, Byron Jones '10, Randolph Kaminskas '17, Ryan Kyle '15, Julia Leep-Lazar '10, Katie Leep-Lazar '07, Hadley Nolan '15, Spencer Veirs '08



L-R: Danny Vogelmann, Caitlin Lennon, Kim Bair, Jane Boynton, and Bill Isola • Tom Mangan '14, David Butturini '14, Ibn Muhammad '16, Lawrence Redmond '14 • **Class of 2017 Top row:** Patrick Moore, Thomas Carney, Cole Montrose, Christian Larson, Karim Elkassem, Miles Woodings, Emelia Isola **Bottom row:** Lisa Byskov, Holden Woodings, Lily Talieh, Constantin Velev • **Class of 2011:** Cornelia Smith, Sierra Jones, Selome Gizaw, Claire Collins, Sarah Dickey