



Dr. Prince in his natural habitat.

Many thanks for sending me periodic updates about Keystone School. I still often dream that I am back in San Antonio teaching at Keystone. There is much about the school and community that I dearly miss. I was sorry to read about the passing of John Prince, a great friend and colleague. We would often sit in the kitchen, early in the morning, and drink coffee that Mary Obregon had just made. – Philip Kantaros

Remembering Dr. Prince

thoughts from alums and former teachers.

Patrice Hensley's (Class of 1968) Words about Dr. John Prince at a spring piano recital at Tuesday Musical Club on May 3, 2009:

Some of you may know that I graduated from Keystone School and that I left the school for my Bachelors and Masters in Piano from Trinity University. I then came back to Keystone – a school that I adored and I have been teaching there ever since.

I knew the Founders of the school, Mr. Greet and the Eargle brothers. The school was founded on academic excellence and a welcoming of all peoples. There was a feeling of family and true sweetness of caring and community, along with that academic edge. To me, Dr. John Prince epitomized the best of Keystone. He died in February of this year. How many of you knew Dr. Prince? (Not surprisingly, many hands went up)

Dr. Prince came to Keystone in 1981 after retiring from Civil Service. He then had another full career at Keystone from 1981-2008. He was the fifth and sixth grade science teacher for many years, and later mentored many students for the Science Fair.

His room was right down the hall from my studio. I remember him standing outside my door listening to certain students or me playing. He was often curious to know who was playing so well. He also encouraged my own performing.

He had been raised in Cincinnati and enjoyed going to the symphony there. He also played the piano. He played mostly by ear- his own compositions. He was always telling me of some wonderful piece he had just heard on the classical radio channel.

We became good, supportive friends, one of my best friends at Keystone. He never knew a stranger at the school and he made friends with everyone. I loved his twinkling blue eyes and sparkling smile. He loved to tell stories. I am a better person because of his support and friendship.

I might say that Dr. Prince went beyond being a great teacher- he was one of the most beloved teachers at Keystone School.

I was so thankful that he was able to mentor students at the school, almost until the end of his life (he was 88 when he became ill and had to leave). Keystone students, teachers, and staff helped keep him going.

If you knew him, you were blessed.

John Prince was truly a Prince among men and I dedicate this recital to his memory.

Dr. Prince was so special to all of us, and fostered a love for science that has inspired generations of students.

- Josh Ozer (Class of 2007)

Go to www.keystoneschool.org and then to *Alumni and Friends* to read about the 141 Keystone alums who have registered so far. Follow the prompts to register so that you may view the Alumni Directory. While there, make sure your data is correct and please let me know of any information that is incorrect.



2009 Keystone graduating class: Gopal Athreya, Tomas Bartanusz, Yemile Bucay, Gillen Burch, Josh Drum, Kevin Echavarria, Dena Furman, Maria Gillette, Phoebe Jean-Pierre, Angad Jolly, Meagan Knuth, Andrew Koepp, Lauren Koepp, Jessica Koepp, Nick LaBrie, Amanda Lozano, Kimberly Mendez, Lauren Monier, Christiana Renfro, Hallie Saylor, Melissa Schram, Nathan Seaworth, Neela Thangada, Matthew Tjahja, Carl Tremblay, Victoria Williamson, Megan Wilson.

Alums & Graduates

Some of Keystone's alums currently enrolled in college came back to visit the campus and impart advice to college-seeking graduates of Keystone. Whether it was just having lunch with the seniors or holding a panel, they gave them helpful advice ranging from the college selection process, how to decide on a concentration, and other various college experiences. The visitors were Zach Ozer in September, Greg Yanez in January, Sarah Meyer in March, and Alex Powell in May.

Graduation

The 27 members of the Class of 2009 graduated on Sunday, May 31 at the Carver Community Cultural Center. Keystone alum, Nevin Kamath (Class of 1999) gave the commencement address. Kamath recently graduated from Harvard Law and is also a newlywed as he and his wife, Priyanka, were married in January. This December he will be joining the consulting firm McKinsey & Co. in Los Angeles, following volunteering abroad this fall.

For a list of schools the new graduates will attend go to Keystone's website (www.keystoneschool.org). If one of these young alums is attending your alma mater or will be attending college where you are currently living, please let me know and I will send you their contact info. As you well remember, the demotion from top-dog, big-man on-campus is a cruel one and so an encouraging e-mail would be well received!

Thomas Burnett (Class of 1965) writes “I doubt I passed even one class in jr. or high school. I was bored to death. Finally I went to UT/Austin and successfully challenged the AA program. THEN I had to get a GED because no one wanted to hear about a degree without a high school diploma. Eventually I bummed through school and took a doctorate which I never used except to argue with John Wheeler about causality. He died before causality started to become mainstream again. Best friends at Keystone: Wayne Vick, Jules Posey. First date: Kande Kerr.” Under *Education/Experience* he writes, “More than I shall ever admit.”

Doris Helene White (Class of 1974) writes “Upon graduating from Keystone, I enrolled at Brown for freshman year, but then transferred to Central State University in Ohio, where I earned a BA in English Literature (1978). Awarded a Martin Luther King Fellowship to Boston University School of Law, earning a JD in 1982. For nearly 12 years, I was an Assistant Regional Counsel for the Massachusetts dept. of Social Services. Since 2000, I have served the Commonwealth as Asst. Attorney General, where I enjoy a civil practice as a trial lawyer. I am married to Steven Soares, a jazz musician and teacher. Daughter Leigh, 20, was named a 2006 U.S. Presidential Scholar and earned a National Merit Scholarship. Awarded a full scholarship to Duke ('10), she is a History major and hopes to trek to South Africa on a research trip this summer. Son Steven, 15, is a typical teenager: loves the JV basketball team; has too many baggy jeans; tolerates drum lessons. He attends Newton South HS ('11).”

Joseph Albert (Class of 1976) is a data analyst with Standard Insurance Corporation in Portland, Oregon.

Robert Navarro (Class of 1976) works for the Defense Intelligence Agency as an Intelligence Oversight Inspector

Gregory Entzenberger (Class of 1977) lives in San Antonio and owns Christian Treasures, a shop of religious themed items and books, located at 15614 Huebner Rd. Suite 109.

Chester Hale (Class of 1980) lives in Suwanee, Georgia and is an Engineering Manager for the Millennium Mat Co. He is interested in communicating with anyone from his class. Please contact mburch@keystoneschool.org for his contact info.

Eydie Todd (Class of 1982) is the registrar/campus clerk at University of Texas at San Antonio

Jay Fielden (Class of 1987) writes and works for Vogue, publishing Men's Vogue bi-yearly.

(right) Shannon Stavinoha ('87), Laura Powell ('87), and Katy Bruni ('84) are all smiles during the Alumni party at Mon's Lounge in November



(below) Keystone reunion '08

(top right) Dr. Wayne Shandera ('69), Wayne Picard ('68), and Mary Lampe ('67) at Houston alum party

(bottom right) Wesley Deason ('07), Rosa Lafer-Sousa and Sarah Meyer ('05) at Alumni party at Mon's Lounge in November



Alum Parties

Several alum events were held during 2008-09. In August a college send-off party for all college age alums was held at Justin's on Main, in November an all-Keystone holiday event was held at Mon's Thai Bistro, and in December, Jessica Cihal and Mary Burch travelled to Austin and Houston to visit with alums in those cities. This spring a first ever gathering was held at Azuca in King William after graduation. Another first was held for mothers of alums, known as the “good-bye and cry” lunch. About 20 moms of Keystone's newest alums gathered for lunch after all the grads departed. It was a great time, and yes, there was some crying!

Please, join us at our next party!

ANNUAL ALUMNI GATHERING

Saturday, November 28 (Saturday after Thanksgiving)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Mon's Thai Bistro
4901 Broadway

Gene Devora (Class of 1990) is a fellow in Allergy and Immunology at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas.

Patricia de la Garza (Class of 1993) is a free lance make-up artist. <http://www.patriciadelagarza.com>

Heather Meldrom (Class of 1995) lives in NYC where she is a food editor for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Katie Garza (Class of 2001) was in the February issue of Shape magazine. After posing for a Patagonia active wear catalog, the photo ran in Shape.

Kristen Remington Midha (Class of 2003) lives in San Antonio and is the mother of Tristan, 1, and Sophia, 3. Kristen was also going to school while raising these two active children!

Veronika Bordas (Class of 2006) spent last summer in Munich interning at ARRI, a post-productions movie company. Veronika had a great time and says, "Post-production was not something I knew a whole lot about before. I've been learning a lot about the process that film goes through after it is shot. I watch and listen, then get to try out the equipment for myself! For the first 3 weeks I was in the more technical department, where they develop the 600m long reels of film and then cut and tape the parts they need (a 90-minute long film is five or six 600m-long reels). Now I'm with more digital aspects; I saw how film undergoes light correction, as well as the program they use to splice together movies from different acts. I saw the original clip, where a fistfight is supposed to happen but the punches are fake; then after the cuts, where it looks real and they've added in 'punch sounds' and other effects." Veronika is studying Applied Mathematics at Harvard with a focus on Economics, and a language citation in German. This summer Veronika is doing an NIH/NCI (Nat'l Cancer Institute) sponsored fellowship, with their Integrative Cancer Biology Program for two months.

Sandra Rubinstein Peterson (Class of 1989) writes, "I have recently completed my Ph.D. in History at the University of Missouri. I'm enjoying some time as a stay-at-home mom. I live in Durham, NC with my husband, Gabe, who teaches Information Science at North Carolina State University, and our 18-month-old son Alex."

Chris Hymer (Class of 1984) writes, "Just this week I completed a hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back out again. It's about a 16 mile round trip and no easy task for a 43-year old with 40 pounds of camping gear on his back. I'm quite proud of myself for making it without the need for a helicopter rescue."



Sandra Peterson with son Alex, 18 mos.



Left: Patricia de la Garza displays her work.



Right: Jay Fielden talks shop with Anna Wintour.

Chris Hymer enjoying the snowy-capped mountains.



It's been four years since graduation. Where are they now?

Anji Reed graduated from Trinity University and will attend the UT Austin School of Social Work. Anji writes, "It's a 2 year MSSW program and I hope to get my clinical licensure and work with sexual minorities, although in what capacity I'm not entirely sure and the scope of my interests could always change once I begin the program. Overall though I'm excited to be able to meld what I learned from my Psychology Major and Women's and Gender Studies Minor with my love for social activism."

Jamie Falconnier graduated from Southwestern and recently found out that she received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in Austria. She will teach English in Bischofshofen, Austria this fall and then hopes to study Global Policy Studies/International Relations in graduate schools.

Sarah Meyer graduated from University of Texas, Plan II and is moving to Boston where she will teach middle school math or science with Teach for America.

Julia Ridgeway and **Jasdeep Mangat** graduated from Rice University with a BS in Biology on May 9th, each with honors and an Excellence Award in Science. Julia, who also received a BA in English, is off to graduate school in Environmental Science and Jasdeep goes to Baylor College of Medicine.

Liz Sather graduated cum laude from Boston College with degrees in Theater and Psychology.



Alums Julia Ridgeway and Jasdeep Mangat with proud mothers.

Comments from you

re: senior prank

Chris Hymer (Class of 1984) wrote, "I remember one Christmas we decorated the big tree with fetal pig snouts and strings of small intestine. Nothing says Christmas like the smell of formaldehyde!"

Erin Fitch (Class of 1996) wrote, "And all we did was steal the Keystone sign! They have a lot more imagination!"

Interested in submitting information about yourself or anything related to Keystone alums? Please contact **Mary Burch** at 210.735.4022, ext. 353 or mburch@keystoneschool.org