

THE SIGNET



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From the Head of School

Tell Your Story

With 67 years of schooling history and 52 classes of graduates, we realize that PMCA has many alumni with stories to tell. A number of those alumni continue as faculty, staff, or parents of next generation PMCA students today. Their stories are easy to track. Other stories come upon us unexpectedly.

Back in September, I happened upon a blog article by a former faculty member at PMCA, Dr. Anthony Bradley, now a visiting professor of theology at The King's College in New York City and a research fellow at the Acton Institute. He trains pastors, and is the author of articles, books, and blogs, all directed toward the discipleship of God's people. This particular article described a 9th Grade Bible Study that Dr. Bradley began in 1999 while teaching at Phil-Mont. Many of these young men continue to be disciplined even today, over 10 years later! Tracking their stories is more challenging but nonetheless fascinating.

Last summer I was contacted to see if I had access to an archived photo of the planned speaker for a national ACSI Leadership Training event. Why would I be asked for such a thing? It turns out that this acclaimed speaker is Dr. Christian Smith, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Smith's

research focuses primarily on religion in modernity, adolescents, American evangelicalism, and culture. He received his MA and PhD from Harvard University and his BA from Gordon College and was a Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for 12 years. Christian Smith also happens to be an alumnus of PMCA, Class of 1978.

As you can see, the convictions, commitments, callings, and contributions of many alumni have produced great opportunities to impact lives for the gospel far beyond PMCA. Stories of individuals who have graduated from PMCA serve as reminders of the important work done here. It is the stories of those who have entered the culture of competing philosophies, ideas, and lifestyles that serve as the continuing platform through which God brings His message of gospel change.

This year we begin new initiatives to identify, connect with, and re-engage those impacted by PMCA's ministry. We seek to hear their stories, whether praiseworthy or painful. I'm hoping the PMCA community of yesterday and today will help us in this pursuit that we might continue building disciples for tomorrow as well. We are looking for PMCA alumni stories. This might be your own story. It might also be someone else's story told in your words.

Please share those stories in 250 words or less. Send them to me at PMCA. You can email them to DBeebe@phil-mont.com. What and who impacted you most? How



Anthony Bradley

did PMCA prepare you for the path you have pursued? Was the sacrifice of parents, churches, and supporters "worth it"? What can you tell others considering sending their children to PMCA in these times of economic and cultural challenge? Your story, or one you submit, may well end up in our history book.

Another of our goals is the establishment of an annual Alumni Achievement Award for an alumnus whose story reflects the impact of PMCA's mission to train ambassadors and disciples of Christ. Our alumni are scattered far and wide. They have been engaged in the struggle and joy of living a life of faith in a world that continues to seek the glory of man rather than the glory of Jesus. It's time to begin bringing their stories back home so that they can serve as praise offerings to God for His faithfulness to us and to our unchanging mission. ■■

Donald B. Beebe

Phil-Mont Goes Forth

Will Liegel

“My mother wanted me to have an education, so she kept me out of school.”

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”

“And I told him, I don’t need no education.”

These wry quotes betray the mixed emotions that folks feel about the value of education and, perhaps, their own school experiences. Modern American education is diverse, with dropout rates at dangerous urban schools at nearly 50%, suburban regional schools becoming increasingly large and impersonal, and curriculums accenting facts-for-tests over building understanding and character. It’s certainly one of the “Big Issues” of our country today.

It’s why folks choose Phil-Mont. Certainly, our firm stance on the Scriptures and desire to inculcate a Christian worldview in our students is a key reason for families to invest in an education here. It’s a blessing to step out and away from the media-consumer hype, from society’s ideas of right and wrong, from the pressures and persecution of modern life. However, attending PMCA is **not** “hiding out from the world.” Far from it. Instead, it’s a challenging boot camp *preparing* students to deal with real world challenges in faith issues as well as science, education, business, the humanities, and the arts. Students tackle difficult issues found in classic novels or a science textbook or a philosophy discussion and wrestle with how God’s truth underscores our understanding of reality.

Each year nearly all of our graduating students begin college study, many at some of the most challenging universities in the nation. So what happens next? Another arch quote reminds us that “just because you’ve made it this far, doesn’t mean you’ve made it.” It’s possible to be given the truth and then not act upon it. We can know what God requires and still go our own way. So how does the PMCA grad do beyond high school, beyond college, beyond that experience of finding a job and making his or her way in the world? Very well, thank you.

The old adage states, “the proof is in the pudding,” and we have lots of tasty pots bubbling all around the globe. So many Phil-Mont alumni have become leaders in their field, reminding our current students, parents, and faculty that the foundation we provide is firm and strong and able to handle the piling on of a lifetime of achievements. What follows is just a sampling of what God has done through our grads.

THE ARTS ☪

PMCA is known for its Fine Arts program and the exciting challenges and preparation it provides. Many of our alumni are arts teachers in schools of every level and some lead diverse music programs at churches. Others have gone above and beyond in a difficult secular field. **Heather Helinsky** (‘97) received her theatre degree from DeSales University and worked in theatre management before returning to Harvard University and earning a Masters in Dramaturgy. This research-writing degree allowed her to teach at the University of Tucson, administrate at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre, and, most recently, assist Broadway wunderkind Terrance MacNally in his latest NYC triumph *The Golden Age*.

Betsy (Liegel ‘00) Falk, also a DeSales grad, now serves as General Manager of Theatre & Kids, a regional family theatre program working with over 750 students each year. **Heather (Krause ‘95) Smith** now teaches at both Princeton’s McCarter Theatre and Philly’s Walnut Street Theatre in between her own spotlighted performances. Photographer **D’Mont Reese** (‘84) manages a thriving fashion, event, and family photography business, **Pete Tyson** (‘98) is a freelance video editor, and **James Bacon** (‘04) is an Ohio graphic designer – who actually is behind each *Signet* issue! Visual artists **Tom Manns III** (‘96), **Caryn Kunkle** (‘00), and family team **Jon** (‘88), **Matt** (‘89) and **Kim (Mark ‘88) Stemler** are actively producing new works and showing at galleries throughout the Northeast.

MEDICINE & SCIENCE ☪

The world of science seems to expand minute by minute with new medical breakthroughs, biological discoveries, and the

From the President’s Laptop

It happens every summer, but each time I am still amazed. How can the small plants that I put in my backyard garden become so large and fruitful? How can some miniscule seeds produce a harvest of a few thousand tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, eggplants and more? I plant, I sow, and I water, but God gives the growth – enough growth for our family and for many others.

In the same way, God entrusts parents with children, and we spend a lot of time, energy, and money caring for them. But God gives the growth here as well. While children keep us humble and prayerful, the Lord amazes us by causing some to be spiritually fruitful beyond our expectations.

Consider with me the vineyard song in Isaiah 27:2-6. The prophet sings of the Lord’s fruitful and delightful vineyard, and the success of the vineyard is dependent on three things. First is the sovereign care and protection of the Gardener (v. 3). Second is the removal of His righteous wrath (v. 4), which His Son would take for us. Third is the gracious invitation of the Lord to the enemies of the vineyard, to come to Him and find refuge and peace! (v. 5). That’s amazing!

But the bottom line is found in v. 6: *“In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom, and fill all the world with fruit.”* That’s what God has been doing for 67 years at PMCA. Our alumni are taking root, budding, blossoming, and filling the entire world with gospel fruit. As alumni remain in Jesus (the True Vine) the Kingdom of God is filling the earth. The whole earth is becoming the Lord’s vineyard, which was His original purpose in Gen.1: *“Fill the earth and subdue it.”* Let us pray that as more PMCA alumni live out and proclaim the gospel, this vineyard song will be sung over all the earth!

In Christ’s mercy,
*Lou Pronnicki, President,
Board of Trustees*

creation of stunning technology. However, Phil-Mont grads move easily in this milieu as well. **Dr. Aneesh Khushman** ('97) is now a resident in neurology at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia after using his skill in both India and the Greater Delaware Valley. **Dr. Traci Williams-Riles** ('97) completed her science degree, dabbled in jazz performance for a spell, and then completed her training at Temple University and is now a Family Medicine resident at Jefferson Hospital of Philadelphia.

Nursing has drawn the interest of dozens of our alumni, including **Madeline (Rockey '06) Nelson** who serves at Maine Medical Center while pursuing an advanced degree, and **Susan (Stonehouse '93) Lee**, an oncology nurse-practitioner at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Other medical professionals include pediatrician **Dr. Marcie (Hopler '84) Macolino**, **Dr. Peter Anderson** ('77), a Bucks County optometrist, and **Dr. Mark Gravel** ('83), and **Dr. Willet Neff** ('81) who both practice in the chiropractic field.

EDUCATION —————
Some folks cross over genres and defy simple categorization. **Dr. Karen Wendling** ('99) is a trained scientist but is now an assistant professor of chemistry at Chestnut Hill College and **Jeff Morton** ('80) is the force behind the art department at Covenant College in Georgia. **Earnest Johnson** ('92) began his educational career in guidance at Abington High School and has recently become the school's assistant principal. **Jason Todd** ('01) was recently honored by the Philadelphia School system for his progressive, technology-heavy history classes and **Abigail Rockey** ('03) began with the renowned Teach for America program in Philadelphia and has stayed to teach urban youth at the Young Scholars Charter School. In addition and so appropriately, a number of PMCA alumni have returned to serve here at their alma mater: **Faith (Gross '02) Schutte**, **Beth (Burkett '99) VanVeldhuizen**, **Bill DeHeer** ('82), **Kim Gunn** ('91), **Lois (Kent '76) Sorkness**, **Michelle (Vonhof '84) Orr** and **Laura (Giandomenico '90) Belmonte**, **Claudia (Furcola '92) Stemler**, and **Sahr Mbriwa** ('04).



Dr. Aneesh Khushman and his bride Tripti: PMCA's reach extends to India.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY ———
As a school which sees “every subject as Bible,” it is certainly expected that a number of Phil-Mont alumni would feel called in Gospel Ministry of various kinds. There are dozens of pastors, youth group leaders, elders, deacons, choir directors, and church staffers among our grads. Worthy of note are two well known Phil-Monters from two distinctly different PMCA generations. **Rev. Rick Tyson** ('67) has served at Calvary Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove (PCA) for 18 years, first as an associate and now as Senior Pastor. A graduate of Covenant Seminary of St. Louis, Pastor Rick is a true Son of Phil-Mont. He met his bride **Beth Anne (Nicholas '67)** while here and then sent both of his sons, **Pete** ('98) and **Dan** ('95), to his alma mater as well!

A somewhat more recent graduate, **Sharon (Askey '03) Thistlethwaite**, received her degrees in nursing from Houghton College and Jefferson Hospital. Sharon was excited to be able to perform short-term ministry in Uganda midway in her studies – not surprising since her dad Dave was born in Zambia where his parents served with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship. Currently, Sharon is in Duncanville, Texas along with her husband Ray, a student at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics. Recently accepted by Pioneer Bible Translators, the Thistlethwaites hope to return to Africa with Sharon serving as a nurse practitioner and Ray doing Bible translation.

It seems our Phil-Mont program provides a foundation that inspires and undergirds our graduates both young and “older,” near and far. We’ve listed quite a number, but that doesn’t even consider those in business, communications, building trades, finance, and the myriad other fields in which we hear of their successes. As has been said, every class at Phil-Mont is Bible and so it’s natural to think of taking one’s God-given skills into every exciting endeavor of life. You never know when a Phil-Mont grad might be taking your temperature, grading your child’s paper, or sharing the Word with your family. Obviously, they have taken seriously God’s command to “*go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.*” *Matthew 28:18.* ■

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT
— ✨ AWARDS ✨ —

We are looking toward honoring a number of our grads for their testimony for the Lord and their successes in various fields of endeavor. This Spring it is our hope to begin to bestow Alumni Achievement Awards as a part of our June Commencement ceremony. What a way to underscore the value of a Phil-Mont education and the gracious goodness of our Lord! To do this, we will need the help of any and all friends and alumni. A form through which you can nominate particular alumni will be available at Homecoming, and afterward it may be obtained through our web site or by contacting the school by email or phone. Be thinking of those you would like us to designate as “best of the best”!

Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida*

Disney comes to the Phil-Mont Stage

Will Liegel

The Disney-fication of Broadway is a reality! Bringing investors and true family entertainment to New York's Great White Way has transformed the notorious 42nd Street area into a safe, positive, and energized place. And, of course, tickets for Disney shows have become some of the hottest around. The movies that audiences have treasured for generations have become stage hits running for years. *Mary Poppins*, *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Tarzan*, and *The Little Mermaid* all have gone from screen to stage – and this writer has had the pleasure of seeing them all! Each one added songs and scenes, stars and sparkle, and that special “magic of the Mouse.” I will never forget *Mary Poppins* actually flying off the stage and out over the heads of those of us in the nosebleed seats. As she disappeared into the theatre ceiling, I knew I had experienced something special and unforgettable.

However, one Disney musical that did not begin on the silver screen is my favorite and perhaps the most powerful of all: *Aida*. A tale of freedom, royal power, colonialism, racial strife, love, justice, and sacrifice, *Aida* is one of the great stories of all time. Pop giant Sir Elton John and modern Disney's favorite lyricist, Tim Rice, brought this Egyptian epic to new life in 2000. The production played for over 1800 performances, winning four Tony Awards and the hearts of everyone who attended the production. This director delighted in that New York production, so it is, perhaps, no surprise that he would eventually bring *Aida* to life on the Phil-Mont stage. Circle the dates, folks! **November 18, 19, and 20** – and remember to get your tickets early for what may prove to be a true sellout.



The Love Triangle; Radames, Amneris and Aida

Aida originally came to be when opera giant Giuseppe Verdi was commissioned to write the score for an epic celebrating Egyptian culture and history. Paid 150,000 francs, Verdi developed his music based upon a story developed by Egyptologist August Mariette, but all was delayed for almost a year by the Franco-Prussian War. However, *Aida* eventually opened to wide acclaim at the Khedivial Opera House in Cairo on Christmas Eve of 1871. Interestingly, the opera was not written to celebrate the then recent opening of the Suez Canal as is commonly thought. Verdi was actually asked to compose an ode

for the opening of the Canal, but the master declined on the grounds that he did not write “occasional pieces.”

Aida remains one of the great operas of all time, in the twenty most-performed in North America, and the Metropolitan Opera of New York lists it as their second most-performed work, bested only by *La Bohème*. It also helped to make the careers of divas Maria Callas, Jessye Norman, and Leontyne Price. Ironically, it was a children's book version of *Aida* written by Ms. Price that became the source for the Disney musical. Captain



2007 production of *Aida* at the Arena di Verona (photo courtesy of wikipedia.org).

Radames kidnaps Aida from her native Nubia, bringing her to Ancient Egypt as a slave, unaware that she is a princess. He is immediately impressed by her strength and courage and soon falls in love with her – despite the fact that he is betrothed to his childhood friend Amneris, the daughter of the Pharaoh. Aida becomes a treasured handmaiden and friend to the Egyptian Princess, and thereby the trio of Radames, Amneris, and Aida become one of the greatest love triangles of all time.

Our Phil-Mont production of the Disney version began auditions on the first Monday of the school year and was cast and rehearsing by the following week. Playing Aida is senior Phoenix Best of Philadelphia, an audience favorite in a wide variety of PMCA theatre pieces. Joining her as Radames and Amneris are seniors Casey Kreines of Wyncote and Larisa Kline of Philadelphia, perhaps each best remembered for their hysterical characters in Phil-Mont’s *It Happens Every Summer*. Phoenix, our Aida-to-be, is extremely excited about creating her special title role. “I’m so thankful that my hard work over the past four years has led to this opportunity. I thank God that I can use my talents to glorify Him and can’t wait to see what He has in store for this production!” Playing other featured roles are Brad Steiger of Ambler (Zoser), Jeremy Bierema of Ardsley (Mereb), and Victoria Glover of Philadelphia (Nehebka). The talented cast numbers forty-two students from sixth through twelfth grade, the costumes are by Phil-Mont grad and Broadway seamstress Betsy Falk ('00), and the musical direction is by middle school social studies teacher Miss Katie Trego.

Six years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Italy with a children’s choir led by my wife, Susan. While there, the choir performed in the ancient 16,000 seat Roman coliseum in Verona, considered by many to be the finest lyric opera house in the world. In stunning photographs I saw the settings for their favorite triumph – yes – Verdi’s *Aida*. I thought then what a masterwork it was and what a story it would be to direct and share with Phil-Mont. Now the idea has jumped from Italy to Broadway to Erdenheim and once again PMCA theatre is ready to delight its audiences with something truly unique and wonderful.

While it won’t be the in the enormous scope of the opera versions (it is Hamel Auditorium!), God has so greatly gifted our diverse student body that they are more than ready to take on the stunning music, dances, characters, and emotions of this great work. Every practice starts with the prayer that our cast and crew can truly focus and faithfully prepare in order

that GOD will be glorified in all we do. And that, friends, is a bigger blessing than even the finest of Italy, Broadway, or Disney. Pray along with us and then join us in November and “come see what God has done.” ❏

Winter Gala ❁

Friday, January 14, 7-9 pm

PMCA is excited to announce the first *Winter Gala*, an evening of classical performing arts and visual arts. The event will feature instrumental, vocal and theatre performances as well as an art show and sale featuring works by current students, faculty and alumni. A portion of the sales proceeds will be donated to PMCA’s Fine Arts department.

Featured players (from left) Brad Steiger, Larisa Kline, Casey Kreines and Jeremy Bierema with Phoenix Best in front.



Faculty and Staff Additions

Our new school year is marked by some new faces among our faculty and staff. God continues to be faithful in leading to us individuals of great experience, education, and godly character to meet our needs. Please be praying for these individuals as they find their fit within the team of teachers and staff this year at Phil-Mont!



Mrs. Emily Fantuzzo

General Music
BM Music Education – Houghton College
MEd – Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY

Emily has extensive experience teaching music in public school districts as well as giving private lessons in piano. Her two children, Tommy and Catherine, are enrolled at PMCA in elementary school.



Mrs. Diana Granados

Pre-K, K & 1st Grade Spanish
BA Spanish – Santo Tomas University, Bogota, Columbia
BS Industrial Psychology

Born in Colombia, Diana is a native Spanish speaker. She has been involved with PMCA over the last couple of years as a substitute teacher and now comes on board to teach our youngest students.



Mr. Sahr Mbrwa

9th Grade Bible, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
BA Psychology – Penn State University

Sahr is a 2004 graduate of PMCA and is currently enrolled at Westminster Theological Seminary preparing for pastoral ministry. He also serves on the ministry staff at New Life Church in Glenside.



Mrs. Audrey Reid

Library Media Associate
BFA Art Education – Moore College of Art & Design
MS Library + Information Science – University of Pittsburgh

Audrey joins our staff having spent since 2005 working with the Free Library of Philadelphia. She has served as a Leap After School Leader and a Summer Reading Outreach Specialist.

Pray for PMCA

For our students, faculty and staff that they would work and learn for God's glory

For the Administration that they would be wise leaders and decision-makers

For our senior class as they make their way through the college application process

For current school families that they would remain dedicated to the mission of PMCA

For the Board of Trustees as they seek to guide the school according to godly principles

For families new to the school that they quickly become part of the PMCA family

For prospective parents and students as they attend Open House Tours and consider a PMCA education

For the Lord's ongoing blessings and provision for the work at PMCA

PMCA Welcomes New Families!

The PMCA Board, Administration, Faculty and Staff Welcome:

New Students and their Families:

James and Audrey Baker, Chelsea (10)
Melvin and Marlene Benson, Melvin V (9)
Jonathan and Amanda Bird, Adrian (1)
Jaime and Terri Burke, Daniel (9)
Lamar and Andrea Caison, Jonelle (5)
Chris and Carolyn Conrow, Alyssa (PK)
Cecil Degarr, Fifi (7)
Timothy and Poppaea Dere, Evan (4) and Seren (6)
Kevin and Pat Derr, Kevin (PK)
David Garnett, Jonathan (11)
Michael and Lisa Hawkins, Rebecca (7) and Sean (9)
Donna Hill, Adina (4)
Gregory and Kathy Hobough, Jacob (5)
Leon and Tryphena Hsi, Hosanna (3)
Eric and Lauren Huber, Nathan (9)
Marilyn Jacobs, David Sawyer (8)
James and Brooke Jordan, Sydney (PK)
Robert and Wonmin Kim, Sophia (PK)
Michael and Joanne Markowitz, Ryan (6) and Lauren (9)
Chase and Martha Maxey, Mary Hayes (K)
James and Andrea Moody, Shayla (K)
Merle and Karla McJunkin, Shayla (6)
Thomas and Tressie Norton, Tondalaya (1)
Lia Relerford, Akira (K)
Darryl and Laverne Sanford, Harry (1)
Christopher and Mara Sitasz, Morgan (4)
John and Jennifer Stevens, Andrew (2) and Ian (7)
David and Eowyn Stoddard, Ethan (PK), Emmanuelle (K), Alethea (3), Liam (5) and Jesse (6)
Gina Wiggins, Chase (PK)
Edward and Kim Williams, Nia (K)
Tracey Williams, Courtney (PK)

Families returning to PMCA:

Randall and Wendy Egelkamp, Kaleb (3)
Chris and Emily Fantuzzo, Thomas (2) and Catherine (3)
Mildred Mbriwa, Aiah (11)

Current PMCA Families who are adding new students:

Cecil and Tonisha Barnes, Ceara (PK)
Al and Amy Chapman, Laura (PK)
Joseph Chi and Sun Young Park, Ewan Chi (K)
Gerald and Kim Glover, Olivia (9)
Maurice and Angela Griffin, Kennedy (K) and Kayla (5)
Lou and Linda Guerra, Kaitlyn (7)
Carol Guy, Nathanael (9)
Robert and Susana Hormann, Rebecca (9)
Joe and Joyce Johnson, Caleb (4), Julia (4) and Ben (6)
Joe and Michelle Nock, Deyshia (5) and Jenei (9)

New International Students and Host Families:

Peter Kim and Phoebe Ko, Dan Bee (Chloe) Chai (10) and Jae Hyuk (Jacob) Choi (9)
Roger and Joy Kim, Harim (Emily) Jung (9)

WELCOME

Alumni News: Class Notes...

PMCA recently learned that Christine Bierema has earned the AP Scholar Award in recognition of her exceptional achievement on AP exams. To qualify a student must complete three or more AP exams with a score of 3 or higher. Actually Christine achieved the highest score, a 5, in the three AP exams she took at Phil-Mont. We are very proud of Christine and congratulate her for this recognition of her academic achievement; however, we are even more delighted to know that she uses her abilities and talents to honor the Lord.



Christine graduated in June as a Merit Scholar through the National Merit Scholarship Program. She is attending Amherst College in Massachusetts, seeking a degree in medicine. She hopes to become a pediatrician and help orphans and children with AIDS in Africa.

88 Caleb Jadon was born to **Karen (Robinson) Maier** and her husband, Daniel, on May 22, 2010. He joins siblings Simeon David (12), Josiah Nathanael (11) Aaron Samuel (9) Joelle Rebecca (7), Anica Noelle (4) and Thaddeus Daniel (3). They currently live in Lititz, PA and Karen enjoys the challenge of homeschooling her children (K thru 8).

89 **Ozias Moore** recently resigned from the Global Headquarters of Pfizer, Inc. to accept a full scholarship to Cornell University's Ph.D. program. In August, 2010, he began a program in Industrial and Labor Relations with a major in Human Resource Studies and minors in Organizational Behavior and Statistics. His research focus during this five-year program will include team creativity and effectiveness, and the role of HR in driving firm innovation and knowledge creation. Upon receiving his Ph.D., Ozias intends to become a research professor. His wife, Heather, is an attorney with Miller Mayer, LLP. They are living in Ithaca, NY.

91 **Esther (Lawrence) Baird** graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary this past May. She is working in the field of chaplaincy and is also a freelance writer. Esther and her husband, Les, have two girls, Abby (6) and Riley (3), who attend a Christian school in their area. Esther and her family live in Boxford, MA.

94 Martin Lins was born to **Chris Boersema** and his wife, Thécia, on July 2, 2010.

Samuel Philip was born to **Rob and Rebecca (Hoult) Schwarz** on August 27, 2010.

98 Mercy Evangeline was born to **Melissa (Smith) Green** and her husband, Nate, on August 21, 2010.

Cynthia Still was married to Shawn Harry on July 25, 2009. They reside in Georgia.

Brandon Everett was born to **Jill (Strong) Phillips** and her husband, Brandon, on October 15, 2009. They live in Pittsburgh, PA.

99 Juliette Autumn was born to **Rachel (Stone) and Matt Swann** on September 28, 2010.

00 This past summer, **Caryn Kunkle** exhibited an enormous scroll-like drawing she made in collaboration with her brother, Bryan. The drawing, titled "Bryan's Thoughts for Adventures", was exhibited at the Parc Ritzenhouse in Philadelphia along with other "portraits" painted on target posters.

01 Aleksandra Reilly was born to **Lindsay (Feracco) Blasy** and her husband, Matthew, on August 3, 2010.

02 **Laura Askey** was married to James Mack on July 31, 2010. They reside in Warrington, PA.

03 **Timothy Anderson** married Claire Shelton on March 20, 2010. The couple resides in Roxborough, where Tim is employed by the Philadelphia Fire Company.

Timothy Van Rheenen completed his Masters in Counseling from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May. He is employed by the Health and Education Services of Beverly, MA as an In-Home Family Therapy Clinician.

05 **Jason Copeland** graduated from Misericordia University this past May with a Bachelor's degree in psychology. He lives in the Souderton area and is attending Lehigh Community College with a major in physical therapy.

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Joel Coleman was married to Janine Gleason on October 9, 2010.

Bonnie Oliphint was married to Andrew Matthews on September 18, 2010. They are living in the Seattle, Washington area where Andrew is stationed with the U.S. Navy.



Bride Bonnie Oliphint poses with her bridesmaids, from left, Nickie MacQueen, Heidi Oelschlegel and Christine Han. All four girls are members of the PMCA Class of 2007.

We'd love to hear from you!

Please take a moment to let us know about important happenings in your life. Have you moved? Changed jobs? Gotten married? Had children? If you want, we can include this information in the next Signet. Please email it to NStemler@phil-mont.com.

We'd like to expand our alumni email database so that we can keep you updated on reunions, Homecoming and other special events. Please send your current email address to Nancy Stemler.

Parents: If you are receiving this publication on behalf of a son or daughter who no longer lives in your home, please contact Nancy Stemler with a current mailing address.

Class of 1990
20 Year Reunion!
 Saturday, November 27, 2010

Tour of PMCA – 4 pm
Dinner at Scoogi's – 6 pm
 For more information call
 Kim Geiger Rivera at 610-659-3686
 or email krivera1107@gmail.com

38 Years!

The class of 1972 held its 38th reunion on July 17 - 18, 2010. Out of 24 graduates, 14 were able to participate, which in large part was due to finding all of the graduates on Facebook! This was only our second reunion; the first one was our 5th reunion, which a few had not remembered, including the host!! We met on a sultry Saturday afternoon at the high school library for lunch and spent several hours sharing what's been going on in our lives for the past 38 years! We laughed, cried, hugged and prayed. We passed around pictures of our lives. Almost all brought their spouses, some brought children. On Sunday, many attended Tony Hart's church in Lansdale, Montco Bible Fellowship, and then went out for lunch. A great time was had by all!

-Submitted by S. Buckman



Pictured from left to right: Back row - Brian McRae, Don Hedrick, Dave Clapp, Dave Porter, Susan (Frearson) Buckman, Ed Godfrey
Front row - Debbie (Newcomb) Hardy, Ruth Bird, Cynthia (Cross) Del Moore, Charles Hodges, Lucille (Jenkins) Boersema, David Allan, and Ken Pfeiffer.

PMCA HOMECOMING WEEK:

Come Home for the Holidays!

Tuesday, December 14

High School Concert at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 15

Wrestling vs DelCo at 3:30 pm

Boys JV Basketball vs Church Farm at 6:00 pm

Boys Varsity Basketball vs Church Farm at 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 16

Elementary Program at 7:00 pm

Friday, December 17

Girls JV Basketball vs. Bristol at 3:30 pm

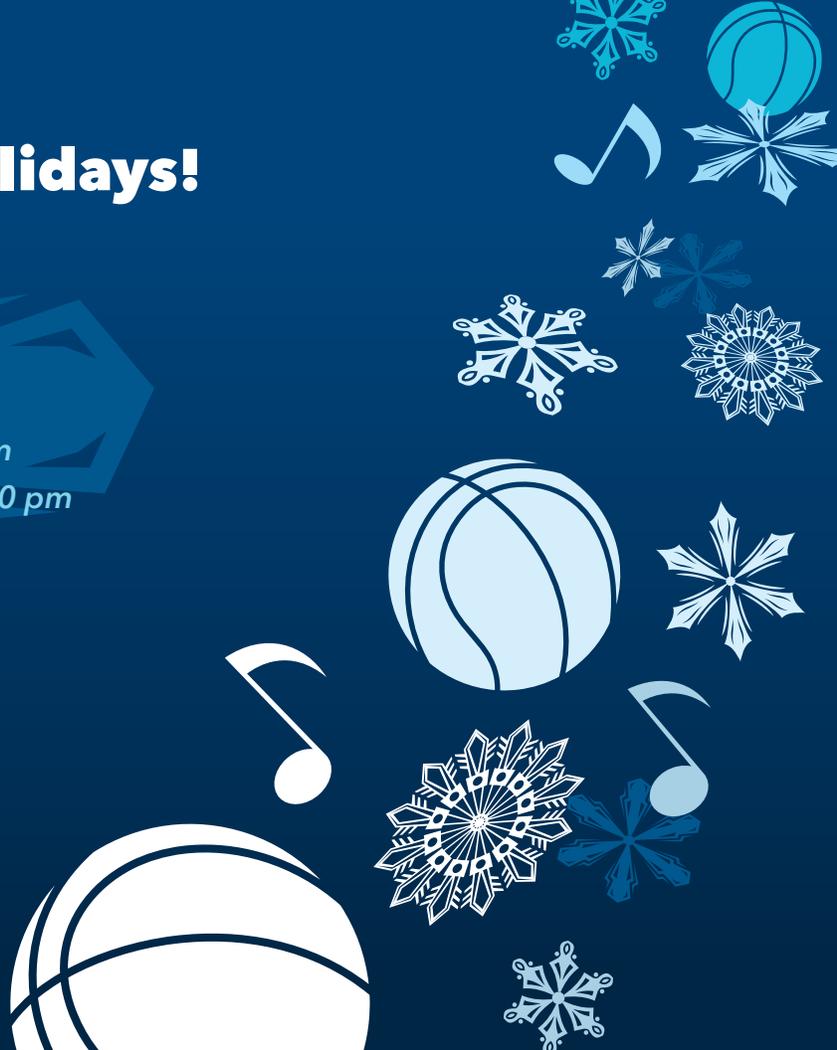
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Bristol at 5:00 pm

Boys JV Basketball vs Calvary at 6:30 pm

Boys Varsity Basketball vs Calvary at 8:00 pm

Alumni Reception from 5:30-7:30 pm

Alumni Achievement Award Nomination forms available



Alumni Coaches

*One generation will commend your works to another...
—Ps. 145:4*

One of the blessings of having many alumni in the area is that PMCA is able to draw upon athletically gifted men and women grads to help coach in our sports program. Some come just for a year or two while pursuing college studies; others have a coaching history that spans more years than their PMCA education did! From fall of 2009 through this current fall season alone, no fewer than eighteen PMCA grads have provided athletic expertise and positive Christian role models for our students, three of them coaching more than one sport. These include Bill DeHeer '82 – soccer and

basketball; Joe Johnson '82 – basketball; Glenn Dolton '83 – basketball; D'Mont Reese '84 – basketball; Jed Fischer '96 – soccer; Brian Gunning '98 – basketball and softball; Pete Tyson '98 – cross country; Faith (Gross) Schutte '02 – basketball; Sahr Mbriwa '04 – soccer; Eric Dimitri '05 – basketball and

baseball; Jeff Prontnicki '05 – soccer; Matt Danihel '05 – baseball; Andrew Howard '05 – baseball; Sheena (Wright) Heverling '05 – soccer; Paul Ewerth '07 – soccer; Arel Avellino '08 – wrestling and Ted Schnitzel '08 – baseball. We praise the Lord for this tangible way in which our alumni minister

Coaches Bill DeHeer '82 and Faith Schutte '02 with their 2009-10 JV girls team.



Calendar of Events

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November

18–20
Fall Musical, *Aida*, 7:30 pm (11/18–11/20)
2 pm matinee (11/20)

22–23
No School – Parent Conferences

24–26
No School – Thanksgiving Break

December

9
MS Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm

14–17
Homecoming Week

14
HS Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm

16
Elementary Christmas Program, 7:00 pm

17
Homecoming Basketball Games begin at 3:30 pm, Alumni Reception 5:30–7:30 pm

20
Christmas Break begins

January

3
School resumes

14
Winter Gala, 7 pm

17
No School – Martin Luther King Day

21
Reenrollment period begins

24–27
Midterm exams

28
No School – Faculty In-Service

February

4
Reenrollment due

21
No School – Presidents' Day

28
Iowa Tests of Basic Skills begin

March

10–12
Winter Play, *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*

to our current students and testify to the impact of PMCA in their lives.

To you...we throw the torch; be it yours to hold it high.

(From *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae)



The boys varsity team from the 2009-10 season poses with coaches Glenn Dolton '83 (far left), Eric Dimitri '05 (second from right) and Joe Johnson '82 (far right).

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