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Rebecca H. Anderson
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Dear Friends,

This issue of *Quaker Works* chronicles the closing months of last school year and the course of the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. It looks backward, but it is a celebratory issue and thus a great way to introduce 2010-2011. For as the spread on Reunion 2010 exemplifies, triumphs that have passed, herald those of the future. Already this year we have cheered for victorious sports teams, been delighted by the performance of *Sleepless City*, our fall Upper School play written by Tim Chawaga '05, welcomed Grade 7 back from their adventures at Echo Hill, and watched the Lower School classrooms transform themselves as they explored this fall's theme of Journeys. 2010-2011 promises to be as full of celebration as 2009-2010.

Between the exuberance with which each academic year comes to a close each spring and the frenzy with which they begin each fall, the summer months fade into the background. The campus is quiet, emptied of faculty and students. But for those of us who worked through the dog days of June, July, and August, this summer was particularly busy.

In the spring, we unveiled our new admissions materials, the results of two years of work with Mark Edwards and Co. The next step in the process was a redesign of our website, which went live just in time for the start of School.

Several goals directed the redesign process; we wanted to make the site easier to navigate, to incorporate the powerful messaging we had developed with Mark Edwards, and to take better advantage of all the new ways to syndicate content. We are very happy with the site and are busy building out all of the sections. If you haven't done so yet, please visit us at www.friendscentral.org.

The summer bore witness to other changes as well, and we have taken note of some of them in this issue: Laurie Novo assumed the role of Dean of Faculty and long-time colleague Linda Hensel passed away. The Wood Building got a new roof, Lower School new floors, and in September, we welcomed 119 new students and their families to our community.

Enjoy this issue and the bit of the year it captures. The photographs throughout the Annual Report are samples of student work, a wonderful testimony to the creativity of our students.

Sincerely,

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Ringling the Friendship Bell at Lower School

In 1990, former Lower School art teacher Marcia Slade gave Friends' Central a bell in honor of her late husband, David Slade. The Friendship Bell, as it is known, sits in the center of the circle where the entire Lower School gathers around it twice every year. In September, two fourth grade students with birthdays close to the first day of School, have the privilege of ringing in the year. On the last day of School, after a special Meeting for Worship, the fourth grade class walks out to the Friendship Bell, and one by one, they give the bell a final ring. When they are done, Lower School Head Joe Ludwig '69 congratulates them and wishes them well in Middle School.

Change of Leadership in the Upper School



In July a trip to meet with Laurie Novo (*see left above*), newly appointed Dean of Faculty and Upper School co-principal, on the second floor of the Wood Building required vaulting some caution tape and sidestepping a flurry of sparks. One might expect the Upper School to be a peaceful place in the summer, but the din of bathroom renovations and the clamor of workers reshingling the roof and coppering the dormers reverberated through the otherwise empty halls. I did not find Laurie at her new desk but came across her later taking refuge in the calmer OPA room.

Each year Friends' Central shuffles the roles and responsibilities of its faculty and administration in subtle and sometimes imperceptible ways, but in the 2011 School Year, the Upper School has undergone a more dramatic change as our 12-year Dean of Faculty, Bill Kennedy (*see left*), swapped seats, both literally and figuratively, with Upper School English teacher Laurie Novo.

In the Spring of 2010, Bill announced that he was planning to return to the classroom full-time this year. To some the announcement came as a surprise, but for Bill, this return was always part of the plan. I met with Bill at a Chinese restaurant as he was no longer spending his summer afternoons in the Wood Building. He explained over

General Tao's, "I actually was the Dean of Faculty longer than I thought I would be. I've always compared the position at Friends' Central to that of a university model, where leaders from inside the community step up to take on the position for a time and then, when the time is right, step down."

Before becoming the Dean of Faculty in the fall of 1998 Bill taught English for 12 years, 4 years at St. Albans Prep School and 8 of them in the Upper School at FCS. When Bill first arrived at FCS he was inspired by his mentor, Kathy Brown McHugh, the of the English department at the time. "She was an incredible reader and an incredible teacher. She helped me understand the importance of teaching writing as a process." Although he still managed to teach one class per year as the Dean of Faculty, Bill spoke about the classroom with a glow that betrayed his enthusiasm for his full portion this year.

Bill believes that in many ways being a successful dean is an extension of being a successful teacher. When he first became the Dean of Faculty 12 years ago, one focus of the position was hiring new faculty. Laurie comments, "Part of Bill's legacy is that he made the faculty program as academically strong as it could be. He has an unparalleled gift for mentoring new teachers." Twelve years ago the turnover rate of faculty members was



markedly higher than it is today. Approximately 25 of the current Upper School teachers were hired by Bill during his 12 years as dean. Bill emphasized that today the job is more about stewarding the faculty we already have and devising effective strategies to respond to the challenges posed by the intensification of the college application process.

In any case, Bill emphasized that the Dean of Faculty's primary responsibility is to support the faculty and enable them to excel. This requires intimate knowledge of teachers' professional and personal goals. Just as teachers work to get students' best performances, the Dean works to get teachers' best performances, matching them with responsibilities and projects that fit their skill set. For these reasons Bill believes that Laurie will make a fantastic dean. "She is a terrific teacher and she will be great as a mentor for faculty because she has thought a lot about teaching. She is able to see the community in sophisticated ways that others do not and has a gift for navigating complicated systems to make improvements."

Laurie has been thinking a great deal about the challenges and opportunities of the institutional perspective for a number of years. Three years ago she entered the Institute for Emerging Leadership in Friends' Schools, a program of the Friends' Council of Education. This program helped her reflect on the priorities

of the School and shape her ideas about the future of Friends' Central. She is acutely aware of the quickening increase in pressure that all high schools are experiencing. As college applicant pools grow and become more competitive, honors, accolades, and extracurricular activities are in increasing danger of being seen as capital for resumes rather than as educational experiences of inherent value. So, how does Friends' Central distinguish itself in a social context that judges the value of educational experience in increasingly narrow ways?

The answer to this question is at the heart of Laurie's strategy as Dean of Faculty. Her goal is to highlight and reassert the value of the journey, of the many experiences that take place every day in the Friends' Central community. The Friends' Central experience is not a means to an end; its educational value is inherent and immediate. The trick is to maintain a dual focus on helping students reach their goals while making the most of the multiplicity of rich experiences happening right now.

Laurie cites our Artist-in-Residence as an example of a program that provides incredible opportunities for creative and interactive learning right now. Unable to conceal her excitement, she explained the innovative ways that we are using our guest, acclaimed Philadelphia playwright and professor of theatre at Villanova

University, Michael Hollinger. Besides speaking to our 11th graders, all current students of American Literature, about Tony Kushner's play *Angels in America*, Mr. Hollinger will be working with a core team of Upper School students of all grades who will read three of his plays, meet with Michael to discuss them, attend a performance of Michael's most recent play *Ghost-Writer* at the Arden Theatre, and have a chance to share their impressions with the playwright. Michael Hollinger will also serve as a consultant as the Upper School theater department produces the fall play, *Sleepless City*, an original work by Friends' Central alumnus Tim Chawaga '06, recent graduate from NYU.

Whether it is as the Dean of Faculty or an Upper School English teacher, it is clear that both Laurie and Bill are keenly aware of the educational process; they appreciate the subtleties and intimacy of the classroom as well as the scope and synergy of the community experience. Bill and Laurie may be sitting at different desks this year, but they will both continue to lead, listen, and teach with the curious and open minds that led them down their respective paths. The students are under a new roof this year, but they will encounter two veteran teachers whose eyes are fresh and whose hearts are on them.

Middle School Awards

Front Row (from left): Daniel Yahalomi '14 (*Peace Through Service*), Max Ginsberg '14, (*Enthusiasm and Spirit Award*), Margaret Neirenberg '14 (*Enthusiasm and Spirit Award*), Camille Seidel '14 (*Peace Through Service*), Linday Saligman '14 (*Peace Through Service Award*).
 Back row: Emma Dahle '14 (*Sportsmanship and Friendship Award*), Hayden Gruber '14 (*Enthusiasm and Spirit Award*), Bryan Rubin '14 (*Sportsmanship and Friendship*), Jerome Allen '14 (*Sportsmanship and Friendship*), Chiara Neilson '14 (*Sportsmanship and Friendship Award*), Julia Lynn '14 (*Peace Through Service Award*), Maya Rosenberg '14 (*Enthusiasm and Spirit Award*)



9: Upper School Awards (all recipients are Class of 2010)

Cum Laude Society: Back row (from left): Jesse Rothenberg, Daniel Jacobson, Alexander Yih, Emily Bach, Hannah Shaw, Megan Holt, Emily Brodsky, Emma Fox, Jeffrey Berman, Nicholas Loh. Front row: Gabriella Capone, Sarah Weingarten, Elizabeth Shore, Madelena Rizzo, Arielle Fogel, Rebecca Thomas, Julia Rosner, Devon Kratchman, Jennifer Siegel.

2: *Leola Adelaide Smith Memorial Award*:
 Madelena Rizzo;
 Emily Bach,
 Haleemah Jackson



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3: *History Prize Paper*:
 Susannah Ivory.

4: *Science Award*: Madelena Rizzo.

5: *Calvin Rankin Award*: (left to right) Nicholas Loh, Jeffrey Berman, Daniel Jacobson, Rebekah Ahn.

6: *Benjamin V. Ogden Award*: (left to right) David Dawson, Noreen Neal, Grace Pearlman, Rebecca Thomas



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7: *Mathematics Award*: Mitchell Johnston, Spencer Villars.

8: *Poets and Playwrights Prize*: Nicolas DeFina; *The Ramsey Award for Prose* William Fedullo.



Upper School Awards

10: *John H. McCollum Memorial Award*: Back row (from left): Marc Parker, DeBreea Dunston, Christopher Green, Lizzy McMorris; Front row: Susannah Ivory, Emma Fox.

11: Marc Parker (*David Kirk Memorial Award*), Kaitlyn McCaffrey (*Florence Jackson Award*), Emily Brodsky (*Outstanding Senior Athlete Award*), Grace Pearlman (*Florence Jackson Award*), Christian Weber (*Outstanding Senior Athlete Award*), Kaitlyn McCaffrey (*Florence Jackson Award*).

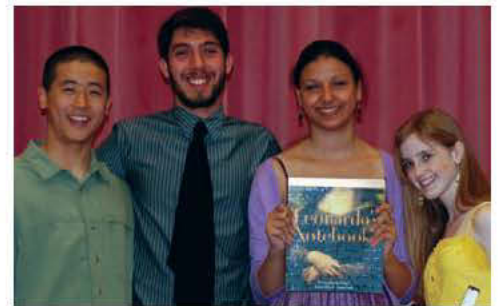


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12: Angelique Benrahou and Jennifer Siegel (*Arts Award*) and Jeffrey Berman, Nicholas Loh (*Music Award*).



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13: *Susan Durnford Snipes Memorial Award*: (from left): Aaron Reichlin, Nicholas Loh, Emily Brodsky, Hallie Greitzer, Madelena Rizzo, Noreen Neal, Rebecca Thomas, Arielle Fogel.

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14: *Executive Award*: Nicholas Loh and Madelena Rizzo.

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BASEBALL

Record: 9-2 League; 18-9 overall
 Coach: Ross Trachtenberg
 Assistant Coaches: Kyle Beatty and Frank Cooney
 Captains: Ed Rooney '10 and Alex Yih '10
 MVP: Ed Rooney '10
 MIP: Beau Hauser '11
All Friends Schools League: Ed Rooney '10, Paul Cotler '11, Beau Hauser '11 (1st Team); Mike DiLuca '10 (HM)
All Main Line: Ed Rooney '10, Paul Cottler '11 (1st Team); Beau Hauser '11 and Mike DiLuca '10 (2nd Team); Cameron Stimpson '12 (HM)

SOFTBALL

Record: 7-3 League; 11-5 overall
 Coach: Tony Coladonato
 Assistant Coaches: Tara Colantuono and Steve Colucci
 Captains: Sophia Grillo '10 and Caroline Satalof '11
 MVP: Jessica Cooper '11 and Caroline Satalof '11
 MIP: Ella Torres '12
All Friends Schools League: Caroline Satalof '11 (1st Team); Jessica Cooper '11 (HM)
All Main Line: Jessica Cooper '11, Caroline Satalof '11 (2nd Team)

BOYS' TENNIS

Record: 9-0 League; 15-2-1 overall
 Coach: Bill Sember
 Assistant Coaches: Hardy Baker
 Captains: Alexander Margolies '10 and Declan Hahn '12
 MVP: Alexander Margolies '10 and Declan Hahn '12
 MIP: Raaj Singh '13 and Samuel Silver '13
All Friends Schools League: Declan Hahn '12, Sam Silver '13, Ilan Dreyfus '12, Wes Kaminsky '11 (1st Team); Alex Margolies '10 and Raaj Singh '13 (HM)
All Main Line: Alex Margolies '10 and Declan Hahn '12 (1st Team)

BOYS' LACROSSE

Record: 0-5 League; 3-10 overall
 Coach: J.B. Bowie
 Assistant Coaches: Tony Genna and Sean Tischler
 Captains: Michael Michnowicz '12 and Jesse Rothenberg '10
 MVP: Michael Michnowicz '12
 MIP: Jason Clough '13
All Friends Schools League: Michael Michnowicz '12 (HM)
All Main Line: Michael Michnowicz '12 and Jason Clough '13 (HM)

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Record: 7-1 League; 12-5 overall
 Coach: Lauren Rubin '83
 Assistant Coaches: Diana Bleakley '10 and Kylie Hardin '10
 Captains: Emily Brodsky '10
 MVP: Emily Brodsky '10 and Emily Belkhoff '10
 MIP: Ally Wirshba '12
All Friends Schools League: Emily Brodsky '10, Emily Belkhoff '10, Jaime Clough '10, Becca Dahle '12, Megan Holt '10, Kaitlyn McCaffrey '10, Gracie Pearlman '10 (1st Team)
All Main Line: Emily Brodsky '10, Emily Belkhoff '10, Kaitlyn McCaffrey '10, Gracie Pearlman '10, Becca Dahle '12 (2nd Team) Ashley Tedesco '13, Jamie Clough '10, Megan Holt '10 (HM)

For a complete listing of all scores, season records, captains, and honors, please visit www.friendscentral.org/athletics



BOYS' TRACK

Record: 2-2 League; 2-3 overall

Coach: Tony DeSabato

Assistant Coaches: READ DeSabato '02, Mark Fifer, Keenan Willis '02, and Andy Coval

Captains: Alex Sheltzer '11, Daniel Segall '11, and Christian Webber '10

MVP: Alex Sheltzer '11 and Christian Webber '10

MIP: Scott Kulicke '10 and Marc Parker '10

All Friends Schools League: Alex Sheltzer '11, Daniel Segall '11, and Christian Webber '10 (1st Team)

All Main Line: Daniel Segall '11 and Alex Sheltzer '11 (1st Team); Christian Webber '10 (2nd Team); Marc Parker '10, Nate Willis '13, and Scott Kulicke '10 (HM)

GIRLS' TRACK

Record: 3-0 League; 3-0 overall

Coach: Brandon Shell

Assistant Coaches: Tamisha Gomez, Venetia Ricketts, Mark Fifer, and Jernell Mapp

Captains: Samantha Greenberg '10, Madelena Rizzo '10, and Imani Shell '12

MVP: Imani Shell '12

MIP: Maria Conyers-Jordan '13 and Marielle Greenblatt '13

All Friends Schools League: Meghan Cartafalsa '12, Madelena Rizzo '10, and Imani Shell '12 (1st Team)

All Main Line: Imani Shell '12 (1st Team); Madelena Rizzo '10 (2nd Team); Meghan Cartafalsa '12 (HM)

GOLF

Record: 4-5 League; 6-7 overall

Coach: Tom MacFarlane

Assistant Coaches: Pdraig Barry and Christopher McCann

Captains: Matthew Fedder '11, Sean Doerrman '11

MVP: Matthew Fedder '11

MIP: Spencer Grossinger '13

All Friends Schools League: Matthew Fedder (1st Team); Spencer Grossinger '13 (HM)

All Main Line: Matthew Fedder (1st Team); Spencer Grossinger '13 (HM)



1: Outstanding Senior Athletes

Every spring, Friends' Central recognizes senior athletes who have demonstrated outstanding skills on at least two varsity teams during their senior year. (From left): Emily Brodsky (*Outstanding Senior Athlete*), Madelena Rizzo (*Outstanding Senior Athlete*), Christian Weber (*Outstanding Senior Athlete*), Grace Pearlman (*Florence Jackson Award*), Kaitlyn McCaffrey (*Florence Jackson Award*), Marc Parker (*David Kirk Memorial Award*).

2: Most Valuable Players, Spring 2010:

Front row (from left): Emily Brodsky '10 (lacrosse), Emily Belkoff '11 (lacrosse), Jessica Cooper '11 (softball), Caroline Satalof '11 (softball), Imani Shell '12 (track). Back row: Alex Sheltzer '11 (track), Declan Hahn '12 (tennis), Alex Margolies '10 (tennis), Edward Rooney '10 (baseball), Michael Michnowicz '12 (lacrosse), Matthew Fedder '11 (golf), Christian Weber '10 (track).

3: Most Improved Players, Spring 2010:

Front row (from left): Raaj Singh '13 (tennis), Allie Wirshba '12 (lacrosse), Ella Torres '12 (softball), Marielle Greenblatt '13 (track), Maria Conyers-Jordan '13 (track). Back row: Jason Clough '13 (lacrosse), Beau Hauser '11 (baseball), Samuel Silver '13 (tennis), Scott Kulicke '10 (track), Marc Parker '10 (track). Missing: Spencer Grossinger '13 (golf).





THE CLASS OF 2010



On Saturday, June 12, Friends' Central celebrated Commencement for the class of 2010 on Graduation Terrace. The ceremony included remarks from Ann Satterthwaite, Clerk of the Board of Trustees (*below upper left*), Headmaster David Felsen (*below upper right*), Upper School Dean of Faculty Bill Kennedy (*below center*) and Upper School Dean of Students Beth Johnson '77 (*below lower right*). Jeffrey Berman '10 (*below middle left*) and Natasha Willis '10 (*below lower left*) shared wonderful speeches about the importance and challenge of taking the Friends' Central education and its community values into the larger world.



THE CLASS OF 2010



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| Rebekah Ahn | <i>Wesleyan University</i> |
| Taylor Anderson | <i>Connecticut College</i> |
| Emily Bach | <i>Skidmore College</i> |
| Jacob Barron | <i>University of Rochester</i> |
| Emily Belkoff | <i>Muhlenberg College</i> |
| Angelique Benrahou | <i>The University of the Arts</i> |
| Jeffrey Berman | <i>Wesleyan University</i> |
| Carly Blumenfeld | <i>Occidental College</i> |
| Molly Boschan | <i>Bucknell University</i> |
| Emily Brodsky | <i>Hamilton College</i> |
| Gabriella Capone | <i>Swarthmore College</i> |
| James Clampffer | <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> |
| Jamie Clough | <i>Franklin and Marshall College</i> |
| Alexandra Cohen | <i>Tulane University</i> |
| Jacquelynne Conyers-Jordan | <i>West Chester University</i> |
| David Dawson | <i>Philadelphia University</i> |
| Michael DiLuca | <i>George Washington University</i> |
| Benita Dowdell | <i>Albright College</i> |
| Ian Dumoff | <i>The Culinary Institute of America</i> |
| DeBreea Dunston | <i>Clarion University of PA</i> |
| Max Dweck | <i>Sarah Lawrence College</i> |
| Talia East | <i>Penn State University</i> |
| Wilder Erb | <i>Temple University</i> |
| Anne Estey | <i>Skidmore College</i> |
| Benjamin Filreis | <i>Bard College</i> |

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| Arielle Fogel | <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> |
| Emma Fox | <i>Oberlin College</i> |
| Matthew Frank | <i>Bentley University</i> |
| Ephriam Frankel | <i>University of Miami</i> |
| Samuel Fryman | <i>Temple University</i> |
| Robert Kyle Fullerton | <i>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</i> |
| Paul Gallagher '11 | <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> |
| Henry J Gaskins | <i>Boston University</i> |
| Olivia Gillison | <i>Ohio Wesleyan University</i> |
| Christopher Green | <i>Swarthmore College</i> |
| Samantha Greenberg | <i>Franklin and Marshall College</i> |
| Hallie Greitzer | <i>Washington University in St. Louis</i> |
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| Spencer Hewett | <i>Washington Univ in St. Louis</i> |
| Jonathan Hewson | <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> |
| Megan Holt | <i>Haverford College</i> |
| Alex Hufnagel | <i>Temple University</i> |
| Susannah Ivory | <i>Colgate University</i> |
| Haleemah Jackson | <i>Smith College</i> |
| Daniel Jacobson | <i>Brown University</i> |
| Charlotte James | <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> |

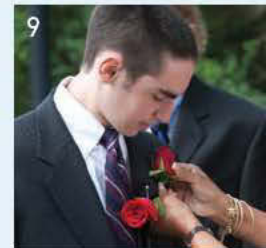


1: Matthew Frank, Alexander Margolies, Benjamin Melman; 2: Everett, Olivia, and Elaine Gillison; 3: Emily Brodsky and Grace Pearlman; 4: Rae Reichlin, Natasha Sultan; 5: Michelle Kaplan, Hallie Greitzer, Alexandra Cohen, Emily Belkoff; 6: Jennifer and Donald Siegel.



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| Michelle Kaplan | <i>Lehigh University</i> |
| Samantha Karpinski | <i>Oberlin College</i> |
| Devon Kratchman | <i>Muhlenberg College</i> |
| Scott Kulicke | <i>Occidental College</i> |
| Gwendolyn Lewis | <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> |
| Nicholas Loh | <i>Oberlin College</i> |
| Jacquelyn Maldonado | <i>Chestnut Hill College</i> |
| Kristen Mann | <i>Purdue University</i> |
| Alexander Margolies | <i>University of Delaware</i> |
| Mark Margulies | <i>Muhlenberg College</i> |
| Sara Matey | <i>Franklin and Marshall College</i> |
| Kaitlyn McCaffrey | <i>Muhlenberg College</i> |
| Elizabeth McMorris | <i>Vassar College</i> |
| Rachel McVey | <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> |
| Benjamin Melman | <i>Drexel University</i> |
| Dominic Morris | <i>Boston University</i> |
| Noreen Neal | <i>Bryn Mawr College</i> |
| Justin Nicolai | <i>Loyola University Maryland</i> |
| Rich Olson | <i>University of Mississippi</i> |
| Marc Parker | <i>George Washington University</i> |
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7: Audrey Kiliian, Hannah Shaw, Frank Fisher; 8: Thelma Harper, Olivia Gillison, Simone Partridge, Talia East, DeBreea Dunston, Jacquelynne Conyers-Jordan, Gwendolyn Lewis, Emily Belkoff, Benita Dowdell, Kathryn Rahman, Natasha Willis; 9: Samuel Fryman; 10: Max Frankel '03, E.J. Frankel, Zach Frankel '06.





< Let us make of the world what we want it to be. –Natasha Willis

> Without dreams, this world is impossible.

–Jeffrey Berman

A Capacity For Greatness

by *Natasha Willis '10*

When I speak about Friends' Central I am not referring to the buildings, the curriculum, or even the members of the community, but I am referring to the spirit of the institution—the soul of the School. Friends' Central teaches us that there is that of God in everyone; this Quaker value is what makes Friends' Central accepting of many different types of people. It is with this philosophy that Friends' Central not only encourages us to explore the different facets of our personality and talents, but also challenges us to expand the parameters of our capability and make every problem solvable. These are the parts of Friends' Central that have transcended the walls of the classroom and embedded themselves in my class, the class of 2010...

At the senior's meeting for leaving, my classmate Madelena Rizzo captured what I believe to be the true essence of Friends' Central. She likened the support that Friends' Central students receive to the similar support that she encountered on the track this past Spring. She explained that at every leg of her race there were members of her team there to cheer her on; and although she would get tired during her long and arduous two mile race, her "cheer section" of peers was always on the sidelines pushing her forward. Certainly as we made our way through school, especially through our senior year, it was difficult to remain focused and summon the energy to keep moving forward. However the Friends' Central Community never failed to remind us of the gifted, intelligent, and exceptional young adults that we have grown into....

It is our growth and maturity that has made us ready to commence our lives outside of Friends'

Central. We are prepared to face the inevitable adversities and disappointments that come with adulthood because of our ability to see that of God in everyone, to pursue what we love, and to forge our own paths. We, the class of 2010, are the inventors, doctors, authors, educators, entrepreneurs, professional athletes, and philanthropists of our generation.

As we prepare ourselves for life outside of Friends' Central, let us not be consumed by our anxieties for what the world may be like, rather let us make the world what we want it to be. Class of 2010, we have discovered and cultivated the treasures of our gifts, we have the capacity for greatness, and the tools to have a positive impact on all that we do...



Emma Fox

THE CLASS OF 2010

Dreaming Our Future

by Jeffrey Berman '10

In *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, wise old Dumbledore says upon considering a group of sleeping students, "In dreams we enter a world that is entirely our own. Let them swim in the deepest ocean or glide over the highest cloud."....Without dreams, this world is impossible, and our realities can only ever be as pleasing as the appearance of all the things we encounter around us. But with dreams that "other" world is possible, and our realities can be as fantastic as we choose. The only question is "How"?....

Through the *Harry Potter* stories we learn that... it is not a character's ability to perform magic that matters, but their commitment to cultivating compassion, courage, generosity, and an interest in making the world a better place. That is exactly what I have learned from Friends' Central; that the most important thing is not proving that you can get an A for someone else, or reading a book because you are supposed to, it is being a valuable member of the community because you want to for yourself and for everyone else.

The other day I read an article in the *New York Times* about John Wooden, the long time coach of the U.C.L.A. "Bruins".... To this day he remains the coach with the most wins in the history of the N.C.A.A. and an icon to millions of people as someone who demonstrated that, by holding firmly to convictions of selflessness and determination, you can achieve your dreams.... Wooden is quoted saying, "You better play together as a team or you sit." When I thought about this, I remembered so many times at Friends' Central where I was taught this same message. I thought of all the times in chamber music when students would be encouraged to practice their pieces more, not only to improve technically, but to listen more carefully to the other musicians. Or the times when Coach Campbell would ask someone to run as fast as they could while he effortlessly kicked the ball a greater distance to demonstrate the importance of passing and the foolishness of egotism. These lessons, for me, are the answer to the question of how to achieve your dreams and a powerful perspective for someone with an open mind and a willing heart. But as the saying goes, "with great power comes great responsibility." In this case, the responsibility is to actualize these lessons in our lives.



Kathryn Rahman



(Left)
Rebekah
and Moon
Kyun Ahn



(Right)
Marc Parker



REUNION 2010

By all measures, Reunion 2010 was a spectacular success. The sun shone gloriously all afternoon while alumni/ae from as far back as 1935 enjoyed each other, the campus, good food, some varsity athletic contests, and a wonderful Reunion Program that included an unprecedented Class Gift from the 50th Reunion.

The weekend began on Friday, May 7 when four members of the class of 2000 performed at Upper School assembly. Rose Muravchick, Emily Ramsey-North, Gina Zorzi, and Taiwo Whetstone captivated the audience with a selection of pieces from the Great American Songbook. It was especially delightful to hear them sing again the songs they had performed together for their Senior Project! Taiwo, who continues to study vocal arts, also shared a beautiful operatic selection from her personal repertoire.

On Saturday, over 500 alumni/ae, family members, friends, and faculty came to celebrate the classes of '35, '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, and '05. In the morning alumni/ae visited over breakfast and gathered in Shallcross Hall for Meeting for Worship, where their moving anecdotes and emotional messages hit a strikingly uniform tone of appreciation for FCS's powerful education and enduring community.

After a campus tour led by Jim Davis, Middle and Upper School music teacher, the Reunion program began. Friends' Central honored Dr. Richard Burgess '65 and Dr. Mary Deming Scott '60 as this year's Distinguished Alumnus/a. Richard Burgess was honored for his remarkable contributions to Neurological Medicine and Mary was honored for her accomplishments in the field of Pediatric Medicine.

The gathered alumni/ae, in turn, honored Friends' Central with a combined Reunion gift of \$252,597.70, led by the Class of 1960's astounding gift of \$184,500.

We also honored Diane DeVan, who retired in June after serving 29 years as the Upper School secretary. The festivities crescendoed into the Headmaster's Reception, Class dinners, and a very festive party for the younger classes at The Raven Lounge, owned by Jonathan Hunter '90, in center city.

Reunion 2010 was a fantastic success giving alumni/ae an opportunity to remember and relive those treasured days at Friends' Central School.

1: Erika and Bill Larson; 2: Dorothy Everitt Bond '35 and Helen Skilling Alderfer '35; 3: Kelly Markowitz '05, Ethan Seidel '05, Deacon Lile '05; 4: Angelina Riley '00, Rose Muravchick '00, Isabel Daniels '00, Taiwo Whetston '00





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Class of 1935: Helen Skilling Alderfer, Margaret Mitchell, Dorothy Everitt Bond

Class of 1940: Jack McCoy, Kay Staman Swenson, Harry Schmidt

Class of 1950: front (left to right): Barbara Zimmermann Bates, Winkie Ostroff Gaev, Carol Weinrott Leebron, Henry Cowell, Cynthia Linton Fleming, Bob Small; back (left to right): Gardner Hendrie, Anne Dufour Clouser, John Trumper

Class of 1955: front (left to right): Sally Deming Love, Barbara Zilling Fuller, Ruth Jarvis DuBois, Donna Hayes Edwards, Nancy Ives Cox, Sallie Whitesell Phillips, Ruth Stubbs Denlinger; back (left to right): Bill Gartner, Allan Mackey, Mayer Schnyder, Nick Freeman, Joe Borneman, Dick Spillman, Middy Minster Larson, Ted Clisby, Dave Hardin, Barbara Jess Charlson, Colin Dickson, George "Toby" Walters



Class of 1960: 50th Reunion: front (left to right): Frances Berger Garfield, Lois Maiman Lynn Volckhausen Edinoff, Dena Obus Rakoff, Janice Decker Frohner, Mary Deming Scott, Richard Ulmer, Donald Briskman, Sandra Slevin Lockhart, Ginger Arnold Gleason, Susan Phillips Henning; middle (left to right): Judi Deemer Roseland, Olivia Carpenter, Judith Colish Franzen, Inge Stark Olivero de Rubiana, Patty Ellis Donnelly, Frank Judson, Nancy Friedland Cochran, Trish D'Alonzo Johnson, Liz Surbeck Biddle, Peggy Johnson Hewitt; back: (left to right) Bruce Babcock, Ladd Thomas, Mickey Milhous, Elinor Whitelaw Hunt, Alex Markauskas, Dan Jones, Bruce Woodruff, Jeanne Jackson Vollmer, Nick Scull, Ralph Horning, Bob Levin



Class of 1965: front (left to right) Antoinette Leroux Jewell, Belle Brett, Joan Decker Battey, Larry Levin, Adrienne Roos Jones; back (left to right) Richard Burgess, Laura Jackson, Chris Nerl, Susan Herzberg Henry, Jack Battey, Andy Weinstein, Susan Schwartz Goodrich

Class of 1970: front (left to right): Jill Crawford Muhrer, Sherry McVickar, and Joyce Abrams; middle: Christine Young Gaspar, Gigi Schlesinger Perry, Sarah George Figueira, Carry Cooper, and Steve Buerkle; back: Paul Seidel, Bill Roberts, Adam Wolkin, Bob Levin, Larry Camp, Stephanie Helen Koenig, Bill Thomas, Blair Roberts, and Allan Ziegler.

Class of 1975: (left to right): Trish Brady, Josef Schaff, Andrew Escoll, Walter Harris, Jack Snow, Clarence Peaks, Crystal Dawson Blanco, Kirk Paul, Linda Waxman Wasserman, Jennifer Cohen Shandelman, Peter Taylor

Class of 1980: (left to right): Gwyn Roberts, Barrett Caldwell, Bill Larson, Joyce Horikawa, Lincoln Meyers, Eileen Flanagan, and Josh Klein

Class of 1985: Colin Roberts, Vince Feldman, Fara Crosson Sobel, Emily Freeman, Dereck Drayer, Jan Chu, Jon Dick, Me, Danielle Broussard, Greg Obod, Nick Wilson, Jen Corson Lebow, Ander Pinzola, and Nichole Paul.

Class of 1990: Eileen Farnon, Matt Scher, Amanda Welsh Greenwald, Wendy Schwartz Woodhall, Emily Bernstein, Jonathan Hunter and son

Class of 2000: front (left to right): Tara Ramchandani, Gina Zorzi, Amy Meyerson, Emma Steiner, Laila Goldberg, Rose Muravchick, Josh Ruzansky, Teresa Ryan, Angelina Riley, John Senker, Isabel Daniels, Taiwo Whetstone back (left to right) Sallie Garfield, Jim McKeogh, E.J. Klock-McCook, Ben Joyce, Brent Bernstein, Eric Levin, Jessica Rosenberg, Kate Yulman

Class of 2005: front (left to right): Sam Eisner, Lawrence Murray (Middle) Leah Franqui, Kelly Markowitz, Nathan Sandals, Elyse Siegel, Louise Kraft, Sam Berschler, Rachel Bradburd, Marla Glasser, Geneva Campbell, Kylie Hardin; back: Brad Cohen, Eric Zeiger, Adam Farrar, Aaron Schechter, Kent Jevremovic, Ethan Seidel, Sara Maloney-Truitt



REUNION 2010

Distinguished Alumnus/a Awards



Each year, the Friends' Central School Alumni/ae Office honors two alumni/ae for their distinguished records of service to the School, their communities, or their professions.

This year's Distinguished Alumna was **Mary Deming Scott '60**. Mary has dedicated her life to Pediatric Medicine, as both a practitioner and instructor. Before retiring in 2006, she worked in Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for 25 years and instructed Pediatric Medicine at Harvard Medical School for 31 years. Among her many awards she received a Community Pediatrics Award and an Autism Society Award in 2000. She is the wife of Richard Scott and the mother of Jordan Scott and Andrew Scott who both graduated from Wesleyan and are also physicians.



Richard Burgess '65 was honored as this year's Distinguished Alumnus. Richard's pioneering research in neurological computing for the assessment of patients has benefitted millions of people across the globe. He also served as a writer and editor for many medical publications including the Journal of Clinical Neurophysiology. Richard is married to Margaret Burgess and is the father of Margaret Burgess, who received her PhD in Art History from Oxford, and Rick Burgess, who completed an MD and a PhD at Ohio State and also specializes in neurology.

For their professional achievement, devotion to family and community, and continuing dedication to Friends' Central School, we are proud to honor Mary and Richard.

"Toby" Walters, tireless advocate

"On the occasion of our 55th reunion we wish to acknowledge and thank George "Toby" Walters for all of his tireless work on our behalf: his ongoing commitment to the Friends' Central School and his leadership role during our past 50th and 55th reunions. The success of these reunions was due primarily to the efforts of "Toby" who strongly encouraged class members to consider returning to their alma mater at reunion time. He spent endless hours telephoning, e-mailing, and corresponding with class members as well as communicating with the Alumni Affairs personnel at FCS. Truly, he was the lightning rod that spurred our class on to both an outstanding attendance as well as 100% gifting participation. He has been a reliable source for all of us. From far and wide the "Great Class of 1955" shouts out our appreciation of his love for us and our school and sends him best wishes and many happy reunions to come."

(signed by) Marcy Ballis, Sue Black, Joe Borneman, Barb Charlson, Ted Clisby, Ruth Denlinger, Ruth DuBois, Donna Edwards, Dan Egan, Gail Farber, John Foster, Nick Freeman, Barbara Fuller, Bill Gartner, Esther Jo Gurl, Dave Hardin, Linda Kacser, Middy Larson, Sally Love, Allan Mackey, Nan Merz, Bruce Miller, Peg Nagy, Sallie Phillips, Dean Polites, Ted Pounds, Ted Riccardi, Ed Rummel, Bonnie Schoennagel, Mayer Schnyder, Marguerite Smith, Dick Spillman, and Miriam Staloff.





50th Reunion

“As one of the organizers of the Class of 1960’s 50th Reunion, it was very satisfying to watch as my classmates enthusiastically came together at our Friday evening kick-off party, many of them for the first time in 50 years. Genuine warmth radiated throughout the room as we each caught a glimpse into the lives of the people with whom we shared our adolescent years. During the course of the weekend a new interest and respect grew for classmates, whom in some cases we had scarcely known during those cliquish high school days.

At the Reunion Celebration on Commencement Terrace our class proudly presented a class gift of \$184,500, the largest class gift in FCS’s history. What a marvelous statement of how highly our class values the Friends’ Central experience. When the day ended after an elegant dinner in Shallcross Hall, the members of the Class of ’60 parted enriched by the renewed friendships and already looking forward to the 55th!” —*Janice Decker Frohner*

“When I say 36 of the 59 traceable, surviving members of my class returned, (and another nine filed written reports), people are astounded. It speaks, I think,



of the strength of the memories of moments and associations we wished to honor. Some recalled teachers; others friends; some an ethos; others games. We had grown up, historians observe, shadowed by the Bomb and sedated by Eisenhower; but I recall us secure and bright-eyed. Lee Oswald had not interrupted our dreams and Vietnam was France’s nightmare. The Pill was unknown and alcohol the only substance available for abuse. None of our horizons had been expanded by births and only a few abused by death. “(O)ur future awaits finding,” I had written in our yearbook. Now those it had satisfied had assembled to celebrate a portion of that with which we had begun our quest.” —*Bob Levin*

“Coming to the 50th reunion was an eye opener for me. What a joy to see how far I had come in life and to learn what wonderful things my classmates were doing over the past 50 years. It was great to reconnect and I am now in touch with many people of whom I was fond in high school and still feel close to today. I have a new appreciation for the education I received at FCS.” —*Stuart Edinoff*

“What a fun weekend, with such terrific people whom we haven’t seen for so long... We made a statement as the all time number one class on our school’s 50th Reunion gift list! That’s us, the Class of 1960. Congratulations to all, and loads of thankfulness too.”
—*Rich Ulmer*



This summer Linda Hensel, our longtime Middle School colleague, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. In the fall of 1980, after teaching for eight years in the public school system, Linda accepted an offer from Joe Ludwig, then serving as Middle School Principal, to teach mathematics at Friends' Central. Linda's teaching role shifted early on to include computers and her responsibilities continued to change throughout her career, but she made her deepest impression on Friends' Central as Assistant Principal and the Quakerism teacher Quakerism in the Middle School. In this capacity, Linda's unique grace, spiritual sensibility, and love of the truth were reflected and complemented most fittingly. Over these past thirty years, we have been blessed as Linda employed her innovative teaching skills and her Quaker perspicacity in the service of our School.

As a devoted Quaker, Linda embodied the testimonies that Friends' Central holds most sacred. She had a special appreciation for the value of service and its role in education. In the early eighties she helped to promote and implement an idea to create weekly serv-

ice assignments for students in the Middle School, and although they have evolved, these weekly service projects still exist today. Besides coordinating the various service projects, Linda supervised a knitting service project for which students would knit hats, blankets, and teddy bears and send them to those in need in Afganistan. Even while she was on leave this past year, she continued to visit when she could to knit with her students. We are deeply saddened to lose such a vital member of the Friends' Central Family, but we are grateful for the inestimable gifts she has given to all of us.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 10th at the Old Haverford Friends Meeting in Havertown.

On Sunday, September 26, the School community held a special Memorial Meeting for Worship to reflect on Linda's legacy.





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