

AlumNOTES

Notes were shared by Alums during the summer of 2019.

Alex Amador (MS 2006)

began veterinary school as a member of the Ohio State University class of 2023 and hopes to specialize in food animal care and public health.

Bennett Amador (MS 2009)

is working in Boston for John Hancock and taking advantage of living in Somerville.



David Andersson (UE 1999), Katy Gray (UE 1999) and Lily Schweitzer (UE 1999)

celebrated at Katy's wedding to partner Dale Booth in Vermont last summer.

David also shared that his father, Bruno Andersson, passed away suddenly on May 20, 2019. "He was a member of the Montessori School family for the five years I attended (and for many years beyond!), and actually helped bring a

Montessori-inspired religious education program to the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Weston, CT, where he was a catechist for 25 years. Many members of The Montessori School community attended his funeral, including **Kathy Allen** and **Gerry Leonard**, **Lily Schweitzer** and family, **Katy Gray** and family, **Heather McCabe** and family, and **Lois** and **Alex Amador**, among others.



From left to right: **Sebastien Bolea**, **Remy Bolea**, **Annie Tang Bolea**, **Stefan Bolea**, **Lucas Bickford**, **Rahman Nabulsi**

On May 18, 2019, **Stefan Bolea (UE 1996)** tied the knot with fiancée Annie Tang at the Beauport Hotel in Gloucester, MA. Alumni who joined the happy couple in this lifetime milestone included **Sebastien Bolea (UE 2000)**, **Remy Bolea (UE 2001)**, **Lucas Bickford (UE2000)**, and **Rahman Nabulsi (UE 2000)**.

Seen together at the Guilford Yacht Club for Hopkins pre-prom photos this past



June were **Lauren Seto (UE 2000)**, **Sara Kranzlin (MS 2015)**, **Ethan Pritchard (UE 2013)** and **Biz Fay (UE 2013)**. Congratulations to all on their Hopkins and Staples graduations!

The **Evans** family has been enjoying their first year living in Staffordshire, England. Both **Hannah (UE 2018)** and **Sarah (P 2018)** are playing golf and riding their ponies. Hannah rides a black 15-2 hand horse named Tilly, and Sarah just got her first pony named Roany, a 13-1. The girls enjoy staying



at the yard with their horses and take lessons with Lee Pearson, a medaled Olympian. The girls have adjusted well to their new school and credit having a strong foundation from The Montessori School. This fall, Hannah is in Year 8, the equivalent of 7th grade and Sarah is attending Prep year 2, the equivalent to 1st grade in America.



Kendall Flavin (LE 2007)

followed her passion for fashion and her flair for design to the Westphal College of Media Arts and Design at Drexel University. Kendall learned the detailed and intricate arts of drawing, designing, patterning, sewing and production with a full schedule of core academic classes. In her senior year she traveled to Seoul, South Korea, for Drexel Intensive Course Abroad, and was also the recipient of the 2019 Fashion Scholarship Fund Award. The culmination of

her four years was the 2019 Drexel Fashion Show at the Urban Outfitters headquarters in Philadelphia this past June, where she presented her creations and was awarded the Worlfgang Harbor PROMISE NOW Award for her line of menswear-inspired wearable women's clothing. Each piece incorporated asymmetrical and linear elements of architectural lines and structure. Following a valuable co-op experience at Milly in New York City, she is now working in product development for the company.

Alison Lide (UE Teacher 2008-2012) writes: After a year in Asia, I took a position as a 6-12 guide at a small but growing school in the Columbia Gorge in Washington state. I just finished six wonderful years there, and have now moved to Innsbruck, Austria. This coming year I'll be working at Ecole Montessori Casablanca in Morocco for a year, and then will see what comes after that.

My husband and I are still running the House of Flowers orphanage, which is a Montessori-based home and school program for about 30 destitute children in Kabul, Afghanistan (<http://www.mepoonline.org>). It's been operating for over 16 years. People from The Montessori School continue to support the House of Flowers. It is gratifying and meaningful to have such long-lasting connections.

Former Communications Director, Former Trustee, and alumna mom, **Ruth**

Hurwitz shares: After moving back to Boston in the fall of 2017 I took on a variety of consulting projects. This spring I accepted a full-time position at Financial Recovery Technologies as their Director of Professional Development & Administration. I will be the company's in-house Coach while also developing a variety of professional development initiatives, including an Emerging Leadership Program, a Women in Leadership group and a Mindfulness Mafia! In addition to the new job I moved into an apartment on Beacon Street in Brookline, between Kenmore Square and Coolidge Corner and love absorbing the energy of the city.



Abbey O'Meara (MS 2016) recently finished her fifth year at the Acadia Institute of Oceanography, a hands-on program off the coast of Maine in Acadia National Park. "Working with other students I completed a shark dissection, water quality monitoring, tank maintenance, crab identifications, collections and more! The experience has been valuable for me as I

am going into my senior year of high school with a deep passion for Marine Science and Conservation.

I interned at Save the Sound this summer under the Soundkeeper, Bill Lucey." Abbey participated in many projects, including one measuring the Dissolved Oxygen in Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport. She shares, "The results are devastating as they have been at zero since we started testing. The fish and other organisms in this cove will eventually die due to the lack of nutrients and oxygen in the water. If this continues, as it has for over 50 years, due to sewage outflows and pollution, it will spread into Long Island Sound and impact the shellfish industry, and our economy. Another recent project is collecting "ghost" traps on the bottom of Long Island Sound. Ghost traps are abandoned lobster or crab traps that collect organisms but aren't pulled up and can kill lobsters...which impacts the ecosystem at the bottom of the Sound."

Abbey also received her Open Water PADI License in North Carolina. "I am excited about the opportunities that await me!"

Abbey is looking at local colleges, hoping to stay within a two-hour drive from home, and hopes to play field hockey in a D3 program.

Gaby Pisano, (MS 2013) currently a student at University of Denver, is studying in Jordan. Here is a snippet from her blog: "Yesterday I took my written placement exam

for Arabic. The best way to describe the difficulty of this exam is that everyone in my testing room stared at the first page for 45 minutes before even attempting to begin answering the questions. This morning at 10:45 I sat with one of the teachers at the university and began my oral placement exam which included her asking me questions in Arabic which I had to answer, obviously, in Arabic. After about fifteen minutes, I signed my language pledge agreeing to only speak Arabic until I am headed back to the USA in December. When I walked out of that exam I could feel a shift in the air. Something big had just happened and Jordan would never be the same for me. I am very excited and nervous to have taken the pledge. What resonated with me most was the professor asking me what my goals for taking the pledge and being on this program were. I took a minute to think. I have been taking Arabic on and off since freshmen year of high school...I want full immersion and to take this pledge to push past that point, finally get to that level of fluent in order to take my language and run with it. Whether I can use it at a job or at home or traveling, I want to be speaking Arabic in my future. While Arabic is hard, I would say day one went pretty well—definitely better than I expected—so I am excited to see what the next few months brings.

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(good night!) xo"