

AlumNOTES



Stefan Bolea (UE 2000) lived and worked in Shanghai for 4 years and will complete his MBA from IESE in Barcelona, Spain in May. He was doing a marketing course in Nairobi in January when he met up with **Sam Slaughter (UE 1999)**. Sam is co-founder of an environmental energy company in Kenya, PowerGen Renewal Energy.

Nora Dominick (UE 2007) is an editorial intern at BroadwayWorld.com, a writer for Fangirlish.com and co-executive stage editor for Emerson College's leading entertainment website, Entertainment Monthly. Nora directed four of Emerson's studio TV productions and associate directed the EVVY



Awards, the largest student-run, multi-camera award show in the nation. In the summer of 2016, Nora attended San Diego Comic Con, as a member of the press. She will graduate from Emerson in 2017 with a degree in VMA: Writing for Film/TV and Journalism.



Rachel (Fischer-Tripodi) Montgomery and her husband Greg are expecting a baby! Rachel, Greg and former French teacher/Development Director/Admissions Director/Assistant Head of School **Dana Brunell Eisenberg** enjoyed a lovely evening together this summer.

Samyukt Kumar's (MS 2012) article "Avoiding Mistakes in Syria" was published in News-Decoder in December. Samyukt was also valedictorian of his 2016 graduating class at Greens Farms Academy.

We welcomed many alums to our 2016 Middle School Commencement in June, including: **Matias Martinez**



(MS 2015), Thomas Mazzarulli (MS 2015), Niall Sheridan (MS 2015), Michelle Menard (MS 2015), Elizabeth Byer (MS 2015), Saira Munshani (MS 2015) Front row: **Ingrid Crumpton (UE 2010), Max Von Bartheld (MS 2015), Sara Kranzlin (MS 2015), Adlai Brandt-Ogman (MS 2013).**

Also in May, another Montessori reunion happened—at Carnegie Hall! Montessori alums and current students, all Suzuki music students, played their hearts out on stage! Performers included alums **Shriya Chelluboina (LE 2013), Adeeva Ghuman (Primary 2014), Saira Munshani (MS 2015), Cyrus Pearson (Primary 2011)** and **Chloe Smith (LE 2013)**, as well as current Montessori students Anthony Low, Alexander Saleeb, Annaliese Saleeb and Henry Smith. Montessori Curriculum Coordinator (and alum mom), Heather Maccabe, was thrilled to be in the audience.

Linda Paseltiner writes: We did have a lovely visit with [former

Upper Elementary teacher and Montessori Alum Dad] Gerry [Leonard]—**Daniel Paseltiner (UE 2006)** even came home from Bates for the week-end! Shannon Helfrich snapped this photo of **Matthew Paseltiner (UE 2010)** at Margot Waltuch's memorial in 2003, and it has been on our refrigerator ever since.



A senior at Millbrook School, a boarding school in Millbrook, NY, **Gaby Pisano (MS 2013)** is a dorm leader, member of the Environmental Council, and a strong, steady presence on the girls' hockey team. Says her coach, "she understands the game, makes great plays, and is a key player. Gaby is also a team player—she makes great passes, communicates well, and looks out for the other girls. Her positive attitude and work ethic are constant...and she has established herself as not only a key contributor, but also as a leader of the program." Gaby also plays Lacrosse and is the Captain of varsity soccer at Millbrook.

Shauna Pickering shared: We are settled in Marin County, CA. Our year was packed with transitions. We welcomed a puppy named Zander into our family. The children spend a lot of time visiting their grandparents on an almond farm an hour and half away. Having family so close has been priceless. **Cooper (UE 2015), McCain (LE 2015) and Calder's (LE 2015)** love for soccer has continued. **Reese (Primary 2015)** has become an intense gymnast- she can't seem to get enough of it. Calder still has his love of math and misses Trista very much. McCain had an incredible year where he studied about rubies and volcanoes, Albert Einstein, atoms, electromagnetic fields. Cooper is entering middle school this year. He has made wonderful friends. Everyone misses their friends tremendously and TMS, the only school they have ever known. We are so grateful for the incredible 21 years our children had there.

Harrison Potter (MS 2010) transferred in January from George Washington University to Hamilton College, and loves the rural lifestyle and his new community. He has begun rowing again, competing on Hamilton's Varsity team; his boat took home the bronze medal at the National Invitational Rowing Championships in May, and the team is looking forward to a great fall season. Harrison spent the summer interning for a commercial real estate brokerage in Westport.

Karl Rempe (UE 2004) recently won the National Championship

for Club Rugby with his team, The Fairfield Yankees.



Thomas Rosiello (MS 2011) at his summer job at Brooks Brothers sold his first suit to fellow Montessori alum **Henry Fay (MS 2010)**! Both gents attended Hopkins after Montessori, and currently Henry is at SMU and Thomas is a freshman at Bowdoin College.

Ingrid Crumpton (UE 2010), Kelly McKenna (MS 2013) and Joaquin Brasher (MS 2016) served as counsellors this June at our Labyrinth Athletics Multi Sport Camp, run by Athletic Director Jason Brasher.



Adelaide Richards (UE 1997) and Andrew Spollett were married on Nantucket in September 2015. Many Montessori friends were in attendance, including sisters **Isabel (UE 2001)**, Cressida

and Caroline Richards, former Toddler Directress and alum mom Mary Reinhardt, **Dagan Reinhardt (UE 1997)**, and **Sarah Slaughter (UE 1997)**. The bride is a librarian at the Nantucket Atheneum and a writer; the couple make their home on Nantucket.

Matthew Weber (UE 2004) spent two years working for a start-up cell phone company for Veterans called Defense Mobile. He is now working for one of the venture capital investors in that company and living in Manhattan. **Julia Weber (UE 2006)** graduated from Tulane and spent the summer backpacking around Europe. In August, she moved to Washington D.C. and working for a real estate development company called Streetsense.

Sam Hough (UE 1999) was invited to play in a kickball league in Stamford where he met his teammate, Kate Pigué—they were married in October 2015. **Grace Hough (UE 2001)** was in the wedding party. Sam and Kate recently bought a house in Norwalk and welcomed a Vizsla puppy, Walter, in May.



Lucia Wiggers (MS 2014) is having a stellar time at St. Luke's in New Canaan. This past March, she joined some classmates on a trip to Sicily. Over the summer Lucia worked her dream job as an instructor at the Norwalk Sailing School at Calf Pasture Beach. This fall, Lucia continues to participate in her school's debate team, cross country team, and the Blues Band. Lucia became a member of her school's Social Justice Leadership Committee along with **Kelly McKenna (MS 2013)** and will attend a national conference in December.



The following members of the Montessori Class of 2012 have graduated from high school and, as of press time, we have learned they will begin their college careers as follows: **Samyukt Kumar**, Georgetown... **Alyssa Malner**, St. Andrew's University, Scotland... **Chris Martensson**, Lehigh... **Alex McCall**, Bucknell **Chelsea Miller**, George Washington University.... Congratulations, all!