



MICH ALUMNI NEWS

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An Outdoor Classroom for MICH

On Sunday, August 30, 2009 seven current and former MICH students who make up Junior Girl Scout Troop 547 came together in the clearing near the bottom of the driveway through a wooded pathway to dedicate the MICH Outdoor Classroom.

The troop - Ellie Brandenburg, Martha Campbell, Abigail Goodman, Katie Jo McMillan, Gianna Segnatelli, Jackii Stomski, Claire Whitaker - and Troop Leader Torii Campbell were joined by family and friends for this occasion.

The dedication marked the culmination of two years of hard work as the girls earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award. This award is the highest award accorded to Junior Girls Scouts and less than 25% of Girls Scouts ever earn it.

The MICH Outdoor Classroom was the final piece toward earning this award, and each girl had many preliminary steps to complete before the final project could even begin. The final project required that each girl commit at least 15 hours of work clearing brush, weeding, laying mulch, building benches, identifying trees and plants and building an arbor. The girls dedicated the MICH Outdoor Classroom to all the

current and future students at MICH and hope that all classes will take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Following the dedication, the girls "bridged" up to become Cadettes, the next level of Girl Scouting. Older MICH alumni Mae Kate Campbell, Sarah Baker, and Katy Scruggs were on hand to administer the Cadette oath.

The girls would like to thank all the parents who assisted with this project, including Pat McMillan, John Segnatelli, Steven Stomski and all the moms who came out and assisted.

The Cadettes are one of three scouting troops at MICH which also includes Brownies and Cub Scouts.

Picture 1 - Mrs. Burgess thanks the troop for their hard work

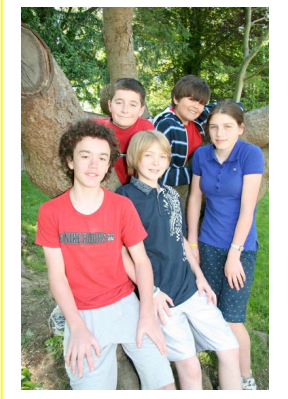
Picture 2 - Alums: Katy Scruggs, Mae Kate Campbell, Sarah Baker

Picture 3 - Martha Campbell and Abigail Goodman, current 6th year students in the troop

Picture 4 - Mrs. Campbell and the troop take the oath to becoming Cadettes



Congrats to MICH 2009 Grads



Graduates

Tommy Chafe - St. Martins in the Field

Quinn Lemmon - Magothy Middle School

Jack Logansmith - St. Martins Lutheran

Dylan Price - Key School

Jackii Stomski - Bates Middle School, Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Program

"As these 6th year students prepare to say their final goodbyes to MICH, I wish you health, happiness and much success in your new schools. But my biggest hope is that you remember that "team" stands for together everyone accomplishes more, and our class, and I myself, could never have accomplished so much without the leaders of this year's team." (Ms. Oberright, UE Directress, Graduation Ceremony 2009)

Maggie Mei Lewis - Author!



Maggie Mei Lewis, graduate of 2005, presented her new picture book, *Moonlight Memoirs - Remembering That Family and Friends Are Forever* to Mrs. Sughrue at the MICH library this week. *Moonlight Memoirs*, illustrated by wildlife artist Melody Lea Lamb, is a story about two young mice who venture out on a moonlit winter's night. Their outing turns into a life changing event when an old mouse beckons them to follow. This wise, old mouse - along with several other animal friends

- teaches the two mice a comforting lesson about love's eternal nature. Appreciated by children and adults of all ages, *Moonlight Memoirs* is a wonderful book to read aloud or to give as a gift. Since graduating from MICH after fifth grade, Maggie has been studying from home with The Learning Community International, an accredited local private school for independent learners. She is now a sophomore in high school. Maggie Mei and her publisher mom, Greta Johnson, thank the MICH staff for all their support!

For more information about *Moonlight Memoirs*, visit www.moonlightmemoirs.com.



MICH Auction

United We Can - The Auction for Our School under the outstanding leadership of Julie Russ, Auction Chair, was a tremendously success. Over 170 current and alumni parents, grandparents, faculty and staff had a great time while raising funds for MICH!

As usual the Class Projects and the Directress Wish List were the big hits of the evening.

The generosity of the MICH community ensured that the Directress Wish List was fully funded!

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Alumni Notes . . .

Tatum Addington and her parents are living in Scotsdale AZ where she attends a Montessori school.

Ryan Atkinson is attending Indian Creek for high school where he is busy playing soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.

Konstantine Atsidis attends Kindergarten at Stoddert ES in Washington DC.

Sarah Baker was one of the valedictorians at Indian Creek's 8th grade graduation. She is now at Annapolis High in the IB program.

James Barsin is in K at Arnold Elementary. Loves to read & write and is really into the sciences, especially the solar system.

Robby Barsin is in 1st at Arnold Elementary, played baseball this summer, and is in the Cub Scouts.

Claudia Boehringer and **William Fenn** were tops in their respective 7-8 yr old groups in the Truxton Youth Triathlon.

Ellie & Jack Brandenburg are attending Bates Middle School in the Visual & Performing Arts program. Ellie has designed a robotic dog and her own website. Jack has had a painting displayed in Maryland Hall and was instrumental in the set up and building of glass ornaments that hang from the glass tree.

Helena (4th) & Catherine (2nd) Brown are at St. Martins Lutheran School

Michael Cassidy (1998) graduated from Virginia Tech and has been commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He is in Pensacola doing flight training.

Carlos Christensen (2002) is a freshman at U of Vermont and is looking forward to snowboarding season.

Maria Christensen graduated from Stevenson U. in May and works at Woods Adult Day Care in Millersville.

Sarita Christensen is busy looking after her son, Domenic, and working at Eye Candy Salon - stop by for a great haircut!

Joey Deckman (2001) is a Sophomore at St. Mary's College studying history.

Julia Deckman (1996) graduated Cum Laude from College of Charleston ('06) and is pursuing an art career. Find her online at www.jdeckmangallery.com.

Tracy Deckman (2002) has started her first year at University of MD College Park.

Miranda Durner was accepted to perform at the 6th American Fine Arts Festival in New York City!

Samantha Esterling and her sister Emily appeared in the The Talent Machine's August show The Wiz.

Tristan Fujimura is at Key, studying French & German, and strumming his guitar.

Willem Fujimura is at McDonough, enjoying German and the sports.

Willem and Tristan Fujimura are avid water polo players on the Navy Team.

Elizabeth Gardner is a Jr at U of MD majoring in Geographic Information Systems.

Rachel Gawell is teaching cello lessons at MICH as she pursues her musical career.

Carlena Hall is attending Beach Elementary School where her dad, Ted Hall, teaches 5th grade.

Jackson Hall attends a 3 day a week TALLS program.

Cate Hershfeld is enjoying 1st grade at St Andrews Day School where she is excited to be part of the cheerleading squad.

... when last we heard

Katie Joyce (2002) is at Northeastern U, a communication studies major and loving it!

Carissa Lipton (2006) is a Soph at Broadneck HS, active in drama & music. Spent last summer at Yale U studying fashion design & American Sign Language.

Billy Luzier performed as JoJo in the Talent Machine's August production of *Suessical* & in *The Wiz*.

Paul Macknis (1993) lives in San Diego and is a Fire Protection Engineer for the Department of Defense. Paul recently passed his professional engineering exam to be a registered engineer. Congrats!

Josh Menocal (2002) is now an alum of Key School and is attending Ole Miss.

Sarah Roop attends University of Mary Washington.

Nicholas Rossetti is playing JV soccer for Broadneck High School.

Sam Renaut (1992) graduated from Virginia Tech ('05) and is now in his 2nd year at Arizona State U's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. True to his Montessori roots, he is working with other students to begin publication of a Sports & Entertainment Law Journal. He stays busy with S & E Law Students Assn, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and Student Bar Assn.

Bryan Sanders (2000) is busy at work for Cygnus Instruments, Inc. where he is in the sales department and often travels to trade shows and visiting customer installations.

Matt Sanders (2001) is in his 2nd year at the Air Force Academy, is playing lacrosse, and planning a major in Management with a minor in Portuguese.

Katy Scruggs is in the IB program at Annapolis High School.

The **Williams Family** has finally landed in San Diego. **Clara** is in 3rd at Kate Sessions Elementary, an IB World school. She was on a competitive swim team this summer & continues with her ballet. Clara will be in a Nutcracker performance with the San Diego City Ballet. **Stella** is continuing her Montessori education at Montessori Institute of San Diego. Audra let us know that they still cut their paper towels in half to save resources!

Lauren Wilmot (2004) is a Jr at West Potomac HS in Alexandria and captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. Go Lauren!

Katie Wood Sevon (1990) is working toward her Masters in TESOL at Salisbury University.

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Ryan Atkinson, Emily Gove, Mae Kate Campbell, Sarah Baker, Katy Scruggs at Indian Creek's 8th grade graduation.



Lindsey Gardner (2004) dropped in for a visit this summer. Lindsey is a Sr at Annapolis High, graduating a year early, and thinking about majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Rachel Gawell delighted all Primary & Elementary students with a series of classroom concerts.



Lily Schneider was one of several alums who helped out at last year's Secret Shop.



Miranda Durner, Claire Whitaker, Mariel Caprioglio-Chase, and Claire Tucker came back to MICH for an UE play performance.