

# 2009 MCS ALUMNI Association Newsletter

## Class of 1999



*Ryan, Mike* -- Mike has been happily married for three years now, and he is enjoying being a father to his one year old baby girl. In addition to his wife and daughter, Mike has two dogs and another baby on the way (due March 2010). The Ryan family attends his father-in-law's church that he is head pastor for in Tustin. Mike is currently living in Costa Mesa, and he works for his father in the computer networking industry. On the side he is starting his own audio/video company specializing in business/home automation systems. Mike writes, "I am truly thankful for everything the Lord has done in my life!"

## Class of 2000

*Onsrud, Meghan* -- This past Spring, Meghan was invited to attend an exclusive symposium in Hershey, Pennsylvania, for the Keystone Weekend. At the event, Meghan was able to network with Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, the Honorable John E. Jones, Councilman Bill Green, as well as J.B. Kelly, among others. Meghan looks forward to next year, as she has been tapped to help coordinate this extraordinary event!

*Terrell, Allison* -- Allison is a 2008 graduate from Long Beach State University with a B.A. in Business. Currently, she is working in the Communications Department at the Irvine Company, attending Mariners Church, and volunteering for the American Cancer Society and Lukemia & Lymphoma Society. For fun Allison enjoys travel, food, and friends!



## Class of 2001

*Applebee, Benjamin and Rylee (Dennis)* -- Ben Applebee and Rylee Dennis were married May 10, 2008. They are currently working and living in Sri Lanka. To find out more about their work, visit their blog at [prolongedlypeaceable.blogspot.com](http://prolongedlypeaceable.blogspot.com).



*Mr. & Mrs. Applebee with sister Keegan Dennis*

*Dwyer, Elizabeth* -- Elizabeth graduated from UCLA with the Latin Honors of summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Art History and a minor in Italian. She interned during the summer in the Prints and Drawings Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. This fall she will be applying to graduate school for a Ph.D. focusing on the Italian Renaissance. Elizabeth picked her favorite verse in second grade: "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). What amazing blessings God has provided for her!

*English, Tessa Marie* -- Tessa graduated from Vanguard University of Southern California, majoring in Sociology. In Fall 2009 she will attend California State University, Fullerton to pursue a Masters degree in Gerontology.



*Webb, James* -- James Webb is a professional helicopter pilot flying for a local helicopter company. He gives flight instruction in 5 different models of helicopters. In addition to instruction, he flies charters, aerial photography, video, survey and utility flights all over Southern California and the world. Recently he flew helicopters back and forth from Southwest Alaska to Orange County. James says Alaska is his favorite place on earth, second only to his current home in Newport Beach.

## Class of 2002

*Batstone, Mark* -- Mark has been hired at the PBS TV show "Road Trip Nation." He began there as an intern as part of his Communications major at Vanguard University, and this summer they invited him on staff. His duties include Production Assistant and Intern Manager. Mark is also finishing his last semester at Vanguard University.

*Wade, Chelsea* -- This past semester, Chelsea went abroad to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Cuba. She lived with 3 different families throughout the semester. Through her experiences down in Latin America, she feels she has been changed for the better, although myriad questions remain due to what she saw and experienced. Chelsea is currently heading into her senior year at Gordon College in MA where she is privileged to hold the position as Vice President of the student body. Chelsea looks forward to what lies ahead and what God has planned in this last year of college!



## Class of 2003

*Duernberger, Allie* -- Allie is now a junior at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI and will start her first year in the Nursing Program. Allie still plays basketball and loves it! The past 2 summers she worked in the Mariners Bookstore as well as in the Children's Ministry as a summer assistant.

*Graves, Sarah* -- Sarah just finished her last year at O.C.C. and was on the President's list as well as in the top 2% of her class during the second year. Sarah will be attending Cal State Fullerton in the fall pursuing a BS in Psychology and eventually a Marriage and Family License. Currently Sarah attends Rock Harbor church, but she still participates in the College Group at Voyers Bible Church.

Sarah hopes to go back to Egypt once again on a mission trip in either Spring or Summer of 2010 with Every Generation Ministries. Missions have become an important focus of her relationship with the Lord, and she would love continuing to do His work amongst His people all over the world.

*Langford, Michelle (Shelly)* -- Shelly is playing professional volleyball in Denmark for the 2009-2010 season for the Vordingborg Volleyball Klub. She will continue to find work there, or when she gets back to the States, with environmental affairs, which she was doing prior to Denmark (Shelly worked on developing utility-scale renewable energy projects throughout the U.S.).



*Spurgin, Megan* -- Megan is now a junior at Gordon College, just north of Boston. She is entering her third season playing volleyball there, and she just finished performing the part of Mrs. Pendarves in the theatre's production of "Joyful Noise." Megan continues to write and she is getting closer to becoming a published author. Megan writes a thank you to her former

MCS teacher Mrs. Wilder for encouraging her to keep up her passion for writing.

*Stingl, KC* -- KC is in her third year at Johns Hopkins University studying Behavioral Biology/Pre-Med. She plays varsity volleyball, works at the Hopkins Hospital in the Psychiatry Lab, and leads the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Ministry/ Bible study (next year).

## Class of 2004



*Fleming, Austin* -- Austin survived his plebe year. In June, he and 11 other Midshipmen completed the NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) leadership and survival training in Alaska. They spent 25 days mountaineering on the Matanuska and Powell glaciers which included 10 days of rain and a few days of snow. He'll be on the frigate, USS Hall, based in Florida until school starts in August.



*Lawler, Ryan* -- Ryan is back at Loyola Marymount University for his sophomore year (joined by his sister Katie, MCS class of 2005), where he is studying History and Economics. This summer Ryan spent a lot of time on the water boating, fishing, and going to Catalina. He remains close friends with several MCS Alumni from Class of 2004.

*Leung, Matt* - Matt finished his freshman year at Arizona State University with pretty good grades. Matt has grown in his faith, having found a solid church and club at college. He writes, "I just want to

encourage all the current students that it is possible and you don't have to succumb to peer or societal pressure that you definitely will face. Your relationship with God comes before anything." (Great words of wisdom, Matt!) Matt is currently wrapping up an internship with Southern California Edison which he feels very thankful to have experienced, especially in this current job market. Matt is a Supply Chain Management major with journalism experience.

## Class of 2005

*Cotton, Carly* - Carly graduated in June from Newport Harbor High School and she is off to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Carly will be playing volleyball at Brown and looks forward to competing against her fellow MCS classmate, Jennifer Palmquist, who will be playing for Princeton University! While at Newport Harbor, Carly started a club on campus that raised money and awareness for International Princess Project, a non-profit organization that restores and empowers women who have been enslaved in sex trafficking. Carly writes, "God really used my ten years at MCS to mold me into who I am today. My work ethic, self-discipline, and desire to please the Lord have all been rooted in me from my teachers and experiences at MCS."



*Dort, Alison* -- Alison graduated from Corona del Mar High School and now attends IVC with plans to transfer to Baylor University. Alison held many leadership roles while in high school, including Peer Assistance Leadership on Campus, Student Leadership Team, and National Charity League. She also continued to excel in athletics, including volleyball, basketball, and varsity softball, as well as ministry and service opportunities at Mariners Church, such as multiple mission trips to build houses for the poor and needy in Mexico.

## Class of 2005 Cont.



**Hudson, Tivoli** – Tivoli graduated from Brethren Christian High School and is now enjoying her college experience at Vanguard University. In high school, Tivoli continued in her affinity for dramatic arts, and she held roles in myriad school performances, as well as the Comedy Sportz team and various choirs. Tivoli maintained her academics on the Principal's Honor Roll, and she was chosen as Brethren's 2008 Homecoming Queen.



**Johnson, Jacqueline** – Jacqueline graduated from Newport Harbor High School and now attends University of Georgia. In high school, Jacqueline continued in her love for and talent in music, as she led worship for the high school group at Rock Harbor and joined a gospel choir at Christ Our Redeemer church. Her passion for mission work also continued, and God used her in His work in Mexico City with World Vision, in Tecate, Mexico to build houses and lead VBS, and six trips to Mendenhall, Mississippi, one of which she helped lead a group of MCS 8th grade students, to serve a rural Christian school. Jacqueline maintained a high GPA while juggling competitive show jumping, working part-time at the Back Bay Veterinary Hospital, and earning the most community service hours within her grade.

### **Congratulations to Matt Barkley, MCS Alumni 05:**

**"First true freshman to start as QB for USC Trojan football"**

**WAY TO GO, MATT!**



**Patton, Taryn** – Taryn graduated from high school and is enrolled at Whitworth/Seattle-Pacific University. In addition to staying focused on academics, Taryn served as co-captain of the varsity volleyball team, participated as a candy striper at Hoag Hospital, and worked as an assistant at Countrywide Home Loans.

**Risser, Jaclyn** – Jaclyn graduated from Corona del Mar High School and now attends Westmont College. During high school, Jaclyn succeeded in academics, athletics, and many other extra-curricular activities. She actively served and worked at Mariners Church as part of the Children's and Family Ministry, as well as returning to coach the MCS middle school volleyball team for three years (with fellow Alumni Keelyn Dennis).



**Rodriguez, Natalya** – Natalya graduated from Woodbridge High School and now attends Wheaton College. Throughout high school, Natalya maintained heavy involvement with Varsity Golf and Varsity LaCrosse while maintaining a high GPA and earning a host of academic recognition such as Sentinel Academic Awards, National Merit Commended Scholar, and ribbons in the physics division of the Science Fair. Her love for music, which developed through her experience at MCS, continued as she involved herself in show choir, dance, and high achievement in piano. Natalya made volunteering a priority as she led a weekly small group of girls at Mariners Church.



## CONGRATS!

### **MCS Alumni Class 2005- Bound for College!** *Partial listing of '05 Alumni decisions:*

**Baylor University**  
**Brown University**  
**Chapman University**  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Oregon State University**  
**Pepperdine University**  
**Point Loma Nazarene University**  
**Princeton University**  
**Seattle Pacific University**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Texas Christian University**  
**University of Arizona**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**University of Colorado**  
**University of Georgia**  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of Southern California**  
**Vanguard University**  
**Westmont University**  
**Wheaton College**  
**Whitworth University**

## Class of 2007



**Fleming, Aaron** – Aaron just completed his sophomore year at Newport Harbor where he ran cross country and track. He recently competed against over 3,000 runners in the Camp Pendleton Mud Run and finished 9th overall. He also placed 2nd in the 16-19 year old age group in the OC International Duathlon.

## Class of 2007 Cont.

*Mangels, Mackenzie* – Mackenzie is excited for her Junior year at Orange Lutheran High School. Last year she had a wonderful sophomore year there. She continued to stay involved in choir while working hard academically. Mackenzie achieved her goals in the AP courses she took, yet still was able to enjoy events on campus and other school-related functions. She has now started attending Saddleback Church where she is becoming more involved. Next year, Mackenzie will volunteer in a program at Hoag Hospital called Junior Auxiliary where she will be immersed in the environment of a hospital. Mackenzie is excited about the opportunities that are coming her way that will reveal more about a direction for her academic career.



*Vance, Cole and Cubeiro, Sam* – Cole and Sam came back to serve at MCS by painting the new A2 Art Gallery, located just outside the library. The boys are sophomores at Corona del Mar high school and have stayed very close as friends as well as with their other MCS Alumni buddies.

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Attn. MCS Class of '06!

**Need some help** with your college fund? Apply for *MCS's 6th Annual Heritage Scholarship!*

**MCS will be** accepting applications from high school Seniors who are college-bound in fall 2010. This fund is made possible by the personal donations of faculty and staff each year, and awards are given to those students who best represent Mariners Christian School in terms of Christian character and leadership, service to community, and academic success. Watch the mail or check on the website in January for your application.

## Online Email Directory

Are you receiving your Alumni reunion announcements and updates on email? If not, we don't have a current email address for you! Log onto the alumni page at [www.marinerschristianschool.org](http://www.marinerschristianschool.org) to submit your current information, and you can also enjoy password-protected privileges to the online Mariners Alumni Email Directory.

## Class of 2008



*Lawson, Brent* -- Brent Lawson (CDM High School) is currently Sophomore President for the Beach City Service League (BCSL), along with fellow Alums and Freshman President Brandon Metzger and Junior President Andy Baker (both at Newport Harbor). BCSL is a philanthropic organization of young men who, together with their mothers, are organized to initiate and encourage charitable endeavors. Other MCS Alums who are involved include Chris Anderson, Clayton Baker, Bradley Beaudette, Weston Chandler, Jonathon Harzan, Brandon Kula, Derek Kula, Kyle Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Austin Metzger, Steven Miller, Matthew Spicer and Preston Wheeler.

*Mull, Brian* -- Brian enjoyed his freshman year at Corona Del Mar High School. He was privileged to play Varsity Golf and worked hard for an undefeated season. He also traveled to South Africa with his family and a team from Rock Harbor to work at a school for orphans. Brian helped lead worship and ministered to the high school students in South Africa with daily activities and small groups. Brian still hangs out with many of his fellow MCS Alumni -- his treasured friends.

## Class of 2009

### Welcome Newest Members of the Alumni Association!

Brittany Alayra  
Jenna Rose Alder  
Michael Allen  
Jessica Arnold  
Emily Benson  
Evan Blackwood  
Grace Boyer  
Alexa Boyer  
Benton Carpenter  
Megan Clarkson  
Kensley Conti  
Kaitlyn Cosenza  
Braden DeLannoy  
Reegan Dennis  
Joshua Eakin  
Kerri Ewing  
Nathan Frank  
Blake Grable  
Nicholas Greenberg  
Alex Guder  
Joshua Haar  
Larson Harley  
Jonathan Harzan  
Megan Hawkins  
Emma Henderson  
Joshua Howard  
Juliet Janssen  
Daniel Killough  
Caitlin Kofoed  
Derek Kula  
Alexis Kunkle  
Luke Langdon  
Brice Larson  
Jeffrey Lloyd  
Angela Lowe  
Ashley Lynn  
Paul MacCabe  
Luke Marchioratti  
Jack McBean  
Luke McCrea  
David McCutchan  
Brandon Metzger  
C.J. Nugent  
Christopher Okey  
Tyler Palmquist  
Kristen Risser  
Rob Rosenast  
Shardae Schick  
Tyler Schwartz  
Spencer Sharpe  
Makayla Shean  
R.J. Simmons  
Parker Simmons  
Natalie Singarella  
Shawn Sorrell  
Matthew Spicer  
David Stevens  
Riley Stone  
Megan Sweeney  
Francesca Trane  
Emily VanDegrift  
Nicole Werline  
Cassidy Western  
Nathan Wood



Megan & Emily Spicer attend '09 Graduation.

