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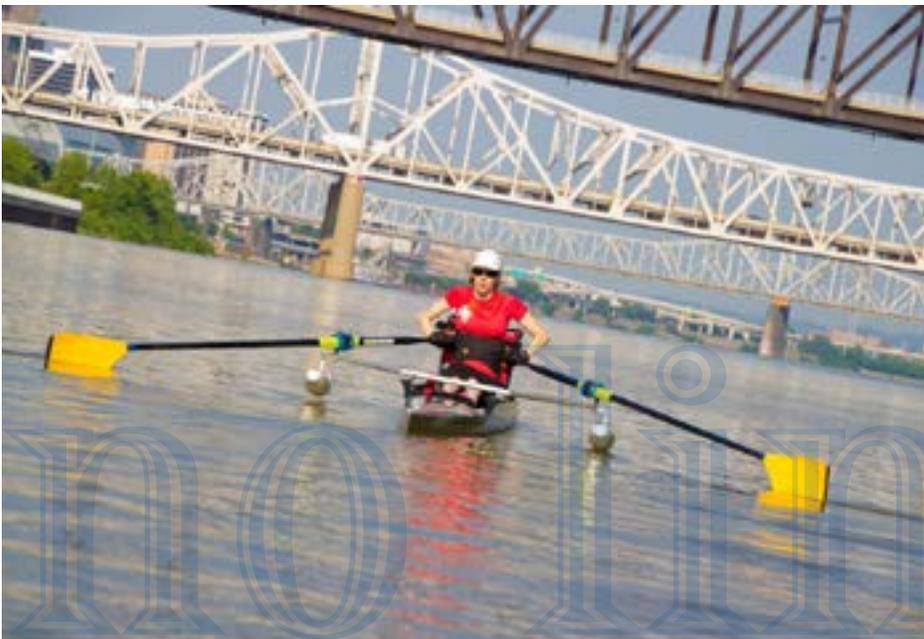
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CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF LOUISVILLE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
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JENNIFER SMITH '90

Jenny graduated from CAL in 1990. One year ahead of schedule. Pretty amazing considering the life changing accident she had between her sophomore and junior year. While practicing with the CAL cheerleading squad in Seneca Park she was performing a familiar routine when she slipped and fell injuring herself. She sustained a C6-7 spinal cord injury. That translated into the loss of her hands and being paralyzed from the chest down. Ten months later she graduated from Christian Academy and started at the University of Louisville. While there she received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Religious Studies. Her masters is in Counseling and Psychology. Employed by JCPS to work as a teacher for the English as a Second Language Program she worked with K- 5th grade students. Jenny has worked to distribute wheelchairs in destinations such as N. Africa and Afghanistan, she is also a peer mentor at Frazier Rehab for those just starting their journey after therapy for life changing accidents. She volunteers at the Refuge Ministry helping with



English in the park for the refugees. She loves to play tennis, read, and research family history. Jenny is also a member of the Louisville Rowing Club, which she enjoys because of the freedom it allows her to feel separate from her wheelchair. What most impacted me in the time spent with her for this article is that she is a woman who has accomplished more in her life than most people ever start to do and with her eyes firmly fixed on Christ there is doubt she has many more items on her agenda.

alumni IN MINISTRY



BARRY CLARK '83

Currently the Lead Minister at New Hope Christian Church in Roanoke, VA. Barry and his wife, Lori have lived there since 2011. They have three children: Austin (age 21), Jake (18), and Aubrey (12).

RUSTY RUSSELL '85

Kellie and Rusty Russell and their four children moved to Port Charlotte, Florida in 2010 when Rusty was invited to become the Lead Pastor at New Day Christian Church. The last six years have been exciting and challenging as many have come to know our Lord. They have had to work diligently to keep up with the growth God is bringing to the church. Their oldest son Charlie graduated in the beginning of May from Johnson University. In July, he will become the Minister of Worship and Youth at the Lincolnway Christian Church in the Chicago area. Their three younger children are involved in the church and sports in Port Charlotte. While they miss their friends in Louisville they are confident they are where God wants them.



BENJAMIN HEDGSPETH '96

Ben Hedgspeth has been on staff at Shively Christian Church since July of 2008. He originally came on staff as the Discipleship Minister after serving in Youth Ministry since 1997. This includes 3 years on staff as a 7th grade Bible teacher @ the CAL English Station Campus.

In 2011, Ben accepted the position of Lead Minister in this historic Louisville congregation situated in the Shively/PRP community on Dixie Highway. The church is currently undergoing a time of intentional restructuring and evaluation in order to better serve this transitioning community & strengthen the body of believers there for local & global ministry.

During this time in Ministry, Ben & his wife Beth have also served for over 11 years as year round volunteers with Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse in the Louisville area. Ben is currently the Louisville Area Media Team Coordinator & Beth is the Area Coordinator, overseeing all OCC operations for Jefferson & the surrounding counties. They have 3 children, Jeremiah (14), Joel (12) & Eliza Grace (9.)

STEPHANIE GUZDA '02

Since 2004, Stephanie Guzda has been living and working with Proem Ministries in Poland. Proem is a Christian mission organization working to reach the lost in Poland. The ministry focus is on church planting and operating a Christian preschool and school. Additionally, they organize summer and winter camps, conferences and many other events that reach out to the city. Stephanie and her husband have been married for almost 11 years and have 3 children.



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JOHN HAMILTON '07

After graduating from CAL, John Hamilton attended and graduated from Western Kentucky University. In 2014, with his degree in Religious Studies, John and his wife Madison moved to San Francisco where John served as director of music at Redemption Church. Their service at Redemption Church was an answer to prayer. The church has become their family away from family - encouraging them and supporting through the transition of moving and their first and difficult pregnancy.



ERIC LUTZ '07

After graduating from WKU in 2011, Eric Lutz began serving on staff at Southeast Christian Church. In 2012, he transitioned to Southeast Christian's Oldham Campus where he is the Middle School Pastor. He lives in LaGrange, KY with his wife, Jessica, and two girls, Sadie and Lainey. Eric and Jessica met in 2nd Grade at the Christian Academy Rock Creek Campus.



JOHN SCHREINER '07

Since August, John, his wife Brooke, and daughter Maria have been serving in the Arabian Peninsula. John and his wife are seeking the opportunity to work in university ministry. They will be meeting with students one on one and starting small group Bible discussions. God is doing amazing things in the Arabian Peninsula and many are turning to Jesus. The Arabian Peninsula is one of the most expensive places to live in the world and we have to raise an annual salary of \$91,575. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry or hearing more please contact John at 502-316-8239 or email johnmark254@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN NOVICKI '09

Christian is serving as the Associate Worship pastor for Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. The church currently serves approximately 3000 people in attendance on Sunday mornings with two services. Christian plans for the 11:00 a.m. service ensuring that music and the service flow are meaningful for the congregation. He also leads a worship team and recruits musicians encouraging them to refine their musical talents in a worship environment. He credits CAL for nurturing his relationship oriented heart for pastoring people on a daily basis. Christian's hope is for a great international blending of worshippers with the young serving the older population while they in turn mentor and encourage the young.



alumni GIVING BACK

JARED MCKINNEY '09

The new Assistant Athletic Director for our Christian Academy of Indiana Campus is our very own Christian Academy of Louisville alumnus, Jared McKinney '09. He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in History and a minor in Broadcast Journalism. He then received his Master's in Athletic Administration and Coaching. A familiar face around the English Station Campus, Jared has coached both football and baseball for the Centurions. We are pleased to have him on board as we continue to grow the athletic program at our Indiana Campus.



CAREER DAY IN HIGH SCHOOL



DEBBIE SCHEER '84

Thank you to our alums for sharing their expertise with our high school students for the always popular career day!

KENNY SOTO '09



TEACHERS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



DR. BECKY BRILEY

CAL HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER 1981 - 1987

I am the English program coordinator at Midway University; I have been back in Kentucky since 2014. I live in Midway with my 4 cats (yes, an official "cat lady") and my friend from Turkey, Banu Bilen, who is going to graduate school at ECU. In addition to my work at the university, I continue to write and publish, direct theatre from time to time, and travel as I can. This summer I am taking a group of students to Ireland again. Currently, I attend my parents' church, Antioch, in Frankfort.



DAVID GREEN

CAL HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER 1980 - 1983

I live with my wife, Vicki, in Prospect (Oldham County). We have six children (who are all adults) & two grandchildren. I am teaching at N Oldham High School and this past semester I taught a course at Bellarmine University in their IDC program. I still enjoy the classroom and find few things more fun than showing my joy and passion for the history of the United States. It is also a blessing to be able to share a good portion of most of my days with teenagers and young adults. They are the most interesting people and have so much to learn!

alumni MAKING US PROUD

BEN PRICE '08

Ben is an FAA Certified Air Traffic Controller in Champaign Illinois.



CLAY FINNESAND '13 AND SAM STONE '13

On Father's Day this year, Clay utilized his vocal and performance gifts to lead worship at Southeast Christian Church while Sam Stone shared the pulpit with his father Dave Stone to deliver a compelling message.

FASHION IS A BRIDGE TO SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

HALEY GALLAGHER HOOVER '07

In 2013, after working as a country music stylist in Nashville, 2007 CAL graduate Haley (Gallagher) Hoover moved to New York City with her husband, Ryan. The move gave her the opportunity to further pursue a career in fashion. Haley managed the Longchamp USA showroom for two years before joining her husband at Condé Nast. Haley works for BRIDES magazine and manages jewelry accounts in integrated marketing, while Ryan is a digital account manager at VOGUE magazine. The Hoovers serve as leaders with Models for Christ NYC - a ministry for fashion professionals. They are active members at Apostles Christian Church. Haley and Ryan are amazed at God's graciousness with them and their lives in NYC and they very much miss sweet tea.



PHOTOGRAPHERS

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RYAN NOLTEMEYER '13

Ryan Noltemeyer is a portrait and wedding photographer based in Louisville, Ky. "The goal of my photography is capture the essence of people and their beauty. I believe that photographs have the power to reveal beautiful relationships and personality; photographs are an amazing and unique way of story telling. I use traditional color and black and white film to express a unique, emotional, and timeless look." - Ryan

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double the impact



Christian Academy will always be a special place to **KEVIN AND EMILY (ROBERTS) ESPOSITO (CLASS OF '97)**. Emily attended CAL for all 12 years and the two met in sixth grade. However it was not until graduation day that they "officially" dated. Emily says she was waiting for him to grow up, but then realized that may never happen and agreed to go out with him anyway. Kevin was just excited that she finally said yes. They remained together and were married in June of 2005 at their church, Southeast Christian. Now, coming up on nineteen years together they have two children, a son Evan John (5) and a daughter Evelyn "Evie" Anne (4). Much to their delight, Evan is now roaming the same halls where his parents met and is graduating from Kindergarten this spring (2016). They plan for Evie to join him at Rock Creek when she enters Kindergarten.

While many things at Rock Creek have changed and many faces have come and gone, one thing remains the same (besides the smell of the Rock Creek Gym). God is at the center of education and it is a wonderful thing to watch children grow in faith and knowledge. Emily remembers learning the 23rd Psalm with her second grade teacher and at this year's grandparent's day Evan recited that same passage. It was a special moment

for 3 generations. Kevin remembers the lasting friendships he made while at CAL and enjoys seeing Evan build similar ones. He also loves the familiar face of Ms. Edwards still in the front office, knowing Evan is experiencing that same smile and warmth he did.

Emily received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Bellarmine University then completed her Master's & Doctoral work in Pharmacology & Toxicology at the University of Louisville. She is now an associate professor of pharmacology at Sullivan University College of Pharmacy (Louisville, KY) and shares her love of science she first found in Mrs. Hill's freshman science class. Kevin remembers a different version of science where Mrs. Hill eloquently demonstrated the mating process of frogs on him. In addition to her love of science and her students, she is co-advisor for Sullivan's chapter of Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International. She says, "Christian Academy prepared me not only for my academic career, but for my spiritual life and showing compassion to others." The organization has grown quickly and most recently completed a medical mission trip to Belize.

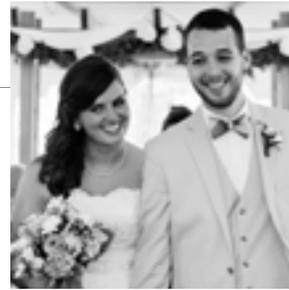
Kevin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville. He now works for the U of L Athletic Department where he is the Business Manager for the University of Louisville Golf Club. He says "my time at CAL was one of the biggest impacts on my faith and walk with the Lord." In 2011 Kevin completed the Discipleship Curriculum at Southeast, a two year course that deepened his faith and gave him a better understanding of that faith. He now enjoys using what he has learned by volunteering to be the devotional leader (and help coach) the sports teams his kids play on. "Combining my love for the Lord, the love of my family and the passion I have for sports in a way that points my children to Christ is one of the most rewarding things a father can experience."

The Espositos look forward to sharing their legacy of CAL with their children and the next generation because it was such an important part of them and who they are. The family's favorite verse is an example of that: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future."



alumni WEDDINGS

**JON EVANS '13 MARRIED
ABBI WOLFE '12 EVANS**
MAY 14, 2016



A double alum wedding brings out the teachers and scores of alumni to celebrate!

**BEN AROH '10 MARRIED
CHRISTEN PROFANCIK**
FEBRUARY 13, 2016



**ANGELA SMIDDY '87
MARRIED MARK NIEF**
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015



**KATRINA PRITCHARD '12
MARRIED ADAM JOHNSON**
JANUARY 9, 2016



**JONNY BLOUNT '11
MARRIED
MORGAN ANDERSON**
MARCH 19, 2016



The Blount wedding party is full of CAL alumni!



**SARAH PRICE '13
MARRIED WILL HESTER**
MAY 28, 2016



INTRODUCING THE BABIES

LINCOLN DAVID NEFF born on March 8, 2016
Weighing in at 8 lbs, 11oz & 20.75 inches long. Proud parents are
DAVE AND JOELLE JENNINGS NEFF '07



JAMES PATTON RICKARD born on March 24, 2016.
Weighing in at 6lbs, 16 oz & 20 inches long. Proud parents are
BEN '06 AND KARI '06 RICKARD





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FEBRUARY 24



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