



SUMMER 2007

alumni news

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A couple of weeks ago, members of the Steppingstone Class of 2001 gathered for dinner to celebrate their graduation from high school. The pride and excitement in the room were palpable! Even though the Scholars, in many cases, hadn't seen one another in years, they quickly began reminiscing about their days together at Steppingstone. What struck me was how much Steppingstone Scholars have in common simply by virtue of the fact that you share this unique Steppingstone experience.

What you went through as fifth and sixth graders will bond you well into the future. Only you can know the sacrifices it takes to complete the program, the commitment, and the rewards. Though you don't realize it now, those 14 months you spent together were a defining time in your life. Only another Scholar knows what it means to be a Scholar.

The Department of Alumni Relations at Steppingstone exists to make sure that this unique network of people called Steppingstone Scholars will stay in touch with one another and with this organization. Through events, newsletters like this, online communication and reunions, we hope to help support you as you go forward. And as you do go forward, we hope that you will remember Steppingstone and remain a vital part of who we are.

What does it mean to remain a vital part of Steppingstone? Well, you can volunteer at events and spread the word to donors; you can come talk to Scholars in the 14-month program and remind them of why they are working so hard; you can network for career opportunities; and you might even consider supporting Steppingstone with a donation when you are able.

You worked so hard for so long to earn the opportunities that you have now and will have in the future. I am so proud of you and want you to know that even though homework slips are no longer part of your lives, Steppingstone always will be.

Stay in touch,

Michael Danziger is the president of The Steppingstone Foundation.

Alumni Profile

Vivian Ng

Vivian Ng, Class of 1997, recently graduated from Boston University with a degree in biology and psychology and spent her last semester of school in Australia. While “down under,” meeting up with kangaroos and koalas ranked high on her to-do list, as she spent the first two months taking in the sights. During the last two months she traded in her shorts and t-shirt for a pair of scrubs and worked as a surgical intern at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney.

Vivian worked alongside the chairman of the orthopedic department, assisting him in surgeries such as hip replacements and in collecting data for medical research journals. The internship further validated her desire for a career in medicine. “There’s great satisfaction in bettering someone’s life...it’s also very humbling,” she says. Before returning home to Massachusetts, Vivian made a few stops along the way visiting Bangkok, Fiji, and Los Angeles. A graduate of Boston Latin School, she calls Jamaica Plain home and has fond memories of her time as a Steppingstone Scholar.

“Steppingstone taught me time management. Balancing regular school with after school and Saturday Steppingstone classes was taxing for a sixth-grader, but I ended up learning to get things done on time and to this day, it has been a very valuable tool.” Vivian adds, “Back then it was a small program of 40, and we all felt like a family. Although it was tough, I persevered and graduated and I’m so proud to be an Alumna of the program.”

Vivian is currently employed at Beth Israel Hospital as an Audiology Technician. Every newborn in the state is required to have a hearing test and an Audiology Tech performs the test with specialized equipment. She’s simultaneously studying for the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) and wants to be a doctor specializing in neonatology or obstetrics and gynecology.



Vivian gets up close and personal with a wallaby



Catching some waves on the gold coast



Vivian, right, in the operating room assisting a doctor with a surgical procedure at St. Vincent’s Hospital

Do you have a story to share with us? Contact Jess Lockwood at jlockwood@tsf.org or 617-423-6300, ext. 237.

Senior Dinner

On Friday, May 18, members of the Class of 2001 came together to celebrate becoming Steppingstone Alumni at the Senior Dinner. Held at the Emperor’s Garden in Chinatown, everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends and having a good laugh as they viewed a slideshow from their time at Steppingstone.



Steppingstone’s Head of Academy Yully Cha with Boston Latin School’s Laurie Tsui



Alumni from the Class of 2001



Left to right: Boston Latin School’s Deni Peric and Shawn Le, and Jason Williams from Boston Latin Academy

A Face to the Name

Meet Jessica Lockwood

"I love connecting with Steppingstone Alumni, although I don't know if they enjoy the numerous emails they get from me!" jokes Jessica Lockwood, Associate Director of Development for Events and Alumni Relations. Keeping in touch with the Alumni community—which is 300 members strong and growing—might be a challenge for the more timid, but Jess is in her element when it comes to networking and fostering personal connections. She brings this enthusiasm to her job every day and has ambitious plans for keeping Steppingstone Alumni connected through class reunions, volunteer opportunities, and other fun and creative ways.

A graduate of Middlebury College and The Pingree School, Jess was the Assistant Director of the Trinity Boston Foundation, where she helped raise money for summer programs benefiting Boston high school students, before joining Steppingstone last August. Since then, Jess has crafted a strategy for the Alumni Relations department that will "assist Alumni, in every stage of their lives." From employment opportunities to résumé workshops and applying to graduate school, "I am here to be a resource for them and to help them stay connected to each other," she says.

Mixing traditional approaches such as class reunions, fundraising events, and



Donovan Brown '95 and Jess Lockwood at the Crystal Ball

volunteering opportunities with newer strategies like incorporating the Steppingstone website as a powerful networking tool, Jess's plans also include getting feedback and ideas from Alumni and integrating their perspectives into the overall department goals. If there's one message Jess would like to send, it's to "encourage Alumni to use the Steppingstone Alumni network as a resource, and to become an active member of the Alumni association. Whether it's attending a reunion, volunteering at an event, or sending in class notes for the newsletter, this is your community—be sure to tap into it, because it's got so much to offer you."

Welcome New Alumni

Steppingstone Class of 2001

Congratulations to the newest group of Steppingstone Alumni who have graduated from high school this year. Here's a look at some of the colleges and universities they'll be attending this fall.

Babson College
Bentley College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Columbia University
Dartmouth College
Eckerd College
Endicott College
Framingham State College
George Washington University
Hampton University
Harvard University
College of the Holy Cross

Howard University
Lesley University
Manhattan College
Mass. College of Pharmacy
& Health Sciences
MIT
Nichols College
Northeastern University
Santa Clara University
Simmons College
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tufts University

Tuskegee University
University of Massachusetts
Amherst
Boston
Dartmouth
Lowell
University of Southern
California
University of Hartford
University of Rhode Island
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Wellesley College
Williams College

Thank you Alumni!

Donors

Thank you to all Alumni who supported Steppingstone's Annual Appeal in 2006. With the help of an anonymous donor who matched every dollar with \$5, we have raised \$3,288.

Cindy Nguy '97
Diane Adjetey '96
Caroline Cole '95
JP Jacquet '95
Fabian Mora '95
Asjah Monroe '94
Anne Nguyen '94
Kevin Tran '94
Daren Bradshaw '93
Phuc Thai '91
Natasha Velickovic '91

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Kaitlin Barry '96, who, on Steppingstone's behalf, applied for a Staples Foundation for Learning grant. Steppingstone was awarded \$1,850.

Family Information Meeting Speakers

Thanks to the following Alumni who informed prospective families about Steppingstone.

Samantha Layne '00
Asjah Munroe '94
Devareaux Brown '91

Event Speakers

A big thanks to Mariel Novas '00 who was one of the featured speakers at the 2006 Gala, an event which raises money for Steppingstone.

Crystal Ball Alumni

Thank you to the following Alumni who served on the 2007 Crystal Ball Committee or attended the event and helped Steppingstone raise \$135,000 through the event.

Natasha Velickovic '91, Co-chair
Devareaux Brown '91
Donovan Brown '95

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SAVE THE DATE!

Alumni Reunion

Rekindle friendships and reminisce while enjoying a game of pool.
Your class agents will be in touch with more information.



Class Agents

- 1991 Antoine Trowers '91
- 1992 Crystal Furlonge '92
- 1993 Carlos DeAndrade '93
- 1994 Kevin Tran '94
- 1995 Donovan Brown '95
- 1996 Nwando Obele '96
- 1997 Luana Bessa '97

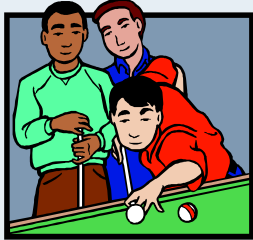
Alumni Reunion for Classes of 1991-1997

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Jillian's Boston Billiards

145 Ipswich Street, Boston

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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