We are your Steppingstone Team!

Did you know that there are now four staff members here at Steppingstone who are eager to hear from you and help you in any way we can? We are here as a resource for questions about college, graduate school, internships, jobs, financial aid and more. While we each specialize in different areas, we are always delighted to talk with you, so please call and email us!

The team:

Kelly Donahoe Glew
Many of you likely know Steppingstone's President and COO as she has been at Steppingstone for nearly 20 years and remembers many of you from your time in the 14-month academic component. Kelly is the person on staff who knows most of you by name and often even where you went to high school and college! Kelly is always available to answer any questions you may have and connect you with other members of the Alumni team.
Contact Kelly at 617-423-6300, ext. 222 or kglew@tsf.org.

Alison Levy
Alison has been at Steppingstone for five years, but is the newest member of the Alumni team. Though she has been involved in Reunion planning and other events over the years, this is her first year working directly with Alumni. Along with Kate Wood, Alison is focused on supporting the post-college aged Alumni.
Contact Alison at 617-423-6300, ext. 226 or alevy@tsf.org.

Kate Wood
Kate has been working at Steppingstone for five years and with post-college aged Alumni for two years. She is always available to help connect you to fellow Alumni or Steppingstone friends in your field to help you map out your career.
Contact Kate at 617-423-6300, ext. 238 or kwood@tsf.org.

Matt Waldman
Matt is the Director of College Services and has been in this role for nearly two years. As his title suggests, he is here to help college-age Alumni with anything school related. Do you have questions about financial aid? Are you wondering which classes you should be taking now so you are prepared for graduate school or your dream job? Are you a college senior looking for help building your résumé for job applications? Matt is the person to call.
Contact Matt at 617-423-6300, ext. 261 or mwaldman@tsf.org.

We greatly value the Alumni network and as it grows, so does our team. We look forward to working with all of you.
Alumni Spotlight

Danielle Bynoe ’04

As a young girl, Steppingstone Alumna Danielle Bynoe ’04 never could have imagined the impact she would have on diversity initiatives affecting students not only in her community, but also around the world.

After completing Steppingstone’s academic component, Danny entered seventh grade at Beaver Country Day School and was intrigued by the many extracurricular activities offered. At Beaver, Danny became a Student Action Leader and helped coordinate the Students of Color Conference, which brought together independent schools to discuss diversity issues. Even with a busy academic and extracurricular schedule, Danny stayed close to Steppingstone by attending SMASH and becoming a Peer Leader. Danny took advantage of the many Steppingstone resources including college tours, waived application fees, and common application and essay review. After significant research, Danny felt Colgate University was the best fit for her.

Before setting foot on the Colgate campus, Danny was already improving her new college. She was accepted into the Benton Scholars Program, which sends students to visit countries around the world and bring those experiences back to their campus so that the entire community can benefit. Danny took preparation classes freshman year and visited China the following summer. Her cohort of Benton Scholars will be working with the Colgate admissions department to make the school more accessible to Chinese applicants.

Danny says, “Coming to a school like Colgate made me realize how important programs like Steppingstone are. A lot of the students from different backgrounds went through programs like Steppingstone, and the school would not be as culturally diverse without them.” In the past two years at school, she has continued to work tirelessly to encourage more diversity on Colgate’s campus. Just one example of this is as a member of the Alana Cultural Center, helping to tackle the low retention rate of African American students. In the future, Danny wants to build a stronger connection between Colgate and Steppingstone, hoping that more Steppingstone Alumni will attend.

Now heading into her junior year, Danny is off on yet another trip abroad—this time, to Denmark with her women’s studies class, where she will learn from another new culture and no doubt share that knowledge with her campus community.

To what does she attribute her success and what advice would she share with younger Scholars? “In middle school and high school, step out of your comfort zone and find time to try new things.” Looking back, Danny says that it was her experience as a young Scholar at Beaver that really opened her eyes to the value of a multicultural academic community.

As for the future, Danny hasn’t decided if she will pursue an M.D./M.P.H. or an M.D./Ph.D., but while that may not be certain yet, it’s safe to assume that she will bring all of the lessons she’s learned along to way to make a positive and meaningful difference in the medical community.

Thank You Alumni!

We were so thrilled with last year’s record breaking Alumni giving and hope you will consider giving back again this year! Every dollar donated by Alumni is valuable and there is no gift that is too small. Remember reading To Kill a Mockingbird when you were a Scholar? Or receiving your Steppingstone backpack? A donation of $5.00 covers the cost of a book for a current Scholar and a donation of $30.00 covers the cost of a backpack.

To make a donation online, please visit www.tsf.org and click, donate now. You can also make a check out to The Steppingstone Foundation and send to Alison Levy at The Steppingstone Foundation, 155 Federal Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02110.

So far in 2012, we have received donations from the following Alumni:

- Kevon Boatswain ’91
- Katie O’Leary Keegan ’91
- Ivan DeJesus ’92
- Timothy Healey ’92
- Colgan Johnson ’93
- Alex Bien-Aime ’94
- Rochelle Williams-Belizaire ’94
- Donavan Brown ’95
- Stephond Goler ’95
- Channel Baez ’96
- Joy Kogut ’96
- Timothy O’Connell ’96
- Kaitlin Barry Pellerin ’96
- Cindy Nguy ’97
- Emely Orellana ’97
- AT Desta ’99
- Darian Reid-Sturgis ’99
- Lamarr Rollins ’99
- Robyn Gibson ’00
- Craig Groves ’00
- Tran Vu ’00
- Marissa Bias ’01
- Donald Medor ’01
- Shanelle Walker ’01
- Anthony Mathieu ’02

*As of July 19, 2012
Alumni Council

The Alumni Council is tasked with finding ways to connect Alumni and encouraging participation in Steppingstone-sponsored events. The Alumni Council will meet biannually to discuss events, workshops, newsletters, and gatherings all aimed at re-connecting Steppingstone Alumni who are out of college. We hope the Alumni Council will serve both Steppingstone and its members, as it will be a great way for Alumni to network with each other and will also be a great résumé builder.

So far, the following Alumni have joined the Alumni Council.

- Morenike Adams '91
- Lois Bonsu '93
- Rochelle Williams-Belizaire '94
- Donavan Brown '95
- Marcus Haymon '95
- J.P. Jacquet '95
- Timothy O'Connell '96
- Kaitlin Barry Pellerin '96
- D'Lynn Jacobs '97
- Danielle Le Hals '97
- Cindy Nguy '97
- Ngozi Anidi '98
- Kousha Baattista-Saeyan '98
- Jide Iruka '98
- Ife Oyedele '98
- Dalinda Ihill '99
- David Medina '99
- Deanna Cox '00
- Lanciesha Gray '00
- Tran Vu '00
- Samantha Layne '00, Magnet Scholar
- Hong-Gam Le '00, Magnet Scholar
- Natanaelle Orisma '00, Magnet Scholar
- Max Clermont '01
- Jennifer Pierre '01
- Lucas Tamayo '01
- Ying Wang '02

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If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Alison Levy at alevy@tsf.org or 617-423-6300, ext. 226.

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Alumni Highlights

**Dr. Alicia Genisca ’93, Swaziland**

Dr. Alicia recently completed a rotation in Swaziland at a pediatric HIV clinic. This year, she plans to work as a pediatrician with the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative Global Health Corps in Ethiopia.

**Channel Baez ’96, Harvard Latino Leadership Institute**

Channel was one of only 50 students chosen for the 2011 Latino Leadership Initiative program, which was founded in 2010 as a way to “develop a cadre of next generation leaders.”

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**Thank you to the following Alumni for getting involved this year!**

- **Donavan Brown ’95** and **Kaitlin Barry Pellerin ’96** served on the Host Committee for this year’s Crystal Ball
- **Lois Bonsu ’93** proctored the entrance exam for the future Scholars of the Class of 2013
- **Chuks Ekwelum ‘00**, **Courtney Monahan ‘01** and **Lanciesha Gray ‘00** are teaching this summer at The Steppingstone Academy
- **Moses Tran ’03** is interning this summer at The Steppingstone Academy
- **Ife Oyedele ’98** is teaching this summer at Steppingstone Scholars, Inc., in Philadelphia
- **Megan Riley ’04** is at Steppingstone this summer as the Alumni Relations Intern

In addition, ten Scholar Teaching Assistants (TAs) will provide administrative support to faculty at The Steppingstone Academy (TSA) and the College Success Academy (CSA) this summer. TAs are leaders at their respective high schools and were chosen after a highly selective application process.

This year’s TAs are:

- Temitope Ashorobi ’08, Boston Latin School, TSA
- Bassil Bacare ’08, The Roxbury Latin School, TSA
- Ashley Beckles ’08, Dexter/Southfield School, TSA
- Valentine Iwejwu ’06, The Roxbury Latin School, TSA
- Trent Jones ’06, Belmont Hill School, TSA
- Bruna Lee ’09, The Rivers School, TSA
- Refjola Malushi ’07, North Quincy High School, TSA
- Londyn Odom ’09, Xavierian Brothers, TSA
- Jeremy Guevara ’06, Brimmer and May School, CSA
- Sophia Lesperance ’10, Noble and Greenough School, CSA

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**Masquerade Crystal Ball!**

We are so grateful to Donavan Brown ’95, who has been a member of the Crystal Ball Host Committee for five years. This year’s masquerade-themed event attracted nearly 500 attendees and raised $95,000 to support Steppingstone.
Alumni Reunion!

We were thrilled with the turn out at this year’s Alumni Reunion! More than 30 Alumni made it out to District Lounge in July to reconnect with each other and their former Steppingstone teachers including Mr. Lester and Mr. Anderson.

Top row, left to right: Carlos Castillo ’94 and Mr. Danziger; Timothy Healey ’92 and Katie O’Leary Keegan ’91; Timothy O’Connell ’96, Joy Kogut ’96, Channel Baez ’96, and Johane Alexis ’96

Bottom left: Mr. Lester, Samuel Arocho-Bracho ’01, Ashley Diaz ’02, and Kristen Lewis ’02

Do you have a story to share with us? Contact Alison Levy at alevy@tsf.org or 617.423.6300, ext. 226

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