Dear Alumni Scholars:

This year, I am more convinced than ever that Steppingstone can successfully serve a growing number of Scholars, while also becoming a leading voice in the field of college access and persistence. Why the optimism? It’s simple—because I’ve seen your success. Your achievements prove the Steppingstone model works.

As a Steppingstone Scholar, you began preparing to be future leaders in your respective careers as early as fifth grade. And your hard work from such a young age is paying off. Our recent survey reveals that Alumni Scholars are making their mark all over the professional map. Of the alumni who responded, 36% reported employment in finance/business; another 21% in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields; 21% in education; 11% in the arts and entertainment; 7% in non-profit organizations; and 4% in law.

In the pages that follow, you’ll discover what just a few of your fellow Steppingstone alums are up to. Whatever you do, take advantage, both professionally and personally, of this unique and wonderful network of amazing people. I think you’ll find that you are able to help each other in ways you never could have imagined.

In an increasingly competitive economic climate, one that demands a four-year college degree, it is imperative that Scholars and alums not only complete their degrees, but help one another advance in the career world. I know you will.

So, now you understand the reason for my optimism. I have never been more proud of Steppingstone Scholars and more excited to see what the future holds.

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P.S. We look forward to providing networking opportunities for you in the coming year, but in the meantime, be sure to connect with the Steppingstone Alumni page on LinkedIn and friend the Steppingstone Alumni Facebook page. (Both are named “Alum Steppingstone”).
Class of 1991

Tegan Leonard ’91 is working as a special education teacher at the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown. Interested in learning more about the College Success Academy, Steppingstone's new initiative based in Boston Public Schools, Tegan visited the program last summer.

Class of 1992

We saw Timothy Healey ’92 at Reunion and learned that he graduated from University of Baltimore's Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts graduate school. He is currently working as the manager of Kinko's in Cambridge.

Class of 1993

Congratulations to Dr. Alicia Genisca ’93, who finished her pediatrics residency last June and moved to Ethiopia in July to work as a pediatrician with Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative Global Health Corps.

Colgan Johnson ’93 is still working hard at his production company, JP Lime Productions, which recently released a new album called Blue Star Boulevard.

Class of 1994

Denver Brown ’94 is currently in his final year of medical school at Howard University College of Medicine. Good Luck Denver!

Last summer, Rochelle Williams-Belizaire ’94 was the keynote speaker at the annual Clinical Operations in Oncology Trials Conference.

Dr. Anna Glezer ’94 is currently living in San Francisco and working at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center.

Eric Andrew ’94 is now a Vice President in the Capital Markets Group at ADC Commercial.

Reggie Farina ’94 left Google, after almost five years, and is currently working on his MBA at MIT Sloan.

Class of 1995

J.P. Jacquet ’95 graduated from Columbia University's Teachers College last May and took a new position as the Associate Director of Portfolio Planning in New York City's Department of Education Office. J.P. also got engaged to Dr. Mary Breda Morrissey. Congratulations, J.P.!

Good luck to Jennifer Charles ’95, who decided to go back to school this fall. She enrolled at Bay State College to pursue a nursing degree.

Stephond Goler ’95 is working at Vibram USA in Concord, Mass., where he oversees the company's returns and Canadian markets.

Still pursuing a joint MBA from MIT and MPA from Harvard, Marcus Haymon ’95 interned in San Francisco last summer at a social venture fund that invests in for-profit social enterprises in California.

Fabian Mora ’95 is currently working as an IT manager at Putnam Investments in Boston.

Karlenis Castillo ’95 recently graduated from Howard School of Medicine with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Congrats!

Class of 1996

Patrick Doherty ’96 is pursuing a bachelor's degree at UMass Boston. He was recently published in After Action Review, Veterans Against the War and The South Boston Gazette.

Congratulations to Diane Adjety ’96, who married in Boston last September. Channel Baez ’96 served as a bridesmaid!

Congratulations are also due to Channel Baez ’96, who made headlines for becoming the first Latina in her family to earn a college degree!

Dozie Azotam ’96 completed his MBA at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2011. He is now Senior Manager of product marketing at CBS.

Things are busy for Ifeanyi Anidi ’96, now in his sixth year at the Johns Hopkins joint MD/PhD program. Currently finishing studies at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, he plans to return to medical school in October. Ifeanyi expects to graduate in summer of 2014.

Effie-Michelle Metallidis ’96 is pursuing her master's degree in public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School with a focus on the Balkans, Turkey, and the Middle
East. Last summer, as a fellow for the Women and Public Policy Program at HKS, she researched the role of women in business during Greece's financial crisis.

Joy Kogut ’96 continues to work as a math teacher, while mentoring two aspiring teachers in the Boston Teacher Residency Program. At Reunion she connected with Anthony Mathieu ’02, who is taking part in the program this year.

Class of 1997
Congrats to Vivian Ng ’97, who recently got engaged!

D’Lynn Jacobs ’97 graduated from Simmons College last spring with an MS in Communications Management and an MA in Gender and Cultural Studies.

Justin Simmons ’97 now works at Nextjump, running a division of its email marketing program.

Emely Orellana ’97 reported at this year’s Reunion that she is currently working as a clinician at the Home for Little Wanderers.

Rocio Palomo ’97 informed us at Reunion that she is now in her third year at Northwestern Law School. She worked as an in-house counsel intern at a biotech company in Boston last summer.

Class of 1998
Hairat Agbaje ’98 is living in Phoenix, working for the Phoenix Suns and Mercury as an Account Executive.

Pursuing his MBA from MIT’s Sloan School of Management,

Kousha Bautista-Saeyan ’98 spent the summer in San Jose, Calif., as a business strategy intern for Samsung Mobile.

Jide Iruka ’98 is working in Account Management at The Concept Farm, an ad agency in New York City.

Kudos to Joanne Jacquet ’98 for graduating from Suffolk Law School last spring!

Elizabeth St. Victor ’98 moved to Washington D.C., where she is currently working on civil litigation for public-interest at the law firm of Sanford Heisler.

Class of 1999
Martina Durant ’99 graduated last June from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, with a master’s degree in public administration.

Michael Okoli ’99 started medical school in August at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, as a member of the class of 2016.

Xuan Nguyen ’99 graduated from Labouré College of Nursing in May, and started graduate school in nursing in the fall at UMass Dartmouth. Xuan is working toward a doctorate in Nursing Practice.

Claude Mondelus ’99 recently graduated from Northeastern and is working for Microsoft.

Class of 2000
Chuks Ekwelum ’00 joined Steppingstone at Milton Academy for the six-week summer program, as an English faculty member.

Laniesha Gray ’00 reports: “I am the new METCO Director for Hingham Public Schools, the second they’ve had in 40 years. I’m also a graduate student at Northeastern University, finishing a master’s in education.”

Nyadenya Inyagwa ’00 graduated in May from UMass Boston, with a degree in history. He spent the summer working in the Native Tribal Scholars program, tutoring Native American children. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in history.

Hong-Gam Le ’00 stopped by Reunion and is moving to Michigan to join the University of Michigan Medical School’s class of 2016.

Natanaelle Orisma ’00 recently graduated from American University with a master’s in international studies and conflict resolution.

Tran Vu ’00 started graduate school at NYU in arts and politics last fall.

At Reunion, Robyn Gibson ’00 told us she recently got married. Congratulations!

Claire C. Groves ’00 stopped by Reunion and shared that he is now working at GE as a database analyst. He is also looking to buy a home.

Class of 2001
Congrats to Christopher Golding ’01, who graduated from Columbia University with a degree in political science last spring.

Another Alumna joined the Steppingstone staff last summer: Courtney Monahan ’01 taught Latin to Scholars at Milton Academy. She also completed her
teaching fellowship last year, and returned to Noble and Greenough School as a faculty member.

Marissa Bias '01 graduated from Suffolk University with a degree in public relations.

Wendy Chan '01 is a recent graduate of Northeastern University, with a BS in Behavioral Neuroscience.

Max Clermont '01 recently graduated with a master's in public health from Brown University. He worked as a regional field director for the Obama campaign in Florida.

Maria Margarita Javier '01 recently moved to North Carolina, where she is working as a cardiothoracic nurse at Duke University Hospital.

Khue Nguyen '01 completed her master's in education policy and management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Ebele Anidi '01 graduated from Harvard and began working as a Teach for America corps member in Chicago last summer.

Kristen Lewis '02 graduated from George Washington University. Currently preparing for the MCATs and interested in doing clinical research, she connected with Rochelle Williams-Belizaire '94 about that at Reunion.

Things have been exciting for Ana Victoria Arroyo '02. She graduated cum laude from Syracuse University, began Teach for America in Boston, and is planning to marry Joe Dzerkacz next summer. The couple met two summers ago, while interning at Steppingstone.

Jamica Cropper-Pam '02 graduated from UMass Lowell and plans to enroll in the master's in marriage and family therapy program at La Salle University.

Makeba Bostic '02 recently graduated from Massachusetts College of Art.

Daraia Greene '02 graduated from Dartmouth College and began working for Google's People Operations Department in California.

Cherisse Hagood '02 recently graduated from Rollins College and is now working as a MATCH corps member at MATCH Middle School in Jamaica Plain.

Leona Watson '02 graduated from Boston University and is studying at Lesley University for a master's degree in guidance counseling. Last summer she interned at Boston Collegiate Charter School with Ms. Joseph, her former teacher at Steppingstone and current Middle School Principal at Boston Collegiate.

Christina Simpson '02 graduated from Boston College and attends Brooklyn Law School.

Anthony Mathieu '02 graduated from Hamilton College and is participating in the Boston Teacher Residency Program.

Jasmine Watts '02 graduated from Centre College.

Adelvia Gomez '02 is in her senior year at Brandeis University, pursuing a triple major in psychology, sociology and women's gender studies.

Nadia Maharaj '02 graduated from The College of Wooster with a BA in psychology.

Annette Sandoval '02 graduated from UMass Dartmouth, with a degree in history. She also spent three weeks last summer volunteering and teaching English in Guatemala.

Tinyan Chan '02 graduated from Clark University and is now pursuing a master's degree in education at Boston College.
Thank you so much to Donavan Brown ’95, Johane Alexis ’96, Stephond Goler ’95, Anthony Le ’99, Colgan Johnson ’93, and Tim O’Connell ’96, who volunteered at last summer’s Alumni Career Panel for current Scholars! The Scholars were so lucky to get to hear from such an outstanding group.

Ying Wang ’02 writes: “I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army in May 2012, currently serving as a platoon leader in the 743rd Transportation Company.” Last summer she volunteered at the Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum. She is also enrolled at New England Law School.

Stephany Munoz ’02 recently graduated from Harvard University and is taking part in Teach for America at UP Academy.

Ashley Diaz ’02 graduated from Boston College this year and is now working at Liberty Mutual.

Don’t see your class year? Please send an update to Alison Levy at alevy@tsf.org.
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