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From the editor



Dear Alumni and Friends,

A milestone for Franklin, the year 2012 sees President Erik Nielsen stepping down as president of Franklin College after 17 years. Dr. Gregory Warden will take that office on July 1, 2012, and become Franklin's fourth president. It will be strange to pass the president's office and not see him sitting there behind his desk but we welcome Dr. Warden and what he will bring to the College in the future. We won't be saying good-bye to Dr. Nielsen as he will remain at Franklin as Chancellor.

In May, 2012, over 260 alumni returned to the Franklin campus from their homes around the world to participate in Franklin College's Global Alumni Reunion. The three-day-long gathering featured a wide range of activities, including a "Taste of Switzerland" dinner, a variety of excursions, a Back-to-Campus faculty panel and a gala dinner. We have selected pictures highlighting these events for this issue of the *Gazette*, and many others can be viewed on the College's website. The link to the web photo gallery can be found in the Alumni Events listing.

The Franklin Today section sheds light on the academic involvement and dedication of students who are in the Honors Society, those involved in Service Learning and the "Be the Change" program. In addition, we have a feature about athletic prowess among Franklin students and their passions for some unusual sports.

Kim Hildebrant '90 is the subject of our Alumni Feature. Kim, who has enjoyed international experiences since an early age, continues to travel around the globe for business. He resides in Lugano, where he maintains close ties with the College; he, in fact, coordinated the security for our campus.

In our Academic Travel section, Professor Brack Hale, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, discusses his trip to Iceland, the goal of which was to emphasize

sustainability while getting to know a spectacular destination.

Eighty-eight seniors participated this year in the 2012 graduation ceremony, which took place at the Palazzo dei Congressi on May 20. Ambassador Richard Burt, the Managing Director for Europe, Russia and Eurasia at McLarty Associates, gave the Commencement Address. Kaitlin Lucas was the Valedictorian for the Class of 2012. During the ceremony, Franklin Trustee Margaret Osmer McQuade was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, in recognition of her dedication to the College, while alumnus Sheikh Hussein Al-Banawi was the 2012 recipient of the Ursula Gentile Lowerre Outstanding Service Award.

During the past year there have been many alumni gatherings. See the Events section for a selection of photographs from those reunions. It is also possible to view the photo galleries online at www.fc.edu/alumni.

The *Gazette* staff hopes that you will enjoy this issue and we look forward to your comments.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diana Tedoldi".

Diana Tedoldi
Editor

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Correction: Elizabeth Simpson Wessel '93 was incorrectly identified in the Class Notes section of the Summer 2011 Gazette. We apologize for the error.

The Changing of the Guard

Dr. Gregory Warden Becomes Franklin College's Fourth President. Dr. Erik Nielsen Announced as Chancellor

At the end of June, Dr. Erik Nielsen stepped down after 17 years as President of Franklin College Switzerland, having strengthened an institution beloved by its alumni while making changes along the way that allowed the College to grow in size and reputation.

Nielsen, who received his Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and a B.A. and M.A. from the State University of New York in Buffalo, came to Franklin from the University of Evansville in Indiana, where he was Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of Art History. He began his career at Bowdoin College where he was a professor of Classical Archeology and eventually became Chair of the Classics department before moving to Texas. While at Bowdoin he was granted a leave of absence and spent a year in Rome as Director of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies under the aegis of Stanford University. At Trinity University in Texas he served as Dean of Humanities and Arts and Professor of Art History.

He has been a Fellow of both the National Endowment of the Humanities (USA) and the Canada Council. He is an elected foreign member of the *Istituto Nazionale di Studi Etruschi ed Italici*.

For more than 30 years as an etruschologist Nielsen directed the archeological excavations at the site of Poggio Civitate (Siena). During that time he helped design the museum at Murlo which houses the excavation's materials and which was built with support from the *Provincia* and private funding. The Murlo program designed by Nielsen as a training excavation has produced many professionals now working in the field of archeology and in academe. In 2006 Nielsen was appointed guest curator for the Galleria Gottardo in Lugano where he curated an exhibition, "*I Principi di Murlo*," featuring selected artifacts from his site. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Etruscan Foundation and was its Vice President from 2004-2010.

During his time at Franklin Dr. Nielsen served on the Board of Directors of the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce (Lugano) and was an active member of the Rotary Club, Lugano Lago, serving as its President from 2009-2010. He was the first foreign member to be elected to the club and to serve as its President. In 2007, Dr. Nielsen was asked to join the *Comitato Scientifico del Museo Culturale di Lugano*. Internationally, he represented Franklin in the American Association of International Colleges and Universities, of which he was President from 2004-2007, and on the Council of Independent Colleges, a U.S.-based association of 641 college presidents, where he was elected to the Board of



Dr. Erik Nielsen



Dr. Gregory Warden

Directors and served from 2006-2012.

Nielsen and his wife Ellen, who have developed strong ties with the local community, will remain in Lugano where Nielsen has been appointed Chancellor of the College.

On July 1, 2012, Dr. P. Gregory Warden, formerly Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs at the Meadows School of the Arts and University Distinguished Professor of Art History at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, became Franklin College's fourth President. Warden's record of achievement is exceptional. At SMU, he taught and pursued his own scholarship in Classical and Near Eastern Archeology, beginning in 1982. In addition, he has impressive credentials as a top university administrator and served as Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs at the Meadows School from 1998 until 2012. One of his contributions in that role was the development of a joint

MA/MBA degree program in Arts Administration. In the course of his 33-year academic career, Warden has been affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, Bowdoin College and the University of Texas at Arlington, and has developed important relationships with over 100 schools in Europe and Asia, including Franklin, as a result of his direction of Southern Methodist University's Study Abroad programs. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Bryn Mawr.

In addition, over the past 17 years Warden has developed and led the Mugello Valley Archeological Project, an international research collaboration in Italy. Warden, who was born in Florence, speaks fluent Italian and holds dual U.S.-Italian citizenship. He was inducted into the "Order of Italian Solidarity" and given the title of Knight of the Republic by the Italian government for his efforts on behalf of Italian culture associated with the Mugello project and the 2009 exhibit on the Etruscans: "From the Temple and the Tomb." In May, 2011, SMU awarded Warden an Altschuler Distinguished Teaching Professorship in recognition of his endeavors and achievements beyond the classroom and his own discipline. Warden will be joined by his wife, Dr. Diane Warden, a clinical psychologist and former Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Over the course of the coming months, Dr. Warden and Dr. Nielsen will work together with the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff and students to ensure a smooth transition.

The Ursula and Paul Lowerre Academic Center Dedicated



Paul Lowerre '77 and Ursula Gentile Lowerre '76.

Following the Academic Awards Ceremony on May 19, the Franklin College community celebrated the dedication of the North Campus Academic Building as the Ursula and Paul Lowerre Academic Center in recognition of this couple's generosity, leadership and numerous personal contributions to Franklin College over the years. In his welcoming remarks, Robert Pallone, Vice President for Advancement, thanked the Lowerres for their investment of time, expertise and financial resources in the "noble idea that is Franklin College" and suggested that "we are here today not only to dedicate a learning center, but also to celebrate learning itself."

This sentiment was echoed by Dean of the College and professor of comparative literary and cultural studies, Sara Steinert Borella, who in her address described a potential typical day in the life of a student at the Academic Center "enjoying early morning sunshine out front before an 8:30 class with Professor Parsons; then taking a study break in the Fowler Library before heading to a class in management science, or memory, or the history of Switzerland; followed by a workout in the Tone Athletic Center or study sessions in the Writing and Learning Center and perhaps some creative design work in the Faber-Lowerre Graphic Design Lab."

Likewise, she noted that in a given day, faculty might be found "discussing thesis progress with students over coffee in the kitchen, teaching in one of the classrooms or holding office hours. The day might end for students and faculty alike that evening with a special presentation in the conference room by a visiting scholar, hosted by the Honors Society."

A student's perspective was engagingly given by Heather Gottschalk, a rising senior in the class of 2013 and the incoming President of the Student Government

Association. Heather also thanked the Lowerres for making Franklin College a better place and described the Academic Center as "a highway at Franklin, directing and moving all of those who walk through its doors, and facilitating cultural understanding, awareness and togetherness throughout the campus."

President Erik Nielsen then spoke, conveying a sense of the many contributions of the Lowerres to the life and well-being of the College, reminding all that it was Paul and Ursula who, during Paul's tenure as Chairman of the Board, urged the Board to "take a leap of faith" and move forward to acquire the North Campus property, of which the Academic Center is a part. Describing their faith in Franklin as "infectious and unshakeable," President Nielsen concluded by thanking the Lowerres for all that they have done and continue to do on Franklin's behalf, saying that he "can think of few things more fitting than to recognize them by naming this building in their honor."

Speaking for Ursula and himself, Paul Lowerre described the humbling nature of receiving such an honor and reflected on the process of moving from a nostalgic connection to the Franklin of their school days—a kind of retrospective "Franklinitis," as he referred to it—to a more strategic view as volunteers and Board members, where "the excitement lay in strengthening the Franklin of now and connecting it to a vision of the Franklin of the future. Suddenly, from that perspective," he

continued, "everything about the school seems urgent and screams for your support, and you feel you must help make it happen." He concluded by remembering those "giants" among the Board members, such as former Chairman Otto Kaletsch and long-time member John Taylor, whose love and generosity created the Franklin of today, and imagining that "out there among our brilliant young alumni is the next generation of giants just waiting to catch the bug and help build the Franklin of the future."



Embodying the Teacher/Scholar: Professor Floyd Parsons

Professor Parsons Retires in 2012

Six a.m. in the Lowerre Academic Center. The History Department convenes for one of its regular meetings. Professor Floyd Parsons arrives punctually, as he has each morning for the past 31 years. Professor Marcus Pyka joins him after burning the midnight oil grading papers and preparing for his class. They meet like this fairly regularly, when the two professors cross paths and when others are unlikely to interrupt their discussion. Now, the early riser has taught his final class at Franklin after a glorious career of teaching and research. As he told me in our recent interview, he came to Franklin understanding himself as an historian who happened to be a teacher. Now he knows that he is, in fact, a teacher who happens to be a historian.

Floyd David Parsons grew up in southern California and completed his B.A. and M.A. at San Diego State. In 1976, he went to Cambridge to become a Research Student at St. John's College with Dr. Henry Pelling and spent the next five years working on his Ph.D. project. He came to Franklin in 1981 in response to a job opening for a full-time historian when Franklin was still a two-year institution. The completion of his Ph.D. would wait another ten years, with his research ceding, at least temporarily, to the more immediate concern of teaching the history curriculum to Franklin students. So began his journey as a teacher.

Professor Parsons taught 30 different courses in history and literature during his tenure at Franklin, ranging from the ever popular Western Civilization to the History of Switzerland, and from his First Year Seminar on Churchill and Gandhi to America in the Sixties. Generations of Franklin students learned to come to class on time (or the door might be locked) and to appreciate the richness of history and Professor Parsons' passion for both his discipline and his teaching.

I asked Professor Parsons about his time at Franklin, the rewards and the challenges. He spoke to me of his Academic Travels, first to the U.K. with Professor Stanford, later to Switzerland, in particular to German-speaking Switzerland. It is perhaps no secret that Academic Travel was hardly his favorite teaching adventure, yet he

traveled with the same passion and enthusiasm that marked his classes. He witnessed major changes at Franklin, including the move from a two-year Associate's-granting institution to a four-year Bachelor's-granting one, a change he compared to the recent transformations that have come with the advent of the Master's

program and the Taylor Institute. He spoke to current challenges and the importance of integrating faculty so as to avoid fragmentation. He spoke proudly of the development and teaching of history at Franklin, now a major in its own right and an integral part of International Relations and other majors on campus as well. He didn't need to remind me of the prominence of his name on the plaques that adorn Holman Hall. In 2010, we recognized Professor Parsons for his book *Thomas Hare and Political Representation in Victorian Britain* (Palgrave, 2009), presenting him with the award for Excellence in Professional Engagement, thus assuring his representation in all three categories; to date, he is the only faculty member who has been recognized for his excellence in teaching, service, and research, honors most well deserved.

Professor Parsons steps away from Franklin with plans to return to reading Tolstoy, Schopenhauer and the Swiss theologian Hans Küng. Clearly, he has no intention of lightening his load. He will return to music, to Mahler and Beethoven, now that he will

have more time to attend to his impressive CD collection. Professor Parsons and his wife Luzia will be moving in June to Willisau, not far from Lucerne. Before leaving, however, he offered me some advice that I would like to share with the faculty in particular, and with the entire Franklin community: he reminded me that we are all leading students toward functional literacy in a world where all subjects are interconnected. We just see it from our own disciplinary perspectives. With this in mind, we should never lose our sight of integrating our teaching and scholarship across disciplinary boundaries. As faculty members, we are all teacher-scholars at Franklin College. Thank you, Floyd Parsons, for helping us to remember that.



Professor Floyd Parsons chatting with a student on the North Campus lawn.

A Fond Farewell to Britt-Marie Muzi

This summer Franklin College will bid farewell to one of its most highly regarded staff members, Britt-Marie Muzi. After spending 40 years helping build and shape what is now the Office of Student Life, Muzi, its Assistant Director, has decided that it is time to turn the page to the next chapter of life: well-earned retirement.

Like many at Franklin, Muzi is a true citizen of the world. Born and raised in Sweden, she arrived in Lugano at the age of 21, having already worked on a cruise ship and travelled around Europe. She soon landed a job at a hotel in Paradiso, where she met her husband; they have been married for 46 years. Muzi was fluent in Swedish, English and German, but she didn't speak Italian and decided that working in a restaurant would help her master the language. After holding a wide variety of other jobs, she eventually shifted into education, working in the business office at TASIS.

Shortly after Franklin's inaugural year, Muzi joined its ranks to establish what has become the Office of Student Life. She has a unique view of Franklin, having seen the College evolve from its first years up until the present. At the beginning, she was one-half of a team of two handling student accounts, permits and other affairs. "Originally, there were no residence halls and we were moving offices quite a bit," recalls Muzi. "But once Franklin bought its current property, we could settle down and really invest in so many more opportunities and services." Over the years the Office of Student Life met new challenges as it helped fulfill the needs of a constantly growing student body—from handling housing and student accounts to organizing events and programs. "You have to like confusion to work in this office," notes Muzi. "You also have to be able to socialize and have excellent relations with the local authorities." She continues, "The cooperation and understanding I have received from all Swiss authorities really made my life easier here at Franklin, particularly with the legal aspects of my job."

Throughout her career, Muzi has proven herself to be a resourceful problem-solver, often introducing new ideas to the College. Sabina Macchi, Administrative Assistant to the Office of Student Life, notes, "Britt-Marie has great organizational skills and incredible energy, especially in dealing with students...whenever there's a problem, she is determined to solve it." In 2009, Muzi was honored with the College's first Outstanding Staff Service Award. "I was the lucky winner that first year," comments Muzi. "I really appreciated that my efforts had been noticed. It made me incredibly happy."

Muzi's colleagues are full of praise for her. "You cannot describe her in one word," says Macchi. "She's friendly, intelligent, clever, strong, active, loyal, open and has a huge heart. I've never met anyone else like her in my professional life."

"Britt-Marie also has a great sense of humor," notes Leslie Guggiari, Dean of Student Life. "She has been a tremendous

support for me, both in my decisions and when things are stressful."

But it is Muzi's passion for students that has made the greatest impression. "It's all about the students," affirms Guggiari. "She's motherly and can be caring and sensitive when a student has a special need, but she can be tough and strict when the situation calls for it." Macchi adds, "The best thing Britt-Marie has taught me is that we are all educators, even the members of the staff. We make our contribution by teaching students how to face real-life responsibilities."



Britt-Marie Muzi, Assistant Director, Office of Student Life.

Muzi is dedicated to her family. Guggiari recalls, "I think my fondest memories of our last nine years together have been seeing her with her children—prepping for her daughter's wedding, watching her become a grandmother—you realize how much family means to her. She carries that same compassion to the students here at Franklin." One of Muzi's favorite hobbies is cooking. She has mastered the art of Italian, Swedish and even Chinese cooking. Those at Franklin can confirm that she will forever be remembered for her tiramisu and Swedish meatballs. She also enjoys sewing, working on craft projects and reading biographies. The one thing she cannot live without? "*Speranza* ('hope,' in Italian)!" exclaims Muzi.

Muzi also has a deep interest in local politics: she was a member of the town council of Campione d'Italia for 15 years and also its mayor, no small feat for a woman and a foreigner. "My life in politics started because there was no place in my comune for my kids to play," explains Muzi. This inspired her, along with a close friend, to establish an after-school program complete with courses in crafts, dancing and fitness and to organize evening discos and annual barbecues.

This June Muzi will bid farewell to Franklin and move on to a highly anticipated retirement. Her plans? "Well, I certainly don't intend to go back into politics. I will enjoy having some time for myself...and dedicating myself to my family, especially my grandchildren." After relaxing at her beach home in Le Marche, Italy, this summer she will take up another favorite pastime—traveling. "I'll be able to go back to Sweden more often and finally take my first trip to the United States," says Muzi. "I already have the exact itinerary—one I made 20 years ago!"

"For me, Franklin is a place of joy, learning and responsibility," Muzi reflects. "I've been lucky enough to have had a job that I not only liked, but loved." She recalls the people who have enriched her life—staff, faculty, locals and, most of all, the students. "I could have retired four years ago, but it's because of the students that I've stayed here so long," she continues. "When I retire, I will miss the students the most. They are my greatest challenge, but also my greatest reward...I love the students, I love to learn from them. They are my kids."

Annual Awards Ceremony 2012

On Saturday, May 19, President Erik Nielsen greeted an auditorium filled with Franklin students, their families and friends, faculty, staff and Trustees who had gathered to celebrate the leadership accomplishments and academic achievements of students, faculty and staff during the 2011-2012 academic year at the annual Awards Ceremony. "The College succeeds because of the hard work and dedication invested each year by many people," said Nielsen. "This is our way of saying 'thank you' directly to these special recipients and indirectly to all of us." Following the President's remarks, members of Franklin's faculty presented the Academic Area Awards to students who have demonstrated outstanding promise in their individual fields of study (their names are listed to the right).

Leslie Guggiari, Dean of Student Life and Engagement, and Sara Steinert Borella, Dean of the College, then prepared to announce the recipients of this year's Student Leadership Awards.

"A common observation from many acknowledged leaders is that no one can teach you about yourself except you," said Guggiari. "Counselors, advisors, friends, family can help with this process, but awareness ultimately requires you to study yourself. And self-discovery will ultimately lead to self-leadership. What is self-leadership? It is the characteristic of a person who has decided to make a difference. Recipients of today's Leadership Awards are students who have made a difference on this campus." The winners were then announced. Juan Diego Martinez and Tarek Kutay each received the

Gerta Holman Award for their sensitivity to others and particular responsiveness and mindfulness toward different cultures. The Academic Excellence Award, which recognizes intellectual curiosity, a love of learning and scholarly promise, was presented to Kaitlin Lucas. Majeda Dakkak was awarded the Outstanding Freshman Award. Other students (listed at right) received awards for excellence in their own special areas of study.

The Annual Student Art Competition Award was then introduced by Austin Tomlinson, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. After carefully reviewing all the 2012 submissions, members of the Alumni Council chose works of art created by Mariana Gibaldi and Christine Snitkjaer which will become part of Franklin's permanent art collection.

Dean Steinert Borella honored four Franklin faculty members for their exceptional work in the areas of teaching, professional engagement and service. "As you all know, the great energy and dedication of our faculty helps make Franklin a vibrant, exciting place," said Steinert Borella. "Our faculty's willingness to step in and serve on committees, work with students outside of the classroom and participate in co-curricular activities is commendable." The following faculty members were recognized: Professor Sanja Dudukovic for Excellence in Teaching, Professors Patrick Saveau and Satomi Sugiyama for Excellence in Professional Engagement and Professor Armando Zanicchia for Excellence in Service.

The Outstanding Staff Performance Award was presented by Tomaso Rizzi, Vice President for Finance and Administration, to Vera Massari, Associate Registrar. Massari has been a highly valued member of the College's staff for more than ten years and has had a great impact on the Franklin community. One of the many nominations that Vera received from faculty, staff and students summed up her contribution: "When things get tough, she is always trying to help everyone else see the positive side of things, and I really admire her for her ability to face even the most difficult challenges with a light heart and a positive attitude. It brings everyone up around her. She is a rock on which to build every action concerning the Office of the Registrar."



Vera Massari, Associate Registrar.

Academic Area Awards 2012

ART AWARD

Sultana Qanzal (Visual and Communication Arts)
Jackson Cheevers (Visual and Communication Arts)
Krisztina Karsai (Art History and Visual Culture)

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE AWARD

Kaitlin Lucas

HISTORY

Jacob Dunn

MANAGEMENT

Krisztina Karsai (International Management)

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

Callie Robson

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE (ITALIAN)

Melissa Morrison

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE (FRENCH)

Hannah Smith

CREATIVE WRITING, LITERATURE AND ENGLISH

Juan Diego Martinez

Charlotte Reimer

COMPARATIVE LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Katherine Daugherty

Melissa Morrison

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Beatriz Luraschi

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Joshua Miller

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Callie Robson

Student Leadership Awards 2012

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD

Majeda Dakkak

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kaitlin Lucas

GERTA HOLMAN AWARD

Tarek Kutay

Juan Diego Martinez

Faculty Awards 2012

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Sanja Dudukovic

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Patrick Saveau

Satomi Sugiyama

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Armando Zanicchia

Staff Awards 2012

OUTSTANDING STAFF SERVICE

Vera Massari, Associate Registrar

Franklin Students Commit to “Be The Change”

From left:
Isabeau Hansen '13
Kaitlin Lucas '12
Meg Ehman '14
Heather Gottschalk '13



BE THE CHANGE is an annual conference which aims to facilitate a process of self-actualization and awareness within individual Franklin students to inspire change through social justice in their lives, on campus and in the world. It is just one of several co-curricular programming initiatives that the Office of Student Life has implemented to engage students in learning more about themselves and their surroundings. “This is a perfect example of an educational program that is stacked with learning opportunities for our students,” says Leslie Guggiari, Dean of Student Life and Engagement. “These programs take students out of their comfort zones while enabling them to develop the skills to feel comfortable in that new zone; life-long skills that they will take away from Franklin which allow them to become amazing professionals.”

Now approaching its fourth year, the Be The Change conference offers students the opportunity to interact in an open forum to discuss social issues such as gender, race and oppression in a personal way. “Our goal is to make this a more comprehensive program that really focuses on personal development,” explains Kyle Carpenter, Director of Student Leadership and conference advisor. “We’re planting the seeds and igniting the fire for our students to explore

who they are as individuals and then giving them the tools to start deeper conversations on their own.”

A COMMITMENT TO CREATING SOCIAL TRANSITION: “The students were really invested in this conference and wanted to make it a quality experience,” observes Carpenter. “A lot of thoughtful planning went into it, and I think it really paid off. It’s amazing to watch these students become so passionate about something and see their vision become a reality.”

This year’s Be The Change included on-campus activities as well as an off-campus retreat. The conference kicked off with “Stories for Change: A Student Panel,” which provided an open forum for students to share personal stories related to adversity, injustice and the need for social change. “This year we had more of a focus on social change and putting a face to everyday problems,” says Isabeau Hansen '13, from Salt Lake City, Utah, who was part of the panel. “My favorite moment was when, after all five of us panelists discussed our own topics, the audience shared social justice issues they had experienced in their own lives. It was inspiring to see these individuals and know that they’ve struggled and are going through the same things, too. I got to see a whole different side of Franklin.”



From left: Christine Snitkjaer '15, Kaitlin Lucas '12, Julie Gregory '15, Vanessa Famighetti '15, Haitham Al-Najjar '14 and Ashley Lawrence '15.



From left: Jennifer Byram '14 and Nomin-Erdene Lyons '14.

"I was really affected by the panel because the stories came from people I know and interact with," adds Majeda Dakkak '15, from Amman, Jordan. "If a story comes from someone on a personal level, you look at an issue in a different way. It becomes more real."

The conference continued with "Learned Conversation: Diversity at Franklin," a special discussion about how the diversity at Franklin plays out in the community and how students can embrace the differences that make them unique. "The event was eye-opening," affirms Dakkak. "I'm Jordanian and try to merge friendships with Arab and non-Arab students here...I've never personally been faced with the 'clash' in this mix, but I saw it around me."

This was followed by "Tunnel of Oppression," a unique opportunity to see, touch, hear and feel the realities of oppression as a steppingstone towards creating awareness. This consciousness-raising experience showed powerful visual representations of heterosexism/homophobia, sexism/gendered violence, racism, religious discrimination and environmental oppression. The conference also connected with the opening of the Franklin College Spring 2012 Lecture Series, which featured guest speaker Sergio Savoia, Director of the European Alpine Program for the World Wildlife Fund.

A RETREAT TO REMEMBER: The conference concluded with a mountain retreat at the Casa Antica, a seventeenth-century house nestled in the Ticinese mountains in the Valle Maggia. The intensive weekend was rich with discussion and learning about the issues surrounding personal identity and positive social change. "The retreat was really special this year," says Carpenter. "We had serious conversations on topics people are so divided on. The students really impressed me with their level of maturity and willingness to delve deeply into these issues."

Students participated in several activities that challenged their values and opinions. These included sharing stories about the six most influential people in their lives; "crossing the line," where the students took a stance based on a list of controversial statements; and "power line," where the participants had to rank themselves silently in order of power. "The power line was difficult because we didn't know how to define the standards," recalls Dakkak. "We didn't know if we should determine it based on inner power or power according

to society. I was nervous, anxious and at times frustrated, but it was good to feel that we were not alone." "I didn't know what kind of water I was jumping into, but at the end it didn't make me drown, it made me stronger," adds Kasimir von Koblinksi '15, from Stamberg, Germany.

"It was an amazing thing to see how open, honest and truthful the students were," says Dean Guggiari. "They really exposed themselves and talked openly about extremely difficult and personal situations and experiences they had lived through." "I think I was most surprised by my own reaction to the retreat activities," concurs Dakkak. "We opened up a lot and usually I don't open up at all, but it was the complete opposite in the retreat. I surprised myself."

"Whenever you start talking about serious issues, like oppression, torture or discrimination, people get irritable and don't know what to do," sums up Valorie Wallace '14, from Portland, Oregon. "But I think we learned that it's okay to be uncomfortable sometimes—that's what motivates you to change something about your life...and what causes you to 'be the change.'"

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE: Students walked away from the conference feeling inspired to continue the conversations that had been initiated and take their own steps toward creating change. Some, like

Dakkak and Wallace, hope to participate as facilitators next year. "This experience made me more excited to dive into these issues at Franklin, because a lot of similar topics are things I want to study and learn about," notes Wallace. "This was another instance where one of Franklin's programs fused with what I want to do in my life." "The conference certainly changed me as a person," says Dakkak. "When we come together and talk about those things, we don't just learn more about another person and other issues, we learn more about ourselves, and this is something that had a huge impact on me." "Be The Change taught me about analyzing yourself and the people around you," concludes von Koblinksi. "This is a skill that will help you no matter where you go. When you can appreciate another person's point of view, you understand how you can support them, how to handle situations and how to—be the change."

Be The Change 2012:

A student-led planning committee and three staff advisors steered this year's conference:

Student Facilitators:

Jessie Donahue '14

Heather Gottschalk '13

Mira Peterson '13

Alithea Tashey '14

On-Site Coordinator:

Jessica Fox '13

Co-Lead Facilitators:

Kyle Carpenter

Ann Gardiner

Planning Committee Member:

Ebonie Rayford:



From left: Kasimir von Koblinksi '15, Heather Gottschalk '13, Julie Gregory '15, Professor Ann Gardiner and Mira Petersen '13.



From front left to back right: Julie Gregory '15, Madison Stevens '15, Kaitlin Lucas '12, Ashley Lawrence '15 and Pierre Garcia '15.

Franklin Profiles: Recent Additions to the Faculty



From left:
Dr. Gabriel Gee,
Dr. Laura Lazzari
and
Dr. Alexandra Peat

GABRIEL GEE joins Franklin as an assistant professor in Art History. Gee, who grew up in Paris, earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Université Paris X with a thesis devoted to contemporary art in the north of England. He has published extensively on contemporary art and artists in England and France. Previously, Gee was a postgraduate researcher at the École Normale Supérieure in Lyon. His research and teaching interests include art and politics, relations between art and technology, the history of photography and British painting.

In addition to an introductory course in art history and a theory-and-methods class, last fall Gee taught a special-topics course on contemporary art since 1960. For Gee, this inaugural year has been one of discovery. "I'm enthusiastic about working here at Franklin," says Gee. "It's quite different from the French system, even from the U.K. system...and what I've found most challenging has been adapting to the habits of the organization. But I've enjoyed getting to know my students and, in terms of faculty, it's quite easy to initiate interdisciplinary dialogue, which is really exciting."

In the spring of 2012, Gee led his first Academic Travel to London and the north-west of England to study relations between art and industry. "My travel was a balance among art galleries, urban promenades and food," said Gee. He and the students journeyed from Manchester to Liverpool and finally to London, moving from modern art museums to Victorian galleries and from busy city centers to refurbished 19th-century harbors.

Gee is the current treasurer of One Piece at a Time, which is an interdisciplinary study

group on British arts, co-editor of its online journal *Pied-à-Terre* and co-founder of the TETI research group (Textures and Experiences of Transindustriality). This summer, Gee is convening an interdisciplinary conference in Gothenburg, Sweden, about the construction of interstitial heritage, which will feature presentations by Professors Brack Hale and Alison Vogelaar.

Gee, who has spent time working as a musical librarian, has a deep interest in both baroque music and contemporary experimental music. When he's not teaching, he enjoys running, cooking southern French cuisine and reading. He speaks French, English and can read German. In the next year, Gee hopes to improve some structural work in his courses via framing and rhythm, finish various writings for publication and polish up his German language skills.

LAURA LAZZARI, a native of Ticino, joins Franklin as an assistant professor in Italian Studies. She earned her Ph.D. in Italian Studies from the University of Lausanne and her M.St. in Women's Studies from Oxford. Her teaching and research interests include Italian language and literature, Swiss-Italian literature, and women's writing in the Italian-speaking world. "It's fascinating for me to study how women revise the canon from a female perspective," observes Lazzari. Her recent book, *Poesia epica e scrittura femminile nel Seicento: "L'Enrico" di Lucrezia Marinelli (Epic Poetry and Female Writings in the 17th Century: "L'Enrico" by Lucrezia Marinelli)*, appeared in 2010. Lazzari has published scholarly articles on Lucrezia Marinelli, Elsa Morante, Benvenuto Cellini and authors

from Italian-speaking Switzerland.

Prior to joining Franklin College, Lazzari taught Italian to undergraduates and postgraduates at the universities of Lausanne and Fribourg. But she welcomed the opportunity to come back home. "I appreciate that Franklin is the kind of place that fosters your ideas and gives you opportunities to try new courses, work on research and present your work at conferences," Lazzari points out. "These things are truly valued here."

Lazzari's courses this year at Franklin included introductory and advanced Italian language. She also recently led her first Academic Travel, exploring the Marche and Umbria, Italy, with 15 students and focusing on the literary and cultural expressions of the two Italian regions. "It's a big responsibility to lead a Travel, but it really ran smoothly once we got there," says Lazzari. The students studied literary works of Dante and Leopardi and also enjoyed food and wine tastings. "While I know the area well, I felt that I too got to learn a lot from the experience. Having grown up in the Ticinese culture, I took for granted eating dinner for hours, but it was a bit of a shock to students." Lazzari looks forward to leading her second Academic Travel to these regions again in the autumn of 2012.

Besides teaching, Lazzari is collaborating with the Università della Svizzera italiana and the Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana to create a peer-to-peer program for language and cultural exchange. "The idea is to give students a partner who will regularly meet with them to help them practice their languages and learn about each other's cultures."

Like many who find themselves at Franklin, Lazzari is an avid traveler and speaks many languages: Italian, French, German, English, Spanish and Latin. She also enjoys cooking and eating—particularly pasta with clams. Within the next year, Lazzari hopes to continue designing new courses—one on motherhood in the Italian culture and another on stereotypes and realities of Switzerland.

ALEXANDRA PEAT comes to Franklin as an assistant professor of Literature and Creative Writing. Peat, who earned her

Ph.D. in English from the University of Toronto and her M.A. in English and Scottish Literature and in French Literature at the University of Aberdeen, lived in several countries before finding herself at Franklin. She was born in London, moved to Botswana at the age of four and finally to Roslin, Scotland—a famous site in the quest for the Holy Grail and birthplace of Dolly, the first cloned sheep. Peat spent the past 10 years in Canada, where she pursued her Ph.D. and taught at the University of Toronto-Scarborough.

Peat's research and teaching interests include modern and contemporary literature, American modernism in a global context, postcolonial literature and narrative. In 2010, Peat published the book *Travel and Modernist Literature: Sacred and Ethical Journeys*. In her most recent book, *Modernism: Key Words*, scheduled for publication later this year, Peat and fellow collaborators track cultural and literary debates and transformative moments of change. Additionally, Peat is investigating transnational and transcultural elements in modernism and writing a book on empire exhibitions and world fairs.

In the fall Peat taught courses in fiction writing, an introduction to literature and modern American literature. "I've enjoyed the students, the small classes and interdisciplinary conversations with lots of people in different departments," Peat observes. "I came from a really big school with big classes, but I think being in a close-knit community has been positive."

Like Gee and Lazzari, Peat also experienced her first Academic Travel, taking students to London in the spring of 2012. Academic Travel was just as much a learning experience for Peat as it was for her students. "It was intriguing to see museums, the Underground and other things I know so well through the eyes of a student. I got a sense of why it means so much to the students and how important Academic Travel is to the College. I'm excited to do it again in the fall with my new knowledge."

When she's not teaching or researching, Peat can be found running and hiking, traveling or reading. She speaks English, French, German and is learning Italian. She's also a qualified horseback-riding instructor. In the next year, Peat hopes to do more traveling in Switzerland, finish her book and possibly start teaching riding again in Ticino.

The Ursula Gentile Lowerre Outstanding Service Award 2012

The 2012 Ursula Gentile Lowerre Outstanding Service Award was presented to Sheikh Hussein A. Al-Banawi '77 at Franklin's graduation ceremony in Lugano on May 20. This award recognizes one alumnus or alumna who has shown great and consistent dedication to the College and its educational, cultural and social mission. In granting the award, Franklin Board of Trustees Chairman Pascal Tone noted that he himself, as Franklin's first president, had presented Sheikh Al-Banawi with his diploma 35 years ago.

Sheikh Al-Banawi is Chairman and CEO of Banawi Industrial Group in Jeddah, a manufacturing concern in specialty chemicals, packaging and food flavors which has operations throughout the Middle East and Africa. Under his leadership, his company was the first in Saudi Arabia to elect a woman to its board of directors; it also provides financial support both regionally and internationally for projects that benefit women and youth, encouraging leadership, civilized debate and economic competitiveness.

Founder of the Chair in Islamic Economics, Finance, and Management at Rice University in the United States, Sheikh Al-Banawi also launched the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement at the American University in Cairo and is a member of the board of trustees of the World Waqf Foundation of the Islamic Development Bank. He is a noted inspirational speaker on the topic of leadership; his book *The Unknown Leader: Discover the Leader in You* was recently published in London by Kogan Page, Ltd.

Over the years Sheikh Al-Banawi has been one of Franklin's most loyal and willing alumni. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Taylor Institute for Global Enterprise Management, Franklin's first Master's degree program. A highly valued counselor to President Nielsen on strategic challenges and opportunities facing the College, he has also provided vital assistance to the College in its efforts to increase its presence in Saudi Arabia among alumni and parents. He has visited campus and met with students to talk about leadership. This past year Sheikh Al-Banawi launched a personal-development scholarship program at Franklin which supports students who mentor other students in academic and other activities. He and wife, Majda Abdul-Shakour, are also Franklin parents.

In his acceptance speech, Sheikh Al-Banawi spoke to the graduating class about what he has learned about life so far, describing his distillation as "the juice of juices." He suggested that they "never hesitate to step forward and delve into tackling a problem or taking on a challenge early on in life, as this will be your training ground to build your character, enhance your personal capital and hone your skills." He urged the graduates to define a destination and be clear about why they are heading there and then to listen to feedback they receive from others along the way. But he also cautioned them to "seek work that makes you feel alive, every day," and to "choose an organization that has a striking vision, that gives you goose bumps." Do these things, he promised, "and you will have a story worth telling!"



Ursula Gentile Lowerre '76 with Sheikh Hussein A. Al-Banawi '77 who is holding the award.

The Writing and Learning Center

When the Franklin Writing Center opened in 2004, we noticed something unusual from the start. Whereas most writing centers see about 10% of their student population each year, we assisted about 50% of our students. Our days were full and we were booked solid. Since you last heard from us, we have made a few changes in order to field student needs. Most notably, in July of 2011 we welcomed Dr. Ann Gardiner as Franklin College's first Learning Center Director. We have also officially changed the name to the Writing and Learning Center. These changes have enabled us to expand study skills resources and successful peer mentoring programs. In addition, the change has renewed our focus on creating active learning opportunities for Franklin students.

A familiar face in the Franklin Community, Dr. Gardiner is a professor of English, an enthusiastic Academic Travel leader and even the advisor to the popular Garden Club. In 2010, when she acted as interim Writing Center Director while I was on maternity leave, Dean Sara Steinert Borella and I saw the opportunity to go to a two-director model. Dr. Gardiner's presence allows the Writing and Learning

Center to develop services for the students who visit the center for reasons beyond writing—for example, to improve skills in reading comprehension, time management, exam preparation, note taking and language learning. Having two professionals instead of one has made it possible for the center to achieve overarching academic support goals without sacrificing concurrent programs serving writers. For example, Dr. Gardiner is evaluating services for students with documented learning challenges. Working with these students has been a significant priority. An early success has been our collaboration with psychology professor Lisa Crandell, who now provides psycho-educational testing for students who request it. This seems to be an especially important resource for our international families. "We noticed that students and parents needed an additional

resource, a place to receive the testing and documentation that make students eligible for extra time on exams, for example, or for testing in a quiet location," says Dean Steinert Borella. We are pleased to announce this new resource as a joint initiative with TASIC, the American School in Switzerland.

In addition, the new two-director structure has helped us to develop existing programs, particularly those that facilitate peer mentoring. I am happy to renew focus on training and supervising our Writing Scholars who work with peers in hour-long writing conferences. A backbone of serious scholarship and an excellent preparation for today's collaborative workplace, peer review allows students to test their writing on a real audience. At the same time, Writing Scholars gain valuable practice in listening actively and communicating clearly. Dr. Gardiner and I also have the chance to lead

and getting them actively involved with orientation for new students, Dr. Gardiner has helped develop this important program, educating academic leaders who act in concert with their professors, the Registrar's Office and the Office of Student Life to welcome and support first-year students both within and beyond their academic lives.

Finally, a dialogue on our shared philosophy of active learning has been a significant outcome of the collaboration between Dr. Gardiner and myself. We are both sensitive to the fact that Franklin students chose an education where they could learn by traveling, which is hands-on, experiential and engages the senses. Because Franklin students thrive in active learning contexts, creating them has become a kind of "red thread" for us. This philosophy informs our approach to every tutorial,



Christina Bell



Lisa Crandell



Ann Gardiner

tutorials. We meet with students about study skills, resumes, cover letters, graduate school essays and the senior thesis, in addition to general academic writing. Writing Scholars often assist first- and second-year students who are adjusting to college-level writing and writing within specific disciplines.

Another peer-to-peer program that has benefitted from the two-director model is the Academic Mentor program, launched in 2006 as part of the highly successful First Year Experience. Dr. Gardiner trains and supervises this select group of students, each of whom is placed within a First Year Seminar and paired with the professor teaching that course. Recent course examples include: The Mathematics of Inequality, Climate Change in the Alps, and Renaissance Venice. By collaborating with Student Life on training Academic Mentors

workshop or class visit. Students begin tutorials by setting their own goals for the session, for example. Likewise, in workshops and in-class visits, we include opportunities to practice the techniques we present. We find students appreciate taking responsibility for their learning processes when they come to visit us.

Certainly, challenges lie ahead. While we have expanded the scope of the WLC to accommodate general learning needs, international students and those with documented learning challenges would also benefit from additional services. As well, the need for supplemental instruction in languages, mathematics and technology continues to grow. Ultimately, our ability to add depth to current services and breadth to overall services depends on space and staffing. For now, we are focusing on current students and planning for the future. Our next project includes a proposal for an additional space that could accommodate multiple distraction-free tutoring sessions, cubicles for exam-takers and a big conference table for workshops and mentor training.

Franklin's Honors Program and the Honors Society



Professor Marcus Pyka (far right) with 3 students from the Honors Society.

The Honors Society provides a flourishing environment where the Franklin community can learn and grow. With events ranging from a movie screening of the Bollywood film *Dikwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*, the first major Indian feature film to be shot in Switzerland, to a Learned Conversation on comparative education, the Honors Society ran a varied and exciting program of intellectually stimulating events this year. The end of the 2012 spring semester featured two guest speakers, the executive board elections for the next school year and a presentation of this year's Honor's senior theses.

Three years ago the existing honors program was reorganized and today is composed of the Honors Society and the Honors Program. The Honors Society provides funding for various Honors Program needs, such as further research opportunities for Honor's theses, and organizes a new series of events each semester. It offers the Franklin College community extracurricular intellectual stimulation through events such as discussion forums, guest speakers and movie screenings. While the Honors Program and the executive board are limited to those with a 3.5 or higher GPA, the Honors Society welcomes and encourages all students, faculty and staff members to attend and participate in Honors Society events. Turnouts this year regularly reached more than 15-20 students plus several faculty and staff members, and we hope to reach out further in the future.

The Honors Program provides an opportunity for students to graduate with the Honors distinction after completing an additional set of course requirements. To graduate with Honors, students must take two upper-level classes as "Honors Tutorials," entailing a more in-depth class that allows the student to work with the professor more closely and delve into discussion, reading, additional research or to work in a class-related subject area that interests the student. Furthermore, students enroll in one Honors Seminar, a specifically interdisciplinary course

offered every spring and taught by a different professor each year. This is a more traditional-style honors course that challenges students and allows for further exploration in a course curriculum. Finally, to graduate with Honors, students must enroll in a newly designed Honors Capstone course that prepares them for writing their theses, which as Honors theses will simply be more extensive examinations and analyses of their subject areas.

Through the Learned Conversations run by the Honors Society, students and faculty can come together to interact on a level playing field, countering generation gaps on campus and valuing the diverse experiences of the participants. This year, the Honors Society offered a montage of issues that captivated all who attended. Last semester we discussed first the political significance of the Swiss Parliament elections of October and at a later event we addressed the notion of cultural property and possession debates in the art world between different countries. At these events, professors and students come together to discuss a world event or phenomenon. This semester we hosted a Learned Conversation centered on the idea of comparative education, looking at how teaching and learning styles often correlate with culture and how this affects Franklin, an American institution complete with students from a number of school systems worldwide. The Learned Conversations allow a large group of people to discuss and better inform themselves on the chosen topic. These are merely a few examples of this event that serves as a staple for the Honors

Society as it provides a forum where the Franklin community can both express and hear the opinions and ideas of Franklin students, faculty and staff.

In these last few weeks of the semester, Honors Society will look for candidates interested in running for the executive board, preparing to transition to the next school year. The executive board, in conjunction with Professor Marcus Pyka, plans and advertises events, manages the Society's finances, recruits new and current students, and runs a series of activities each semester. The three members of the executive board share these and other tasks for a successful Honors Society program. The requirements to run for the executive board include an overall 3.5 GPA and a passion for the Honors Society.

Apart from catering to the Honors Program, the Honors Society endeavors to offer quality academic alternative activities that allow the students, faculty and staff of Franklin College to broaden their academic horizons. Last year a special collaboration took place between the nearby Herman Hesse Museum and the Honors Society which allowed students to participate in a curating workshop at the museum and help arrange its upcoming exhibit. Plans are in motion for further interaction with the museum, which looks forward to additional collaboration with the students. The Honors Society constantly offers new and engaging occasions on Franklin's campus for exploration and discovery, helping to build a strong community through academic social events.

SPEAKERS HOSTED BY THE HONORS SOCIETY:

DR. ROBERT HEINZE

(University of Berne)

"A Culture of Resistance: Media and Music in Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa"

DR. MARC CAPLAN

(Johns Hopkins University)

"Jewish Humor in American Popular Culture"

DR. INA KERNER

(Humboldt University Berlin)

"Critical Whiteness Studies"

DR. BEATRIX SCHROETTNER

(Credit Suisse Zurich)

"Social Media and Microfinance"

DR. CHRISTIANE LIERMANN TRANIELLO

(Villa Vigoni, Menaggio/Italy)

"Fascist Legacy in Contemporary Italy"

DR. DAN STONE

(University of London at Royal Holloway)

"Memory Wars in Contemporary Europe"

Service Learning: Teaching English in Sorengo to Elementary Students

through teaching groups in the local public schools as well as at private institutions such as TASIS and the Istituto Leonardo da Vinci. Some of the ELT students have also participated in Franklin's Spiti Valley Program, where students teach English to Buddhist monks and other local people in Northern India, in the Himalayan mountains on the border with Tibet.

Sabrina Nicod, one of the coordinators for the Sorengo Elementary Parents' Association, writes: "It's my first year as coordinator of the *doposcuola*, and I was submerged by compliments for the amazing quality time the children have with the Franklin students. Parents wave at me constantly, saying 'Thank you!' and this thank you goes to the students and Professor Andrew Starcher, to whom goes the Parents' Association applause for a great recital and an amazing *doposcuola*."

The four Franklin students who worked with the *doposcuola* groups last fall are Callie Robson '12, Ryan McCarthy '12, Alithea Tashey '14 and Ben Smick '14. Callie, who also taught in the Spiti Valley program in India in the summer of 2011, says, "It has been a pleasure getting to work with the students both at Sorengo and at Besso as it is a learning process for everyone involved. The students get to practice English and we get to practice developing a curriculum, creating

lesson plans and teaching. The practical experience I have gained from teaching in the *doposcuola* programs will be highly valuable as I try to pursue a future career in English teaching."

One of the new features at the Sorengo elementary school *doposcuola* program is a "bilingual" section dedicated to children who have had a lot of exposure to English due to family circumstances and travel. Professor Starcher, director of the ELT program, says the response from families with bilingual children has been especially gratifying: "Globalization has arrived in Sorengo like everywhere else, and it is important to also be able to do something for students for whom English is already a part of their identity at some level." Sabrina Nicod agrees, adding: "It was especially moving to know that some children who didn't want to speak their native idiom anymore now are willing to study and show off their skills."

Ben Smick concludes with remarks about Franklin's ELT Certificate program as a whole: "The ELT certificate program is one of the most intellectually and culturally invigorating engagements Franklin College has to offer. It represents the best of the Franklin community, how Franklin students can both take away valuable insight from their college experience while at the same time benefiting the local community."



"Do the Hokey-Pokey, and turn yourself around. That's what it's all about!" Thursday, December 1, 2011, twenty students from the Sorengo public elementary school filled the Falcon's Nest student center at Franklin College in Sorengo to perform English songs and skits to the delight of the parents, grandparents and neighbors who accompanied them. The performance was the culmination of the first half of the *doposcuola* (after-school) English course currently being offered by Franklin student-teachers. The English teaching program continued throughout spring, 2012.

The "English by Franklin" *doposcuola* program began in 2005 as an opportunity for Franklin students to make a contribution to Sorengo by providing a welcome service while at the same time benefiting from gaining a better understanding of the realities of the community in which they live. Over 100 local elementary children have participated over these years, many moving on to the middle school in Besso, where Franklin also runs a *doposcuola* English program.

The Franklin students who teach in the *doposcuola* program are pursuing a Certificate in English Language Teaching (ELT), which will allow them to seek positions with language schools and volunteer organizations such as the U.S. Peace Corps. Students in the program gain experience



Stephen Ellis '06, who has started his own real estate investment company in Arlington, Virginia, USA, values the lifelong bonds that grew from his Franklin College education in the close-knit campus community in Lugano. That's why he has contributed to the annual giving program every year since he graduated. His experiences and success in Lugano encouraged his brothers Ryan '09 and Curran '15 to follow his example and pursue a Franklin education – the very best kind there is.

WORDS TO GIVE *by*

“ Franklin allowed me to see the world and understand my place in it. I feel incredibly lucky to have attended Franklin. I give every year to the Franklin Fund so that I can help others experience what I did. I feel that my giving is never a sacrifice, but rather an investment in others. I'm especially glad that my gifts have contributed towards Ryan's education and now towards Curran's, too. ”



If you would like to join Stephen by supporting Franklin's mission through a gift, please use our online gift form at www.fc.edu/makegift or contact the Advancement Office via email at: advancement@fc.edu



PLAYERS CHAMPIONS

While Franklin's liberal arts education and Academic Travel program are signature attractions, athletics are also a popular pursuit for our ambitious students. From the traditional sports, like soccer and hockey, to the atypical, such as Aussie Rules football and sky-diving, Franklin students embrace athletic activities, often finding themselves interacting with local teams and even participating in the finals of European championships. Here we feature several Franklin athletes and their life-long passions.

Daniel Lupi

Simone Franklin Class of 2014, Age: 19, Hometown: Aspen, Colorado. Simone Franklin grew up surrounded by mountains in Colorado ski country. Having skied since the time she could walk, she wanted to make sure that wherever she went to college would not take her far from the sport she loved. Franklin College's location nestled in the foothills of the Alps seemed like a perfect fit. Franklin is currently the president of the Franklin Ski Club and manages to hit the slopes almost every weekend during ski season. She is thrilled when a big group of students can spend a day playing in the snow and sun together. "For a student, having access to skiing is amazing," explains Franklin. "There is simply nothing like a good day in the Swiss Alps with good friends." Franklin's favorite college skiing experience? Being a part of the annual Franklin tradition of attending closing day at the Interlaken ski resort. The Franklin Ski Club organizes a bus for students and everyone wears Carnivale costumes, one-piece ski suits and 1980s sportswear. "Last year a few students dressed up in white with red bandanas and got chased by other students in bull costumes around the mountain to reenact the running of the bulls," says Franklin. "It was amazing and I can't wait for next winter!"

Jorden Hansen Class of 2015, Age: 19, Hometown: Denver Colorado. Jorden Hansen started yoga as a sophomore in high school when he took a class as an elective credit. He was immediately attracted to the rigorous discipline and enriching rewards of the activity. Hansen completed the demanding 200-hour certification process to become a licensed Power Yoga Instructor by the end of his senior year in high school. What Hansen enjoys most about yoga is the freedom to practice just about anywhere, an important attribute for sports practiced by Franklin's traveling student body. He can often be found in his room or the gym creating new flows or listening to podcasts of Yogis from around the world. Hansen practices almost daily and also teaches two classes a week in the Tone Athletic Center. His passion for his craft is palpable and contagious. "I love spreading the message of how yoga can transform your life for the better and is also an awesome workout," affirms Hansen. The highlight of Hansen's yoga experience at Franklin? "I think one of the most amazing experiences I've had here was at the beginning of this year when I was able to teach a sunset class at a nearby monastery," he reflects. "The whole experience of watching the sun set over such an incredible landscape with so many of my friends here at Franklin is something I will never forget."

Karoline Hegbom Class of 2015, Age: 20, Hometown: Vossevangen, Norway. Squash is a way of life for Karoline Hegbom's family. Her brother was the top-ranked under-20 player in Norway four years in a row and is a member of the national team. Her father was an Olympic gold medalist in squash and her grandfather and uncles are all experienced players. Hegbom herself played for the Norwegian national team from the age of 14 to 16 and decided to attend Franklin in part for the opportunity to continue playing in international tournaments. She practices every day and travels to tournaments every weekend as a member of the Lugano team. Her coach, a professional player based in Milan, speaks no English, which forces them both to communicate using body language and tone of voice. It also provides Hegbom with a great opportunity to improve her Italian. Last April, Hegbom represented Norway in the European Championship in Malta.

Matthew Kellogg Class of 2012, Age: 22, Hometown: Dublin, California. Matthew Kellogg has been tearing up and down basketball courts since before he can remember. When he was in first grade, at the ripe age of seven, the Catholic Youth Organization added him to the roster of their third-grade basketball team. Over the years Kellogg emerged as a natural leader. As captain, he led his high school basketball team to its first playoff in more than 10 years and its first state tournament competition in school history. As a freshman at Franklin, Kellogg joined the Franklin Basketball Club and led the team in its appearance at an international tournament in Barcelona, Spain. By his sophomore year, Kellogg was president of the club. The team returned to the tournament in Spain, where it made a very respectable showing against impressive competition. Because of its success the Basketball Club received the "Club of the Year" Award from the Franklin Student Government Association. Kellogg's greatest memories from his time playing basketball at Franklin have been the cross-cultural friendships he has developed through the team. In fact, the team is made up of students from so many different countries that they often hold nation-on-nation scrimmages. The fiercest rivalry? "Well, USA vs. Italy is always a great game, but it's all in good fun," says Kellogg. "At the end of the day we're all on the same team."

Christina Lang Class of 2015, Age: 19, Hometown: Cologne, Germany. Christina Lang has loved soccer since she first kicked a ball at her very first soccer practice in the fifth grade. She considered attending a U.S. university with an established soccer program, but opted instead for the international experience at Franklin with the hope of playing on a local team. Lang began her college experience by joining the Franklin women's team, the Lady Falcons, and her stand-out performance on the pitch also made it possible for her to practice with the Franklin men's team once a week. Her quest for a competitive soccer program eventually led her to try out for and join the local professional women's team, FCF Rapid Lugano. Lang and another Franklin student, Sami Schonefeld, play with the team in the B league in Switzerland and enjoy getting to know their local teammates. So with all this soccer experience under her belt in just one semester at Franklin, what has stood out? "One great memory so far was my first game with the Lady Falcons team against TESIS (The American School in Switzerland)," recalls Lang. "None of us were quite sure how that game would go because we had not had many practices together yet and had not gotten used to how everyone played together. Nonetheless, we surprised our coach and ourselves, pulling through with a 4-0 win over TESIS. It was a really fun game and I was proud of the way our team played."

James Lindberg Class of 2014, Age: 21, Hometown: Denver, Colorado. James Lindberg fell in love with rugby during his senior year of high school and was a bit worried about having to give it up when he came to Franklin. Once he arrived in Lugano, however, he was surprised to learn that there was a local competitive rugby team looking for players. Lindberg signed up with a team made up of local players of various levels of experience. The team practices twice a week on fields near the Franklin campus, playing its matches on the weekends. Lindberg loves having the chance to play in matches not only in Lugano, but all across Switzerland, giving him the opportunity to travel to places he might never have visited on his own. While being able to continue playing his favorite sport and traveling with the team around Switzerland have been great perks, the most valuable reward for Lindberg has been the friendships he has forged with his teammates and also the opportunity to practice his Italian with them.

As Lindberg says, "One of the things I like most about the rugby club is the camaraderie with the other players. A lot of times after practice they will have a grill set out and we will all talk and eat before going home." **Brandon Michael Lopez Class of 2014, Age: 19, Hometown: La Jolla, California.** Brandon Michael Lopez's passion for tennis began in middle school at his local recreation center. He made the varsity team all four years of high school and played competitively through the off-seasons. The fact that Franklin lacked a formal tennis team did not dissuade Lopez from bringing his racket over his freshman year. As soon as he settled in to his new European surroundings, he founded the Franklin Tennis Club and arranged for regular court times at a local hotel. The club proved to be very popular with students of all grades and experience levels and brought together tennis players from around the world. The club now offers group lessons to inexperienced players and practices together twice a week. While it's sometimes tough to balance schoolwork with playing and teaching tennis, for Lopez it is a great stress reliever that clears his mind and helps him stay active during the school year. **Daniel Lupi Class of 2012, Age: 25, Hometown: Valencia, Venezuela.** Daniel Lupi was introduced to the extreme sport of skydiving by a friend in Venezuela. He had played several sports growing up, but nothing stood out quite like skydiving. Lupi came to Switzerland with his eye on the sky, excited at the prospect of diving in such a paradise. The many "drop-zones" (air space reserved for skydiving) in Switzerland and neighboring countries make the region a haven for adrenaline junkies. Lupi loves the incredible perspective and views offered by the sport as well as the incomparable feeling of free-fall when he reaches speeds of up to 300 km. per hour. He also enjoys the camaraderie that develops. "The people that practice this sport take it as a brotherhood in which everybody takes care of one another because of the high risk involved," notes Lupi. He is a member of the Venezuelan skydiving team and last year traveled to Russia for two weeks of practice in wind tunnels to learn different positions and maneuvers in a controlled environment. He adds, "It was really amazing to realize how this sport is growing and evolving and how much you learn about aerodynamics and physics." **Artyom Machekin Class of 2012, Age: 21, Hometown: Minsk, Belarus.** When Artyom Machekin was a young boy he said to his mother, out of the blue, "I want to go to the pool!" and thus began a passionate connection with the water. Before applying to Franklin, Machekin made sure that he could practice with Lugano Nuoto and the Ticinese Swimming Federation, as he did until this year, when he was able to begin training, twice a day, in Tenero (near Locarno) with "the greatest coach in the world, Gennadi Touretski," a Russian who was the coach of legendary Russian swimmer Alex Popov. In addition to swimming for the Ticinese Federation, Machekin also races for Belarus in most international meets. He says, "One-hundred meters is my main race, but I do 50 and 200 free as well. Sometimes I do fly, but just for fun." (Although he does seem to fly through the water, "fly" is short for butterfly: *ed. note*). In spite of the sacrifices of time and energy required for his chosen sport, Machekin has also maintained a full course

load throughout his years at Franklin and has managed to perform well academically, despite the fact that English is not his mother tongue. On November 27, 2011, the Franklin College senior became the Swiss National Swimming Champion for the 100-meter freestyle. Machekin, who is from Minsk in Belarus, will be returning to that country in May to compete for a place on its Olympic team for the Games which will take place in London in the summer of 2012. **Mac McDonald Class of 2013, Age: 20, Hometown: Portland, Oregon.** Mac McDonald began CrossFit training after graduating from high school, knowing that opportunities to participate in organized sports would be limited. As soon as he was accepted at Franklin, his interest in CrossFit deepened as he realized he would be traveling quite a bit with limited access to fitness equipment. McDonald began seriously studying the art of the CrossFit system, as well as healthy nutrition. In addition to his own workout routine, McDonald offers weekly CrossFit personal training sessions to other students. He has found one of his biggest challenges with continuing with an intensive training regimen while in Switzerland is getting enough calories to refuel out of smaller European portions, leading him to get creative with his nutrition. On a recent Franklin Academic Travel—Service Learning Trip to Poland, McDonald spent up to eight hours a day working to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. While his classmates generally headed straight to bed at the end of the exhausting days, McDonald frequently finished up with additional workouts. His roommate often found the access to his own bed blocked by McDonald, who would be on the floor pushing, squatting or leg levering in the tiny entryway of the hotel room. McDonald recalls, "He was a good sport about it, even though it probably frustrated him to no end." **Ashton McGinnis Class of 2011, Age: 21, Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota.** Ashton McGinnis had never even heard of Aussie rules football, a rugby-like sport known colloquially as "footy," before returning to Franklin late last summer. Not even a month later, she was on a field in Belfast, Ireland, competing on the Swiss national team, the Swiss Swans, in a match to decide the 2010 European Women's Championship. McGinnis was introduced to the sport by a fellow student who was attending summer classes

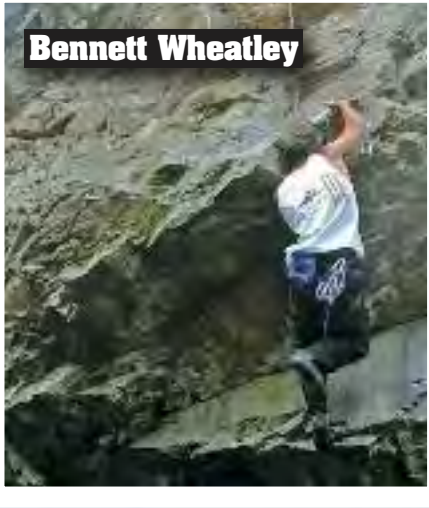


Jordan Hansen



Ashton McGinnis

at Franklin and stumbled upon a team practice while looking for something to do in town. Joined by several other Franklin women, McGinnis and the team were able to qualify for the European championships, but their participation in the tournament was not certain due to their not being Swiss citizens. Their student permits proved to be enough, and all the Franklin women were declared eligible to compete for the national team and made their way to Belfast. Despite losing the final match to the defending champion Irish Banshees, the Swiss Swans hope to continue playing and recruiting players from Franklin, and aim at avenging their defeat at next year's tournament. **Marc Rumpff Class of 2012, Age: 22, Hometown: Cologne, Germany.** Marc Rumpff is an avid handball player whose experience with soccer was largely limited to warming up before handball practice and cheering on his favorite Bundesliga team. Rumpff's older brother, Christian '10, played on the Franklin soccer team and convinced him to tag along to a couple of their practices once he became a Franklin student himself. Rumpff's handball experience made him a natural in the net and he soon won the starting position as goalie for the Franklin team, which competes in the Swiss National Fifth Division. He enjoys the opportunities the team provides to bond with his teammates from around the world through the highs and lows of competitive soccer. One of those highs was a moment from last season in which Franklin's opponent was granted a penalty kick late in the game with the score tied at 1-1. Rumpff's brilliant save preserved the tie and allowed the Franklin team to win the game on a last-minute goal of its own. **Joey Santangelo Class of 2012, Age: 21, Hometown: New York, New York.** After attending a friend's hockey game at age 11, Joey Santangelo knew he had found his sport. He was immediately drawn to the emotion of the game and the precision of the skaters. Santangelo soon began playing with various teams throughout New York and New Jersey. After transferring to Franklin during his junior year, Santangelo was invited by a professor to try out for the Vikings, a local hockey team in Ticino. He made the team and now practices with his new teammates twice a week with games every Sunday. Santangelo loves the opportunity to travel around the region with the team and finds it amusing to try to decipher the Ticinese dialect used by his teammates and coaches. While some things might get lost in translation, Santangelo feels he has not only forged important relationships with the locals, but has also benefited from being able to get to know his professor/teammate outside the classroom. He continues, "It goes to show how great the Franklin faculty is and how committed they are, especially considering that my professor has been nice enough to drive me to our games and practices." **Bennett Wheatley Class of 2014, Age: 20, Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah.** Bennett Wheatley started avidly rock climbing once he arrived at Franklin. At first, he had very little experience with climbing, but once he had access to the artificial climbing wall in the Tone Athletic Center, it became hard for him to stop. While rock climbing was not a factor in his decision to enroll at Franklin, his new-found passion for the sport adds to his excitement at returning to school every semester. Wheatley is also Franklin's gym manager, and he supervises the wall and offers lessons once a week to interested students. He says, "Climbing works out just about every muscle in your body and is a wonderful way to stay healthy and active." Wheatley enjoys climbing not only for its health benefits but also for the rapport that develops between climbers. Wheatley and other members of the Franklin Climbing Club enjoy hanging out at the wall and catching up every week while cheering each other on as they work their bouldering projects. While the climbing wall is still in its infancy, Wheatley hopes to be able to expand the wall during his time at Franklin and to continue to explore the amazing outdoor climbing opportunities available throughout Ticino.



Bennett Wheatley



Daniel Lupi



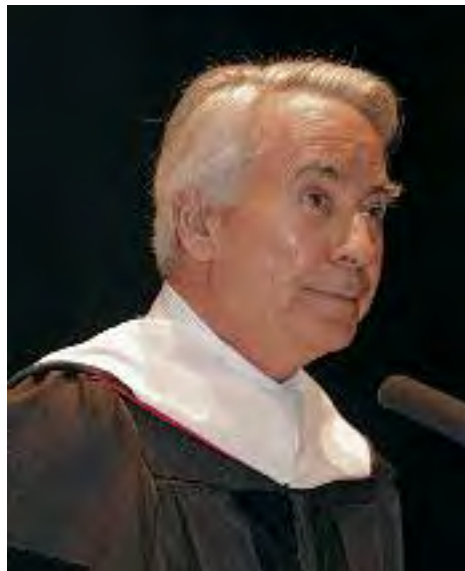
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Ambassador Richard Burt delivers the Commencement speech to the Class of 2012.

Dark skies and gusty rain did nothing to dampen the festive and exhilarating atmosphere at Franklin College's 42nd graduation. On May 20, 88 seniors from more than 30 different countries proceeded into the amphitheater of Lugano's lakeside Palazzo dei Congressi to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," performed by a French-horn ensemble from the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana. They were followed by the more solemn procession of faculty members and trustees of the College, each wearing the colors and symbols of his or her own alma mater.

After welcoming the assembly in English and Italian, Franklin's President Erik Nielsen pointed out that the College "enjoys accreditation in both the United States and Switzerland...and that its defining characteristics are its internationalism and its philosophy of liberal arts." He then introduced the Chairman of the Board, Pascal Tone, who noted that this year marks a turning point in the College's 42-year history, saying: "Next month Dr. Erik Nielsen will step down after 17 years of inspired leadership. During his tenure, the College has achieved international

recognition as the pre-eminent American institution of higher learning in Europe." He went on to say that in July Dr. Gregory Warden will become the fourth president of the College since its inception in 1969;

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—Ambassador Richard Burt

Dr. Nielsen will serve as Chancellor of the College and Senior Advisor to the new president. Tone also saluted two other pillars of the Franklin community who are retiring this year, Professor Floyd Parsons and staff member Britt-Marie Muzi. Recalling his days as Franklin's first president, Tone reminisced about the changes that have

occurred since 1970 when the College first opened its doors in a rented villa with 11 faculty members and 70 students, saying, "Today I sense the same eagerness and excitement on the part of students and faculty for the global educational experience which is truly unique at Franklin College."

Several important awards were then presented. The first, the Ursula Gentile Lowerre Outstanding Service Award, was created six years ago by the Franklin Board to recognize one alumnus or alumna each year who has shown great dedication to the College and its mission. The award is named for Ursula Lowerre, herself a Franklin alumna, who has been "a driving force behind many initiatives at the College...and an incredibly strong philanthropic supporter." The recipient this year was Sheikh Hussein A. Al-Banawi '77, who was the first Franklin graduate from Saudi Arabia. Chairman and CEO of Banawi Group in Jeddah, a manufacturing concern with operations throughout the Middle East and Africa, he is one of the College's most loyal and highly valued alumni. He and his wife Majda Abdul-Shakour are also Franklin parents. (See article on page 11.)

Dean Sara Steinert Borella then presented two candidates for the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*. The first recipient was Margaret Osmer McQuade, a member of Franklin's Board for the past 20 years and a dedicated friend of the College. (See article on page 23.)

This year's Keynote Speaker, Ambassador Richard Burt, whose active and historic engagement in global affairs over many years is truly inspirational, was the second recipient of this honorary degree. Presently Managing Director for Europe, Russia and Eurasia at McLarty Associates, a consulting company that counsels international companies on a broad range of political and economic issues, Ambassador Burt is also the U.S. Chairman for Global Zero, an international initiative that seeks long-term elimination of nuclear weapons. A diplomat of international renown and significance, Burt was the U.S. Ambassador to Germany during the beginning of the process that would lead to its reunification. In 1989 he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as chief negotiator for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START 1) between the United States and the Soviet Union. The treaty, signed in 1991, limited the number of nuclear weapons that the two countries could have.

Ambassador Burt's vast experience in diplomacy, some of it gained during the dark days of the Cold War, gives him a privileged perspective of our present times. In his address, he pointed out that he graduated from high school in 1965, a revolutionary period in the world, affected by protests against the Vietnam War, student unrest in France, the assassination of Martin Luther King and many other unsettling events. There was even revolution in the music world, and he became a fan of the Rolling

witnessed by the "Arab Awakening." The second is "globalization, or the growth of worldwide economic inter-dependence... growing trade and investment have led to a new array of economic powers, the emerging markets...that are injecting a new dynamism into the global economy." He added that this development will contribute to "an exciting array of career opportunities for those of you who are intrepid enough to live and work abroad." The third force is the gradual spread of democracy and the recognition of human rights internationally.

He added, "Thus, there are clearly some positive aspects to the global revolution now under way. But I am a realist, and I also see some dangers inherent in these three forces." As information technology is spreading, so is nuclear technology. The proliferation of nuclear weapons to countries like Pakistan, North Korea and perhaps Iran is alarming. "It is this threat that has led me and many of my colleagues to organize Global Zero, whose intention is to develop a roadmap for eliminating all nuclear weapons over the next two decades." The second force, the spread of globalization, is contributing to the emergence of economies such as China and India that are creating a significant competitive threat to the U.S. and Europe at a time when those countries are struggling

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—President Erik Nielsen

Stones. He explained, "I am offering you these reflections from another era because you, too, live in revolutionary times," and went on to outline three major forces now reshaping the world: The first is technological, especially in the area of communications, facilitating developments with geopolitical impact as

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with excessive debt and high unemployment. Burt continued, “On both sides of the Atlantic, issues like whether governments need to spend less or tax more and how much income inequality is acceptable will occupy, I predict, your thinking for some

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—Gilbert Chesterton, English writer

time to come.” And there are looming questions about the third force, the spread of democracy. The future courses of the Middle East, Russia and China, as their citizens seek more openness and political pluralism, are unclear. Burt concluded, “Take it from this aging baby boomer who lived through an earlier period of

revolutionary change. Seize every opportunity you can to realize the remarkable new opportunities created by the big technological, economic and political forces enveloping you. Help steer those forces in a positive direction. I am sure you can do this, because, thanks to your parents and your teachers at Franklin College, you have been given a big head start.”

Upon the conclusion of Ambassador Burt’s address, the culmination of the ceremony—the conferring of degrees—took place. This year’s Valedictorian, Kaitlin Lucas, from Denver, Colorado, then took the podium. Smiling, she shared statistics she had collected recently about the senior class, citing, for example, that in the last semester, the average senior read 1,133 pages for classes, wrote an average of 136 pages and pulled 5 all-nighters. She pointed out that during his or her time at Franklin, each member of the senior class visited, on the average, 20 countries! “However,” she continued, “as the famous English writer

Gilbert Chesterton said, ‘The whole object of travel is not to set foot on foreign land; it is at last to set foot on one’s own country as a foreign land.’ We must use the knowledge that we have gained at Franklin to better the world around us, show that we have transcended cultural stereotypes and learned to communicate and cooperate in diverse cultural and linguistic settings. We must step up to be leaders in a time when the world is becoming more interconnected but at the same time moving further apart. Who better than the Class of 2012 to build bridges between cultures, nations and people?”

At the closing of the ceremony, graduation caps were tossed and attendees gathered in the hall of the Palazzo dei Congressi for a reception. President Nielsen’s concluding remarks seemed to hang in the air: “You, the Class of 2012, and I share something in common this important day. It is the bittersweet experience of knowing that our time here, our remarkable Franklin experience, has come to an end.”

VALEDICTORIAN 2012...KAITLIN LUCAS



Kaitlin Lucas, Valedictorian for the Class of 2012.

The Valedictorian of the Class of 2012, Kaitlin Lucas, grew up in Highlands Ranch, a suburb of Denver, Colorado, in the U.S.A. After attending Arapahoe Community College for two years, where she was closely involved with the French Club, she was planning to go on to the University of Colorado to study linguistics when she discovered Franklin at a transfer fair at Arapahoe. She spied a small table in a corner sporting a big sign—“Switzerland.” Intrigued, she spoke to Laura Marsala for half an hour and knew instantly that she would be going to Franklin in the fall. Kaitlin, who was yearning to travel and captivated by the possibility for new language and cultural experiences, says that, “in a way, it was love at first sight.”

Looking back, Kaitlin values the opportunities that Franklin gave her to thrive both academically and in terms of leadership. Her cumulative grade point average was 3.9 and she graduated summa cum laude, earning her degree in International Economics with an emphasis in Political Economy; her thesis was an analysis of the supply side of sex trafficking. She was active in the Honors Society and graduated with the Honors Program. In addition, she won the 2012 Academic Area Award for Economics and Finance. The Student Government Association attracted her and this year she was on its executive board as Vice President of Programming. Attending the “Be the Change” Retreat this spring gave her a chance to reflect on her passion for social justice, especially concerning human trafficking.

Academic Travel made an indelible impact on Kaitlin. Her trip to Thailand this spring was life-changing: teaching English in one of the village schools during her time there provided direction for her future. Next year she will be teaching English in the Orléans-Tours region in France as part of the TAPIF program, which is run through the French government. In the long run, she hopes to study economics and migration in graduate school, aiming to become a university professor focusing on human trafficking and women’s studies.

Editor’s Note: As Valedictorian, Kaitlin was awarded a unique personalized Swiss Automatic watch from the renowned watch brand Grimoldi Milano which was donated by the company’s marketing director and Franklin alumna Chen Chu ’03.

MARGARET OSMER MCQUADE CONFERRED WITH HONORARY DEGREE



Margaret Osmer McQuade accepts the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, conferred by Franklin College and is congratulated by President Erik Nielsen as Dean Steinert Borella places and adjusts the hood.

Margaret Osmer McQuade, a member of the Franklin College Board of Trustees since 1991, has been an irreplaceable friend of the College for more than 20 years. This year at Commencement she was awarded Franklin's highest commendation, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, in recognition of her dedication. As he introduced Osmer McQuade, President Nielsen noted, "She has demonstrated over the years devotion to the school and a genuine passion to see it grow and develop that has helped it reach its current status." He expressed his admiration for "the deliberate and logical manner in which she has approached our challenges" while maintaining an outward calm even during the most stressful times. "She has been the guardian of process during our deliberations."

As Osmer McQuade accepted her degree, she confided that she would have loved to be a Franklin student herself. "Life is not a dress rehearsal," she noted. "Commencement is the gateway to the rest

of your life. Franklin has exposed you to the vanities and verities of different nationalities and cultures through books, Academic Travel and friendships." After urging the members of the Class of 2012 to nurture their connection with Franklin and to give back to the school in the future in a way commensurate with their "talent, time and, yes, treasure" so that other young people can live the Franklin experience, she concluded by saying that a relationship with Franklin College, such as hers as Trustee and the students' as alumni, "is a lifelong love affair—be faithful!"

Osmer McQuade, a graduate of Cornell University, was vice president and director of programs for the Council on Foreign Relations for over a decade; she was responsible for the conception, administration and funding of 150 programs annually. Concurrently she was moderator and executive producer of the Council's public television series "World in Focus." She was also a producer and news correspondent

for CBS and ABC, where she anchored "Good Morning America." Contacts and friendships she developed during her career enabled her to provide over 60 percent of Franklin's graduation speakers, "through her personal entreaties and connections," in the words of Nielsen. These speakers include the American diplomat Richard Holbrook, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, television journalist Charlie Gibson, biographer Walter Isaacson and Bernard Kouchner, the co-founder of *Médecins Sans Frontières*.

Since 1993 Osmer McQuade has been the president of Qualitas International, a consulting firm focused on international politics, economics and the media. In addition to her many other activities, she is also president of the Asia Programs Foundation, an organization that aims to promote mutual trust, tolerance and respect between Muslim Asia and the West. She and her husband, the Honorable Lawrence C. McQuade, live in New York City.



By Brack Hale

ACADEMIC TRAVEL IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE FRANKLIN EXPERIENCE. STUDENTS AND FACULTY BOARD PLANES, TRAINS AND BUSES EVERY SEMESTER TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT TOPICS ACROSS THE GLOBE. THIS EXPERIENCE HELPS DEVELOP THE STUDENT INTO THE GLOBAL CITIZEN DESCRIBED IN FRANKLIN'S MISSION. HOWEVER, IN A WORLD WHERE WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE GENERAL GLOBAL IMPACT OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND LIFESTYLE, WE CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE IGNORE THE EFFECTS OF ACADEMIC TRAVEL. ALTHOUGH THE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS ARE NUMEROUS, WE MUST ALSO THINK ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON OUR HOST COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS AND AS A RESPONSE TO THE 2009 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT, WHICH FOUND ACADEMIC TRAVEL TO BE FRANKLIN'S LARGEST SOURCE OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, I SOUGHT TO CREATE A TRAVEL THAT WOULD DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES. TO DO SO, I WANTED TO

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The Splendor That is Iceland

INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR GROUP. I ALSO NEEDED TO CREATE A CURRICULUM THAT EMPHASIZED SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR DESTINATION AND IN OUR MEANS OF TRAVEL.



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The 2010 Iceland Academic Travel The destination I chose was Iceland. Iceland is an excellent place to explore sustainability issues, particularly those related to travel. It was rated number one on the 2010 Environmental Performance Index (<http://epi.yale.edu>),

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heavily due to its use of local, renewable energy resources and its generally clean environment. Additionally, Iceland has both a well-developed tourist infrastructure, which is generally locally run, and sufficient food, water and energy resources to support visitors.

The curriculum of the Travel examined both sustainability issues

in Iceland and sustainable travel in general. For example, we visited Hengill and Krafla geothermal areas (in the Reykjavik and Lake Mývatn areas, respectively) to see firsthand how Icelanders generate electricity, steam and hot water from geothermal sources. We also visited several large waterfalls, such as Dettifoss, Gullfoss and Góðafoss, to see the wealth of hydrologic resources. Within the classroom and in the field, we debated the advantages and disadvantages of these different power sources. Hydropower, in particular, makes an interesting case study; it is an important energy resource for Iceland, but many feel its environmental impacts far outweigh its benefits.

With respect to sustainable travel and tourism, the Travel sought to educate students about model sustainable practices. Travel in general affects destination communities and environments at multiple scales. However, travel practices exist that strive to limit or



mitigate these impacts. Since our students will likely continue to travel throughout their post-Franklin lives, teaching them to be more sustainable travelers is an important aspect in the development of the global citizen. It also represents a potential offset for negative impacts incurred from Academic Travel.

Sustainable Travel Practices One of the largest environmental impacts from any travel is the mode of transportation to the destination. Airplane travel carries significantly greater impacts than other modes of transportation, and these impacts are multiplied with each leg of plane travel. Thus, ideally one should choose boat, train or bus travel over airplanes. For Iceland, this was not possible, given our timeframe. However, we did limit our travel to one direct flight (Frankfurt-Reykjavik) and used bus and train travel to reach Frankfurt. We also purchased carbon offsets from a reliable Swiss provider (www.myclimate.org). Carbon offset

providers invest funds in projects, such as carbon sinks or renewable energy R&D, which help mitigate the carbon emissions from the activity being offset.

Transport within a destination in addition to lodging and dining

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choices also have impacts for local communities and environments. Using providers that are not locally based can send tourist money out of the area and not benefit local inhabitants. Similarly, eating foods that are not produced locally results in environmental costs from the long-distance transport of the food and supports distant,





rather than local, economies. The types of lodging and the number of days spent at each place also influence the traveler's impact. Simpler lodging generally has a lower environmental impact, as does staying multiple nights in the same place (due to decreased need to change and wash bedding and linens).

In Iceland, we selected only local providers to help ensure that the resources we spent in Iceland stayed in Iceland and benefited Icelanders. We used a local coach company to travel throughout the country. We stayed in simple, family-run hotels or hostels, some of which also had been awarded the Nordic Swan, an eco-label for

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Nordic hotels; we also stayed in each place at least two nights. For group meals, we ate only at locally run restaurants that served local

and/or organic foods. One of the highlights of the trip was a stay at a guesthouse on a dairy farm. One student reflected:

Aside from the beautiful landscape and natural wonders in Iceland, being able to see the cows being milked that would supply the dairy products for my meals was an especially moving experience. Drinking and eating food that I knew the source of before taking the first sip or bite had a more wholesome, safe feel to it. Very different from pulling a carton out of the fridge and drinking milk which could have come from anywhere and anything could have been put in it. It really changed my perspective on how I can eat not only to be healthier for myself, but also to be more sustainable for the environment. —Alessio Tummolillo '12

All in all the Iceland Travel was a big success. Mother Nature cooperated and gave us excellent conditions to view the amazing country that is Iceland. The Travel was likely still far from being 100 percent sustainable, but it was a good first step toward making Academic Travel demonstrate Franklin's commitment to be(com)ing good global citizens, both in word and deeds.

The photographs in this article are by Justin Black. Justin studied at Franklin for a year abroad in 2010 and he participated in the Iceland Academic Travel that fall. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies as well as a minor in photography and geology. He hopes to continue sharing his gift with others and make a career doing what he loves. Justin Black specializes in travel and nature photography with a strong interest in color, simplicity and contrast. We feel privileged to share these extraordinary photos with our readers.

To see more of Justin's photos go to: www.justinblackphotos.com

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Lugano resident Kim Hildebrant '90 travels the globe for business, but remains close to his alma mater.



By Melissa V.P. Rossow

Kim Hildebrant '90 has lived all over the world, but Lugano, Switzerland, is the place he calls home. Much of that has to do with his experience at Franklin College.

Hildebrant, who is from Denmark, grew up in countries scattered around the globe following the postings of his father, a diplomat. His family lived everywhere, including places as different from each other as Lebanon and Finland. Because of this experience, he has a deep appreciation for other cultures, something that his Franklin education enhanced. During his years abroad as a child, Hildebrant attended several American and English international schools and learned English. Despite his early exposure to American schools, Hildebrant has actually been to the States only once, for two days during his honeymoon. In addition to his native Danish and English, he also speaks Italian, German and French. "I think in English before I think in Danish," says Hildebrant. "When I am really furious I think in Italian, it comes out better," he adds with a laugh.

While his family was stationed in Milan, Hildebrant was required to find a university within commuting distance from home due to security reasons. His search led him to Franklin College. "Franklin is like a big family," says Hildebrant. "It was definitely the best four years of my life in an educational institution. You could be in a class with a professor and then afterwards have the opportunity to go have a coffee with him and clarify any study questions. I think that is absolutely one of the strong points with Franklin—the relationship between the students and their professors."

Hildebrant was able to get to know one professor especially well: Daniela Daccò-Steinmann. For three years he commuted with her back and forth from Milan. Tragically, Daccò-Steinmann was killed in an automobile accident the day before Hildebrant's graduation. "She is definitely in my memories connected to Franklin," he says.

Franklin is also the place he met his wife, Nicky Tauber Hildebrant '91. This event changed the direction of Hildebrant's career plans. While at Franklin, he fully intended to follow in his father's footsteps in the

foreign service. After graduation, he took a position with the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an executive officer. But the long-distance commuting from Denmark to Lugano to see Nicky was becoming too much, so he found a new career opportunity in Lugano to be closer to her. "I do miss that specific career," he says, "but on the other hand I gained a whole new professional career with all the valuable experiences that come with it."

In 1993, Hildebrant joined the Italian company San Rocco International as president. The following year he joined the IMAL Group, a leading Italian industrial group manufacturing machinery for the sheet-metal sector. As COO for 10 years, he reorganized the company completely and also established an international sales and marketing network worldwide. "I am not an engineer, but I use diplomacy," he says. "What I lacked in engineering knowledge, I made up in diplomacy to bring the company forward."

In 2004, Hildebrant started his own business, K.N.C. Consulting, a result of both

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his desire to stay in Lugano with his family and the lack of opportunities in his career field.

"In Lugano there was not much industry," says Hildebrant. "In those times it was still banking or the major law firms that were the main core businesses in Ticino." Seeing a potential in the Italian market, he decided a management consultant company would be able to serve those corporations making transitions to new leadership. Although 80 percent of the company's business is in Italy, Hildebrant flies all over Europe every week to meet with clients and their employees. His firm helps companies who are either going through a change of leadership or are in need of guidance on making managerial changes to their organization. He also tries to focus companies on what customers want in a highly competitive environment. "The world today requires service, service," he says, "and that is what we try to

get into the heads of the salespeople that we train, teach and guide.” Although he loves living in Lugano, Hildebrant hopes someday to provide his family with an experience living abroad. He and Nicky have two children, Alexander, who will be 9 in June, and Maya, 6. On occasion, his family accompanies him on business

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trips, and they enjoy traveling on vacation as well. “At one point I would like to try something outside of Switzerland, either move the company or try another career,” says Hildebrant. “However, it absolutely would have to be a dream opportunity or job to leave Switzerland and Lugano. This is our home. This is where we feel at home.”

In addition to the five languages Hildebrant already speaks, he would like to learn Russian or Chinese to help with his business,



Kim Hildebrant '90 with his wife, Nicky Tauber Hildebrant '91, and their children, daughter Maya and son Alexander.

which has an office in Shanghai. There just isn't enough time in his busy schedule these days for him to learn a new language, but he and Nicky make sure the children are multi-lingual. “At home we speak two to three languages,” says Hildebrant, “because I speak only Danish to my children, my wife speaks English to them and then sometimes we go into Italian, which is the language they have in school. So at dinner, the table becomes very international.”

In 2010, Hildebrant expanded into a new area of the business, consulting for a major international Swedish security company called Securitas (or Protectas inside Switzerland). He says it is a small, but interesting part of the business. “Even in little old Lugano times are changing and the requirement for security has increased,” he says. “All the major jewelry shops on Via Nassa have security guards now.”

Because he was aware that universities across the globe were seeking ways to make their campuses more secure, Hildebrant knew that Franklin could use some of these services. He came up with a proposal to coordinate Franklin's security needs and presented it to President Nielsen. “Although Switzerland, and Lugano in particular, is known for its safety, I wanted to ensure that Franklin would remain in the forefront on all security issues relating to its students and environment,” says Hildebrant. “There is a security team on at nighttime and a phone number students can call at all times. The world and the times are changing and security has become a daily aspect. It also gives me a chance to be present and maintain a relationship with Franklin.”

Hildebrant enjoys being able to visit campus. He and Nicky are looking forward to the Global Reunion in May and are hoping to reconnect with many former classmates. “In the future I would like to see a way of becoming even more involved,” he says.

Recently Hildebrant was asked to serve on the President Search Committee for Franklin. He was saddened when he heard about the retirement of President Erik Nielsen, but believes the next president, whom the Committee selected, will serve the community well. “President Nielsen absolutely has done a great job for Franklin,” he says. “Having lived here and been close to it, you can actually see how much time and personal effort he has put in to growing Franklin and turning it into what it is today. When I learned he was retiring, I was surprised and shocked in a way because you hope a person like that keeps going.”

And the feeling is mutual for President Nielsen. “Kim is a wonderful alumnus whom I hold in the highest regard,” says Nielsen. “He and Nicky have been extremely supportive of the College. Kim has always been there when we need him for his professional advice. He is a great example of an alumnus who gives back to the institution and he should be a role model for our young alumni.”

Franklin has nearly doubled in size since the days when Hildebrant was a student. He enjoys living nearby and being able to come back to campus, the place that first made Lugano seem like home. Although he says he could never have a job that keeps him solely in Lugano, he always looks forward to coming back after being away for business.

“In all my travels, when I fly back and drive over the Melide bridge and see Lugano in the distance, an internal voice speaks out and says, ‘Now you are back home again.’ That's a very nice feeling, I can tell you that. It's like you come back to civilization, you come back to this beautiful little city where everything is just perfect.”

LUGANO



GLOBAL ALUMNI REUNION

Fast on the heels of Commencement, which took place the preceding weekend, Franklin welcomed over 260 alumni and their guests to the campus from May 25-27 for the Global Alumni Reunion 2012, hopefully the

first of many such gatherings. **T**he Reunion kicked off Friday evening with a reception featuring typical food and drink from different regions of Switzerland. As he welcomed the alumni, President Erik Nielsen revealed that 30 classes were represented at the gathering.

Nielsen congratulated Katherine Houck Trent as the member of the earliest class present (1970) and the Class of 2007 for having the greatest number of members (21) in attendance. He also noted that alumni had arrived from 18 countries: the Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey, the U.K. and the United States. Highlights of the three-day event included a Saturday breakfast that allowed alumni to renew their ties with their former professors and update them on what has been happening in the last

2 or 5 or 25 years, an enlightening faculty discussion panel on “The Global Epoch,” and field trips to the Valle Verzasca (with optional diving off the ancient Roman bridge) and a local winery, Tenuta Vallombrosa, where the only diving was into a delicious lunch replete with tastings from its cellars. Many agreed that the most enjoyable events were the Saturday evening “giro” via boat on Lake Lugano which was followed by cocktails and dinner for 200 at the Sala Metamorphosis at Palazzo Mantegazza, Paradiso’s latest over-the-top building, and the laid-back Sunday afternoon barbeque on campus. Alumni were especially pleased

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WELCOME RECEPTION

President’s Lawn, Kaletsch Campus

President Nielsen, members of the Franklin Board of Trustees, faculty and staff welcomed alumni for a refreshing aperitivo at one of the most beautiful spots on campus.

A TASTE OF SWITZERLAND

President’s Lawn and Grotto, Kaletsch Campus

Guests gathered for an informal cocktail-style dinner that featured delicious foods from around Switzerland, reminders of the first time they enjoyed raclette, polenta or Gruyère and a glass of Merlot del Ticino. There were foods from every region of Switzerland.

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BREAKFAST WITH PROFESSORS

President’s Lawn and Holman Hall, Kaletsch Campus

Franklin professors always ask about their former students and love to hear about where life has taken them. Alumni shared breakfast and met some of their favorite professors as well as some of the newest additions to the Franklin faculty.

FRANKLIN TODAY

Auditorium, Kaletsch Campus

It’s no secret that Franklin has evolved in many ways over the past 42 years. President Erik Nielsen gave a brief presentation on how Franklin has changed and where it is going.

BACK TO CLASS FACULTY PANEL

Auditorium, Kaletsch Campus

Franklin College professors Melvin Schlein, Satomi Sugiyama, Georges Rocourt and Andrea Terzi led an interactive forum for attendees on the topic of living in a “global epoch.”

EXPLORING TICINO EXCURSIONS

Valle Verzasca

Almost every Franklin student has been to the beautiful Valle Verzasca either for orientation or during his/her stay in Lugano. Once again, alumni experienced the beauty of the Valle as Jake Cornelius ’08 led the group on a short hike through some of Ticino’s most beautiful terrain, where they shared a picnic lunch.

Tenuta Vallombrosa

Alumni enjoyed a delicious lunch at Tenuta Vallombrosa. The lunch was preceded by a tour of the winery and wine tasting.

BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE LUGANO

Lake Lugano

Alumni, friends, faculty and staff enjoyed a cruise around the bay of Lugano—drinking in the scenery as well as prosecco in the company of new and old friends.

COCKTAILS

Palazzo Mantegazza

Participants gathered in the incredible architecture of the new Palazzo Mantegazza for cocktails and appetizers after the boat cruise.

GALA DINNER AND DANCE

Palazzo Mantegazza

The 2012 Gala Dinner was an unforgettable evening of good food, interesting speakers and great times shared with Franklinites from around the globe. After dinner, revelers danced the night away to music provided by DJ Beppe (an old favorite of many Franklin alumni).

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TOUR OF PREVIOUS CAMPUSES

Bus Tour

Did you know that Franklin has had four different campuses during its 42 years of existence? Chairman of the Board and first president of Franklin College Pascal Tone together with Theo Brenner, Franklin’s second president, led a tour of past campuses of Franklin (Villa Ciria, Villa Ferrari, Villa Sassa). They also discussed where and how the dream for Franklin College began.

FRANKLIN FAMILY BBQ

North Campus Soccer Field

A huge turnout for this informal and fun BBQ as alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Franklin and their families attended. Sausages, ribs and grilled vegetables were the fare of the day.

CLOSING CEREMONY

North Campus Soccer Field

President Nielsen and Chairman of the Board Pascal Tone spoke briefly of Franklin’s future and thanked all the participants for coming.

that two former Franklin presidents: Pascal Tone and Theo Brenner; current president, Erik Nielsen; and incoming president, Greg Warden, participated in activities during the weekend. Special thanks go to Theo Brenner and Pascal Tone for leading a memory-laden bus tour to Franklin's three previous locations in Lugano: Villa Ciria, Villa Ferrari and Villa Sassa. During the Saturday dinner, alumnus Tommie Pegues, class of 1994, made an astonishing challenge to all Franklin alumni. He offered to match dollar-for-dollar all gifts to Franklin from alumni that are made through June 30, the end of our current fiscal year, up to a

cumulative total of \$25,000. As the Gazette goes to press, the word from the Advancement Office is that we are closing in on the \$25,000 goal, thanks to the many alumni who have responded to the call. Reunion 2012 was characterized by a spirit of joyous remembrance and reconnection with old friends, all within the context of returning to beloved Lugano, the city where the lives of so many alumni changed forever when they entered Franklin. Perhaps the weekend could best be summed up by a comment on Facebook by an alumna: "This will always be my home and these are my best friends. I love Franklin College!"

A *resounding* SUCCESS!



Photos on this page taken at the Welcome Reception and the "Taste of Switzerland" dinner.



Photos on the facing page were taken at various events that took place on May 26. From top left, clockwise: the Back to Class faculty panel, wine tasting at Tenuta Vallombrosa, the boat cruise on Lake Lugano, the boat cruise, the Gala dinner and the vineyard tour at Tenuta Vallombrosa.

Photos on this page all taken at the Franklin Family Barbeque which took place May 27.



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By Christopher Weed '09



Thanks to the continued support of more than 40 passionate alumni volunteers, the Franklin College Alumni Council was able to sustain a variety of initiatives during the 2011-2012 academic year. The goal of the Council's programs is to encourage alumni to stay connected with the College as well as help current students make meaningful connections with alumni.

In November, 2011, the three-year term of Alumni Trustee **Jennifer Raley '77** came to an end. While serving as an Alumni Trustee, Jennifer attended Franklin Board and Alumni Council meetings, served on various committees, hosted and assisted with the organization of alumni events and was also involved in the Networking Forum project, an initiative aimed at helping current students interact with alumni via videoconference. The Council is grateful for Jennifer's outstanding service as an Alumni Trustee and is pleased that she has agreed to continue serving on the Council as an Alumni Council member. At the board meeting in November, 2011, the Board of Trustees elected **Denise Alfeld '88** to fill the Alumni Trustee vacancy and to join current Alumni Trustee **Frances Stewart '75** in leading the Alumni Council.

Following the success of the Alumni Council's Networking Forums in 2010 and 2011, which took place in New York City and Washington, D.C., a new series of initiatives, the Borderless Student Alumni Forums, has taken shape in Lugano. Like the networking forums, the Borderless project connects current students with alumni around the world via videoconferencing in order to allow discussions about segueing from Franklin into their chosen career paths. The first BSA Forum, which was organized, advertised and led by students and sponsored by the College and the Alumni Council, was successfully held in the beginning of November, 2011. Its thematic focus was the Environmental Studies major and potential career paths associated with it. In February and April, BSA Forums were held focusing on careers related to Banking and Finance and Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies majors. Thanks to the generosity of several Trustees, the College was able to purchase a professional videoconferencing system and now has a videoconference room.

The Alumni Council is also relying on decidedly lower-tech means of connecting alumni, especially by encouraging the establishment of regional Alumni Clubs to assemble and engage communities of alumni around the world. In November, 2011, **Colleen Whitman '06** organized the first event for the Franklin Club of Colorado, which was hosted by **Kelly Byars Gettinger '82**, and in March, Alumni Council members **Inigo Garcia '11** and **Skyler Yost '11** planned and hosted the Franklin Club of London's inaugural event. These events were welcome additions to the other twelve events organized for alumni by the Franklin Office of Advancement and funded by the College and the Alumni Council Fund.

Members of the Alumni Council also suggested that the College organize an Academic Travel program for alumni, and in March, 25 alumni visited Cuba with President Erik Nielsen and Director of Alumni and Parent Relations **Austin Tomlinson '06** for a week-long tour of the fascinating Caribbean island. Due to the immediate success of the first trip, plans are already in the works for the 2013 Alumni Academic Travel.

These initiatives and more have been made possible by the volunteer efforts and financial contributions of members of the Alumni Council. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Alumni Council is encouraged to contact Franklin's Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, **Austin Tomlinson '06**.



Franklin Alumni Start Regional Alumni Clubs in London and Colorado



Kelly Byars Gettinger '82, Rob Gettinger and Amber Strang '98.

Franklin College has approximately 5,000 alumni who reside in more than 100 different countries around the world. The Franklin Office of Advancement does its best to help alumni maintain strong ties with each other and the College, but due to limited resources the College is not always able to facilitate as many connectivity opportunities as some alumni may like.

This past fall Director of Alumni and Parent Relations **Austin Tomlinson '06** began working with **Colleen Whitman '06** and Alumni Council members **Inigo Garcia '11** and **Skyler Yost '11** on the creation of two new regional alumni clubs that will help alumni stay involved with each other and the College. Tomlinson hopes that the founding of these two clubs is just the beginning of a soon-to-be very strong network of regional clubs around the world. He says, "From professional networking opportunities to cultural and

service-oriented events, our hope is that the Franklin Clubs will not only help alumni develop and strengthen their networks but also enrich the lives of people in their respective communities.”

Colleen Whitman '06, the Denver-based founder and President of the Franklin Club of Colorado, was interested in spearheading this initiative because she wanted a way for Franklin alumni in the area to connect on a more local level. She explains, “Colorado has a large group of enthusiastic alumni but unfortunately Franklin hasn’t been able to organize an ‘official’ event here for several years now.”

After a few phone conversations with Tomlinson, Whitman went to work and started contacting all of the alumni in Colorado to get a sense of what type of activities they would be interested in. On Saturday, November 19, 2011, **Kelly Byars Gettinger '82** and **Rob Gettinger** hosted the Franklin Club of Colorado’s first official event, a relaxed cocktail party, at their lovely home in Denver. Fifteen Franklin alumni and their guests attended the gathering. Whitman reports, “It was great to speak with older alumni about their Franklin experiences and how Franklin influenced their careers and life paths. One alumna shared with me photos of her travels while at Franklin in the 80s; they were fascinating and reminded me of my own time at Franklin!”

Whitman is hoping to see many more of Franklin’s Colorado-based alumni become involved in the Franklin Club of Colorado. The Club has plans to organize mini-excursions such as ski trips, wine-tasting events and hikes as well as possible community service projects.

On the other side of the Atlantic, recent graduates and Alumni Council members **Inigo Garcia '11** and **Skyler Yost '11** have been working hard to develop the Franklin Club of London. The club hosted its first event, which was sponsored by the Alumni Council,



Katie McKenna '06, Brooke Gehl '07 and David Rubin '07.

at Flute Champagne Bar on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Garcia, the Club’s London-based founder and President, observes, “A lot of young alumni are moving to London to attend graduate school or begin their careers, so it is important that upon arriving they have an instant community that they can be a part of. Having the Franklin Club of London is a great way, not only for me, but also for other Franklin alumni in the United Kingdom to stay better connected with the Franklin community and to meet or reconnect with other alumni.”

If you are interested in starting a Franklin Club in your geographic area, please contact **Austin Tomlinson '06**, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations (atomlinson@fc.edu).

Denise Hart Alfeld '88 - Alumni Trustee

By John Steinbreder '76



New Alumni Trustee Denise Hart Alfeld '88 didn't spend very much time at Franklin College. In fact, the DePauw University graduate was there only four months, for the spring semester of her junior year in 1988. But, as has been the case with so many Franklin students before her, that time in Lugano turned out to be life-altering.

“I had come from a small town in Illinois and was pretty sheltered culturally,” says Alfeld, who is now a Connecticut-based marketing consultant and the mother of two daughters. “And I will never forget stepping off that train from Zurich in Lugano for the first time and needing about an hour-and-a-half to find my hotel. I was excited but also hesitant and lost and not very confident. By the time I left, however, I really felt I could do anything and go anywhere. The College gave me a lot of confidence and expanded my knowledge and understanding of peoples and cultures in ways I will never forget.

Years later, Alfeld fondly recalls the friends she made in Lugano and how she loved the classes populated with students from all over the world. “One class I took was ‘Interpretation of Fairy Tales,’ and it was fascinating to listen to these people with such different backgrounds talk about the stories they had been told as kids.”

Becoming an Alumni Trustee last year was a no-brainer for Alfeld. “Franklin changed my life,” she says. “It had the biggest impact on me from an educational standpoint.”

Her hope is that by getting involved, she can help the College do that for scores of other students in years to come.

Alumni Events

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Boston, Massachusetts *June 10, 2011*

Boston's Museum of Fine Arts was the venue for an elegant and enlightening Franklin reunion on Friday, June 10. Thirty-eight Franklin alumni, parents and guests enjoyed a docent-guided tour of the museum's new Art of the Americas wing and a cocktail reception in the museum's Bravo restaurant.

Istanbul, Turkey *September 30, 2011*

Twenty-nine Franklin alumni, parents and friends from around the world met for a relaxing evening in Istanbul at the Sakıp Sabancı Museum, located on the banks of the Bosphorus, for a special reunion in September. Franklin President Erik Nielsen and Vice President for Advancement Robert Pallone related news from campus. Special guests included Swiss Consul General Monika Schmutz Kirgoz as well as former Alumni Trustee Claudia Figueredo '95.

Amman, Jordan *October 7, 2011*

A gathering attended by 28 alumni, parents and friends was held at the King Hussein Club in Amman, Jordan, on October 7, for a presentation on what's new at Franklin by President Erik Nielsen. A cocktail reception on the club's outdoor terrace followed. Guests arrived from as far away as Switzerland and Saudi Arabia. A special thanks to Franklin Trustee Ammar Malhas and his wife Karma for attending and to current parents Sultan and Suzy Bouran for donating the wine for the event.



Boston, Massachusetts, Spring 2011: Franklin alumni, parents and friends in front of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



Boston, Massachusetts, Spring 2011: Karen Mayer and Herbert Mayer '71.



Istanbul, Turkey: President Erik Nielsen, Swiss Consul General Monika Schmutz Kirgoz, Nazan Calik Sadikoglu and Vice President for Advancement Robert Pallone.



Istanbul, Turkey, Fall 2011: Omer Kipmen, Ozge Altinok Kipmen '98 and Dilara Ipekciogullari '97.



Amman, Jordan, Fall 2011: Taroub Malbas '05, Natalie Naber Neibauer '07, Nick Neibauer '05, Zein Malbas '07 and Bisher Nabulsi.

Washington, D.C.

November 4, 2011

On Friday, November 4, 74 Franklin alumni, parents and friends spent an unforgettable evening together at the Embassy of Jordan in Washington, D.C. The evening began with an update from campus by President Erik Nielsen and was followed by a fascinating talk by the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States, Alia Bouran who is the aunt of current Franklin student **Ghalia Bouran '12**. The Ambassador spoke about politics, economics and environmental issues in Jordan and other countries in the region. The evening concluded with a beautiful reception where everyone enjoyed Middle Eastern *meze*.

New York, New York

November 11, 2011

Franklin's annual alumni and parents gathering in New York was held at the Japan Society and attended by 92 participants. The evening began with a brief update from campus by President Erik Nielsen. Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees **Angela Fowler '75** then introduced Franklin's new President-elect Gregory Warden, who made a few remarks and shared with everyone how excited he and his wife Diane are to move to Lugano and become a part of the Franklin family. The evening's keynote speaker was Franklin professor Satomi Sugiyama who gave an interesting talk about the "spirit" of mobile devices and cultural trends in Japan. The evening concluded with a Japanese-themed cocktail reception.



Amman, Jordan, Fall 2011: Ziad Dakkak, Ammar Malbas, Trustee, and Karam Zaidkilani '11.



Washington, D.C., Fall 2011: Jordanian Ambassador to the United States Alia Bouran and President Erik Nielsen.



Washington, D.C., Fall 2011: Claudia Lasprilla '07, Suzzette Lopez Abbasciano '07 and Shrita Gajendragadkat.



New York, Fall 2011: John Taylor, Trustee, and Professor Satomi Sugiyama.



New York, Fall 2011: Angela Fowler '75, Trustee, and Tatiana Kaletsch Abend '83.



New York, Fall 2011: Langston Shaw, Ashlie Butler '07 and Anna Ranck '08.

*Lugano, Switzerland
November 17, 2011*

Seventy-three Franklin alumni, professors, members of the Class of 2012 and their guests got together for an informal aperitivo on Thursday, November 17, at the Ristorante AnaCapri, which is located near the train station in Lugano and offers spectacular views of the city in a relaxed environment. Alumni enjoyed seeing old friends and professors as well as meeting some of Franklin's soon-to-be alumni.

*Dubai, United Arab Emirates
February 2, 2012*

The Fairmont Hotel in Dubai hosted Franklin's first-ever alumni and parents event in the United Arab Emirates, which was attended by 39 guests. Graduates and parents from years ranging from 1974 to 2011 were represented at the event as well as a variety of nationalities. The evening's program began with a presentation about the campus by President Erik Nielsen and was followed by the viewing of a short film produced by Greg Smith '11 on the 2011 Academic Travel to Scotland. The evening concluded with an Italian dinner.



New York, Fall 2011: Paul Lowerre '77, Trustee, Ursula Gentile Lowerre '76 and President-Elect Gregory Warden.



Lugano, Switzerland, Fall 2011: Callie Robson '12, Matthew Kellogg '12, Alessio Tummolillo '12 and Elizabeth Drachenberg '12.



Lugano, Switzerland, Fall 2011: Matteo Verna '98, Lyudmilla Byrgazova '08 and Franco Guarisco '94.



Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Spring 2012: Siamak Kia, Abdul-Majeed Al-Ansari, May Altaber '10 and Samy Al-Ansari '11.



Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Spring 2012: Parnian Farnam '11, May Altaber '10, President Erik Nielsen, Alma Khayyat '09 and Ahmad Khayyat.



Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Spring 2012: Zeid Salab, Tala Atia '99, Hala Khalil '03 and Bedour Arrar '05.

*Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
February 8, 2012*

The Swiss Consulate's Residence in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, was the scene for a get-together of 26 Franklin alumni, parents and friends in February. The evening began with an update from campus by President Erik Nielsen which was followed by the screening of a 2012 Scotland Academic Travel video filmed and produced by **Greg Smith '11**. The evening concluded with lively conversations over a delicious Swiss dinner. Special guests at the event included Swiss Consul General Hans Stalder with his wife Liz Stalder and Franklin's first Saudi graduate, **Sheikh Hussein Al-Banawi '77**, with his wife Majda Abdul-Shakour.

*New York, New York
March 2, 2012*

In March, 106 alumni, parents and friends met for a Franklin reunion in Le Skyroom at the French Institute in New York. The evening's program began with a Franklin update by President Erik Nielsen and was followed by an illuminating presentation by Carol Willis, Director of the Skyscraper Museum, and Richard Metsky, partner at Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners, about the construction and restoration of the Empire State Building.



Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Spring 2012: Munir Harasani, Khalid Alem and Hanadi Samman.



Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Spring 2012: President Erik Nielsen, Shiekh Hussein Al-Banawi '77 and Vice President for Advancement Robert Pallone.



Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Spring 2012: Deena Bougary '98, Nasser Mabdi and Consul General Hans Stalder.



New York, Spring 2012: Cliff Tyler, Marcie Lopez '71 and Tommie Pegues '94.



New York, Spring 2012: Melanie Mander '70, Warren Bierwirth '70 and Daria Macosko '70.



San Francisco, California, Spring 2012: Geric Dunford '11 and Avo Izmirlian '10.

San Francisco, California
March 8, 2012

A Franklin alumni and parents event attended by 63 alumni, parents and friends took place in March at Swissnex in San Francisco. The event began with an update about the College by President Erik Nielsen and was followed by an entertaining talk by **Jane Warren '07**, co-founder of *Matchbook* magazine, entitled: "Publishing in the Digital Age: A behind-the-scenes look at online lifestyle publication *Matchbook* magazine and its role in the emerging landscape of digital publishing." The evening ended with a cocktail reception featuring Swiss-inspired hors d'oeuvres.



San Francisco, California, Spring 2012: President Erik Nielsen, Jane Warren '07 and Kevin McNeely '73, Trustee.

London, United Kingdom
May 11, 2012

London's premier wine and cheese shop, La Fromagerie, was a perfect setting for a Franklin event which was attended by 26 alumni, parents and friends. The evening began with an update from campus by President Erik Nielsen and was followed by a regional tasting journey of cheeses paired with appropriate wines. Alumni Council member and Franklin Club of London founder **Inigo Garcia '11** announced that the Franklin Club of London has plans to organize two to three alumni gatherings in the coming academic year, providing more frequent opportunities in the future to connect with other Franklin alumni.



London, United Kingdom, Spring 2012: Olivia Johns '11, Skyler Yost '11 and Fabd Arnouk '11.

Lugano, Switzerland
May 17, 2012

The annual Alumni Council-sponsored boat cruise was held in Lugano in May to celebrate the successes of the Class of 2012 and to welcome its members into the Franklin alumni family. The unforgettable evening began with a toast to the Class of 2012 and was followed by a cruise on breath-taking Lake Lugano. Over 168 trustees, seniors, alumni, faculty and staff members attended this special event. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!



London, United Kingdom, Spring 2012: Alexandra Strassbeimer '09, Benjamin von Maur '05 and Inigo Garcia '11.



Lugano, Switzerland, Spring 2012: Dean Sara Steinert Borella, Melissa Morrison '12 and Andriana Friel '11.



Lugano, Switzerland, Spring 2012: Seniors.

1964

Jane Booth Young's grandchild, Parker, is already 3 years-old (Parker's mother is Jane's daughter, Lisa Jones May '92). They live in the hills of Napa, California and Parker spends much of his time outside with Jane and her yellow labs.

1968

Faith Supple sends her greetings to her classmates and would enjoy hearing from them.

1970

Jennifer Neviasser Christy recently met up with Paulo Levi '70 and his wife, Ellen Lopes, during their visit to Chicago. Jennifer and her husband, Stephen, are very happy together as empty-nesters. Their son, Stephen III, lives in Los Angeles and is editor-in-chief of *Archaia Entertainment*, which publishes graphic novels and comic books. Their daughter, Dana, graduated from Vassar with double honors and is back in Chicago, where she is a dancer and teaches dance and yoga. Jennifer continues to enjoy her work as development director at a domestic violence recovery program.

1972

Mary Mortensen Morris is working on a cookbook for a resort town, and her husband is working on a fictional novel. They love living in Aspen, Colorado, and are planning to visit their daughter, Keaton Doyle '14, in Lugano next fall. Mary writes that visiting Franklin is, "like coming home for me since I went to Franklin and then stayed on for a few years." Keaton is in her sophomore year at Franklin and loves it. Their other son, Tommy Doyle, is a senior at Aspen High and is planning to apply to Franklin for college.



Tommy Doyle, Mary Mortensen Morris '72, Keaton Doyle '14 and John Morris in front of a waterfall during their trip to Brienz, Switzerland.

1975

Lindy Hardman and his wife Susan have moved from Montana back to Southern California and are living in Newport Beach. Lindy writes that "the semi-retirement



David Kopperud's son, James Andrew Kopperud and his bride, Stephanie Nicole, on the day of their wedding.



H. Scott Kopperud '79 with his wife, Laura Benjamin '79, and their daughter, Megan Kopperud '03, while on a cruise around Alaska.

life was really not for us after all." They still have a ranch in Hamilton and will use it for summer vacations. Lindy recently joined Beazley Group, the third-largest syndicate at Lloyd's of London, heading up broker relations for the West Coast; he will be traveling regularly to London. David Kopperud writes that his mother, Barbara Foley, brought the whole family together for a wonderful Alaskan cruise last July, which included David's brother, H. Scott Kopperud '79, his wife, Laura Benjamin '79, and their daughter, Megan Kopperud '03. They left from Seattle and saw Ketchikan, the Tracy Arm Fjord, Skagway and Victoria, British Columbia, before returning to Seattle on July 15. David's son, James Andrew Kopperud, married Stephanie Nicole on October 28 at the Newcastle Wedding Gardens near Sacramento.

1976

Alexander Hendrie fondly recalls his Academic Travel to Tunisia and class in Arabic Studies because of one great man and teacher, Dr. Horus Schenouda. "Long may he be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him." John Steinbreder recently published his 12th book and is currently writing his 13th and 14th. In between work on those volumes, John continues to write about golf for digital publications such as *Masters.com* and *Global Golf Post*. John writes, "It all keeps me very busy and keeps me on the road a lot, which is both good and bad. I love the

travel and the education and adventure that come with it, but I hate being away from my wife, Cynthia, and my daughters, Exa and Lydia. I expect 2012 to be just as hectic and equally fulfilling, and I desperately hope it brings me back to Lugano at some point during the year. I spent some good days in 2011 with Pat Tone and Peter Hillback '75, among other former Frankinites, and was in touch at various times with friends like Tim Darrin '74, Corinne Ewald and Angela Fowler '75 and a few of my former students from Franklin summer sessions, too. But I can never get enough of the school or the people affiliated with it."

1977

India Howell is living in Tanzania and running the Rift Valley Children's Village. A description can be found at their website: www.tanzanianchildrensfund.org. India suggests that it is a wonderful project that is worth seeing. A number of Franklin alumni have visited over the years, including Angela Fowler '75, Cynthia Branch, Suzie Gilbert '76, Rob Rosser '71 and Corinne Ewald '76. "Come visit or volunteer—it promises to be a life-changing experience!"

1978

Viktoria Squitieri Anderholt and her husband, Scott Anderholt, are the grandparents of a beautiful grandson named Jasper who lives in Kansas City with his mother (their daughter Charlotte) and father (Matthew Schmidt). Matthew, a Claremont undergrad and Georgetown doctorate degree graduate, works at the Military War College at Leavenworth. Charlotte works for Booz Allen on peace and conflict resolution for the Iraq war. Vicki, who has been working hard for six years to help shelters and rescues spay, neuter and find homes for bunnies, has acquired a few lagomorphs of her own. Her work can be viewed on: www.bunnygroomer.com. Vicki writes, "It has been one of the most fascinating and wonderful things I've ever done, and I feel blessed and happy to have such an amazing job." Scott is working at Hudson Financial, a partnership between himself and friend Peter Hudson which provides financial advice and help with retirement planning or insurance. Scott can be reached by email at: sander3000@gmail.com.



Jasper, the grandson of Vicky Squitieri Anderholt '78 and Scott Anderholt '78.

1982

Stephanie Klein Davis has been a full-time photo-journalist with the *Roanoke Times* since 1987. Currently some of her work is on exhibit as part of the 125th anniversary of the newspaper at the Taubam Museum of Art in Virginia. Stephanie freelances for national publications as well. Her website is: www.klein-davis.com.

1983

Margaret Jones Abboud and her husband, Moussa, would like to extend an invitation to alumni to visit Lebanon in 2013. Margaret and Moussa are working on the itinerary as we go to press. Margaret would be happy to hear from interested alumni at: maglons@msn.com.



Margaret Jones Abboud '83 and her husband, Moussa, in Lebanon last year.

Tatiana Kaletsch Abend sends special greetings to the Class of 1983. She is currently living between Europe and the East Coast of the U.S., and her three children love studying in North Wales. She has just put the final touches on the complete restructuring of her business, BodyVision Health Coaching, and is due to be back in business this year. She would love to get together with Franklin alums, especially in the United Kingdom and New York.



Tatiana Kaletsch Abend '83.

1984

Jill Oliver Gardner's youngest son, Chad, graduated from Mt. Shasta High School last June and was planning on attending UCSC in Environmental Science and Wildlife Biology. Her oldest son, Kevin, has his album, *Midnight Makeup*, on iTunes. The name of his band is Melvov.

1985

Helene Novin Strumeyer sends greetings to her former classmates. Since leaving Franklin she has earned her Master's degree in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) and is happily married with children and living in New Jersey where she is a licensed commercial real estate agent specializing in industrial and office leasing and sales. Helene would love to connect with fellow alumni.

1988

Brad Synder is the managing editor in the marketing department of UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco. He moved to Northern California in 2006 from his hometown of Philadelphia, and in 2008 he married his long-time partner, Joe Lisella, in Sausalito. Brad thinks often of his Franklin friends, especially John Shea '92, Gianni Comis '92 and others who have yet to embrace social media. He is hoping to make his first return trip to Lugano soon.

1989

Rebecca Garrett visited campus last September after seeing family in Scotland, and her two-day visit to Italy and Lugano was at the tail-end of her trip. She got together for drinks with Annette Rossi-Roetger '90, Diana Uhrik Tedoldi '90 and Jennifer Jamieson '90 at the Bellavista in Montagnola.



Rebecca Garrett '89, Diana Uhrik Tedoldi '90, Annette Rossi-Roetger '90 and Jennifer Jamieson '90 at the Bellavista Restaurant in Montagnola.

1991

Keisha Hayle-Anikin and her husband, Stanislav, have a baby girl. Sofia Rose Hayle Anikin was born on December 6, 2011, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 20 inches in length. Tom Pegues '94 is Sofia's godfather and Nadia Allam '93 is her godmother.



Sofia Rose Hayle Anikin.

1992

Sallyann (Sawh) Della Casa is about to launch her Growing Leaders Foundation and her youth leadership publication *Lead Up* in the Middle East.



Sallyann (Sawh) Della Casa '92 greeting school children.

Her foundation develops and implements leadership programs targeting youths 8-12 with its core value that leadership is the birthright of every child. Sallyann's job title is "Dreamer-in-Chief and Lead Tree-Shaker," which pretty much describes her job. As she says, "I have the unique job of witnessing light-bulb moments daily in adults and kids as we open up their vision board as to their greatness." Sallyann has a unique collaboration with world-renowned leadership author Robin Sharma as she develops and also implements elements of his books into her youth curriculum and publication. "My goal is to have the Growing Leaders program become part of the Middle East class curriculum and also expose youths in this region to *Lead Up*," says Sallyann. She continues, "Countries that realize that the minds of youths are their only infinite resource and invest time in preparing them to be the leaders of tomorrow will become the true global players." Sallyann can be reached by email at: yes@growingleaders.info.

1995

Little Mia was born on October 12, 2011, at Clinica Sant'Anna in Lugano. Eva Gianini and Patrick Trancu are the happiest parents. Richard Sussman is the proud husband of Candice and father of Isabella Dara, who is 4 years old, and Sterling Sydney, who is 2. They reside in Los Angeles, California. Richard is head of Digital Media and Entertainment at The Nielsen Co., the world's largest media and market-research firm. He is routinely an industry speaker and guest lecturer at business schools on all matters related to the digital sphere. In 2011, the ARF (Advertising & Research Foundation) bestowed on Richard their coveted Great Minds Award—Rising Star Category Certificate of Distinction. In addition, in 2012 Richard will graduate from Harvard Business School. He wishes to give a shout-out to all his dear friends from the classes of '94, '95 and '96 and to his former professors. Richard can also be followed on Twitter @richard_sussman.

1997

Cynthia Thomet visited campus with her partner Paul Luna. They came from Zurich, where they saw Margo McClimans '99, and were heading to Florence. Cynthia and Paul live in Atlanta where Cynthia was working for the Convention.



Cynthia Thomet '97 and Paul Luna enjoying the views of Lugano.

1998

Maki Kono Kikuchi was married to Katsumune Kikuchi in February, 2011. They recently had a baby girl, Saya.



Maki Kono Kikuchi '98 and Katsumune Kikuchi on their wedding day.

Amber Strang is a Senior Vice President for Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc., an international commercial real estate firm headquartered in London. She has been with the firm for over 10 years now, traveling the globe advising Fortune 500 companies on their real estate portfolios. She is currently spending a great deal of time in South America with HSBC and DirecTV as they both expand into those markets. When not traveling for work, she resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Amber was looking forward to seeing many Franklin alumni at the Global Alumni Reunion in May, 2012.



Amber Strang '98 at Iguazu Falls in Brazil, taking a day off from a business trip.

1999

Josie Bleuer has been employed in the film industry in Vancouver for over 10 years. She works in the greens department (the part of a movie production that involves plants), developing small modifications to existing landscapes or large installations and sometimes building entire forests and jungles inside a studio. Josie was also the greens chairperson at the IATSE 891 film union until the birth of her daughter in May, 2010.



Josie Bleuer '99 and her daughter.

2003

Hana Al-Farouqi, who received her Master's in Graphic Design in Florence, Italy, married Dr. Karim Khalidi in 2009. She currently lives in Toronto, Canada, and is studying for an E.C.E (Early Childhood Education) diploma. She sends her thanks to Franklin College: "I found the best sisters in the world, I love you gals. You know who you are, not sure what I would do without your love and support."



Hana Al-Farouqi '03 and Karim Khalidi at a Halloween party in Toronto.

After spending a few months studying indigenous textiles in the archipelagoes of Tonga and Fiji in the South Pacific, India Foster is back to work as usual, running the Palm Beach office of her family's interior design firm, Leta Austin Foster, Inc. India is currently working on projects in New York, Florida, Colorado and California. John Fullerton and Julia Rudakov Fullerton '01 reconnected while living in New York in 2007 and were married in September, 2009, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. John graduated from law school in May, 2011, and is now a member of the New Mexico Bar. He works for Thornburg Investment Management, and Julia owns and operates Paperjules.com, a stationery and freelance design company. The Fullertons currently live in Santa Fe with their dog Taj.



John Fullerton '03 and Julia Rudakov Fullerton '01 on their wedding day.

2006

Ban Al-Turk was married to **Yazan Al-Hayek** on July 8, 2010. The wedding was held in Amman with over 420 guests from Jordan and around the world. The newlyweds went to Barcelona and Mallorca on their honeymoon. **Kate Ogren Armour** and **Jane Warren '07** recently founded and launched a new online lifestyle magazine called *Matchbook*. The magazine can be viewed online: www.matchbookmag.com. **John Doyle** is starring as "The Creep" in the feature-length dance/music video, "Girl Walk//All Day," which was named the #1 most innovative music video of 2011 by *Spin* magazine. The film's December premiere was covered by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and a German TV crew, among others. The director is touring around the United States screening the film in tandem with dance parties at various venues and festivals and hopes to take the movie to international audiences. The film can also be seen online for free at www.girlwalkallday.com. **Jessica Schenck de Drouet**, who was married to **Alex Drouet** on August 5, 2011, is an account coordinator at Newlink Communications working in the tourism department for clients such as Cancun, Aeromexico and Expedia. Jessica and Alex are living in Miami, Florida.



Jessica Schenck de Drouet '06 and Alex Drouet on their wedding day.

On February 28, 2012, **Julius Robert Reiter** was born. He is the son of **Susanne** and **Arthur Reiter**. The parents are overjoyed and thrilled to have him in their lives. They hope he will get to know all of the wonderful people at Franklin someday.



Julius Robert Reiter with his parents, Susanne and Arthur Reiter '06.

2007

Margaret Johnson is working for the Peace Corps in Panama this January in environmental education.

2008

Last October, one of **Stephanie Giglio's** images of a mother breastfeeding her child in Malawi was used during the Clinton Foundation "Decade of Difference" concert. The image was seen by 15,000 people in person and several million more when the concert was broadcast online. Also in October, Stephanie had a mini-reunion in Ottawa and Montreal with **Philline Dilao** and **Maria Cazares**.



Philline Dilao '08, Stephanie Giglio '08 and Maria Cazares '08.

2009

Kandyce Gnidovec was engaged to **Erik Lorhammer** in 2011 and will be moving from California to Munich, Germany. Erik will be working with Intel and Kandyce will be teaching English for business. They had an exciting year travelling around the western United States and Kandyce was able to see a few favorite Franklin classmates such as **Sarah Kellogg**.

2011

Katherine Townsend writes: "I have been working for a specialty insurance company for the past few months, since August, 2011. The company is called Mondial Assistance, and its U.S. headquarters are in Richmond, Virginia. It is the American branch of a globalized French company and part of the Allianz Group. In fact, Mondial is now undergoing a brand-name change to Allianz. We handle international and domestic assistance, primarily dealing with medical healthcare and travel insurance assistance. My job title is LifeCare Assistance Coordinator and I receive calls from clients all over the U.S. and all over the world. I provide information about medical benefits, international services and providers and also provide concierge services domestically. It is a very dynamic role and I occasionally have the opportunity to use my fluency in Italian and French to translate medical records and make some outbound calls to hospitals overseas for status updates or facility research. **Christine Kuykendall** is also working at Mondial, but I did not know this until I came across her name on an internal file. In 2012, I will be moving to Europe to study for my Master's in Inter-Mediterranean Relations: Economics Investment and Intercultural Integration. It is a peripatetic program, meaning I will be studying at three universities in the course of the year and in three different languages, moving from Venice, Italy, to Montpellier, France, to Barcelona, Spain."

In Memoriam

Clare 'Bayre' Eddy Lay '63 passed away on February 7, 2011. Her husband Robert writes, "... over the 15 years we have lived in Lakeland, Florida, Clare 'Bayre' was heavily involved in various tennis programs in this area: she coached the girls' tennis team at All Saints Academy (which is where both of our sons graduated); she also worked on the ladies' teams at the club level and was heavily involved with the junior programs here in Lakeland, which is a Mecca for ongoing 'satellite' tournaments for players ranging in ages from 9-18. Her involvement prompted the city of Lakeland to name a tournament, the Bayre Memorial Tennis Tournament, scheduled in February at the Beerman Tennis facility, in her honor."

Dragos Ungurean '12 passed away on March 1, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri, due to an automobile accident. Dragos had studied journalism and was a talented writer. His passion for cars and working on them led him to Rankin Technical College where he was a senior student in the auto mechanic program while he was working full-time as auto technician at Beelman Trucking.

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Franklin's leadership gift society, the Villa Society, offers annual membership to alumni, parents and friends who make a gift of \$1,000 or more. The Society was founded to recognize the critical difference leadership gifts make at the College and to thank these donors for their special commitment to the College. Annual membership and recognition are based on an individual's personal gifts and corporate matching gifts received in a single fiscal year. The society takes its name from the history of Franklin and the villas that have been part of Franklin history since its founding. Kaletsch Campus with the Main Villa is the current location the college uses as a classroom building and administrative offices. Villa Sassa was the main campus villa for 12 years until 1986. Villa Ferrari was used in the early years from 1971 to 1974. Villa Cirila was the original building in which Franklin College was housed in 1970 after the college was founded. The higher level, Founder's Associates, recognizes the largest gifts leading the way at Franklin.

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Founder's Associates: \$25,000 and up
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 Villa Sassa Associates: \$2,500-\$4,999
 Kaletsch Campus Associates: \$1,000-\$2,499
 (six years and more post graduation)

Young alumni entry levels for Kaletsch Campus Associates:

First year (Class of '10 and '11): \$100
 Second year ('09): \$200
 Third year ('08): \$300
 Fourth year ('07): \$400
 Fifth year ('06): \$500

The Franklin World Citizen Club

Another important part of supporting Franklin is the loyal support of donors who donate to the College year after year. The Franklin World Citizen Club recognizes loyal, annual giving to Franklin at any gift level. When a donor has given a gift to Franklin five fiscal years in a row, or every year since graduation for young alumni, the donor becomes part of the Franklin World Citizen Club. The membership will continue as long as the donor continues to give each fiscal year. This recognition of alumni, parents and friends who show a special commitment to Franklin was created to acknowledge outstanding, yearly dedication to the school.

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