

## News and Notes

**Gina Anazco** T-C'02 was recognized as the first ever "Distinguished Ecuadorian Citizen" for teaching children and parents.

**Evan Balkan** T-C'99 showed both his writing and photography skills in an article on traveling in Ireland in the Sun.

**Daniel Barrett** T-C'03 was married this summer. Congratulations!

**Donovan Bruns** T-C'98 celebrated the arrival of Caroline into the waiting arms of her parents and siblings this summer.



*Clockwise: Andrew, Dana, Donovan, Olivia, and baby Caroline Marie*

**Libby Bratton Cataldi** T-C'84 recently retired from Calverton School in Calvert County after twenty-one years of teaching. What a record. We hope she enjoys her time out of the classroom.

**Cheryl North-Coleman** T-C'97 and **Jennifer Grisan Chandler** T-C'99 are delighted that Angela Haley, their former student and graduate of Harford High School, was the winner of the Sophie Kerr Prize for \$56,169 at Washington College. This prize is the nation's largest undergraduate literary award.

**Jamie Cooper** T-C'00 joined the ranks of the married and got a new last name when she married Adam Beigeleisen on June 27. She recovered nicely from gall bladder surgery just after the wedding. What a summer!



*Anmarie and family*

**Anmarie Chiarini** T-C'02 and her husband Brian adopted Ethan Alexander Chiarini-Flynn who arrived in this world on March 30.

**Linda De La Ysla** T-C'94 will



*Linda De La Ysla*

present "In-between: the Pedagogy of Writing" at the Society for Phenomenology and Human Sciences conference in Memphis in October.

**Beth Edelstein** T-C'00 published a short essay, "Tales of the Cafeteria" in the Sun recently.

**Mary Ann Hartshorn** T-C'94 was in a serious car accident this summer, but has recovered sufficiently to return to the classroom this fall. We wish her well in her continued recovery.

**Laura Gittleson** T-C'03 gave birth to Shana Leigh Gittleson on August 13.



*Shana Leigh Gittleson*

**Terri Kent** T-C'98 graduated from Towson with a Master's in ELED in May and gave birth to Jason Alexander on August 18.

**Diane Mitchell** T-C'89 reports that her mother Florence Braxton Thomas, a 97-year-old retired teacher and active participant in the University of Nevada Reno's ElderCollege Programs, is the first ever to receive the ElderCollege "Student of the Year" Award. What a role model for all of us.



*Diane Mitchell*

**Laura Ward** T-C'00, a reading resource teacher in Baltimore County, was pictured in the Sun as she taught new teachers ways to help children become successful readers.



*Rus Van Westervelt and family*

**Jen Goulston** T-C'03 traveled in Africa this summer.



*Jen Goulston (Left) and friends in Mozambique*

Thank you to all of you who helped NWP score an important victory on Capitol Hill. On July 8, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services recommended \$17.89 million for the National Writing Project in fiscal year 2005, the same level of funding the program currently receives. Although the requested increase was denied, we are delighted to receive the same level of funding since 24 other education programs were zeroed out altogether. The Senate is expected to make its funding recommendations later this year.