

News and Notes

Spring 2007



Natalie Bailey and John Fontinell hosted the ADL visit at Pikesville High School.

Natalie Bailey (T-C '00) writes: I coordinate the AVID program here at Pikesville High School. The program was visited by a group of 30 District Directors from around the country (in October) who visited the site to observe and experience the AVID classroom. These visitors came to PHS to observe how the program works in efforts to implement the program in their school districts. AVID employs strategies in WICR—Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration and Reading. The directors also observed a Socratic Seminar, a Philosophical Chairs debate, Cornell note taking and a panel discussion by the students in the program who shared their testimonials about how AVID has helped them succeed and excel into more rigorous classes. The visit was mentioned in the local newspapers and featured on Channel 2 News.

Gina Anazco (T-C '02) was honored as a National Board Certified Teacher at their Pinning Ceremony on January 18, 2007

Scholastic's online magazine *Administr@tor* has identified summer teacher institutes run by National Writing Project sites as one of nine "once-in-a-lifetime adventures." <http://content.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=11372>

Ann Stone (T-C '06) is the recipient of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year Award at Our Lady Queen of Peace School and has been nominated for the Knights of Columbus Teacher of the Year award.

Jamie Cooper Biegeleisen (T-C '00) writes: I am now working as an editor at the National Kidney Foundation in NYC. I contributed an article to the book *Chemistry and Numbers 2: Sexy, Funny, Horrifying, and Yes, Successful Online Dating Stories*.



Jamie Biegeleisen

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Linda De La Ysla (center, T-C '94) successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Maryland on April 24, and is now officially Dr. De La Ysla. She is shown here with Barbara Bass (left, T-C '88) and Katie Hearn (right, T-C '05).

Congratulations to T-Cs **Melissa Krut Peterson** (Frederick '04) and **Sileshi Shewani** (TU '06) who have been invited to participate in the National Writing Project's 2007 Professional Writing Retreats at Sunrise Springs Inn and Retreat Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Melissa will attend Professional Writing Retreat A in June for writers who are at the beginning of their writing process, and Sileshi will attend Writing Retreat B in August for writers who are at the revision stage of their work.

Jennifer Morrison (T-C '03) has changed counties, positions, and been published recently. She is now a Staff Development Teacher at Baker Middle School in Damascus, Montgomery County. With her husband she co-wrote an article titled "Beyond the Numbers, Making AYP One Student at a Time," which was published in February's issue of *Principal Leadership* (NASSP).



Jennifer Morrison

Mary Ann Hartshorn (T-C '94) successfully defended her dissertation on May 15 and is now Dr. Hartshorn.

David Wolinsky's (T-C '95) poem "Intimacy" is featured on the Women In Black homepage: <http://wibfderick.org/wibspeak.html>.



David Wolinsky with his son, Lucas

Beth Edelstein (T-C '00) has graduated with an M.S. in professional writing from TU. She is currently teaching freshman composition and is working in the writing lab. She is assisting on a project interviewing WWII Conscientious Objectors that should be published within the next year. She presented at CCCC in March on service learning.



Beth Edelstein

We are pleased to announce that Professor **Gloria Neubert** (T-C '81) has been selected as the International Reading Association's 2007 Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading. Gloria will be honored on May 16, 2007, at the IRA's Annual Convention Banquet in Toronto, Ontario.

Dayle Kirby (T-C '00) is in the latest edition, '05-'06 of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Vicki Vanni (T-C '05) writes: I have received the honor of being one of two presenters chosen for the National Catholic Education Association's yearly conference in April. I have been recognized for the creation of a summer enrichment camp titled *Cooking Up Good Writing*. The camp, which integrates cooking and writing, enables students to learn different styles of writing with a hands-on approach. I learned so much from my involvement in the Maryland Writing Project in 2005 and am grateful for the opportunities it has afforded me.



Vicki Vanni



The STI Class of 2006 held a reunion on Saturday, March 31, following the Write-to-Learn Workshop. Pictured from left are Ann Stone, Daniel Rozmiarek, Sarah Gearhart, Ashley Lindsay, John Hobbs, Stephanie Leddy (T-C '90), Patricia Gillam. They plan to meet again on Saturday, June 2.

Meg Tipper (T-C '83) writes: After 14 years as Director of Gilman's Writing Center, I am changing jobs within the school to become the mentor to new teachers, grades 1-12. This leaves an opening for a new Writing Center Director. Anyone interested in finding out more about the job can e-mail me at mtipper@gilman.edu.



Meg Tipper

Congratulations to **Amy Rosoff** (T-C '05) whose article "The Reality of Unreality: Using Imagination as a Teaching Tool" was published in the January 2007 issue of *The English Journal*. Amy wrote the piece while participating in the MWP's Professional Writing Retreat last spring in Sharpsville, Md.

Ingrid Sherwood (T-C '05) had two articles published in the quarterly publication, *Public School Montessorian*: "Universal Preschool," fall 2006 vol. 19, number 1; "Praise and Hope (concerning testing)" in *Public School Montessorian*, winter 2007 vol. 19, number 2.



Ingrid Sherwood

Kristina Berdan (T-C '99) is the Executive Director of the Stadium School Youth Dreamers, Inc.—a nonprofit started by her students. Kristina received the B-More Fund Award in November. The organization's social action book was published and distributed at the national conference.



Kristina Berdan

Jen Goulston (T-C '02) received a \$2,500 grant from the Margaret Edwards Foundation for her school's independent reading program. Her students are doing an oral history project on "Aunt" Pauline Wells for the Maryland Historical Society which will be part of an exhibit from February through July.



Kevin Lavey

Kevin Lavey (T-C '97) won the Novel Contest Grand Prize through the Maryland Writers' Association in summer 2006.