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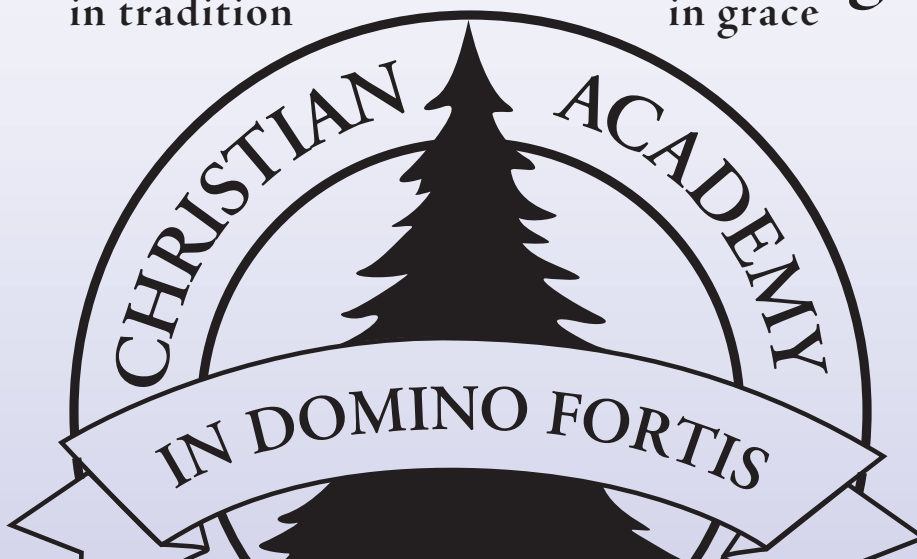
Autumn 2013 CAJ: Equipping students to impact the world for Christ



Rooted
in tradition

Growing
in grace

Seeking
to serve



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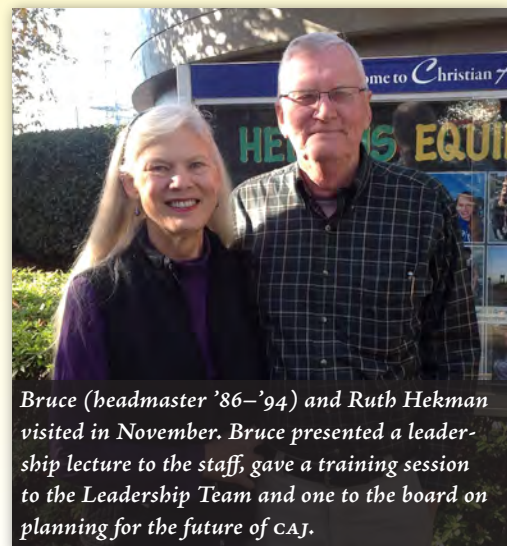
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News in brief

► **Technology update** Efforts to increase educational use of technology are continuing. One-to-one programs are in place with iPads in the kindergarten and first grade and with laptops in Grades 10–12. The three computer carts (“computers on wheels,” a.k.a. cows) are used extensively in 2nd through 9th grades. Virtually all classrooms are equipped with projectors and sound systems; Apple TV is available in some classrooms. Training continues for everyone—student and staff alike—on the responsible and sustainable use of technology to enhance student learning.



Without Love, a musical revue, was presented last February. Featuring a cast of 27 middle school and high school students and accompanied by the jazz band, the show was a compilation of songs from musicals and the big band era. Set in a high school gym, the action revolved around decorating for a Valentine’s Day event with all the attendant high school student emotional drama of who loves who, who’s mad at who, etc. Featured songs included “What do I Need With Love?,” “It Had to be You,” “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off,” “Guys and Dolls,” “Forget About the Boy,” and, of course, “Without Love.” Little Women, the musical by Jason Howland and Mindi Dickstein, will be the musical in February 2014.



Bruce (headmaster ’86–’94) and Ruth Hekman visited in November. Bruce presented a leadership lecture to the staff, gave a training session to the Leadership Team and one to the board on planning for the future of CAJ.



A brand new Nissan bus arrived on campus in September. The previous bus was purchased in 1996 and sold in 2005. Selected CAJ staff have received the training required by the Japanese government for a bus license. This beauty is a most welcome addition to the CAJ fleet.



▲▲ **Science Day** October 25, Thrift Shop day, was also Science Day. Middle school students chose to make a catapult, a mousetrap car, or a spaghetti bridge. Once they decided, they spent several months using the scientific method to research their project, build the model at home, test it, and make modifications. On the day, parents and students watched the Science Day competitions.

▲ Science demonstrations were also done by high school students in AP biology, AP chemistry, and physical science classes. Students taught topics such as Newton’s laws using hovercrafts, the benefits of hand-washing by showing petri dishes of bacteria, and density by using dry-ice bubbles.



▲ **AP classes** During this school year, CAJ is offering 15 advanced placement (AP) classes, the most that have been offered officially. CAJ is also going through the AP audit process this year, which will ensure that all offered classes, backed by syllabi and curriculum maps, are approved by the College Board.

Increasing numbers of students are taking a regular science class concurrent with an AP science class in a different discipline. In the current school year, a significant number of 10th and 11th grade students are working toward a high school transcript which will include up to six laboratory science classes.

During the May 2013 testing period, 85 students took 166 tests achieving a 75% passing rate (receiving a score of 3–5). There were 13 AP Scholars (scoring 3 or higher on three exams), four AP Scholars with Honor (3.25 average or higher on all exams during a HS career) and six AP Scholars with Distinction (3.50 average or higher on all exams during a HS career).

Current AP class offered include biology, calculus AB, calculus BC, chemistry, English language and composition, English literature and composition, physics, psychology, Spanish language and culture, studio art, US history, and world history.



Strong in the Lord: On any given Friday (staff casual day) a good number of navy blue T-shirts will be seen on staff across the campus. Featuring a design by alumni Justin Barber (’11), the staff T-shirt for 2014 reflects the motto in the CAJ logo, In Domino Fortis (Strong in the Lord). Justin was the 2011 Habbestad Fine Art Award winner and the student selected by his classmates to speak at the 2011 graduation. Justin’s work may be seen at <http://www.behance.net/justinbarber>.

Why does CAJ matter?

Rock

CAJ matters because it remains a steadfast rock that fulfills, with passion, dedication and delight, its stated mission of equipping students to impact the world for Christ.

Though CAJ looks very different in many ways from generations past, we have intentionally protected our core mission of providing a quality education designed to accommodate the unique needs of missionary families. We are fully committed to providing the best possible education for all our students including a full range of exceptional sports, music, service and other opportunities. We also continue to attempt to weave Christian values and worldview formation into everything we do.



We are so blessed that our children can attend CAJ. The Christ-centered, gracious environment where the staff really seek to develop students who will impact the world for Christ is a great blessing to us. —Karen Nakamura, parent

CAJ reinforces a Christ-centered worldview, not treating Bible as a mere subject, but as the foundation of all living and learning. —Evangeline Kindervater, parent



With one of our children having special needs and with none of our children thriving in Japanese school, CAJ has made it possible for us to remain on the field without a sense of sacrificing our children's future. In fact, we believe CAJ to be the best possible option for them anywhere and it is part of the reason we are committed to staying in Japan long term. —Parent

CAJ develops a mindset in students and provides an atmosphere that encourages them to be involved in outreach. This results in many students continuing efforts to spread the Gospel in Japan in their later life. —Don Love, parent

I fully expect that God has situated CAJ in Tokyo at this time and place to be part of the revival and restoration of Japan and Japanese culture. —Dave McDaniel, parent



Through the community, non-Christians can meet a lot of Christians in a very natural environment. Some non-Christian parents join Bible studies or become Christians. —Amy Pao, parent

CAJ has projects for the students such as the homeless outreach in winter time and the Tohoku outreach for earthquake and the tsunami victims of Japan. CAJ is helping to start the next generation of God's workers. —Yoko Nanri, parent

In Bible class we discussed that we are the only Bible some people ever "read." —Shion Fukuzawa, senior

Ripple

CAJ matters because its impact on Japan ripples out in increasingly diverse and substantive ways.

Rick Seely, CAJ alumni and current business manager, remarked recently that CAJ is far more "local" that it used to be. More and more of our graduates are either returning to Japan to live, or are choosing to stay in Japan to attend college, work or minister. That is at least partly reflected in the fact that our single biggest demographic for students is mixed passport (inter-cultural marriages). These strong connections to Japan mean that we are increasingly preparing students to impact Japan daily and throughout their lives. Through the lives and ministry of our students, alumni and families, CAJ is impacting Japan in the same way ripples expand to affect a wide area when a rock hits the water.



Divides between us and them dissolve in the face of a classroom full of mixed ethnicities and cross-cultural marriages. We seek relevance and humility as we live our lives with our Japanese neighbors. We want to become friends, pursue permanent residency, learn Japanese — not just to preach, but to take out the trash, vaccinate our kids, chat with our neighbors. I'm not really sure what the next phase of ministry in Japan will look like, but I'm excited to be part of it, and I'm glad we're here at CAJ at this time. —Caitlin Potter, staff



Five hundred and twenty-nine years of service to Christian Academy in Japan Back row from left, with (years of service): Carl Long (37), Craig Eby (36), Katsunori Kurachi (39), Michael Essenburg (27), Dan Rudd (24), Jimmy Hayashi (28). Middle: Anda Foxwell (23), Ruth Spalink (20), Martie Tarter (33), Flossie Epley (24), Kim Essenburg (22), Jane Fischer (20), Helen Ryttersgaard (35) Front: Mieke Sasaki (33), Junko Takahashi (24), Denise Owen (33), Aiko Sakamoto (37), Rita Schellenberg (34).

1970s

1972

Alan Shelton has written a book, *Transforming Burnout*. It is available through Amazon.

1973

Chuck Faber has been at Boise Bible College since 1980, serving 14 years on the faculty and 19 years as the academic dean. He is an avid reader and has a passion for photography.

Barbara Flitcroft (Shelton) lives in Hillsboro, Oregon, and has been married for 35 years. She teaches water exercise and *tai chi* at a city recreation center. Her parents (Carol and Art Shelton, retired missionaries) participate in her water exercise class three times a week.

Annette Johnson (Friesen) and her husband, Dale, have three daughters: Karilee (nuclear pharmacy technician), Lynnea (mom to Felicity) and Delaina (serving with Pioneer Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea).

Harold Netland is in his 21st year as professor of philosophy of religion and intercultural studies and director of PhD intercultural studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Ruth Netland (Ford) is working at Vernon Hills High School in Vernon Hills, Illinois.

Jim Nielsen and his wife, Eileen, have been involved in bringing emotional care and other outreaches to the communities of Kamaishi and Otsuchi in southern Iwate-ken following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. They are on home assignment with TEAM for six months.

Paul Overland is professor of Old Testament and semitic languages at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio.

Deborah Penner is building a practice in natural health consulting and Retracing Sequence Method.

Ruth Zschoche (Jensen) has been a consultant with The Pampered Chef for 16 years. She works for her church as advisor to MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). She is a triathlete who laments that, though she has climbed Pike's Peak in Colorado, she has not climbed Mt. Fuji.

Holly Graybill (Boardman) is living in Massachusetts with her sculptor husband, Ron Rudnicki. Her daughter Ashley and her family live nearby, and her son Ethan and his family live in South Carolina. Holly is a mural artist and a jewelry designer (Eulabella Designs). She enjoys traveling with her husband, and they have designed and built a home out of shipping crates in the Caribbean. She is undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. Positive about recovery, she is grateful for friends and family.

1974

Mary Kruse Zambrana is serving the Japanese Christian Church of Philadelphia (JCUSA). She writes, "If you have an interesting sermon in Japanese, and you are coming through the area, let me

know." Mary and her husband have a son, Xavier, who will be graduating from high school in June.

1975

Beth Ann Brown (Taylor) is living and working at Prime Harvest Farm, a missionary training facility for setting up and maintaining self-sufficient farms overseas in developing countries. She has two grown children and four grandchildren.

Kathy Damron (Weber) moved from the Oregon coast to the island of Molokai in October 2012. Her three children and two grandsons live near St. Louis, Missouri. She is living a "simple life off the grid on Molokai, and life is good."

Bryan Friesen has served for six years on the staff of JAARS (connected with Wycliffe and SIL) and has been a part of the leadership for the Intercultural Communications Course (ICC). He has become part of a team seeking to bring training to partners in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Bryan says, "This is the most challenging, way-over-my-head thing I have ever embarked upon."

1976

Brenda and Keith Seat live in the Washington, D.C., area, where Keith has a mediation law practice and enjoys photography. Brenda continues with her translation business and is on the leadership team of Seekers Church.

1978

Elwyn Fast and his wife, Bonnie, are the pastors of New Life Church in Tajimi, Gifu-ken; Elwyn also teaches English at a local private high school. They have two college-aged children.

1980s

1981

Stephen Dupree is the assistant headmaster at Danville Christian Academy in Kentucky.

1983

Jewel Maeda Ehnle spent 2010 to 2012 in Saipan. She has relocated to Utah, working as a midwife in a 19-bed rural hospital.

1985

Luke Allen is a certified heavy-lift crane operator in Arizona and Colorado and working on projects such as the Hoover Dam bridge and Pueblo, Colorado, natural gas power plants. Luke has five children and one grand daughter born in February.

1988

Jeffrey Armstrong has retired from the Florida Department of Corrections after 24 years and is working security at Port Canaveral, Florida.

1989

Ruth Brown (Garrott) and her husband, Lewis, celebrated their 18th anniversary in June with a

trip to Florida to visit their older daughter, Jennifer, and husband. Their younger daughter, Anita (21), lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Darrell Smith has recorded an English version of "Hana wa Saku" (花は咲く), the theme song for the TV documentary series, *Tomorrow*, produced by the NHK Great East Japan Earthquake Project. Darrell's performance can be seen on YouTube.

1990s

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Mark Klaus and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed Samuel Nathan to their family on September 12, 2012. Samuel joins their daughters Natalie Rebekah (3) and Lexi Renee (2).

Kumiko (Fujii, '96) and **Brian Talkington** visited Tokyo in May, and their Sunday morning visit to Tokyo Union Church coincided with music provided by the CAJ Chamber Singers. The Talkingtons live in New York City.

1991

James Yaegashi was in the cast of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, which opened on Broadway in New York City in the spring.

1992

Mitch Kim will be teaching a course on the book of Acts at Wheaton College in the spring of 2014.

1993

Mark Loewen has been a general surgeon at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Massachusetts, for six years. His wife, Karin, is a stay-at-home mom and runs a cello studio. Brennan is in fifth grade, Paige and Autumn are in third grade and kindergarten, respectively. The Loewens are active in a small Anglican church. They enjoy doing home renovations, backyard farming and living in the natural beauty of Cape Cod.

1995

Sarah Hubbell is spending six months exploring Japan with her family prior to a move from the San Francisco Bay area to Costa Rica.

Donn Kropp won the emergency care category of the first REAL Awards, which were created by Save the Children in cooperation with the Frontline Health Workers Coalition. Donn has worked during major natural disasters in locales such as Kashmir, India and Haiti. He credits his interest in international disaster aid to his first experience — assisting the people of Kobe following the Great Hanshin Earthquake with his classmates.

Eimi Otsuki lives in Singapore and works in the public sector as an urban planner.

1996

Aaro Haapaniemi has worked as a otolaryngology doctor (head and neck surgery specialist) at Helsinki University Central Hospital since 2009.

His wife also is a doctor at the same hospital. They have two children: Aino is a middle school student, and Akseil is a third grader. Aaro and his wife do volunteer marriage counseling.

Kaori Nagy (Kitagawa) married Byron Nagy in 2012; their daughter Mira will soon be one year old. They enjoy a rural life in the mountains of Kanagawa-ken and work through the Internet on their own business.

Josiah Wallace and his wife, Bethany, have been married for 12 years and have three boys. Josiah completed his Masters in Fine Arts at Baylor University in 2012, and is an assistant professor of theatre arts at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. He will be directing a production of *The Fantasticks* in the spring of 2014.

1997

Kumiko Nakagomi married George Takeda in January. Kumiko is the director of spiritual formation at Newsong Northern Orange County in southern California.

Kiran Wimberly (Young) has returned to the US after six years in Belfast. She is in a master's program in pastoral care at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Before leaving Northern Ireland, she recorded an album (released on iTunes) with the McGrath family entitled *Celtic Psalms*. Kiran says, "Considering the context of Northern Ireland's political history, it was significant that a Catholic family and a Protestant minister would do religious music together."

1998

Erin Hughes (Paris) has been teaching art at Title I schools for seven years in Springfield, Missouri, where she lives with her husband, James, and son, Asher.

Oliver Lindiem is an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh and an elder at Friendship Community Presbyterian Church.

Caitlin (Pettit) and **Ryan Potter** welcomed their daughter, Luna, on November 1, 2012. Luna joins Ezra, born in October 2010. Both Ryan and Caitlin continue on staff at CAJ.

1999

Sam Paris and his wife, Lisa, are newly appointed missionaries with the Assemblies of God and preparing to serve in Vanuatu. They have four children; the fourth, Terry Allen, was born on June 4.

2000s

2000

Karen Aoki owns a tea shop in Fairfield, Iowa, serving real green and Oolong teas. CAJ alumni are always welcome.

Erika Miao (Kleijnan), her husband, Paul, and their two sons celebrated the birth of Adalee in February 2013.

Aiji Oda married Chika Harada on July 21.

2002

Stephen Anquist and his wife, Carlin, have been married for five years. They welcomed twin boys on March 9: Jack Josiah and Felix Isaiah. Stephen works at a civil engineering consulting firm (Urban Systems) in Calgary.

Alanna Foxwell-Barajas and her husband, Gershon, welcomed a daughter, Soraya Amadi, to their family on March 19. Proud grandparents are Anda (current staff) and Philip Foxwell ('75). Her aunt is Marisa Foxwell ('09), and uncles, Tyler ('04) and Jordan ('06) Foxwell. The Barajas reside in the Atlanta area.

SunMin Kim defended his master's thesis and celebrated the acceptance of research for publication in the National Medical Journal of India in December 2012.

Jan Sasaki married Rachel Minori Masuda on December 8, 2012. They are expecting their first child in December.

Erica VanderKooy (Postema) finished her residency in pediatrics at the University of Michigan. She and her husband, Tim, have a daughter, Anneke, and are expecting a second child.

2003

Caleb Eby and his wife, Amy, welcomed Micah Daniel to the family on August 31. He was welcomed by his big brother, Enoch, Craig and Rachel Eby (current staff), Victor Eby (current staff, '07). Linnea McGlothlin (Eby, '00) celebrated from afar.

Sano Haru met up with Carl Long (current staff) at Bible Study Men's Fellowship at Tokyo Union Church in early September. Haru is married and lives in Yokohama with his wife and 10-month-old son.

April Mack (Selander) and her husband, Dusty, have started their fourth year as CAJ staff. Dusty works full time as a technology coordinator. April works part time in CAJ's cooperative daycare and as a cashier in the school cafeteria. Both of their sons, Cai (2011) and Lazarus (June 18), were born in Tokyo. Contact April through Facebook.

Karina Saucedo (Kullberg) and her husband, Miguel, celebrated with a multi-day gathering the 11th anniversary of their church (El Me Ve) at the end of August. They live in Bolivia and have two sons: Josef and Isak.

2004

Megan Negatu (Weemes) has begun a PhD program in physical therapy at Fresno State University, Fresno, California.

2005

Andy Carlson married Cameron (Cami) on September 8, 2012, in the Chicago area. The newlyweds made a trip to Japan last summer.

David Somers-Harris and his wife, Tamara, celebrated the arrival of Hannah Margerie on January 9, 2012, and Amy Miriam on May 19, 2013. The two girls are the first grandchildren for

Rhonda (current staff) and John (former staff) Somers-Harris.

2006

Rebekah Atmadja-Schmidt married Kevin Atmadja on July 8 in Indonesia. Rebekah is teaching fourth grade at an international Christian school. "It was very special to have my whole family and some friends come to the wedding, as well as to have Steve Weemes (former staff) doing the ceremony."

Jonathan Somers-Harris married Kelli Duncan in Barrie, Ontario, on November 2, 2012. They are living and working in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Katie Speer (McDonald) gave birth to her first child, Leah Audrey, on August 5 in Nashville. Proud relatives include Evan ('08), Amy ('12) and Caroline ('18) McDonald and grandparents Ruth (former staff) and Donnie McDonald.

2007

Ben Clark is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida and is raising support to return to Japan with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Patrick McGinty and his wife, Ellen Marie, announced the birth of Rowan Peter on December 26, 2012.

Marian Mine graduated in the spring with a master's degree in conducting from Azusa Pacific University. She is the assistant conductor for the Los Angeles Chamber Choir and California Children's Choir. She sings with the Angeles Chorale, and teaches private violin lessons.

Paul Mori graduated from St. Olaf College in spring with a double major in political science and economics, with a management emphasis. Paul sang with the choir during his undergraduate career. Special performances included a tour of Norway in early summer of 2013. Paul is beginning a graduate program in global politics at the London School of Economics.

Evan Ransome graduated from Ohio State University in 2011. He has been working in Chicago as a consultant for NTT Data.

2008

Estella Byun is in her fourth year of a six-year medical school program that will lead to a European Union certification. She has finished four years of language study for her degree. In the next two years she begins the examination process; her residency will follow.

Bryan Janzen graduated from Trinity Western University with a biology major and chemistry minor; he is planning on medical school from the fall of 2013.

2009

Suzy LaDue married Dominik Nachtrieb in January in Germany. They honeymooned in Thailand and now reside in Brisbane, Australia.

Hanako Sawada graduated from the University of Miami Frost School of Music as a music education and instrumental performance double major. Hanako received the Outstanding Student in Music Education Award and the Excellence in Student Teaching Award.

Mariko Weaver graduated in May with a double major in political science and Japanese studies. She commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army as a Distinguished Military Graduate (graduating in the top 5% of all commissioning cadets in the country). She has moved to Houston to pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer by attending South Texas College of Law, focusing on international law.

2010

Katie Girt (Turner) married Joel Girt on June 21 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Lisa (current staff) and Tim Turner ('82) are the proud parents of the bride, with siblings Sarah ('07), Spencer ('12), Joshua ('15), and friends Sho Gray ('06), Micah Gray ('07), and Mary Gray ('10) in attendance. Katie is in her final year at Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee; Joel has graduated and is working on campus.

Kenton Janzen has transferred to Moody Bible Institute (Spokane, Washington) to begin intercultural studies following two years at Trinity Western University studying education.

2012

Mary Somers-Harris is beginning studies in psychology at Trinity Western University.

2013

Hyun Jin Jeong is singing with the London Philharmonic Choir. Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* on October 12 was his first concert appearance with the choir.

STAFF

Crystal Cook Doroshuk and her family moved to Everett, Washington, while her husband, Ben, is deployed with the US Navy. Her children, Jacob (9), Chase (8) and Leia (2), have been great travel companions, and they've had fun exploring the area and visiting friends and family in British Columbia.

Ryan DeKoekkoek announced the birth of his first child, Nathan Ryan, born on December 29, 2012 (7 lbs. 13 oz., 20.5 inches)

Paul Hersey has completed a seventh recording project with *OgreOgress* which was released in August. *Phaedra Modern Love Waltz and 21 Robert Moran Orchestrations* is available on Amazon. The DVD audio recording contains five compositions by Philip Glass including music from the Phaedra ballet that was not used in the film, Mishima.

Kaye Jacob Aoki lives in Gurgaon, Haryana, India, and is associate director for the Heritage Schools, a group of privately-owned mainstream Indian schools which are gaining recognition

throughout the National Capital Region and beyond as leaders in progressive education on a large, affordable scale that is accessible to Indians — students and teachers alike.

Jack Smith was selected as the 2013 Maryland Superintendent of the Year by the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland. Jack Smith is the superintendent of the Clavert County Public Schools.

IN MEMORIAM



Carolyn Eddans (former staff) began her service at CAJ in 1989 as a typing teacher and left Japan in 2005 after serving as the headmaster's secretary. She was a missionary with OMSI (One Mission). She died on July 6, after suffering with declining health for many years. Her memorial service on July 12 was a joyful celebration of her home-going.



Philip Foxwell, Sr., passed away peacefully in his sleep just a month short of his 99th birthday on September 29, in Alhambra, California. Phil was a remarkable man who loved Jesus, people and Japan, and used magic to break

down barriers over the decades. During his 32 years in Japan, serving with Mission to the World (formerly World Presbyterian Mission), he founded the Tokyo Theological Seminary, which evolved into Tokyo Christian Institute. Following his years in Japan, he served for more than 25 years at the U. S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, California. A memorial service was held in Alhambra on October 13. Phil is survived by his second wife, Eilleen (Lea) Eckhardt Foxwell; his first wife Jane Buswell Foxwell preceded him in death in 1999.

His four children: Mary Loeks ('64), Martha Berg ('66), Linda Pettit ('71) and Philip, Jr. ('75), and 11 of his 14 grandchildren—Jesse Berg ('91), Philip Berg ('93), Andrew Berg ('95), Caitlin Potter (Pettit, '98, current staff), Lydia Young (Pettit, '00), Alanna Foxwell-Barajas ('02), Tyler Foxwell ('04), Isaac Pettit ('06), Jordan Foxwell ('06), Josiah Pettit ('06), Marisa Foxwell ('09)—attended CAJ. He was also father-in-law to Gaius Berg ('65), pastor at Kurume Bible Fellowship and a CAJ board member, and to Anda Foxwell, CAJ's high school principal. Foxwell wrote an autobiography (1989) entitled *Philip Foxwell, Missionary Magician*.



Tom Mitchell (former staff) served with TEAM from 1949–1962 and was assigned to CAJ from 1953 to 1962. Tom returned to CAJ as the "designated substitute" with his wife, Hillie, during 1999–2000. Tom died of a cerebral hemorrhage in January.

Judi Loiacono (Carrico, '64) passed away July 11 in southern California. She collapsed the previ-

ous evening and spent several hours in ICU before slipping into glory. Judi was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Daniel ('73), and is survived by brothers David ('67), Tim ('74), Tom ('77), James ('81), Mark ('84) and sisters Mary Beth Hida ('68), Rebecca Carrico ('70) and Debra DiGiovanni ('78). Judi leaves behind her husband, Mike, and two grown sons, who will miss her greatly; she was 67 years old.

Kathy Benton (Frazier, '74) passed away January 10 of ovarian cancer at age 56. She served many years as a missionary in the Kansai area. She is survived by her husband, Mark, and three children, Andrew, Jay and Ellie.

David Rowser ('03) was shot and killed in a robbery on December 26, 2011, at One Guy pizza restaurant in Lubbock, Texas. According to sources, David was going about his duties at the restaurant when he encountered the robbers. Before coming to CAJ, David had lived in Moldova and Kobe. He was a member of the choir at CAJ, and he worked in a Japanese coffee house. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Texas Tech University.

▼ Will Mejia ('00) made a visit to Japan last spring, seen here with Martie Tarter (current staff).



▲ While on a short-term missions trip to Africa in 2012, Stephen Anquist ('02) ran into Ellen Ellison ('04) who was teaching at Rain Forest International School in Yaounde, Cameroon.



Gene Fitzgerald was honored by alumni whom he influenced as students. They gathered at a reunion held in Chicago the weekend of September 13. Front to back, left to right: Bobby Howe ('70), Bob Sims ('73), Rick Moe ('73), Jon Reasoner ('73), Paul Jensen ('68), Gene and Marian Fitzgerald, Howard Blair (former staff), Priscilla Strapp (Blair, '74), Ron and Jeanne Chissus (Benson '74), David Dillon ('74), Alan Shelton ('72), Jan Zinck (Shorey, '69), Linda and Steve Takushi ('74), Grace Steele (Friesen, '72), Ruth Netland (Ford, '73), Harold Netland ('73), Paul Reasoner ('71), Tim Van Schooten ('73), Les Barker ('76), Steve Ford ('69), Roger Lautz ('72), Loren Friesen ('70), David Westberg ('71) David Lautz ('71).



Class of 1973 40th reunion in San Francisco front, from left: Rick Moe, Vivienne Wong (Sun), Eileen Schneider (Taylor) back: Tim Van Schooten, Barb Flitcroft (Shelton), Mark Halstrom, Meggie Smith (Bower), Valerie Secord (Patterson).



Evan Ransome ('07) and Andy Clark ('07) ran into each other at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.



Bradley Loewen ('08), Marian Mine ('07), Seikichi Kuma ('10), Lillian Yamase ('09), Ethan Dupree ('08)

Alumni Gatherings



Class of 1973 40th reunion in Karuizawa (from left) Tim Johnson, Jim Ediger, Ken Reddington, Craig Cox, Rick Seely, Tom Norton and Flossie Epley (Johnson).



The Class of 1983 held their 30th reunion in Edmonds, Washington, July 29–31. Top to bottom: Vic Norman, Hsi-An Wu, Sam Reimer, Tami Fukuda, Mary Kuiper (Norden), Stan Bartel, Evan Ritchie, Crystal Miller (Richard), Brian Zook, Lynette Albrecht (Nelson), and Jewel Maeda (Ehnle). Not pictured: Paul Owen.



◀ Sang Hoon Lee ('00) with his daughter, Jena Lee, and Kuy Weber ('00) with his son, Joe Douglas.



Joel Barkman ('07) married Kara Hulinsky on September 21. Front from left: Heidi and Lindi Barkman ('13), Lydia (Barkman, '05) and Aaron Most, Joel and Kara Barkman, Eileen and David Barkman Back from left: Joel and Elaine Loewen (former CAJ parents), Jonathan ('06) and Miriam (Ojima, '09) Bannister, Lydia Travis ('07), Evie Beach (Barkman, '03), Ron Hardy (former CAJ parent), Katie (Barkman, '02) and Jonathan Greene.



Amy (Wood, '01) and David Yaegashi ('94) married on May 18. Kneeling, from left: Karen Dickey ('04), Emi Yaegashi ('02), Naomi Hirano ('10), Sara Nozaki ('09), Ami Uga (Shibuya, '99) 1st standing row: Phyllis Warren (Moore, '86), Jenny English (Moore, '84), Aya Akiyama (Namiki, '01), Mary Chute (Zirkle, '01), Amy and David Yaegashi, Jonathan Wood ('06), Timothy Wood ('99), Megumi Jones (Yaegashi, '96), Emi Takenaka ('01), Kumiko Talkington (Fujii, '96), Yoshiya Otsuka ('09) 2nd standing row: Evan Moore ('94), Morris Yaegashi ('98), Mari Stout (Cummings, '94), Andrea Schmidt ('01), Brian Talkington ('90), James Moore ('88), James Yaegashi ('91), Hisho Uga ('05) Back row: Christy Takekoshi (Moore, '92), Nancy Rivera (Moore, '84)

▲ Lauren (Hollands, '05) Horii sharing a joyous family moment at her wedding on September 29, 2012. From left: Ryan ('13), Eric ('03), parents Arthur and Carolyn Hollands, Lindsey ('09), and Lana ('10) Hollands.
▶ The Atmadja-Schmidt wedding party (from left) Steve and Kathi Weemes (former staff), Ben Weemes ('06), Hannah Schmidt ('04), Rebekah ('06) and Kevin, Andrea Schmidt ('02), Shelley and Dieter Schmidt (former staff) and Kelsey Hardeman ('06).



George Takeda and Kumiko Nakagomi ('97) gathered with close friends in September in Tokyo to celebrate their January 2013 California wedding. Standing (from left) Mayumi and Hiroto Ochiai ('96), Meg, Samuel and Arthur Kraai ('96), Aogu and Jamie (Lucas) Matusoka ('90), Paul ('84) and Carol Suzuki, David Millard ('02) and his family, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Burton-Lewis ('97).



▲ Caitlin Essenburg ('09) married Thomas Berney on July 28. From left: Kim (current staff) and Michael Essenburg (current staff, '81), Caitlin and Thomas, Anneke Essenburg ('11).
▶ Jordan Breithaupt ('04) married Ai Nagata in Tokyo on October 27, 2012. Jordan and his wife live in Matsudo-shi, Chiba; he works with Interact.

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▲▶ Aji Oda ('00) married Chika in July, with best buddies from the Class of 2000 (from left) Hoon Lee (still a hip-hop lover), Key Weber (still a basketball player) and Michael Bledsoe (still a karate kid).



▼ James, Asher (one year) and Erin (Paris, '98) Hughes



Foxwell Family reunion in Japan (from left): Marisa ('09), Tyler ('04) and Megan, Anda (current staff) and Philip ('75), Soraya, Alanna ('02) and Gershon Barajas, and Jordan Foxwell ('06).



Aina (Laukhammer, '90) Trobe with her husband and three children.



▲ Andy ('05) Carlson (left) and his wife, Cami (holding niece Ena), visited Adam ('00) and Megumi Carlson (holding Lochlan and Kalea) before school year started. Meg and Adam run a hostel in Higashi Kurume housing seven CAJ students.



The Faith and Stan De La Cour family celebrating at the 2013 commencement. (from left) Bethany Noelle Bowden ('04), John ('13), Stan and Faith, Andrew Bowden (center back), Joseph ('13), and Anna ('08). In July, Faith and Stan moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to work with SIM USA.



Edna and Harold Johnson celebrating 65 years of marriage with friends and family. (sitting, from left) Ron and Lorelei (Johnson, '68) VerLee, Edna and Harold Johnson (former staff, '63); (standing) Jeannie Johnson (staff, '92-'11) and Tim Johnson ('77), Nathaniel ('80) and Lisa Johnson, Norm Barker ('81), Austin Barker, Sherri Barker, Justine Barker.

▲ Craig (left) and Rachel Eby (current staff), Amy (with newborn Micah) and Caleb Eby (former staff, '03) with their son, Enoch, and Victor (current staff, '07)
▶ Keith ('76) and Brenda (Helland, '76) Seat, with daughters Lauren (26) and Marian (28).



▲ Corey Ramquist ('98), Mark (former staff) and Sylvia Ramquist, Shea ('01) and Elizabeth Ramquist with Jeremy.

All in the family



Sarah and Levi Cole ('01) arrived in August at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. They are pictured here with Phoebe, Max and Finn. Levi received his doctor of psychology in clinical psychology from Biola University's Rosemead School of Psychology in the spring.



▲ Sam Paris ('99), Terry Allen born June 4, 2013 with Liam (7) and Kailee (5). His wife, Lisa, and daughter, Ari (4), are not pictured.
▶ Crystal Cook (Doroshuk, former staff) with her children Jacob (9), Chase (8) and Leia (2).



▲ April (Selander, '03) and Dusty Mack (both current staff) with Cai (3) and Lazarus (June 19, 2013).



Abbie, Dave, Ellie and Lina Koschik and Izumi Hara ('76) at Ellie and Lina's June 2013 graduation from middle school in Montclair, New Jersey.



Maddy and Tom Hardeman (both former staff) enjoying a rare family reunion in 2013 at Huntington Beach, California. From left back: Grady ('14), Maddy, Tom, and Bennett ('06) Front: Tashia ('09), Leila, Kelsey ('06, current staff), and Elias.



◀ Elspeth and Oliver Lindhiem ('98) with Ingrid (7 months) and Caleb (4)



The Kullberg family gathered from around the world for a month-long reunion in Sweden (from left): Evert and Ann-Christine Kullberg (Japan), Anna ('05) and husband Gunnar with Simon (Sweden), Karina ('03) and husband Jose Miguel Saucedo (Bolivia) with sons Isak and Joseph, with Emma and Tommy ('01) Kullberg (Sweden).



◀ Austin Janzen ('13) at his high school graduation with Kenton ('10), Warren and Dorothy Janzen and Bryan ('08).



Jake (left) and Heidi (Schaeffer, '98, former staff) Medlong with Estella (4) and Julia (2) and YooRan (Kim, '99) and Nate Rudd (both current staff) with Elsie (20 mo.) and Annabelle (3).



▲ Carlin and Stephen Anquist ('02) with twins Jack Josiah (held by Stephen) and Felix Isaiah in Summerland, British Columbia, last summer.



▲ Erin (Kleinjan, '03) and Isaiah Huber ('02), with their son Noah, live in Brazil, and visited CAJ in March. They are expecting their second child early in 2014.



▲ Jamie (Lucas, '90) and Aogu Matusoka ('90) have returned to Japan with their children (from left) Koji, Izumi and Misaki.



Mark Loewen ('93) with Paige (8), Autumn (5), Brennan (10) and his wife, Karin, on Easter Sunday 2013.



◀ Kumiko (Fujii, '96) and Brian Talkington ('90) with daughter, Mia.

All in the family



Students from the class of 2016 beginning their week of School-Without-Walls (swow) in the CAJ gymnasium, collaborating with staff on problem-solving physical activities. Swow is a week-long program that is designed to progressively provide opportunities for student leadership development.

CAJ PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✦ Ask God to draw non-Christian Japanese to himself. Few Japanese believe in Jesus, while many Japanese believe in materialism, Buddhism and Shintoism.
- ✦ Ask God to use CAJ families as they participate in local churches. Ask God to help parents with church responsibilities (including parents who serve with over 30 missions) to provide effective leadership.
- ✦ Ask God to help CAJ staff effectively equip students to impact Japan and the world for Christ. Ask God to provide staff with the energy and good health they need to serve effectively.
- ✦ Ask God to help each CAJ student to learn about God's world and Word, develop a biblical worldview, and serve God and others.
- ✦ Ask God for safety and protection as our students commute to and from school on bicycle and public transportation, as they minister through music and sports outreach, as they reach out to the world around them through ministry to the homeless, the elderly, and through Christian camping and English conversation participation.



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