

# Highland Hall Alumni Updates 2016

**1965**

Bangkok, Thailand

**Donald Johnson**

**What are you doing now?** Retired from military and other activities such as deep sea diving on oil rigs, skydiving, surfing, Ironmans.

**Best memory:** Noah Williams and the "old" Highland Hall. In Class photo 1958, I am third from the left lower row. Betsy Kip is above me in the second row. The rest??? Would like to know who attends the 60th from my class.

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**1967**

Woodland hills Ca

**Chris Hartswick (John Hartswick)**

**What are you doing now?** Retired

**Best memory:** The friendships that were made

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**1967**

Agoura Hills, Ca.

**James Ferris**

**What are you doing now?** I am retired after 44 years of teaching music, and math. I have 4 grand children, and there is another due at the end of April. I love being a grand parent ("Poppy"), traveling, fishing, and keeping in touch with family, and friends.

**Best memory:** There are many memories that my classmates, and I love to tell, but at the moment I'm remembering jogging to North Hollywood park with Mr. Durice to have PE, and playing field hockey with my class. A few of us stayed behind after graduating the 8th grade. We were the 1st 9th grade class at the Riverside school in September 1964.

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**1968**

Cardiff by the Sea, Ca

**Eric Zatt**

**What are you doing now?** Raising my 2 daughters (17 and 5 y.o.) and building/remodeling houses.

**Best memory:** The close knit relationships with my fellow students. Climbing the pepper tree.

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**1969**

Lancaster, England

**Jennifer Lauruol (Jennifer Burt)**

**What are you doing now?** I have a permaculture garden and landscape design business; I am also a trainer and workshop facilitator.

**Best memory:** I have many wonderful memories of Highland Hall. Among them is Virginia Seese showing me crystals and beautiful plants by candle light in the doll house at a Christmas Fair. The teachers had set the cozy house up as a treasure cave, and she was there to take us one by one and show us beautiful natural things. I also remember eating ripe avocado, apricot, fig and grapefruit straight from the trees. (This was the Riverside Drive school, back in the 1950s!)

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Jamaica

**Amanda Williams (Amanda Marquardt)**

**What are you doing now?** I run a government licensed children's home called New Hope Home for young children at risk in the mountains of Jamaica. We have had over 300 children go through the home, either being returned to their biological families, placed in foster care or adopted.

**Best memory:** When my younger brother Michael and I came to Highland Hall we were at the old campus. My family was a bit (a lot) dysfunctional and Highland Hall became our family. I was always impressed by the love and dedication the teachers had for their subjects.

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**1971**

Baltimore, MD

**Shawne Zarubica**

**What are you doing now?** Director of Concert Operations, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

**Best memory:** Main Lessons: Greek & Norse Mythologies, Parsifal

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**1972**

Ludington, MI

**Tandy Sturgeon Wolff (Tandy Sturgeon)**

**What are you doing now?** I was a college professor for many years. I taught in Colorado, Wisconsin, Idaho & Montana, & spent a year teaching in China, 1990-91. Nowadays I write, do ceramics, & walk the dog.

**Best memory:** Illustrating my main lesson book. The colored pencils, the osmiroid pens. Gardening. Egyptian card weaving. The hilltop. "Miss" Anna Newhouse (that was before Ms.) The Goethe play. Math with Dr. von Baravalle. Eurythmy class. Can't choose!

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**1972**

Gilroy, CA

**Byron Bakker**

**What are you doing now?** Director of QA Engineering for Riverbed Inc in Sunnyvale California.

**Best memory:**

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**1972**

San Diego, CA

**Claudia Previn Stasny (Claudia Previn)**

**What are you doing now?** Currently I live in San Diego, CA, near my sister, Alicia, and my mother and stepfather, Betty Bennett and Mundell Lowe. I am launching a new business serving writers and especially graduate students and their professors, helping them by editing their master's theses or doctoral dissertations as well as counseling them to alleviate university-related stresses through spiritual practices, meditation, energy healing and counseling. (I am a trained spiritual counselor and was licensed for five years by the Holmes Institute, part of the Centers for Spiritual Living, aka Science of Mind.) The intersection of editing and counseling is helping grad students on multiple levels of their lives! I am also a professional singer, and a sought-after soloist in New Thought churches in California.

**Best memory:** Apparently I got to Waldorf education through a chance meeting between my father (Andre Previn) and writer Aldous Huxley, who extolled the virtues of Steiner schools to him at a party! I was a bookworm from an early age because I was shy, early teachers were very kind and encouraging to me and I still cite Mrs. Lippincott and, later, Dorothy Schlie, as my favorite teachers from those North Hollywood HH days. I thrived in the color-, art-, and mystery-filled classes and my dreams were filled with school and learning more, much to my mother's surprise. (I'd come from public school and hated it.) I see nature, materials, colors, and unseen energies around people and things as old friends now, because they were friends then. I was certain the teachers and office staff were there to support me while I learned. They were available for questions, encouraged me, and praised me in front of others rather than cutting me down – I heard about the latter happening far too often in non-Waldorf schools. I learned about diversity and equality and human kindness from the Highland Hall community and am endlessly grateful for those gifts. I was not merely allowed, I was invited to shine, and my memories of those days, in both North Hollywood and Northridge, are filled with light. The school instilled a lifelong love of learning.

**1973**

Altadena, CA

**William Roper**

**What are you doing now?** Working as a freelance musician/composer and freelance event chef. Has toured with the L.A. Philharmonic, Yusef Lateef, Elton John, Leon Russell and others.

**Best memory:** Class play - Much Ado About Nothing.

**1974**

Westlake, Ohio

**Fred/Fritz Conklin**

**What are you doing now?** Have a small remodeling business.

**Best memory:** All the absolutely wonderful personalities I was able to incorporate bits of into my own, and the fact that I learned how to learn.

**1974**

San Diego, CA

**Alicia Previn**

**What are you doing now?** I am performing Irish music in the SD Rep Theatre run of John Patrick Shanley's (of "Moonstruck" "Doubt") play "Outside Mullingar" at the Lyceum Theatre in downtown San Diego. It is an amazing play with a positive message containing a sweetness and deep humanity that makes people laugh, cry and stomp their feet. It is based in rural Ireland and was the most produced play of 2014. This is the first time performed in San Diego

**Best memory:**

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**1975**

Portland, Oregon

**Dana Mosher-Lewis (Dana Mosher)**

**What are you doing now?** My husband, Tom, and I live with our two cats in Portland, Oregon. We have two grown children - Michelle (married last year, also living/working in Portland), and Austin (currently living/working in Denver). I have taught high school Spanish in for the last 35 years, and have been teaching at Oregon Episcopal School for the last 27.

**Best memory:** Although I only attended HH for a year and a half (class of 1975), my experience there most definitely shaped my career as a teacher in independent schools. Some favorite moments include: - Reading "El Zarco" in Spanish class! - Exploring King's Canyon with the class trip - taking a summer backpack trip with a small group - and getting lost! - learning to play the recorder - blowing up a "bomb" on the field for Chemistry class - making "wine" for a Chemistry class (do you still do that??) - creating the course notebooks

**1976**

Savannah, Georgia

**Juliana Blessington**

**What are you doing now?** Infection Prevention and Control Nurse.

**Best memory:** Harry Schoffstall

**1977**

Agoura Hills, CA

**Rhonda Rees**

**What are you doing now?** I am an award-winning public relations expert and author.

**Best memory:** My very best memory of Highland Hall would definitely be meeting my life-long best friend Kim in the second grade. We shared many memories, holidays, birthdays and all of life's ups and downs. Sadly she passed away around 5 years ago, but she will always stay in my mind and heart forever.

**1977**

Northridge, CA

**Charles "Chip" Steinhauser**

**What are you doing now?** Eating, sleeping etc.

**Best memory:** Getting lucky.

**1979**

Sunland, CA

**Elizabeth "Betsy" Yung (Betsy LaBounty)**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently Shipping Manager for a large studio equipment manufacturer in Burbank. Oddly enough, my boss, and owner of the company also attended HH before it moved to the Northridge Campus. Matthews Studio Equipment owner Ed Phillips is also a waldorfian.

**Best memory:** Playing "Sockey" in the math room on rainy days, crocheting little bags and bathing suits, Learning to make pottery on the kick wheels, Fencing class, Singing Joni's songs with the senior girls on the grass and soooo many other things.

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**1979**

Sanbornton, NH

**Ken Hardcastle**

**What are you doing now?** Senior structural geologist for groundwater consulting firm for over 26 years. Winemaker for craft winery in New Hampshire making unique dry wines from local ingredients.

**Best memory:**

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**1980**

Valencia, CA

**Mary Ann Paschall (Mary Ann Hagemann)**

**What are you doing now?** CEO of 7 insurance agencies established to provide insurance products to members of various credit unions in CA, AZ and NV. Mom to 3 incredible kids and recently engaged to a man that I adore. Life is good!

**Best memory:** I have lots of great memories of HH. Most of which center around the feelings of warmth, family, laughter and creativity. Still love to paint and draw in my spare time. Best memory would have to be Dr Booth trying to explain the 4th dimension to me with a basketball and the sink in the science room. Passing that class was a total gift!

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**1981**

Woodlake, California

**Karen Taber**

**What are you doing now?** I am an adjunct professor at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. I teach Art History and have done so for the last 20 years or so.

**Best memory:** Actually my absolute best memory of Highland Hall is Mrs. Kip. If it was not for her and her wonderfully giving nature I would, in part, not be the person I am today. But my whole life at Highland Hall, growing up there - the whole experience - is my best memory.

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**1982**

Boston, MA

**David Orr**

**What are you doing now?** Project management for a biotech firm and program administration for a Dance program at Boston Center for the Arts and massage therapist specializing in the treatment of dancers.

**Best memory:** Day one in 6th grade when a classmate informed me that nobody fights.

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**1982**

Kenmore, NY

**Geoff Hardcastle**

**What are you doing now?** Musician, trumpet with the Buffalo Philharmonic

**Best memory:** Too many to list but great memories of class mates and teachers that will last a lifetime! Really loved the times there at Highland Hall!

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**1983**

Arlington, Virginia

**James McRea**

**What are you doing now?** Department of State Foreign Service, IT and Cybersecurity.

**Best memory:** Hard to say what may have been best, the art and music, mixed with science and history made learning holistic and integrated in an amazing way. The moderate fluency in languages certainly has helped in my global travels.

**1983**

Tracy, CA

**Mike Weksler**

**What are you doing now?** Father of two kids, daughter is a sophomore in high school and son is in 6th grade.

Work for Sony Pictures Television Networks heading up video streaming technology (I'd never have imagined that when I was a high school student either).

**Best memory:** Hanging out on the grass at recess, my garden patch, "Grandpa" William's science classes, when we all got to be old enough to drive to school. Not having smart phones, playing in the mud, making all kinds of things... in short, being a kid. :-)

**1983**

Sherman Oaks CA & Medford OR

**Sean Perry**

**What are you doing now?** Partner in talent agency WME/IMG. Wife Nicole of 20 years and three children...older son is 18 twin boy/girl are 12.

**Best memory:** Too many to list...

**1984**

Omaha, Nebraska

**Kim Klein Dickerson (Kim Campbell)**

**What are you doing now?** I am an Author of Spiritual and Inspirational books, based on my own life and experiences, using my previous name, Kimberly Klein.

**Best memory:** I do not have one best memory. I am one of the few people that I know of that loved High School, and I give the credit to HH. I doubt I would have loved it if I were at any other school.

**1984**

Tokyo, Japan

**Kimio Sato**

**What are you doing now?** After graduated HH, I went back to Japan to go to University. then after that, I have been working at one of the biggest advertising agency in japan since 1990! I have 3 kids! 21 year old daughter, 11 year old son, and 3 year old son!

**Best memory:** Everything! Especially Baseball! We were the strongest team ever in HH history, I believe.

**1985**

Lompoc, CA

**Torsten Stieren**

**What are you doing now?** Working as a telecommunications specialist for U.S. Air Force.

**Best memory:**

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**1985**

Eugene, Oregon

**Karine Calhoun (Karine Barricklow)**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently launching my intuitive healing practice, Panacea Energetics. I use a combination of Quantum Touch and Heart Centered Therapy to help clients heal and release chronic pain from the trapped energies which result from injuries and traumas of all kinds. I discovered these modalities while seeking healing from the ravages of neurological damage from West Nile Virus. I am living proof that it works!

**Best memory:** The education itself was my best memory, so twelve years of daily "best memories" added up to a grand collection!

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**1985**

Santa Monica, CA

**Deborah Richmond**

**What are you doing now?** I am an architect and have just completed and launched the Mobile Village: Kitchen, a mobile cooking school serving youth in foster care throughout Los Angeles County. The Mobile Village will bring capacity building to human services non-profits seeking to expand the outreach of their programs and activities. I also have a luxury condominium under construction in West Hollywood, so experiencing both ends of the economic spectrum these days!

**Best memory:** Best memory is of the morning routines, coming in after the hectic commute with my sleep-starved mom and settling into the beautiful music, colors, prayer, verses and song of each morning in the Waldorf classroom.

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**1986**

Karlsruhe, Germany

**Benjamin Hauser**

**What are you doing now?** Freelancing software developer

**Best memory:** Nice teachers and class mates. Really made me enjoy being there as a guest student for 4 months!

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**1987**

Ball Ground GA

**Christopher Ernst**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently a Pre-Sales Technical engineer for Zebra Technologies Wireless LAN business. I am also very happily married to Mary Hayes Ernst and we have an 11 yr old son who is loving 6th grade and is fully immersed in band at his middle school and loves swimming and animals. I am also an assistant scout master at our local boy scout troop 39 and Bobby loves his scouting adventures.

**Best memory:** I enjoyed the whole experience and look back on my days in the High School very fondly. I enjoyed being encouraged to do my best and the challenge of creating our main lesson books and all the very deep discussions with Quattro our class sponsor and all the science experiments that we did. I really liked being exposed to all the wealth of information and felt I was really prepared for college.

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**1987**

Redondo Beach, CA.

**Julie Morgan**

**What are you doing now?** I work as a post-production audio mixer for Audience Network on ATT/DIRECTV/Ch239. I mix all of the on-air promotions for the channel.

**Best memory:** I loved the class trips. We went to Sequoia, Death Valley and Yosemite. I also loved having Dr. Sease for my teacher from 1st grade to 8th grade!

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**1988**

Hudson, NY

**Takeshi Suesada**

**What are you doing now?** Has been working in Triform Camphill Community for 18 years. Completed Waldorf Teacher's training at Rudolf Steiner College. Completed Curative Education and Social Therapy Training. Other than working and teaching in Triform, currently also a faculty member of Camphill Academy (Curative Education and Social Therapy training in Camphill) Also currently a board member of North American Council for Anthroposophic Curative Education and Social Therapy

**Best memory:**

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**1988**

Los Angeles, Ca.

**Sonja Williams**

**What are you doing now?** Teaching in the Environmental STEAM Magnet at King Middle School. Directing front-country trips WYLD, an organization I co-founded that gets urban youth outdoors, exploring and learning. Right now we are exploring the Angeles Crest Zone of the San Gabriel Mountains, learning geology, native history, botany and ecology. I love it, and hope to do this full time within the next few years.

**Best memory:** I don't have a best memory, necessarily, but I'd say the biggest impacts for me were the endless opportunities to write creatively, and constant contact with nature, both of which inform my passions to this day.

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**1988**

San Francisco, CA

**Justin Williams**

**What are you doing now?** Senior Industrial Design Visualizer at Fitbit. I make pretty CG renderings of new designs.

**Best memory:** Friends!!!! The freedom, and encouragement, to be creative.

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**1989**

Battle Ground, Wa

**Catherine Edwards (Catherine Carnochan)**

**What are you doing now?** I'm a stay at home momma... does some side work on the computer!

**Best memory:** Our Senior Trip!!!!

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**1990**

Cambridge, MA

**Audrey Day-Williams (Audrey Williams)**

**What are you doing now?** Answering a survey ;-)

**Best memory:** Field trips

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**1990**

Sherman Oaks, CA

**Randy Steingieser**

**What are you doing now?** Creative Director, Super League Gaming

**Best memory:** Dancing around the room while Ms. Kipp played the piano. Fountain pens. Colored pencils. Illustrating pages of my blank Norse mythology workbook, Roman numerals, woodworking, the tree house, the garden, and the rest.

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**1993**

Santa Cruz, CA

**Michelle Robbins (Michele Bissonnette)**

**What are you doing now?** Homeschooling autistic twins and weaving of a loving community who supports these beautiful beings in knowing themselves as unconditionally loved. I'm writing a book about our adventures through heartbreak and healing. I am CFO for the Food Revolution Network, helping make healthy, sustainable, humane and delicious food is a reality for everyone. I act as a threshold doula within my community, supporting those I love as they navigate life's thresholds through birth, death, breakdowns and breakthroughs.

**Best memory:** Feeling free to be me

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**1999**

Jeffersonville, N.Y.

**Annette Nazari (T.J.)**

**What are you doing now?** Currently I am pregnant with my first little one.

For work I am the Office Wench for my husband's traditional archery business, Bold Archery Design, he makes wood longbows & wood arrows & we set up archery ranges at local and some distant Ren fair type events, which I am trying to plan around baby's arrival.

I am quite involved in my community & at the same time we are planning to move at the end of the year. I've become a classical homeopath & advise my friends & care for my family as best I can, but mostly focus on my herbs & my garden for our family's nourishment. And am sitting patiently waiting for spring to come so I can go out and forage for wild edibles.

This year alone has been a greatest adventure of my life & it proves to only get better. I am thrilled with the life I have had, & the experience I got being a Waldorf student has set me on a path to homeschool my own child in the Waldorf fashion (since I always live out in the boonies & am hours from the closest Waldorf school).

**Best memory:** My best memories of Highland Hall could fill a book, but the elective classes we had available, wood working, archery (Of course, it found me the love of my life), the class trip to the Masa's, the sports teams, and by far the teachers above anything else (especially the one I lost) are the greatest memories I have. I miss them dearly & wish I had the funds to join you all on this most special occasion to celebrate with you & to thank each of them in person. Because I know without everyone of them I would not be where I am today. THANK YOU FROM MY WHOLE HEART! And CONGRATULATIONS on what you've built for the future generations, the school looks amazing.

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**2000**

Munich, Germany

**Freddie Mack**

**What are you doing now?** I am still rockin' and rollin' with my band Liquid Meat. I am also in my second year of working at a Kindergarten and next July I will be a state certified child care giver, and will continue the program until I am a state certified educator, which will allow me to work as a kindergarten teacher.

**Best memory:** Spirit Week with my class was always fun, as well as the countless hours i spent playing basketball. Most importantly, all the time spent with Bill Ruehl, he taught me so much and was an continues to be a big influence on my life. Rest in peace.

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**2001**

Playa Vista, CA

**Justin Kern**

**What are you doing now?** Working in high end residential design at Landry design group as a project manager. Currently working on projects in Los Angels and abroad including Dubai. Spend my weekend with my wife Sari and our 1 year old son Kai.

**Best memory:** Spirit week. Seeing all the creativity of my classmates as well as those of the other classes. Not to mention winning every year except our freshmen year.

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**2002**

Venice, CA

**Tiffany Sazzmann**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently living in Venice Beach with my husband and two girls. I am running vacations rentals in the area.

**Best memory:** Walking around the fairs, and seeing all the people, exploring the booths, the good food and seeing the village community Highland hall created.

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**2002**

Berlin, Germany

**Alina Bader**

**What are you doing now?** At the moment I am travelling Asia for a couple of months with my Baby Boy Mijo and my Baby Daddy Felix.

At my life in Berlin I am a cultural scientist and an art historian.

Seven years ago I founded, together with a friend, a little photography business called Bader | Elbert. We are specialising in fashion, film, music, wedding, art etc.

**Best memory:** I went to Highland Hall as a 10th grade exchange student in 1999/00. And because I loved it so much I came again a year later and then again and again. I have amazing memories of my time at Highland hall. I found wonderful people who became my dear friends, my family. Thinking back at my time at Highland Hall always brings me a smile. Highland Hall formed me and my life in countless ways and I am very grateful to have been able to go to such amazing schools. Happy Birthday Highland Hall !

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**2003**

San Fernando CA

**Meg Nelson**

**What are you doing now?** Just moved back to the valley. Major transition, a happy and beautiful one.

**Best memory:** Evann is my best memory.

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**2004**

Brooklyn New York

**Maxwell Fiedel**

**What are you doing now?** I'm the operations manager at a start up food company called Field Trip and we specialize in meat snacks. We're currently in every Starbucks in the US and more! I'm also releasing music under the name TIGERDAZE. I'm recently engaged and will be getting married next year!

**Best memory:** One of my most favorite memories is the senior trip to Hawaii, spending most of the time hanging with my friends, eating amazing food, and taking an amazing sunrise hike. I also loved playing in the orchestra, watercolor, and creative writing!

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**2004**

Seattle, WA

**Amanda Warlick (Amanda Keledjian)**

**What are you doing now?** In my personal life, I am overjoyed to spend time outdoors with my husband and our young dog (will happily supply photos upon request!) and soak up all the beauty and adventures that Seattle has to offer. In my professional life, I am pursuing a career in marine mammal conservation and management, and I currently work for NOAA Fisheries doing economic and social science research.

**Best memory:** There is no single "best memory" I have from growing up in the Highland Hall community. All of the vignettes and small moments make it the amazing place that it was for me. Climbing trees, spending hours painting and singing, and developing into a holistically-minded and compassionate human being are all priceless aspects of my childhood that I would not have were it not for Highland Hall.

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**2004**

Sierra Madre, Ca

**Aditya Malhotra**

**What are you doing now?** Freelance photographer, illustrator and producer of branded content.

**Best memory:** Senior trip to Hawaii.

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**2004**

Honolulu, HI

**Brendan Galipeau**

**What are you doing now?** Finishing up my PhD in Anthropology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa where my research explores landscapes, history, and winemaking in China and Tibet. Right now I am currently applying for tenure track faculty positions and postdoctoral fellowships to begin in Fall 2017.

**Best memory:**

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**2005**

Los Angeles, CA

**Jacob DeMonte-Finn**

**What are you doing now?** Shortly after graduating high school, I secured a commercial acting agent and began acting professionally while attending CSU Northridge. Since then, I've starred in over a dozen national commercials and acted in a whole lot of feature films, sketches, short films, and music videos. I recently wrapped shooting my first starring role in a feature film and attended the Sundance and Slamdance film festivals (my short "Coming To" won the Fearless Filmmaking Grand Jury prize at Slamdance last year). I also invented an iPhone app called "Stitch It!" with fellow alum Cameron Ehrlich, and we've formed a company around it called Lucky Bunny LLC. Oh, and in 2010 I hiked the Appalachian Trail with my brother Gabriel. We slept under the stars at night and saw the most glorious sunrises each morning. Also bears. Great fun; jolly ho.

**Best memory:** "Best memory of Highland Hall"? Hahahaha are you kidding? This wonderfully weird place has defined me since I was wee! Every great memory I have from ages 4 through 19 is attributable to Highland Hall. But to mention just one -- the discussions we'd have as a class (our "group councils") were immensely important to building the lifelong bonds I now share with my school peers. They were led and held with such gentleness, respect, and thoughtfulness. I'm very thankful to have grown up with that.

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**2005**

Edinburgh, Scotland

**Carly Sutherland**

**What are you doing now?** Work as a solution designer working on restructuring programmes for a global bank.

**Best memory:** Indian Trip! And Quattro and Dana generally. And May faires.

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**2006**

Raleigh, NC

**Erin Daniels**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently working for North Carolina State University as the Coordinator for the Outdoor Adventures Program. Within this role I manage our gear rentals program, outdoor trips program, and our climbing wall. I manage a staff of 40 students and run about 25 outdoor adventure trips per semester such as hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, and biking trips for the NC State community within our region. I also run extended trips to places such as Southern Utah, Colorado, Florida, Arkansas, and many more. This is a fantastic program and a dream job, and I am so excited to be a part of it!

**Best memory:** I have so many amazing memories from Highland Hall and cannot think of just one! I think that some of the most memorable memories are the beautiful campus, the family I was a part of at Highland Hall, and the great class trips we went on. I believe that the memories that have meant so much to me in school have continued into life after Highland Hall, because I still see my Highland Hall family and always enjoy catching up with everyone whenever I am in California.

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**2006**

Northridge, CA

**Troy Sazzmann**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently the executive chef at the porter valley country club.

**Best memory:**

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**2007**

North Hollywood, CA

**Wylie Bryant**

**What are you doing now?** I'm working in cinematography as a camera operator on travel and competition TV shows as well as documentaries and film. I'm so grateful to be able to travel the world and help tell stories with the camera and lens! Looking forward to joining the I.A.T.S.E. Local 600 this year.

**Best memory:** Where to begin? I loved playing baseball and basketball with my teammates for Coach Steve and Coach Humberto. I also loved the Man and Society, architecture and literature blocks in the 12th grade.

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**2008**

San Luis Obispo

**Daniel Levan**

**What are you doing now?** Studying Aerospace Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and working at the CubeSat Program.

**Best memory:**

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**2008**

New York, NY

**Michael Moses**

**What are you doing now?** Running creative development at The Boathouse, a ad agency/production company founded by fellow HH alum Aram Rappaport.

**Best memory:** I loved putting on the Hawks baseball uniform and representing our school on the diamond.

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**2009**

Kagel Canyon, CA

**Gabriel Demonte-Finn**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently working on a tv show for FOX in Savannah, GA as a union propmaker. At the beginning of the year I was able to join the IATSE local 44 for art department work in the motion picture biz, something I always fought growing up in LA, but have given in to.

**Best memory:** The sweat lodges at the ojai foundation will always stand out.

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**2009**

Santa Clara, CA

**Anisa Saliefendic**

**What are you doing now?** I am enjoying building a life in the Bay Area with my boyfriend and am very excited to see what the next 5 years bring.

**Best memory:** There are too many great memories to pick a favorite. However, my 14 years at Highland Hall, and the incredible friendships and family we created will forever be one of the great experiences of my life.

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**2009**

La Canada, CA

**Caitlin Campbell**

**What are you doing now?** I am currently working at the Pasadena Waldorf School as the first grade assistant and after school care staff member. In my spare time I also nanny and continue to fuel my fascination of art. I moved back to Los Angeles about a year ago after living in Detroit, Michigan for six years where I studied Crafts/Metal & Glassblowing at College for Creative Studies and worked for Apple Inc.

**Best memory:** My favorite/best memory isn't a secluded event, it is the countless amount of times that the school came together to support each other and to just enjoy each other's presence with out criticism or judgement. The welcome and free feeling Highland Hall created, resulting in the best environment for growing minds. <3

**2009**

Sherman oaks CA

**Lindsay Turner**

**What are you doing now?** I'm currently a full time designer at Punch Studios while starting my own handmade costume accessories shop on the side.

**Best memory:** The teachers and how incredibly supportive they were. Our class trips, the special activities that we got to do like spirit week and even the medieval games. It's very hard to choose one favorite.

**2010**

Northridge, California

**Tess Branker**

**What are you doing now?** Lifestyle portrait & wedding photography. social media manager & production assistant for Prim & Pixie

**Best memory:** Playing volleyball and basketball

**2010**

London, UK

**Kelly Grant**

**What are you doing now?** Pursuing a MA in Conflict, Security, and Development at King's College London

**Best memory:** Is it cheesy to say all of them? Since I can't really pick one best memory, I'll just go for the one that's top of mind this month. As a kid, going to the Halloween celebration at Highland Hall was a cherished tradition. Halloween at HH was always so magical for me and, years later when I took my special friends and little cousin on the HH Halloween tour, I got to relive the magic all over again.

**2011**

Los Angeles, CA

**Evangeline Neuhart (Eve Neuhart)**

**What are you doing now?** I recently graduated from Bennington College and am now back home in LA, acting and making art.

**Best memory:** I have so many wonderful memories from my time at Highland Hall, but recently I have been thinking a lot about the Native American Trip. I wish I could go back and visit, the landscape was amazing. I really enjoyed being isolated from technology and city life.

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**2012**

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

**Nikko Santo Pietro**

**What are you doing now?** I am getting my online degree in Agriculture Science at Oregon State University. The online program allows me to live anywhere in the world and when I'm not spending my time on classes I can be doing field work. This is why I live on a 70 acre farm in Cape Girardeau, Missouri that has a functional pasture, forest, and a three story house -- I am able to get an education and a real world experience at the same time. The owner of the land is a very kind person, who live off site and give my partner and I close to full control of the house and the land. Together the three of us have developed a plan to plant an elderberry orchard in the spring. The house was built in the 1970's and is in need of maintenance. We sand and varnish windows, re-seam walls, and do other projects to improve the house.

**Best memory:** I have several great memories from Highland hall. Perhaps my most revisited memory is Karen Grant's English classes that challenged our views of ourselves and our purpose in life. Mrs. Meyer's poetry classes were wonderfully fun, Dr. Baroi was always there to give us an encouraging, yet intimidating look to boost our mathematic abilities, Jack Bryant offered golden advice in almost every field -- gardening to woodworking--, Dr. Cradock was never the most popular amongst the students in our class, but he held a certain place in my heart that screamed to me "you have the potential to do wonders!", Dana Williams is an unforgettably creative person and his watercolor class was a hoot because he would directly tell me if my paintings were worthy of an A or not, Quatro was a giver and he gave our class the Native American trip-- a great experience.

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**2013**

El Segundo, CA

**Jessie Hinkle**

**What are you doing now?** (submitted by his mom) Jesse is a professional surfer, and doing some photography. Jesse took 2nd place the Malibu Classic 2015. It was his first year to surf in the Men's 20-29 division, surfing against the top pro surfers in the world. It was a really big win for him and made his sponsors happy.

**Best memory:**

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