



*Growing Bright Futures...*



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## From the Headmistress

**Dear Parents,**

What a busy summer at Alexandria Country Day School! Whether it's Art Camp, Science Camp, Math Camp or Cub Camp, there is something going on during the month of June for all ages and interests. Mrs. Reich has opened up the Library once again for a summer reading program, and a record number of students are participating on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Many of our students are also taking advantage of a multitude of activities outside the school setting. Our cheerleaders came home from Cheerleader Camp with three trophies, while our newly formed ACDS Cross Country participants have been rising at 6:30 a.m. for their morning runs. This doesn't even include the many summer opportunities that ACDS students are a part of that are not school sponsored; activities that will help them continue to develop physically, emotionally and academically, while warding off "brain drain!" My compliments to our students and their parents who recognize and value the importance of continued child growth and development regardless of the date on a calendar. I am reminded of my mom who believed that every family vacation had to be about learning. No historical marker on a road trip was left unread! It is true that learning really can be fun!

While our children and parents are busy with their summer schedules, the office staff and I are working diligently to prepare for next school year. Our school offices are open daily on Mondays-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There is much to be accomplished and we all know how the time will fly. If you happen to visit the school for the various camps and summer reading, you may notice some positive changes taking place. We are cleaning up and sprucing up by painting, rearranging some areas and using some classrooms that were not used last year. A couple of Promethean Boards are being added to the two classrooms that we are opening up, and we're making sure that our faculty will have all that they need to begin our next school year. Due to a generous donation from a Country Day grandparent, Mr. Jonathan Martin, we will soon be working on an aesthetically pleasing fencing project that will improve safety and appearance at our school. I am most excited about this new feature that will provide added security for all of our children while enhancing the appeal of our property. Much work has gone into the development of this plan in order to achieve both goals of appearance and safety. The addition of the fencing will necessitate some adjustments to the locations that all of us will use to enter and exit our



buildings. It may take a little while to get accustomed to these changes; however, when it comes to the safety of all our children, a few extra steps are a small adjustment to make.

Many of our teachers have been using their summer to pursue professional development opportunities. Earlier this month, teachers participated in a Singapore Math Training that was held at ACDS. It was an amazing and intense three days. Singapore Math will be implemented in grades Kindergarten - 2nd at Country Day this school year. The Singapore Math curriculum involves the acquisition and application of mathematics concepts and skills in a wide range of situations, including non-routine, open-ended and real-world problems. Our goal is to add a grade level each school year to this math program. While it was mandatory for our Kindergarten - 2nd grade teachers to attend this training, many other teachers on other grade levels participated by choice. I took an active part in the training as well, and we were all stretched to the limit!

Our board of directors are also busy this summer as they meet in their committee groups to address the strategic planning goals that were set in January. So many positives are coming out of these meetings. While keeping the focus on overall school improvement, the committee members are delving into the many ways that Country Day can meet the needs of all students and their families while ensuring growth. I compliment committee members who work full time but are still making time in their schedules to participate in these productive meetings. By attending some of the meetings myself, I have seen how closely some of the committees are interconnected. I love where we are headed. It's an exciting time to be a part of Alexandria Country Day School.

I hope that you enjoy the remaining weeks of the summer months. I will look forward to seeing you at our 2011-2012 Open House which will be held on Tuesday, August 16th, if not before. A new school year holds so much promise, and it promises to be a year of marked advancement for Country Day!

**Sincerely,  
Nancy Rials  
Headmistress**



learning. We as a board of directors are committed to finding creative ways to support and to fund these efforts.

As you are aware, one of the ways we are able to support the goals of our school is through our annual fund drive. Your generous participation in our annual drive has allowed us to continue to maintain one of the lowest tuition rates of any independent school in our state. We are truly appreciative of the level of support we have seen over the last two years.

This summer will be a busy time as we work on improvements to ready our campus for the coming school year. Our technology committee will be diligently working on providing upgrades and additions to our computers and our network. When you return next year you will notice a fresh new look thanks to the cleaning, painting and maintenance that is being planned and overseen by our building and grounds committee. In addition they should be providing security enhancements that will go a long way toward keeping our children safe and secure. Our other committees will be working behind the scenes to make sure we are ready to go come August.

At Alexandria Country Day School our tightly knit sense of community is a huge part of creating a learning environment that drives our never-ending search for excellence. I am truly thankful everyday to be a part of such a tremendous school family. On behalf of our faculty, staff, and board of directors I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all an enjoyable summer.

**Doug Godard**  
**Board President**



## From the Board President

As we close our school year and move into summer break, I would like for you to join me in expressing my sincere appreciation to Robert Kinberger for his many hours of selfless service as president of our board of directors over the past two years. This is a very demanding volunteer position and Robert served with an untiring devotion to our school and presided with the highest level of integrity. Even though he has passed the gavel, he is as committed as ever to helping us move our school forward as we continue to work toward growing bright futures.

Thanks to Ms. Rials, along with all of our faculty and staff, for making this school year one of the best ever. It's a wonderful thing to see our school continue to achieve new heights of excellence while exploring new techniques and methods of

## Former ACDS Headmistress Recognized for Her Contributions

Former ACDS Headmistress Evelyn Sisco was honored at a dedication ceremony held at the school on May 15, 2011. ACDS Board Members, faculty, and several families gathered to thank Mrs. Sisco for her years of service to our school. A beautiful art display has been installed with a frame designed and painted by Country Day art teacher Penny Abraham. ACDS parent Greg Jenkins generously constructed the piece, which serves as an outstanding showcase for the art work of Country Day students. It holds a permanent art piece, a painting by Louisiana artist Martin Laborde. The plaque mounted on the display reads:

In Honor of Evelyn Sisco ACDS Headmistress (2004-2009)  
*Whose dedication to excellence and ongoing support of the arts continues to inspire the students of Alexandria Country Day School* Painting by Martin Laborde *Commissioned for and inspired by Evelyn Sisco*

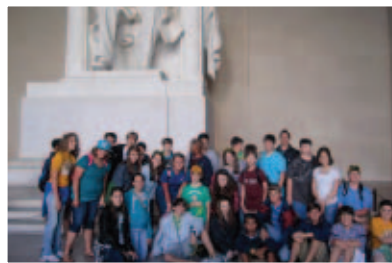


# Congratulations Graduates!



Commencement for the 2011 Graduates of Alexandria Country Day School was held on May 24th at Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center. The program was presided over by the 2010-2011 ACDS Student Council President, Colin Ashby. A beautifully performed piano prelude was provided by Lilli Patton, one of this year's graduates.

The evening began with opening remarks by ACDS Headmistress Nancy Rials. Mr. and Miss ACDS for 2010, Christopher Dodson and Camille Faircloth, who both gave inspiring and motivational speeches, presented the awards for Mr. and Miss ACDS 2011 to Teddy Darrell Price and Amelia DeWitt. Each year Mr. and Miss ACDS are chosen by the junior high faculty members. Amelia also received the Jacque Sanders Character Award. This award is bestowed yearly upon the 8th grade student who demonstrates the pillars of good character such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, respect, and compassion. The recipient's fellow classmates have input regarding who is chosen. The honor of Salutatorian was earned by Teddy Darrell Price. The ACDS top academic honor of Valedictorian for 2010-2011 was achieved by Pranav Bhargava. Best wishes to all of our graduates!



Colin Ashby  
Pranav Bhargava \* †  
Michael Brame, Jr. †  
Logan Brown  
Daniel Bufkin  
Adrianna Cox  
David Crawford, III  
Zachary Crooks  
Katlin Cutts

Danielle Dauzat †  
Amelia DeWitt  
Lindsey Drury †  
John Duck, III †  
Caleb Frost  
Garrison Grant  
Austin Green  
Jackson Hurt  
Annie Johnson †

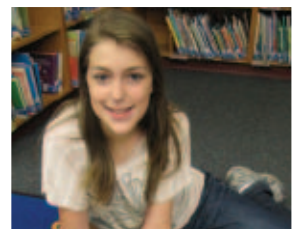
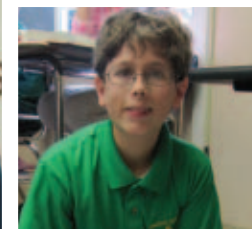
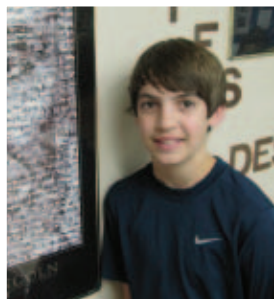
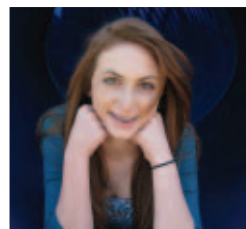
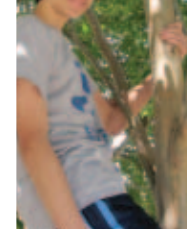
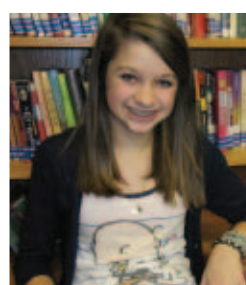
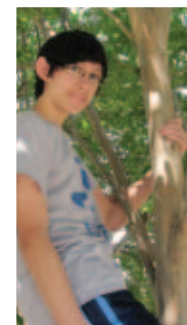
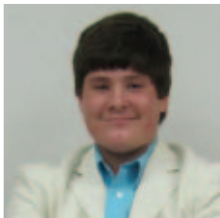
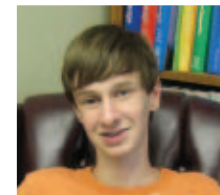
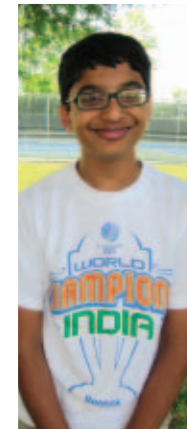
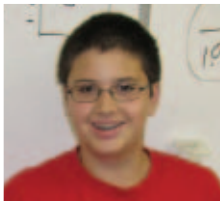
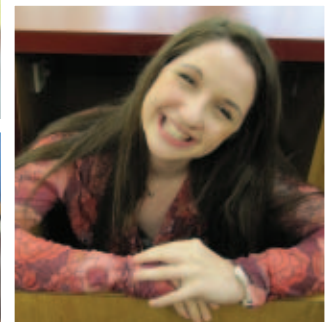
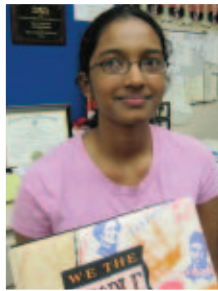
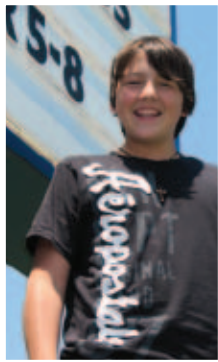
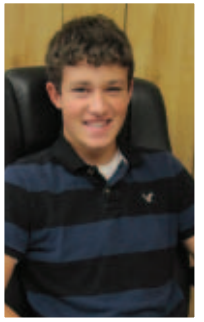
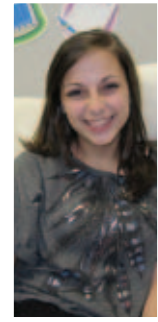
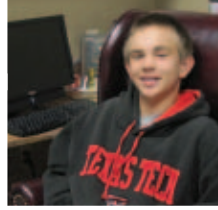
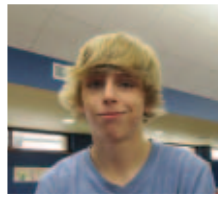
Shira Kaplan  
Lula Mae Koehlar  
Amber Lemoine  
Wendell Luneau †  
Bailey Mabou\*  
Madeline Marcantel  
Caroline May\*  
Dean Mayeux  
Jack Miller, III

Brandon Obey  
Lillian Patton †  
Jarrod Paul\* †  
Teddy Darrell Price †  
Colton Rodriguez  
Benjamin Shelton  
Zachary Smith  
Jordan Spurgeon  
Austin Steepleton\* †

Blake Tillman\* †  
Taylor Villemarette †  
Hunter Wellan  
Connor Westbrook  
Brandon Wilson †  
Navya Yarramaneni

\* Denotes "Advanced" status in Math on LEAP test

† Denotes "Advanced" status in English on LEAP test



# NORTHWESTERN CHEERLEADING CAMP



All Americans: Mallory Scroggs, Maggie Bagwell, Ashlyn Warren and Lauren Fuller



In early June, the ACDS 2011-2012 Cheerleaders (all 27 of them!) traveled to Northwestern State University, along with sponsors Kim Roberts and Kristy Zachary, to attend Universal Cheerleaders Association camp. This is the first time the Country Day Cheerleaders have traveled to a destination away from home for cheerleader training.

They had an action-packed 3 nights and 4 days and learned many new cheers, chants, and stunts! Training cheerleaders to be their very best is the goal of the UCA program. Each day's classes were conducted professionally by excellent instructors in a fun and exciting atmosphere. On the last day of camp, the cheerleaders participated in the Camp Championship which was performed in front of an enthusiastic audience of family and friends. The girls came away with several Superior and Excellent ratings as well as three trophies which are now on display at the school.

Country Day cheerleaders Maggie Bagwell, Lauren Fuller, Mallory Scroggs, and Ashlyn Warren had the honor of being chosen to participate in the UCA All-American Cheerleader Program. The selection process required the girls to demonstrate a jump, a cheer, and a dance which had been learned while attending camp. Try-outs took place in front of the UCA instructors and all of the participating cheer squads. The four girls have been invited to participate in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade as UCA All-American Cheerleaders!

# Country Day **ALUMNI EXCEL** at the University Level

Congratulations to the following Alexandria Country Day School Alumni for making the Spring 2011 Dean's or President's List as full time students at the following universities:

## Louisiana State University

### Dean's List (3.5 - 3.9 GPA)

Kristen Arsenault  
Eric Bergeron  
Hascal Bossier  
Laura Martin  
Carter Ward  
Sally Willis

## Northwestern State University

### Dean's List (3.5 - 3.99 GPA)

Katie Hebert  
Jill Marien  
Taylor Seaton

## University of Louisiana Lafayette

### Dean's List (3.5 and above GPA)

André Arceneaux  
Shane Jones  
Ashlyn Overholt  
Hunter Patton

## Louisiana Tech University

### President's List (3.8 and above GPA)

Seth Jones  
Lauren McCalmont  
Martin Novotny  
Evan Sanders

### Dean's List (3.5 and above GPA)

Mackey Brewer  
Hailey Dodson  
Caisey Voinché  
Paul Wytcherly

## Baylor University

### Dean's List (3.5 and above GPA)

Chelsea Ross

## University of Louisiana Monroe

### President's List (3.9 - 4.0 GPA)

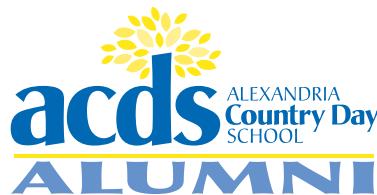
Jennifer Ballard

### Dean's List (3.5 - 3.899 GPA)

Jamie Ball

*We want to hear  
from you...*

Let us know what  
Alumni News  
you'd like to share!



## Tulane University

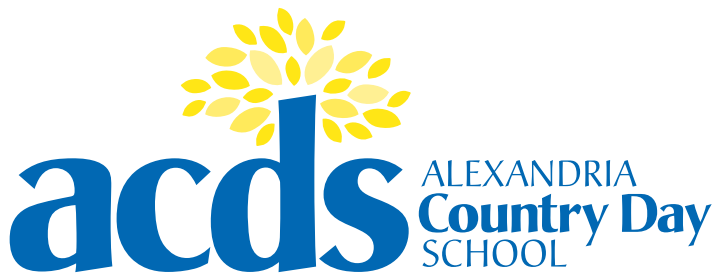
### Dean's List (3.5 and above GPA)

Liz Price

Alexandria Country Day School now has an Alumni Association. To become a member please contact Beth Arsenault at (318)448-1475 or [barsenault@acdsonline.org](mailto:barsenault@acdsonline.org).



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## Country Day Connection *Quick Bites...*

### STATE RALLY

ACDS Headmistress Nancy Rials and several of our students traveled to Baton Rouge on April 16th for Louisiana High School State Rally. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements: Austin Steepleton placed 2nd in Physical Science and Blake Tillman placed 3rd in Algebra I.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. LIZ PACE!

ACDS faculty member and Country Day 4-H Club sponsor Liz Pace was named as an Outstanding Club Sponsor for the 4-H Youth Development program this year. Her commendation from 4-H stated the following: "A person of your caliber is a great asset to our program and we are certainly grateful to have your support of the youth involved in the 4-H program. We commend you for doing a great job!" We at Country Day are proud to have Mrs. Pace as part of our team.

### NICKELS FOR NAILS

The students and faculty of ACDS took part in a fundraiser for the Rapides Parish Chapter of Habitat for Humanity

called "Nickels for Nails." Many generous donors contributed a great deal of spare change – over \$1200 was raised which will help build a new home for a deserving family in the Central Louisiana area!

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The ACDS Science Olympiad Team for 2011 included the following students: Pranav Bhargava, Shira Kaplan, Lula Mae Koehlar, Caroline May, Jack Miller, Lilli Patton, Teddy Darrell Price, Ben Shelton, Connor Westbrook, and Navya Yarramaneni.

Students who compete in Science Olympiad are chosen primarily on the basis of academic standing, with other factors entering into the selection process as well.

Competition involves 23 events in three main categories: Science Concepts and Knowledge, Science Processes and Thinking Skills, and Science Application and Technology.

Kudos to the Country Day Science Olympiad Team which placed first in three events and third in another!