

Celebrating at the Annual Dinner



Vince Michels with Tom Leugers

The Annual Dinner, held May 18th, is a time of reflection of the past year and a celebration of new beginnings. It is a time to honor retiring trustees while welcoming new members for the next term. Recognition is also given to staff for their dedication to the organization and to the Springer Parent Association for their efforts in supporting our school community.

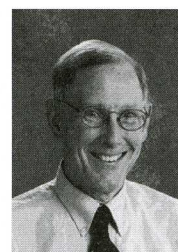
This year, **Thomas C. Leugers**, out-going Board President (2008-10), and retiring trustees, **Anna K. Carey** (2001-10), **Vincent Michels** (2001-10), and **Arlene Roane** (2006-10), were recognized for their many contributions. A. K., as a member of the Committee on Trustees, was instrumental

in recruiting a number of trustees, and also served on the Development Committee. As Chair of the Resource Committee, Vince played an integral role in major facility renovations. He was Board Treasurer in 2008-10. Arlene, Board Secretary in 2008-10, also served on the Development Committee, chairing the Annual Fund campaign for two years.

During his tenure as the Board President, Tom championed a number of initiatives, including a major marketing initiative that led to a new tagline, *The Springer Experience. Success Changes Everything*, and to the upcoming launch of a new website. His vision and leadership, that resulted in a reframing of Springer's messages, will help ensure that Springer is a resource to even more children in our community. Tom will continue on the Springer board through the 2011-12 school year.

New Board Officers and Trustees were announced for the 2010-2011 school year (see page 3) followed by SPA President Paula Berryman's remarks regarding the work and terrific contributions made this past year to the school.

A highlight of the evening was the celebration of Dr. Mark Helmick's 35 years with Springer and the personal tribute given by his son and Springer grad, Kevin Helmick. A slideshow of pictures through the years was shown and an album full of letters



Mark Helmick

from former students was presented to Mark. One student shared in his letter, "I want to thank you for your help and support. From the day I met you, I was on a mission. You believed in my mission and helped me get to where I am today." While speaking to guests, Mark shared a favorite quote of his from Pablo Picasso, "...You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children." Mark said, "It reminds me of the work we are privileged to engage in every day here at Springer."

Other staff celebrating anniversaries included Ruth Coppel and Kim Lankford who were recognized for five years; Debbie Elbert, Betsy Honig, Barbara S. Kerr, Eileen A. Schroeder, Sandi Staud, and Pam Thomas for 10 years; and Judy McMahon and Stephen Ploetz for 20 years.

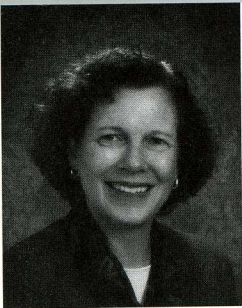


The Art of Caring
A Look at Life through Photography

July 9 through
September 19, 2010

Springer Partners with Cincinnati Museum Center

Springer School and Center was a featured Caring Partner at Cincinnati Museum Center's exhibit: *The Art of Caring - A Look at Life through Photography* during July's Children and Family theme. Comprised of more than 200 works designed to explore seven themes, this important and moving exhibit is now open through September 19, 2010. Visit cincymuseum.org for a full schedule of events and details.



LETTER FROM OUR Executive Director *Shelly Weisbacher*



Partnership is one of Springer's core values. While we often think of partnership as it applies to the relationships that are forged between students, parents, and teachers who work closely together to understand and address the students' learning disabilities, partnership at Springer takes other forms that are also critical to delivering our mission.

We are fortunate to have formed partnerships with other schools and school districts, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Cincinnati Museum Center, and the University of Cincinnati. Each of these partnerships is unique yet similar in its power to connect us to children and families in our community.

This October, for example, we will again join with the Family Resource Center of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to present an

evening of parent education. Richard Lavoie, a noted speaker, author, and educator will address "The Motivation Breakthrough – 6 Secrets to Turning On the Tuned-Out Child." Mr. Lavoie's presentation will speak to the needs of all parents who want to understand how to motivate their children. However, it will be especially beneficial to parents whose children are struggling in school. Matching motivation techniques to the child becomes ever more important for the child who has difficulty learning to read, write or do math. In addition to hearing Mr. Lavoie, for many parents it will be their first introduction to the wealth of resources available through the Family Resource Center and Springer.

Also, this fall we will enter our sixth year of partnering with the University of Cincinnati. C4C (Collaboration for Collaboration), as this partnership is named, refers to the collaborative effort between

UC and Springer to prepare teachers of today and tomorrow to meet the needs of all students. The 4 in C4C represents what Center Director, Barbara Hunter, calls the 'Big Four' learning systems. That refers to attention, language, memory, and the temporal and spatial ordering systems that are the underpinnings of all learning. Through the C4C partnership, UC and Springer have realized an impact on children and professionals that exceeds what either could have accomplished alone.

While teaching children remains at the heart of what we do at Springer, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with others in our community to further understanding and education, and ultimately to improve the outcomes for children with learning disabilities.

Showing Their Spirit!

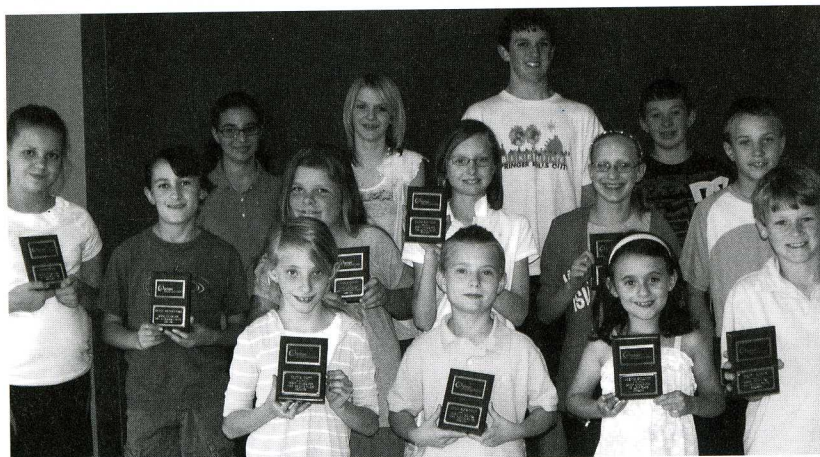
The Springer Spirit Award winners were announced at a Recognition Assembly on May 26th, 2010. Each year, teachers select one student in their homeroom to receive the Spirit Award. Recipients of this award demonstrate a spirit of cooperation with adults and peers on a consistent basis, act as a good role model for other students, both socially and academically, and show pride in themselves both as learners and as individuals. *Congratulations to this year's award winners:*

Primary Department: Welby Anning, Evan Berryman, Alexis Bullock

Intermediate Blue Department: Olivia Matt, Benny Mendelsohn, Emily Toles

Intermediate Green Department: Nicole Evers, Kathleen Finn, Dustin Parsons

Upper School: Anna Clements, Anna Ficker, Joe Hill, Alicia Riley, Tate Schreiber



Award Winners

Tributes (as of 7/20/10)

In Honor of Margie and David Tondow's 40th Wedding Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Claybon

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Postow

Memorials (as of 7/20/10)

In Memory of James Cross

Mr. and Mrs. Theobald Heyob

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Rueckert

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Mrs. Shirley Allen

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Ms. Helene Block Fields

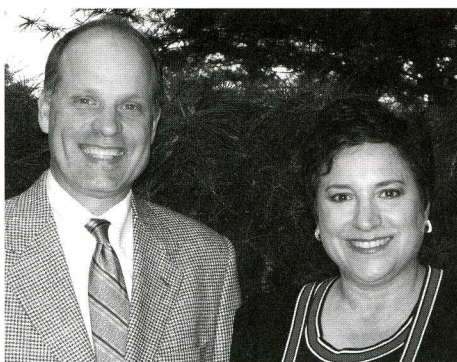
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fletcher

New Officers and Trustees Announced for 2010-2011

Springer School and Center is pleased to announce Board Officers and new Trustees for 2010-2011. Board Officers are: **Raymond Cooper**, President; **Sean V. McGrory**, Vice President & Treasurer; **Nicholas D. Spadaccini**, Secretary. New Trustees include: **Kim E. Borcharding** and **John Bullock**.

Kim E. Borcharding is the General Manager/Dealer Principal of Borcharding Enterprises, Inc. Prior to this, Kim held various positions within the Pontiac Division of General Motors in Kansas City, Kansas. She earned an MBA from Oklahoma City University. Kim was a Make A Wish Southwest OH board member from 2000 to 2007. In addition, she has served on the board of the American Cancer Society and chaired the 2007 GO RED for Women Cincinnati. Kim served as chair of Springer's 2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign and serves on the Development Committee. Kim lives in Maineville with her husband, Mark Payne and their daughter, a third-year Springer student.

John Bullock has worked in the pharmaceutical industry since the early 80's. He began his career with Merrell Dow as a corporate account manager. Currently, he is with Endo Pharmaceuticals as a district manager. John serves on the board of The Gow School (South Wales, NY), a boarding school for boys in grades 9-12 who have learning disabilities. John also volunteers locally with the Arthritis Association and the Alzheimer Association. He and his wife, Dawson, reside in Indian Hill with their two daughters.



John Bullock and Kim Borcharding

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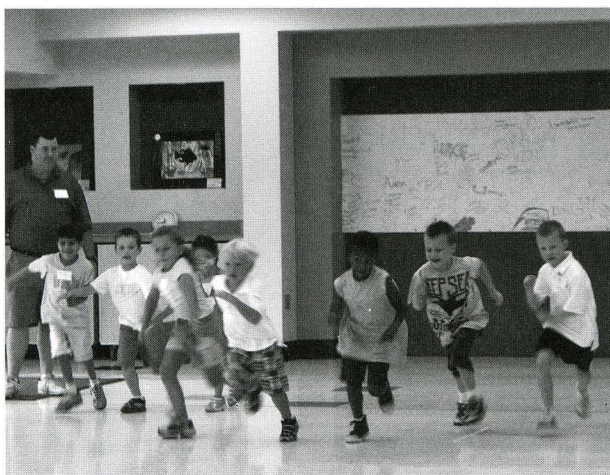
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Summer Learning is FUN!

One hundred fifty students enrolled in Adventures in Summer Learning 2010, Springer's four-week summer program. In the morning program, students improved basic skills in language arts, math, and handwriting, while also practicing their social skills. The "Fun with Friends" afternoon classes and activities included games, playing musical instruments, making tie-dyed shirts, and meeting new friends!



Game time during Fun with Friends!

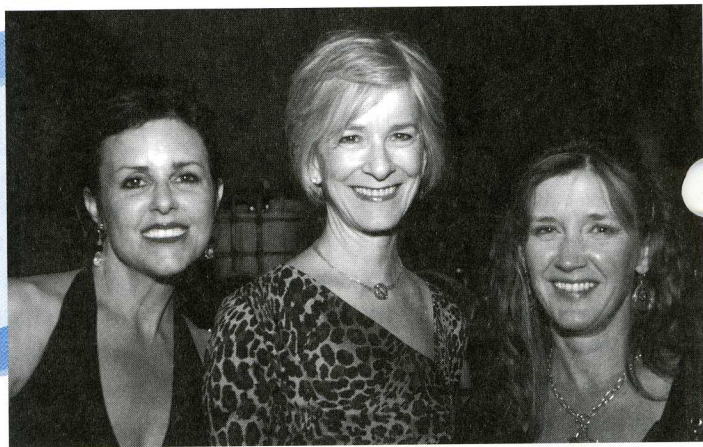
"I was amazed that my son cheerfully got up every day to go to summer school!" — Charley's mom

"This was the first time that my child ever came home and showed me something he learned at school. He was excited to show me how he tapped his arm to remember spelling words." — Kyle's mom

"My daughter begins talking about the summer program after winter break. Her self-confidence improves at Springer because she learns strategies that help her during the school year." — Emily's dad

a springer celebration! 2010

...with Dana Buchman



At the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland on May 5th, 2010, nearly 300 people enjoyed a fun-filled night of celebrating Springer! Guests mingled during the cocktail hour while putting their bids in for silent auction items. Then it was time for a delicious dinner and laughs with Local 12's Brad Johansen while bidding on spectacular live auction packages.

During the evening, fashion designer and author, Dana Buchman delivered a well-received personal message of how it feels to be the

mother of a daughter with learning disabilities. "In ways I couldn't have imagined when we first learned of Charlotte's differences, learning disabilities affects the whole family," commented Ms. Buchman. In addition to directing her own fashion label for more than 20 years, Dana, along with her daughter Charlotte, wrote *A Special Education*, a book about her family's coming to terms with learning disabilities.

Each year, Springer hosts A Springer Celebration! to increase awareness about learning disabilities

and to raise funds for financial aid and outreach programs. This event, so critical to the work done at Springer, could not be accomplished without the help and support of so many. We thank our sponsors and table hosts, our hardworking event chairs-Margie Tondow and Betsy Ayres, and the numerous volunteers, all of whom had a part in helping us raise \$82,000!

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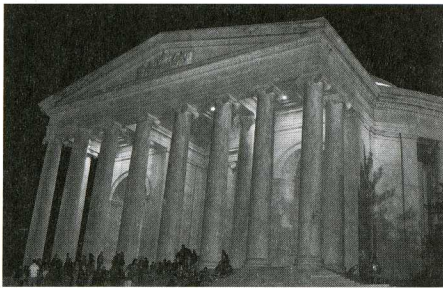
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Oliver Gale Washington Academy

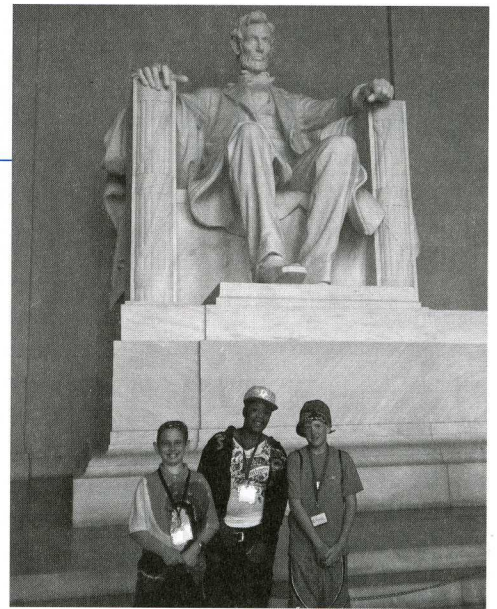
Upper School students had a fantastic time in April exploring and learning during a four-day tour of Washington D.C. This exciting trip—the Oliver Gale Washington Academy—was established in 2008 by Bill and Margy Gale in memory of Mr. Oliver Gale. A special fund of The William M. Gale Family Foundation underwrites the costs for Springer students every other year.



Students toured the White House and visited the Lincoln, Vietnam, Jefferson, Korean, Franklin D. Roosevelt and World War II Memorials. Also on the “to do” list were visits to the Pentagon and the National Archives. Daniel’s Story at the Holocaust Museum was an especially moving experience for students because they are approximately the same age as Daniel was during the time the story was written. A highlight of the trip was touring the Capitol and visiting Congresswoman Jean Schmidt’s office as well as meeting Congressman Steve Driehaus. Congressman Driehaus spent time talking with students and answering questions about

Washington and government life. As a special treat, he took the group out to the Speaker’s Balcony, which is not on the Capitol’s usual tour. What an honor! Many other activities made the Oliver Gale Washington Academy, not only fun, but also a wonderful learning opportunity.

Principal Jamie Williamson shared, “This year’s Oliver Gale Washington Academy was a tremendous success thanks to the passion and commitment of the Gale Family and our amazing staff. Our students had the full Washington experience, and we could not have been more proud of them. They were enthusiastic, engaged, and respectful. In other words, model ambassadors for Springer!”



Visit our website for more pictures from this exciting trip: www.springer-ld.org.

CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP AT The All School Quest

At this year’s All School Quest, families and friends gathered to admire and enjoy the hard work Springer students put into their study of “Celebrating Citizenship.” The All School Quest is an annual experience where students and staff explore a common theme and share their work

with the extended Springer community. The Quest is noncompetitive and open to all forms of expression. It offers an opportunity for all students to feel successful and proud of their accomplishments. Visit our website gallery at www.springer-ld.org to see more great pictures!



CLASS OF 2010

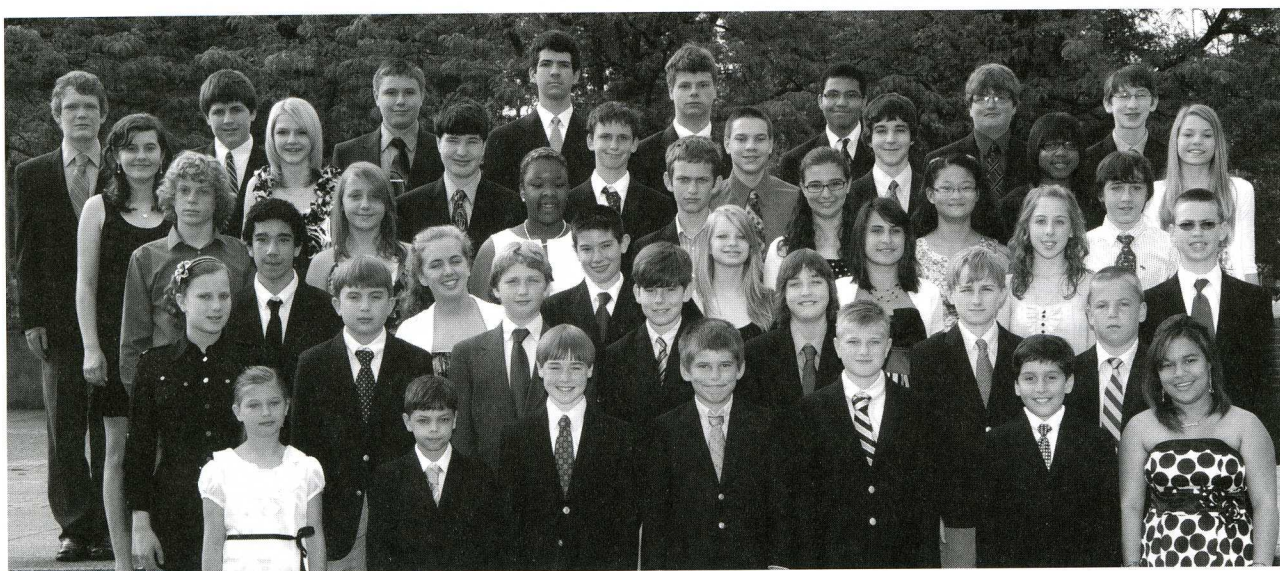
Commencement – a beginning. During the evening of June 3rd, Springer held its Commencement ceremony, signifying the “beginning” of a new journey for each of the 46 transitioning students. Excitement was in the air, as students and families celebrated their hard work and dedication. The students are equipped with skills and strategies and ready for new learning adventures as they move on to their new schools. Good luck to all our graduates!

Joel Beard
Aaron Bloemer
Greg Brugger
Anna Michelle Clements
Jeff Clippinger
Luke E. Collins
John Darst
William G. Dorward IV
Christian Elfers
Sabrina Dongqun Everitt
Sabrina Marie Harris

William M. Heekin
Jacob Andrew Henderson
Adam K. Hofmann
Brendan J. Hogan
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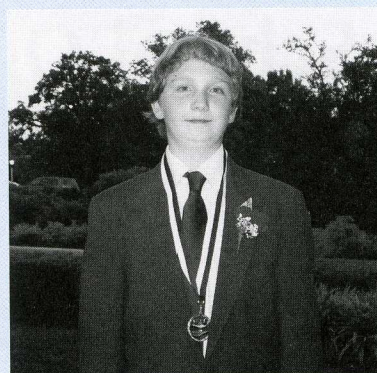
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Ryan C. Pflaum
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Samuel John Priede
Jack Raymer
Alicia Riley

Daniel Patrick Rogers
Caitlyn Ann Rowane
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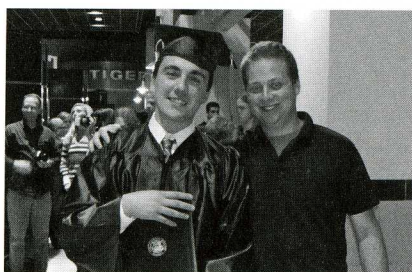
Bolan Scholarship Award Winner

Upper School student, Joel Beard, was named the 2010 Bolan Scholarship award recipient at this year's Commencement ceremony. This award recognizes a graduating student who demonstrates an understanding of his or her learning disability, applies the strategies learned at Springer, displays a positive attitude, demonstrates leadership, and shows concerns for others. The award provides the winning graduate with a scholarship to offset future educational costs. The scholarship is available through a fund established in 1988 in memory of Mr. Peter Bolan, a Springer alumni parent and great supporter of the school. Congratulations to Joel and his family!



Alumni CONNECTIONS

Sam Wilson '99 received his Bachelor in Journalism, with an area of focus in sports writing from the University of Missouri. He wrote for school newspapers as well as the Columbia Missourian and had an internship with the sports department of the Savannah Morning News. He is now a writer for The Emporia Gazette in Emporia, Kansas.

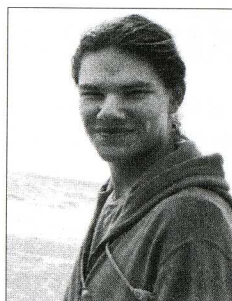


Sam Wilson and Michael Niehaus

Michael Niehaus '99 participated in a Dick Vitale imitation contest sponsored by ESPN this past spring and made the final round, which entitled him to an all-expense paid trip to New York. He competed in the finals and won. In addition to being cheered on the floor of Madison Square Garden, he won a significant cash prize! Michael currently works at Convergys in Cincinnati.

Alan Kleesattel '06

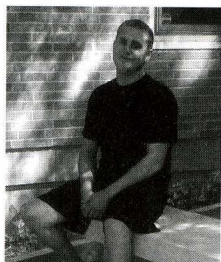
graduated in the top 10% of his class at The School for Creative and Performing Arts, earning a 3.8 GPA. He was offered academic as well as talent scholarships at every college where



Alan Kleesattel

he applied. Alan will continue his education as a lighting design and technology major at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

Congratulations to **Cecilia Pratt '99** and **Cathleen Mahin '95** on their graduations from college! Cecilia earned a Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies from the University of Cincinnati. Cathleen graduated from the College of Mount St. Joseph with a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education.



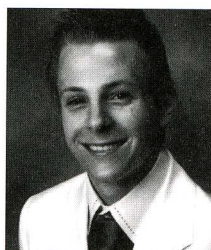
George Koglmeier



Jessie Simmons

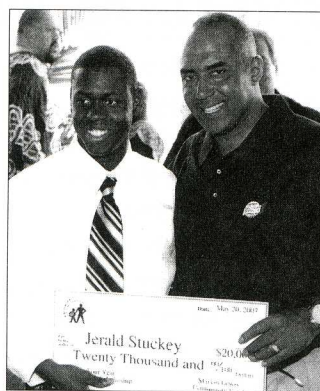
George Koglmeier '07 completed his Eagle Scout project on Springer's campus in June. George designed and built a serenity garden for students to use as a place to go for quiet time. A raised platform with a bench for sitting was constructed and put in place along with landscaping around the area of the garden.

Jessie Simmons '09 finished her freshman year at St. Ursula Academy in May, earning all A's and B's for the year and achieving Second Honors in the third semester. Jessie played saxophone with the St. Ursula Symphony Orchestra and also volunteers as a tutor at the Academy of World Languages in Hyde Park.



Shawn Gillispie

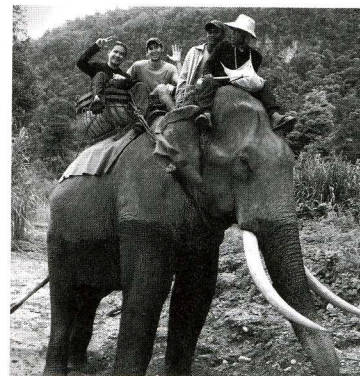
Shawn Gillispie '06 graduated from LaSalle High School on June 6th. Congratulations to Shawn and his family!



Jerry Stuckey with Marvin Lewis

Jerry Stuckey '03 was awarded a four-year scholarship totaling \$20,000 from the Marvin Lewis Community Fund in May of 2007. Jerry is currently a senior at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC where he is majoring in Communications. Plans for the future include graduate school next year!

John Simion '97 graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2009 with a B.S. in Animal Science and a minor in Business. Part of his college experience was a semester abroad at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. After that, John traveled to Thailand and Malaysia. John now works for a travel agency in Barcelona, Spain. One of his duties is organizing sea kayak tours for adventure travelers.



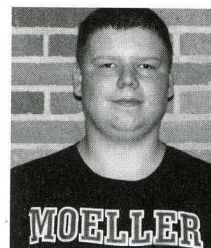
John Simion

Megan Northway '06 and **Chloe Iliff '06** celebrated their high school graduations this June. Chloe plans to study Early Childhood Education at Cincinnati State. Megan will be working on an art major at the College of Mount St. Joseph.

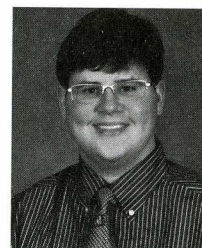


Chloe Iliff and Megan Northway

Martin Hollatz '06 is excited about his plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Martin graduated from Moeller High School this spring where he was involved in track, mentoring, and many volunteer activities, including Moeller's Advocacy for a Common Hope.



Martin Hollatz



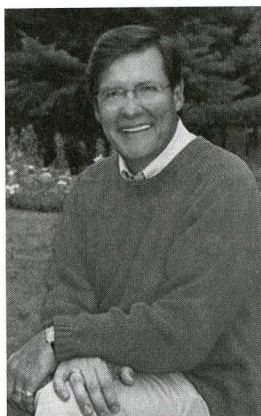
Matthew Froese

Matthew Froese '06 is a 2010 Oak Hills High School grad. Matthew will be starting the Veterinary Technology program at Diamond Oaks Vocational School in the fall.

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SAVE THE DATE

For An Evening With Richard Lavoie!

Springer is pleased to announce that internationally renowned speaker, Richard Lavoie will present an evening for parents on Wednesday, October 27th, 2010, sponsored by Springer and The Family Resource Center of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Best known for his video "How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop" Richard Lavoie is a tireless advocate for students with learning disabilities

and attentional issues. He brings a sensitive and compelling message when speaking to audiences about helping children find success in school and life. Rick's topic for this special event is "The Motivation Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning On the Tuned-Out Child." The event runs from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Xavier University's Schiff Family Conference Center at the Cintas Center. For more information, visit Springer's website at www.springer-ld.org.

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