



AIGLON LIFE

The Alumni Magazine of Aiglon College

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Upon joining Aiglon College, I have been immediately impressed with the way that the Aiglon staff and students have launched themselves into the 2009-2010 academic year with great enthusiasm, professionalism and a positive spirit. Teachers have been quick to set expectations in the classroom and in the houses, and the overwhelming majority of the students are rising to the challenge. We have been fortunate to recruit a particularly strong and dynamic team of new teachers who are already making their mark. The outstanding autumn weather has been great for morale and enabled us to organise an exciting programme of challenging outdoor expeditions to local Alpine summits. The number of smiling faces around the campus has been a clear indication that the Aiglon year is off to a promising start.

Looking back to the early summer, we can state that the public examination results in 2009 were once again creditable; as always there have been some outstanding achievements by some, and a few disappointments for others. Consolidated results rarely tell the full story of how successfully individuals met or exceeded their expectations and their potential; however it is worth noting that at A-level more than half the grades awarded were either A or B, and the overall pass rate achieved by Aiglon students was a respectable 94%. The results of the GCSE cohort as a whole were sound, with almost 35% of grades awarded at A* or A grade, and 85% at

A%-C grade. Our GCSE and IGCSE results contain a number of superb individual performances. The strongest seven students achieved over fifty A* or A grades between them, which is an outstanding achievement, comparing favourably with leading international schools worldwide. It is worth remembering too that a proportion of our students are not studying in their first language, and that no concession is made to these students when their performance is compared to native speakers.

The happy consequence is that almost the entire graduating class has secured places at the university of their first or second choice. A list of university destinations appears opposite.

Looking ahead, I shall be keen to lead Aiglon's continued quest to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students, ensuring that learning inside and outside the classroom carries the hallmarks of challenge, quality and purpose. In the year ahead we shall be working hard to prepare the launch of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in September 2010, which provides an outstanding preparation for entry to – and success in – competitive universities worldwide.

In addition, we shall embark on a new cycle of searching whole-school review leading to reaccreditation with the Council of International Schools. This is a powerful and inclusive way both to confirm our commitment to continuous improvement and to involve the many constituencies of our school in practical ways on a common path towards excellence.

I look forward to meeting many parents and alumni, and hope to report again on a school community that is ambitious, hard-working and happy!

Richard McDonald
Richard McDonald
Head Master



Rachel Davies
Aiglon Life Editor
Alumni Relations Manager

It was a great pleasure to meet so many Aiglon College alumni, friends and supporters at the 60th Anniversary Reunion in July. To be able to glimpse the School through your eyes, sharing not only your experience but also your hopes and aspirations for its future, was a privilege. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on the mountain to mark this important milestone in the School's history.

Since joining Aiglon I have been reviewing the alumni relations strategy and I am very appreciative of the energy and dedication of the Alumni Eagle Association President, Louis Snyder and 1st Vice-President, Rana Sahni.

Thank you also to the many alumni who have supported the School through various ways over the past year. Aiglon College is very fortunate to benefit from such strong alumni loyalty and your interest and participation by whatever means is greatly valued.

As we now look forward to entering a new phase in our School's history under the leadership of Richard McDonald, I hope you will remain connected to the Aiglon family and involved in the future of Aiglon College.

Rachel Davies
Editor, Aiglon Life & Alumni Relations Manager

CLASS OF 2009 UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Aberdeen University
 Architect's Association, London
 Babson University
 Berklee School of Music
 Bocconi University
 Bond University, Australia
 Boston University
 Bristol University
 Brunel
 Business School of Lausanne
 Chapman
 Ecole Hoteliere, Glion
 Edinburgh University
 Emerson University
 EPFL
 Eugene Lang
 Exeter University
 Imperial College, London
 King's College, London
 Kingston College
 Leeds University
 Manchester University
 Northeastern University
 Nottingham University
 Oxford Brookes
 Parsons College of Art, Paris
 Queen Mary's College
 Savannah School of Art
 St. Andrews University
 Tufts University
 UNIL
 University of British Columbia
 Universidad de los Andes
 University of East Anglia
 University of Moscow
 University of Southern California
 Universidad Europea de Madrid
 Universidad de Navarra



Mischa Beccaro, Guardian



Omar Kalouti, Guardian

PREFECTS 2009-2010

GUARDIANS

Mischa Beccaro – Clairmont
 Omar Kalouti – Alpina

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Alpina – Philippe Widmer
 Belvedere – Cameron O'Connor
 and Thomas Choy
 Clairmont – Daria Botin
 Delaware – Hasan Serici
 Exeter – Daviana Absera
 Le Cerf – Supriya Chanrai

PREFECTS

Studies/Learning Prefect –
 Alyaa Jamaludin (Le Cerf)

Service Prefect –
 Laila El-Mehelmy (Clairmont)

Expeditions Prefect –
 Christian Dierker (Alpina)

Performing Arts Prefect –
 Frederika Reinhardt (Clairmont)

Hospitality Prefect –
 Nana Makharashvili (Le Cerf)

Junior School Prefect –
 Virginia Bencivenga (Exeter)

Day Students Prefect –
 Lottie Clarke (Exeter)

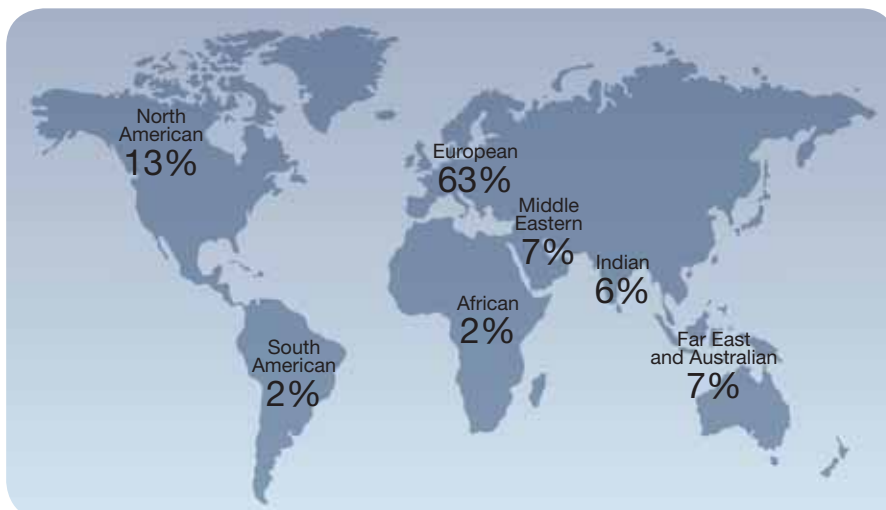
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sports Captains –
 Talya Pfluger (Clairmont)
 Cameron O'Connor (Belvedere)

Performing Arts Assistant –
 Zack Peck (Alpina)

Chaplain's Assistant –
 David Findlay (Belvedere)

AGLON STUDENTS BY REGION 2009



PETER TINNISWOOD'S ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES OF 2009

Saturday 27 June 2009



'Graduation is a special day. A mixture of excitement, nostalgia, tears... tears leaving school. . . . did you ever think to shed tears when leaving school? You will and the memories of today and memories of the last 2, 5, 7, 12 years will be with you for the rest of your lives. Those memories will change as you grow up, as you look at them through years of experience but you will never forget the time you spent here on the mountain. You are reaching an important stage in your life. Let me say this, qualifications are hugely important. Life-long learning is hugely important and you will come to see its value.

So I hope you leave Aiglon remembering those happy days and I hope that you are also looking forward with real excitement to the future. But leaving Aiglon is sad as well. Partings usually are.

You move in a world of enormous change and change is either a threat or it is exciting. When I left university, my generation had one, possibly two careers. We lived in one, possibly two places, and in a sense you could map out the future. You have a mobile and an international society. With all this change, you need anchors. I know that Aiglon will be one of those anchors for you because it is a home from home to you.

I also cannot tell you how important people are in your lives. How much stability people will give. You go on to university, you will be alone without the structure to look after you that you have here. You need to seek out people whose judgement you trust and people who you feel will support you when you are in difficulties.

Find people you can admire and treat them well. Be considerate and tolerant. Tolerance is hard but it is a very important skill. Stick to your standards, standards you have been brought up with from your family, standards you learnt through the education you've had here at Aiglon. When you come to look back, it is the things that you have done according to the standards you believe in, that will in the end, justify your existence. Show people courtesy and respect. They deserve from you what you expect from them.

Trust is hugely important. If you travel under false pretences, a false identity even, people who thought they could trust you will be betrayed. Betrayal is hard to forgive and trust takes time to build. Stick Graduates, to your standards!

The Chairman has commented on the debt you owe to your parents. You are fleeing the nest, they will be worried about you and that means they want you to contact them. Keep

in touch with staff. They want to know what is happening to you because your achievements, large or small, are part of the Aiglon fabric. What Aiglon College is, today, 27 June 2009, is in part the results that you have brought to it over the last few years. If you are of service, you will make others happy and you will be happy too.

As you leave this school, there is nothing like that departure to make you think for a moment who you are and what you have achieved.

This afternoon, as you drive one last time down the mountain, look at that view, which you have had the privilege to see on a daily basis, that scenery about which you have become completely blasé, and for which some people will pay big bucks to stay for their holidays. What a privilege you have had! Graduates, you've had years of people telling you to do this, do that and I am the last one to do this to you in your career at Aiglon.

Work hard, strive for the very best and remember life, too, is fun; life is to be enjoyed. It's all at your feet if you strive for it. Ladies and Gentlemen, this year 2009, good luck, it's all yours.' (Abridged)

FACTS about Peter Tinniswood

Peter Tinniswood retired from education after serving as Head Master of Lancing College from 1998 to 2005. Formerly Headmaster of Magdalen College School, Oxford and Head of Department and Housemaster at Marlborough College, Peter started his career developing the A level Business Studies course. He is the author of two books on Marketing and Production and was for some years chief examiner for the A level.

Peter read PPE at Oxford and later went on to gain a distinction in his MBA at INSEAD. He has always had an interest in matters international and was for a time Secretary General of the Franco British Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Paris. He has a specific interest in international education, in particular in the Far East and South America, where, in Sao Paulo, Brazil he is on the Board of Governors of St Paul's School.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS NEWS

by Mark Elliott, Chairman



Mark Elliott, Chairman

The summer was a turbulent time for the governing body. 19 Life Members, 73% of the Aiglon College Association Membership, ("the school's highest authority"), proposed changes to the governing body at a General Meeting in early July. Unfortunately the Life Members and the Board were unable to agree how to proceed, and the existing Board stepped down.

From the start the new Board has committed itself to open communication with the school community, and, as well as conducting frequent meetings with staff, students and parents, and providing regular reports on Board proceedings. Board Committee meetings can be found on the website under <http://www.aiglon.ch/news/from-the-chairman>.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) and Accreditation Process

We are delighted to announce that Aiglon College has now been officially authorised as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy: a commitment to challenging and holistic international education. We believe this is of central importance for our students. Therefore from September 2010 Aiglon College will be offering the IB Diploma Programme instead of A-Levels to our students in their final two years of study. Part of the Council of International Schools (CIS) re-accreditation process will involve looking at the School's strategy, its mission, and its objectives, and these will form the backbone of future School governance. The Board believes strongly that transparency and communication between all members of the Aiglon family is vital for the health of the School. It will seek input from all who have an interest in the success of the School in both the CIS re-accreditation and in other strategic planning initiatives.

A new interim Board, made up of former governors, alumni and former and current parents, was appointed to serve until November. In November a permanent Board was put in place. The governors held monthly meetings until November, but, following the appointment of a permanent Board, the traditional programme of 3 or 4 meetings each year will now be followed.

The permanent members of the ACA Board are:

- Mark Elliott (Chairman, P'88, '90)
- Pia Atkinson-Davis ('70)
- John Cheesmond (P'09)
- Ingrid Christophersen (S'85)
- Richard den Drijver (P'16)
- Allan Graham
- David Gamboa (P'09)
- Tony Jhangiani-Jashanmal ('65)
- Nick Stammers (P'14, '16)
- Egon Vorfeld ('85)

The Directors of ACSSA are:

- Mark Elliott (President)
- John Cheesmond (Treasurer)
- Patricia Bremner (Secretary)
- Richard McDonald
- Nick Stammers

Profiles of the governors can be found on the website at www.aiglon.ch/information/governors

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Mark Elliott, Chairman, is British and currently lives between London and Villars. He is also a former member of the advisory board of College Beau Soleil. He is parent of Toby ('88) and Guy ('90) and was an Aiglon Governor from 1992-1998. He is Chairman of CITAC Africa LLP (www.citac.com), a member of the Development Board of the Royal Academy of Music, London and the Crown Estates Paving Commission, London. He is also a former member of the advisory board of College Beau Soleil, Villars. Mark has lived in the UK, USA, France, Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire and Switzerland.



LIFE MEMBERS OF AIGLON COLLEGE

Sitting (from left to right)

Herbert Clemens, Pia Atkinson-Davis, Andrew Wylie, Julian Finn, Chris Gallagher

Standing (from left to right)

Jacques Luisier, Jeff Jones, Patrick Kearley, Julian Izant, Robert Posey, Aura Reinhardt-Gebauer, Mark Elliott, Terence Devonport, Cameron Cochrane

APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD McDONALD

as Head Master



Richard McDonald, Head Master

On August 1st the Interim Principal, Stuart White, announced his intention to leave Aiglon and take up a position as Head of Secondary at the British International School in Shanghai. The Board regretted Stuart's decision, and thanked him for his dedication and his steady hand steering the School through the last weeks of the summer term.

The Board announced that Richard McDonald had accepted the position of Interim Principal for the academic year 2009-2010. Richard began work on August 17th, and immediately made a significant impact on the School. His personal style and ability quickly brought people together and united the School around some ambitious goals. One of Richard's immediate goals is to focus the entire School on the Council of International Schools (CIS) 10 year re-accreditation that will take place this academic year.

On November 16th, following an exhaustive search process to find the best possible person to lead the School, the Board announced that Richard McDonald had been appointed permanent Head Master of Aiglon College with immediate effect. The selection process lasted 10 weeks, and 55 applications had been received in response to the advertisements. 24 of the applicants were current Head Masters or Headmistresses, and they came from the UK and overseas.

Important features of the process included:

- The process was managed by Aiglon Life Member and Education Advisor Dr. Jeff Jones

- Professional advice was provided by an advisory committee made up of Dr Jones and:
 - Mr. Richard Poulton – former Aiglon Governor and former Headmaster, Christ's Hospital
 - Mr. Cameron Cochrane – Aiglon governor and former Headmaster, Fettes College
 - Mrs. Pippa Leggate – former Headmistress, Malvern Girls College
- Initial interviews of short-listed candidates were held in London by the advisory committee and three governors
- Final interviews of the three candidates interviewed in Villars by the advisory committee and seven governors. The three day visit by the candidates included:
 - A campus visit conducted by senior students
 - Informal meetings with students
 - Meetings with Senior Management Team members
 - Informal meetings with other staff
 - A case study presentation by each candidate
 - An intensive interview of each candidate

Towards the end of the visit, in-person feedback from staff and students was received by the interview panel and e-mail feedback from staff was received by the Chairman.

The three candidates interviewed in Villars were outstanding, and the interview panel is convinced that all will go on to have very successful careers.

At the end of the process the panel was unanimous in its decision to appoint Richard McDonald because of his vision and experience, and for his achievements at the School since being appointed interim Principal in August. His appointment is fully supported by the staff and students.



BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF AIGLON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

(Front from left to right)

Cameron Cochrane, Mark Elliott,
Pia Atkinson-Davis, Herb Clemens

(Back from left to right)

Nick Stammers, Robert Posey,
Egon Vorfeld, John Cheesemond

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is the senior management team that handles the day-to-day running of the school.

Chaired by the Head Master, its members meet every week during the academic year. Topics for weekly discussion typically include academic planning, matters of policy, student progress and welfare, resource management, student recruitment, as well as marketing and communications.



Richard McDonald, Head Master



Didier Boutroux, Junior School Headmaster



Chris Chalcraft, Director of Co-curricular Education



Claire Chalcraft, Director of Pastoral Care



Andrew Cheadle, Director of Studies



Mary Sidebottom, Director of Admissions



Mark Silverstein, Director of External Relations



Patricia Bremner, Bursar

SPORTS REVIEW 2008-09

by Simon Hayden, Head of Physical Education



After an arduous Winter Term where levels of cardio-vascular fitness drop in our students it is always good to get back the traditional sports lessons that the summer brought. This was a great time of year where one saw all students playing some form of sport in the evening whether it was on the volleyball court, football pitch, in the gym or jogging to Villars. At a time when video games are so readily available it is always great to see students taking the initiative by getting themselves active.



The athletics season began with a trip to Zurich for the alternative SGIS* event as Tasis in Lugano had to cancel the original one. The top performance came from the Middle School boys' team as they achieved the accolade of gaining 1st place in overall competition. Along with this group of boys the girls can also look towards a bright sporting future at Aiglon and hopefully they will all continue to show their potential in all other sporting areas.

The College du Lemman relay event was cancelled due to the stormy weather but the ADISR* competition was able to go ahead. Aiglon took 65 students to this event which was more than any other school, showing the number of competitively competent athletes which we have. We did win many individual medals and we consistently made the top four in a competition entered by 10 other schools.

Other events entered include the ADISR swimming and numerous ADISR and SGIS tennis events in which Aiglon was able to compete and also achieve some moderate success. These are both areas in which we would like to develop in the future as they are important sports in which Aiglon students should be excelling.

With the European Football Championships in Switzerland, it was great to see students discussing who will win and hearing this banter become between the many nationalities within the School. With the interhouse events this banter became very serious. The second half of the summer term was packed with interhouse tennis and volleyball, culminating in sports day on the final Saturday before graduation. These events always bring the best out of the Aiglon students and even the most laid back child can be heard chanting their house song.

The wet weather disturbed the volleyball event but in the end all matches could be played without a problem. For the boys the worthy and outstanding winners were Belvedere. The girls' event was a little closer with Exeter just edging out Clairmont on points conceded to gain the cup.

The interhouse tennis took place over the course of the term. 3rd and 4th Form students played their fixtures during PE lessons with the 5th and 6th Form arranging their own games at the New Sporting. The final matches were played the evening before sports day and resulted in both Belvedere and Clairmont achieving 1st place.

Sports day was blessed with glorious sunshine and blue skies. This is such a perfect event to close the School sporting term as the whole School made the trip down the mountain to Monthey to compete and support their houses. Yet again, the standard of track and field performances on show was excellent and a number of School records were broken on the day. The scores were kept as a closely guarded secret throughout the event but in the end the winners were Belvedere and Clairmont yet again. A huge well done to all students who competed and also to the fantastic support that was evident.

EXPEDITIONS UPDATE



Along with many successful walking, camping, cycling and kayaking expeditions, this summer also saw the reintroduction of Senior School Cultural Long Expeditions. The 3rd form visited Besancon in France whilst the 6th form visited Milan. Perhaps some of the end-of-term highlights were the two expeditions to the Ardeche Gorge in France which saw the students paddling down white-water, jumping off rocks in glorious sunshine and bivvying out under the stars. Equally memorable was the high performance expedition which took some of our keenest students to climb a number of major peaks in the Aurora.

*SGIS (Swiss Group of International Schools)

*ADISR (Association des Internats Suisses Romands)

AIGLON STUDENTS SERVING OTHERS

by Tony Hyde



Burkina Faso, December 2008

During the academic year 2008-9 three service projects were run by the School. In December 2008 two staff and seven students went to Burkina Faso where they were involved with the refurbishment of a school near Ouahigouya. They also assisted with making improved fireplaces to increase fuel efficiency and to reduce illnesses associated with smoke inhalation. The group also visited the Dogon community in nearby Mali.

During Easter 2009 three staff took a group of twenty students to Wardha to help in the construction of a community centre at an ashram that was once a home to Gandhi, the "father" of Indian independence. The group also visited the Golden Triangle and the Taj Mahal.



Ladakh, July 2009

In July 2009 three staff took a group of eleven students at the end of the school year to Peru to work alongside Markham College students in the construction of a community centre in Chincha – the scene of the devastating earthquake in 2007. The group also completed the Salcantay trek and visited Macchu Pichu.

Service always has been, and always will be, an important part of the Aiglon education.



Wardha, India, March 2009

One student went on the Round Square International Service (RSIS) Ladakh Project in July 2009. This project also involved a trek climbing over three 5000m passes. A further service project, similar to the last one, is planned for Burkina Faso in December 2009.



INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DISCUSSES TALIBAN RULE IN AFGHANISTAN



Alain Lallemand speaking at the 5th Hélène de Beir Lecture.

The annual Hélène De Beir lecture is given to honour the memory of an Aiglon alumna killed in Afghanistan whilst undertaking relief work for Médecins Sans Frontières. The 2008 lectures to both the junior and senior schools were given, with Helen's father Francis in attendance, by Alain Lallemand, a distinguished Belgian journalist.

Mr Lallemand is an investigative reporter for *Le Soir*, specialising in organised crime and drugs, and he has worked in highly dangerous situations all over the world. The 2008 lecture was especially poignant as he came to talk both about Hélène's experiences and tragic death in a remote province in Afghanistan and about the issues facing that troubled country

now. There was a palpable sadness across the hall as it became clear that this courageous young woman and her colleagues, with a mission to bring relief from tuberculosis to some of the poorest people in the world, were killed as a warning to stay away from the poppy fields.

Mr Lallemand also discussed the ethnic divisions spanning provincial and national borders and provided the audience with his expert view on the rule of the Taliban. The measure of the success of a lecture is often in the questions asked by the audience when it finishes, and it was clear that his had captured the imagination of students of all ages.

For further information: www.hdbf.org



STUDENTS SERVE LOCAL SENIORS

by Lisiane Lefèvre

Lunches for the elderly of Chesières- Villars were held in February and May. Both were a real success, joyful and full of human warmth, thanks to our eighteen students who participated with great enthusiasm, and Joëlle Starr, who has faithfully attended the whole show. Not to forget our Chef and his team, who prepare beautiful meals each time. The students also worked hard and entertained our local seniors for more than four hours. Their parents can be proud of them.

The top photograph shows Mr Gordon Dyke, a much appreciated Art teacher, also known for his travels all over the world and his passion for cross-country skiing. Sadly he left us at the end of May, at the age of 83.

Our local seniors seem to enjoy coming back and meeting the students and the communication between them is easy and cheerful. The students also visit the elderly in their homes to chat or help with shopping and snow clearing in winter.

All this has happened thanks to Russell Lewis. One day he asked me to create an option to bring together the local seniors and the students. He flattered me by saying I was the only one able to make this project succeed. I couldn't disappoint him, so it all happened.



PLIGHT OF AIGLON ALUMNUS IN ZIMBABWE

Members of the Friends of Aiglon College (FOAC) UK attended the premiere of *'Mugabe and the White African'* at BAFTA in London. The film features the struggles of courageous Aiglon alumnus Ben Freeth ('87). For the past nine years, Ben has been at the forefront of defending farmers under attack from Mugabe's militia in Zimbabwe.

For more information about the plight of Ben and his neighbours, contact claire@cfreeth.plus.com

SPACE SCIENCE AT AIGLON – PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FUTURE

by Chris Starr, Head of Space Science

After our official launch in 2008, this year Space Science and Astronomy at Aiglon have gone from strength to strength in this International Year of Astronomy 2009.

At School, all 3rd form students now follow a Space Science module as part of their carousel of science subjects, alongside Physics, Chemistry and Biology. There is also a growing number of students choosing to join the GCSE Astronomy class, currently taught during Options time, which enables them to develop their interest and skills, and to gain a recognized science qualification in the subject. The introduction of the IB next year will provide us with new and exciting opportunities for advanced practical work through the Group 4 Science projects.

More broadly, in the co-curricular field, many students, staff and parents have joined us to discover the cosmos at our regular star parties at the School's Kalouti Observatory. The observatory is now equipped with six telescopes of varying sizes, which enable us to welcome a large number of people. We also use a Stellacam video camera to show images of the Moon and planets on a large TV screen. Students are also being encouraged to build their own instruments now, developing skills of mirror-grinding through the telescope-making option, run by Head of Science, Bruce Boulden.

Outside the School, IYA 2009 has also given Aiglon the opportunity to develop partnerships with the Villars Tourism Office and local Swiss schools. As the year draws to a close, we can look back on a successful programme of public outreach events run in Villars, including the '100 Hours of Astronomy', the Salon international de la Randonnée, and a spectacular 'Night of the Shooting Stars' in August, which attracted over 200 enthusiastic visitors to the Col de la Croix. Our public exhibition along the Avenue Centrale in the centre of Villars, 'From Earth to the Universe', has also become a major feature of the local landscape during its eleven month run. This exhibition of stunning images of our cosmos will be coming back on campus for all to enjoy.

Our partnership with Villars Tourism has given keen students experience in community service, and we shall be developing more opportunities for service activities through education for the creativity, action and service (CAS) programme of the IB next year. We shall be running another exciting programme of space events for 2010, both in the School and in the local community. Come along and join us some time! Clear skies!

For our programme of upcoming events, check out the Space Science department pages in the curriculum section of the Aiglon website.

For more information about the UNESCO/IAU organised International Year of Astronomy in your country visit www.astronomy2009.org



Aiglon staff and students introducing local school children to the wonders of the night sky



'From Earth to the Universe' - one of the boards from our public exhibition in the avenue centrale in Villars



'Moon - Mare Humorum and the craters Tycho and Gassendi' taken through the School's 30" Dobsonian reflector



Photograph taken by student, Dominique Meyer, a keen and regular space observer

CLASS OF 2009 ART GRADUATES EXHIBIT WORK IN GENEVA by Peter Willett, Head of Art

2008-9 was a busy year for the Art department with 38 students studying A level and 37 studying GCSE. The year as always was punctuated with trips and visits to galleries in Switzerland and England.

The autumn term started with a 6th form expedition to Solalex with the aim of students drawing from nature. For new students the combination of studying outside and having to cope with tents came as quite a shock. The older hands in the student body did a great job in aiding and helping the new students who gained a great deal from the experience.

The 5th form went on a trip to the Velodrome near Monthey, as a start to their project 'man and machine'. The Velodrome is a new and stunning piece of modern architecture designed to house Europe's premier indoor cycling circuit. Like the 6th form the students drew and gathered resources that they would then develop into personal pieces of work.

Both the 5th and 6th form also visited galleries and museums in Lausanne and Martigny in order to relate their work to the work of other artists. This is a vital part of art education and Aiglon is well placed to have access to such museums as the Giannada Foundation and the Museum De Brut in Lausanne.

From the 7 June to 11 July the Class of 2009 graduates exhibited and sold their work at Gallery GAIA Espace in Geneva. This addition to the art calendar adds a real life aspect to the education given in the department. The students take part in the planning and marketing of the event and also receive a percentage of the sale value. The students also volunteered a piece of their work to be sold for charity. This is set to become an annual event.



Adriana Aparicio Echavarría



Alison Babitsky



Ankita Jatia



Andrea Quiros Balma



Matthis Meyer



Sanjanna Gupta



Dania Shams



Alvaro Menendez Ucelay



Andrey Borissyuk



Gabriela Palatchi Gallardo



Maria Harfeld



Kun Woo Kang



Gabriel Lees



Anna Kosenko



Alexandra Redcliffe



Ala Onur



Natalie Choy

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BUILDING THE FUTURE: A CASE FOR SUPPORT

by Mark Silverstein, Director of External Relations

THE AIGLON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Aiglon College Association Board of Governors, the Head Master and his team are all guardians of John Corlette's educational philosophy. They shape the future of the School so that every student continues to have outstanding learning, leadership, service, sporting and social opportunities.

In 2007, the Board approved a campaign to raise 25 million Swiss Francs for additions to the **Endowed Funds** and for the construction of a **Sports Centre**, a **Library and Media Centre**, and a **Performing Arts Centre**. Today, the School has raised SFr. 2 million for the Sports Centre and SFr. 500,000 for the Endowed Funds.

Our goals cannot be met from operating surpluses and for this reason we are calling on students' families, alumni and friends to help Aiglon with financial support.

A significant increase in endowed funds is required to underpin the School's long term future and to offer more scholarships for talented students from around the world. An ability to attract experts, particularly in music and the arts, to work alongside as actors, artists and musicians 'in residence' also depends on expanding the endowment.

The new Sports Centre will give the Expeditions and Physical Education departments enhanced opportunities to train young men and women in activities that develop not only physical fitness but also mental toughness. For the first time in its history, the School would be able to host indoor and outdoor sports tournaments throughout the year.

This campaign is a global effort. Wherever you are, please share and support the vision of Building the Future of Aiglon and then watch the impact of your generosity.



ANNUAL GIVING

Aiglon currently has a limited endowment that gives financial stability for the School's future. Alumni parents and students can really help to make a difference through making annual gifts.

Aiglon relies on School fees to cover its daily running costs. Annual giving enables the College to make improvements that would otherwise not be possible.

There are several projects that you could support:

- **Unrestricted gift:** to allow the School to use it where it is needed most on enhancing teaching, learning and living facilities
- **Capital Campaign:** to open a new sports centre in the near future and to pave the way for further major building projects
- **John Corlette Scholarship Fund:** to support scholarship and bursaries
- **William Cargill Endowment Fund:** to give financial security for Aiglon's long-term continuity
- **Seba CZ Scholarship Fund:** to provide scholarships/bursaries for students from Oriental and African countries and to assist with their living and studying expenses whilst at Aiglon College
- **Hélène de Beir Fund:** for Service and Humanitarian Awareness to fund annual human rights lectures for Aiglon students, alumni and parents

All gifts help, whatever their size. Participation and your support are what matter most!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN



Richard den Drijver

Richard den Drijver is a Dutch citizen living in Villars with one son in his second year at Aiglon's junior school. He has a law degree from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and is specialised in international tax law.

Richard started his career as a founding partner of Curvalue Beheer BV, a financial company active in the electronic European derivative and brokerage markets. He was a Chairman and CEO of VDM specialist USA, a listed company on the New York Stock Exchange and active as a specialist on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 2006 he was appointed as CEO of van der Moolen Holding NV (international trading and brokerage in listed equities and derivatives) and listed on the Euronext. In 2008 Richard became part of Aiglon's volunteer Capital Campaign Team with a strong focus of fundraising for the new Sport Centre. In 2009 he became Capital Campaign Chairman. He has lived in UK, US, Monte Carlo, France, Netherlands and Switzerland.

He joined the Board of Governors of Aiglon in 2009. Being an avid supporter of Expeditions and Sports, he has made a significant and generous donation towards the Sports Centre, as he and his wife, Malika, are keen to see this project realised.

YOUR LEGACY TO AIGLON COLLEGE

Former students looking back at their time at Aiglon College have many memories. The stories we hear from our Alumni Eagle Association and Friends of Aiglon College members about their time here range from an expedition saga to the extremely poignant and touching. It is obvious from speaking to anyone who came to Aiglon that the School has left many enduring memories and has affected their lives in many ways. You could say that the School had left them with a "legacy."

For six decades and counting, Aiglon College has itself benefited from donations and bequests both large and small, some of which now form the very basis of the endowment fund that is responsible for providing the funding to keep the School running for many more years to come. Legacies can cushion Aiglon College against the negative economic times and also enable the School to continue to offer an outstanding education to all, irrespective of their financial means.

Would you perhaps consider making provisions for Aiglon College in your Will? It costs nothing initially and could enable you to give Aiglon more than would ever be possible during a lifetime. By making a gift to charity, you could reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay on your estate, so a legacy to Aiglon College is a very cost effective means of giving your charitable support. Aiglon College charitable trusts exist in Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United States and the United Kingdom.

By leaving a legacy for the general purposes of the Aiglon College Association, you will be enabling Aiglon College to use your gift where it is most needed. Should you wish, however, to leave your legacy for a specific purpose, we would be pleased to talk this through with you.

"I am leaving a legacy to Aiglon not only because of its excellence as a school in all its aspects, but because it developed my son Oliver into a motivated, disciplined and mature young man, who spent his formative years in a very special environment where he thrived and made life-long friends. Such an outcome deserves support and praise. Planned giving is my way to give back to Aiglon, which has made a profound impact in our lives." Irene Bareau (Parent of alumnus, 1989, United States)

Support the Aiglon Alumni Team at the Villars 24 Hours Race, 16-17 January 2010

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Aiglon College recognises the outstanding and vital support of its generous contributors to special projects, to the Annual Fund, and to our Capital Campaign. Aiglon is grateful to this enthusiastic group of current and former students, parents, staff, and businesses who have a particularly close association and loyalty to the School. *Thank you for making gifts to the school in 2008-9.*

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alumni eagle association

GOOD ALTITUDE by Louis Snyder ('69, ACAP '00) President of the Aiglon College Alumni Eagle Association (ACAEA)



Greetings to our global alumni family... This has been an extremely busy and a much accomplished year for your Alumni Association, particularly leading up to Aiglon's 60th Anniversary celebration on the mountain in July. I believe I can speak for the 260 attendees of 'the big event', that this reunion was, indeed, a resounding success. The 60th Anniversary Reunion Committee, headed by the lovely and talented **Marcia Izant** ('71), could not have possibly achieved more... for the event was flawlessly orchestrated, enriching to the heart, entertaining and contained many memorable moments.

During the four day event, the ACAEA proudly honoured two of its alumni for their leadership roles and multiple contributions to the School; **Aura Reinhardt Gebauer** ('72) with the 2009 "Key Award", and **Douglas Erb** ('74) with the "Citation Award". Retiring staff members, **Tony Hyde**, **Lisiane Lefèvre** and **Ruth and Rick Harwood** were also presented special recognition awards from the Alumni Association for their decades of unwavering support to Aiglon.



ACAEA's 1st Vice President, **Rana Sahni** and I, were also very proud to present a specially created Aiglon College 'Swiss Cow Bell' to the School's Principal, honouring Aiglon's first 60 years, which shall proudly be displayed at the School.

Bibi Parson's portrait, earlier commissioned by the ACAEA from the generous contributions of 35 alumni students, alumni parents and alumni staff, was co-presented by the portrait's artist, and former Aiglon art teacher, **Norman Perryman** and myself during the Gala event.

This presentation was warmly received by the Aiglon community present, and this wonderful resemblance of our dear **Bibi Parsons** truly captured her inner spirit and outward warmth for our alumni family... a constant reminder of that special bond so many of us have for her. **Bibi's** portrait will proudly join her husband's portrait, **Philip Parsons**, Aiglon's Headmaster from 1976-1994.

As most of you realise, this past academic year has been a rather delicate and challenging period in Aiglon's history, and I am particularly grateful to our alumni community for its continuing support and inspiring loyalty. Our alumni resolve and commitment in continuing

to celebrate **John Corlette's** educational philosophy as well as honouring his legacy, runs deep within us, and it is my belief that those special qualities of an Aiglon educational experience are today, and always will be, secure on Aiglon's mountain.

On behalf of the Aiglon Alumni Association, we wish to warmly welcome back **Richard McDonald** as our Head Master. I wish you all a pleasant festive season. Strength and honour!

Louie Snyder
lsnyder@ussalescorp.com



FRIENDS OF AIGLON COLLEGE UPDATE

by Rana Sahni ('79, P'12) ACAEA 1st Vice President



The past 12 months have been extremely active as the ACAEA embarked on new initiatives in continuing to reconnect alumni back to Aiglon in a variety of ways. The ACAEA charter provides for oversight over all the alumni organisations. Our goals are to support the Development and Alumni Offices at Aiglon and offer guidance to the various alumni organisations.

We have embarked on a path to create uniformity within the Friends of Aiglon College (FOAC) family with the introduction of 'Governance Standards' and the formation of sub-committees within each organisation. We are also resurrecting as well as creating new FOACs in different parts of the world. The ACAP or 'alumni parents' organisation continues to grow under the leadership of Maria Kantorowicz (P'99, '01) as does the ACAS or 'alumni staff' organisation led by Helen Reeves (AS'89-'97).

As I look back at the last twelve months, I get a tremendously warm and fuzzy feeling for all the old friends I have reconnected with and all the new ones I have made. I also get dizzy with the very meaningful activity all over the world which, in many cases, was made possible by the generosity of our alumni hosts. The number of our alumni donors has doubled, from approximately 2.5% to just over 5%. Our goal is to continue to increase that base to those averages attained at other similar not for profit schools of 20%+ alumni donor participation, within the next three to five years.

We have identified three types of events: The first is a **Reunion**, and these are held at the school for significant class year anniversaries, or school year

anniversaries. The price tag to attend a Reunion is pure cost. The second type of event is a **Reception**, which is a hosted event at no cost. These are held in support of the Capital Campaign, or to host a visiting school dignitary to disseminate information to the alumni / parent body. The third is a **Benefit**, or a fund raiser, which all Not-For-Profit organisations or institutions (such as Aiglon) host for support from their friends and well-wishers. The cost to attend these has multiple donor levels so as to encourage maximum financial support.

October 2008 saw the New York City Benefit orchestrated by the **FOAC US**, which surpassed all previous events up until that date in attendance and funds raised in support of Aiglon. It was also our first event with the co-operation of the Swiss Ambassador who kindly hosted a pre-benefit Cocktail Reception at his residence. The Ambassador recognised the unique qualities of Aiglon as evidenced by the alumni he met. He spoke very eloquently about the the historical status of Switzerland as a home to some of the finest educational institutions in the world. We were honoured to have the entire Board of Governors present, as their annual meeting was held in New York to coincide with this event. FOAC US, led by **Doug Erb** ('74) continues to lead in alumni fundraising in support of Aiglon.

Towards the end of 2008 **FOAC-Europe** was initiated and is being led by **Alessandro Corsini** ('75). The first event will be held in 2010 in one of the member countries.

FOAC- Northern Europe, encompassing Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland is also taking shape with four Board Members already identified under the guidance of **Jan Goedhardt** ('76).

In February 2009 a very elegant dinner Reception was hosted by four alumni (**Ali Daud, Narain Janghiani Jashanmal, Pushpa Jashanmal and Shuja Jashanmal**) in the penthouse ballroom at the Burj Al Arab Hotel in Dubai. The dinner was attended by close to 50 people including alumni, alumni parents, current parents and one prospective parent. At this time **FOAC-Middle East and North Africa** was initiated, and is being headed up by **Manoj Narender Madhani** ('88). Its Charter is being filed for approval by the local authorities and six Board Members have been identified from different graduation years and countries.

How can I not mention the truly memorable **Aiglon 60th Anniversary Reunion**. It was magical to once again awaken to the majestic Dents Du Midi. The good weather was with us. It really was a great deal of fun reliving some aspects of our Aiglon days (dining together, expeditions, tug of war, meeting old teachers and staff members), whereby over 260 alumni, family members, and many former staff gathered over the course of four days.

FOAC-UK and the **UK Charitable Trust** are exploring the possibility of merging into one entity: FOAC-UK Charitable Trust. The FOAC UK hosted its first ever 'Benefit' on 24 September in London. A Cocktail Reception at the Swiss Ambassador's Residence was followed by a dinner generously donated by **Danny** ('81, P'09, '10) and **Christiane Fakhre** at Mosimann's restaurant.

FOAC-Canada is being revitalised and will be headed by **Babak Barin** ('82). We hope for a Canadian Benefit in Toronto in 2010. Many events are being planned for 2010 including the formation of several additional FOACs in different regions of the world. Stay tuned, and thank you for your support. My best wishes to each of you and your families. May God bless you all.

FOAC-UK PRESIDENT'S UPDATE
by **Alia Al-Senussi** ('00)

The **FOAC-UK** and the **Aiglon College Charitable Trust UK** are in the final process of being united! We are very grateful to our Board Members who have put in such a massive effort to get this accomplished, particularly Elena Mariggi who has worked tirelessly towards this goal. The UK will conform to the 'ACAEA Global Standards' for the Aiglon trusts in such a way that we will no longer operate a separate trust and alumni association, but rather, within the trust, we will have various committees dealing with the required board management, financial and fundraising aspects, as well as the development of alumni relations.

Due to these positive developments, we are also looking forward to actively recruit a few additional alumni members to the Board (and also just to get new people involved), so I would love to use this opportunity to appeal to the Aiglon community in the UK and ask that you consider joining our FOAC team. We need as much help as possible to reach out and assist with the various efforts of friend-raising, fund-raising and alumni relations.

ALUMNI EAGLE ASSOCIATION AWARDS 2009

ACAEA President, Louis Snyder ('69) congratulated and honoured this year's award recipients at the 60th Anniversary Reunion for their long-standing exemplary support for Aiglon.

KEY AWARD RECIPIENT



Aiglon's highest honour bestowed upon alumni in recognition of a lifetime of voluntary service to the School and to the alumni community was presented this year to **Aura Reinhardt-Gebauer**.

An American, born in Paris, Aura moved to Vietnam, then Washington DC, on to Cairo, Egypt, then to Rome, all before she came to Aiglon. Aura was one Aiglon's very first 17 female students, arriving in 1968 and she knew John Corlette well. She became part of 'Team Chantecler' until she graduated in 1972 and a School Prefect. Aura also had two younger siblings at Aiglon, her brother, Harry Reinhardt, who currently has a daughter and son enrolled at Aiglon and who serves on the FOAC-US Board, and a sister, Catherine Reinhardt-Traber.

After Aiglon, Aura attended Mount Holyoke College, achieving a BA in Comparative Literature. She later married Tony Gebauer and they have two sons, Philip and Christopher. Aura's current occupation is Bacardi USA's Vice President of Corporate Communications.

Aura was one of the early founders of the Friends of Aiglon College in the United States. She served as its President and organised many reunion events in New York. She was appointed to the Board of Governors in 1999, and most capably served in this important capacity for nine years. Aura has recommended many prospective students to attend Aiglon, and her mother, Solie and family have been annual givers to Aiglon for many years. Aura is one of our very finest 'good will' ambassadors and this award is richly deserved.

CITATION AWARD RECIPIENT



The Citation Award in honour of loyalty and commitment to the Aiglon College community was presented this year to **Douglas Erb**.

Doug hails from New York, but was raised in Vienna, Austria. He attended Aiglon for three years from 1971-74, where he proudly resided in Alpina House. He played sports on three School Athletic Teams: football, tennis and skiing.

After Aiglon, Doug attended Boston University and MIT and vocationally, he works at Sutton Brook Capital Management as one of its partners. Doug is married to Florence and they have four children: Alessia, Federica, Gabriella, and Maximilian.

Doug has been an active alumnus in the United States for many years and has served with distinction on the Friends of Aiglon College-US Board of Directors for a long period of time. He succeeded Noel Thompson ('70) last year as President of FOAC US, which continues to be at the forefront of alumni fundraising in support of Aiglon.

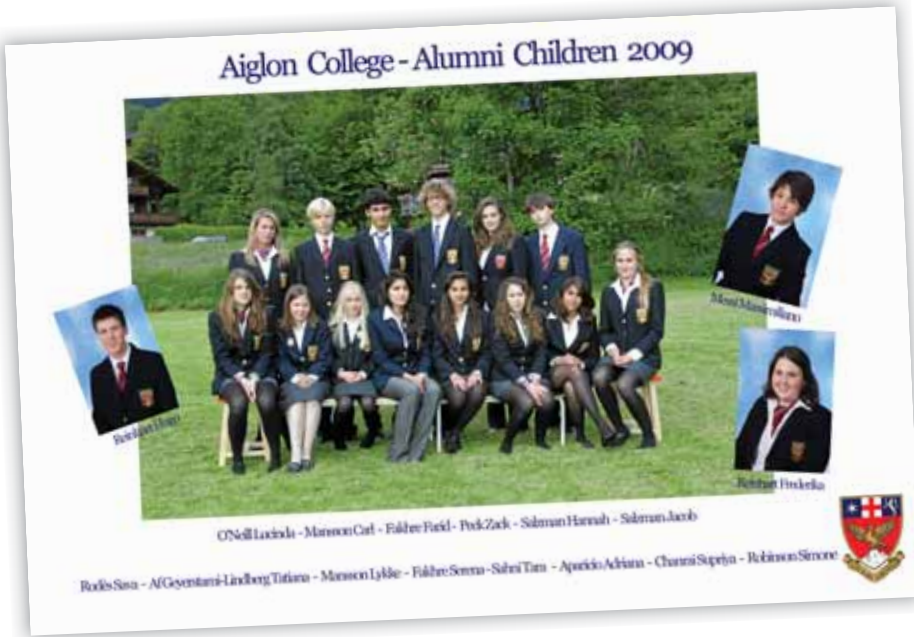
A dedicated attendee at events and functions, Doug also served on the 60th Anniversary Reunion Committee. He has been a staunch and unwavering supporter of the School for over thirty years and this award is recognition of his dedication to Aiglon College and its alumni community.

Aura and Doug are pictured with Marcia Izant 60th Anniversary Committee Chair.

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TERM DATES 2010

WINTER TERM 2010

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Term ends/Graduation: Saturday 3 July

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Term commences: Thursday 2 – Saturday 4 September
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Aiglon was delighted to welcome the children of its alumni to the 2009 Summer School.



Back row from left to right:
Thomas Besson, Ryan McAllery, Sasha Klerk-Kupartow, Areya Arseh, Caio Twombly,
Saah Aresh, Ascanio Rossini, Spencer Goddard
Front row from left to right:
Maria Twombly, Selvaggia Messi, Xenia Klerk-Kurptow, Fredia Messi, Camilla Pinoli.

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Aiglon College 60th Anniversary Reunion, 2-4 July 2009

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Territet, Switzerland, 16 October, 2008



David Gamboa, Patricia Bremner



Mr & Mrs Francois Meyer, our hosts and Steven and Tamara Saltzman (P'12,'15)



Karina Van Ophem (P'11, '14) and Meagan Carnahan (P'17)

New York City, USA, 25 October, 2008



Jan Slee ('65) with Ambassador and Mrs Christoph Bubb, Daniel Haener



Andrea Azam, Mrs Bubb, Maria Kantorowicz (P'99, '01) and Bahman Azam ('76)



Oliver Bateau ('89), Caroline Bateau, Ilse Nelson, Semone and Ziona Grossman (P'11)

Moscow, Russia, 22 November 2008



Christiaan Mann ('88)



Didier and Gay Boutroux with Sergey Nerushay (P'08)



Nadine de Tschamer ('96) with Alla Konstantinova ('97)

Dubai, UAE, 28 February 2009



Ali ('84) and Misha Daud



Shuja Jashanmal ('83), Dania Shams ('09), and Rana Sahni ('79)



Henry ('83) and Ivana ('84) Okereke

London, UK, 7 May 2009



Feroza Joosub (P'06, '08, '11), Basma Al Binali (P'06, '08, '11) & Raghida Ghandour (P'12) & Brenda Kananura ('08)



Lulu Hutley & Edward Hutley ('80) & Wendy Parmley (Former Governor)



Diana Horsford (P'12), Linda De Barra & Nicholas Mavroleon ('78)

2nd Annual Aiglon Golf Open, 1 July 2009 Lausanne Country Club



Golf clinic with special Credit Suisse guest PGA Player Paolo Quirici



Daniel Gay, Ambassador Ian Wood and Tony Jhangiani-Jashanmal ('65)



Julian Izant ('72), Nipper von Wiesenberger ('72) and Mr. & Mrs. Magistretti, our dinner hosts

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London, UK, 24 September 2009



Ambassador Alexis Lautenberg, Rana Sahni and Mark Elliott



Tony Jhangiani-Jashanmal ('65), Karen Tosetti ('78), Egon Vorfeld ('85) and Louis Snyder ('69)



Elena Mariggi ('98), Lord Devonport and Muriel Cantryn ('00)



Bonita Grupp ('08), Jay Goenka ('08) and Katrin Olafsson ('08)



Homeyra Sahni (P'12) and Nassar Alaghband (P'11)



Margaret Elliott, Danny ('81, P09,10) and Christiane Fakhre

alumni people

Pia Atkinson-Davis Staying connected with Aiglon



Pia Atkinson-Davis is an American citizen currently residing in Prescott, Arizona. She graduated in 1970 and went on to attend Albertludwigs Universitaet in Freiburg, Germany. She gained a BA in German Studies from Stanford University and a Masters Degree in International Management from the University of Denver. Pia's career began in Finance and later in Human Resources, of which seventeen years were at the European Headquarters of Digital Equipment Corporation in Geneva. Pia was an Aiglon Governor between 1996-2003. She has lived abroad for 35 years in Venezuela, Germany, Libya and Switzerland. Pia is currently a professional photographer.

I arrived at Aiglon at the tender age of 17, with two years of 'A' levels to go. We had just moved to Libya and Aiglon was the dream school. I joined the first year they accepted girls – about 20 of us, amongst 160+ boys. Not unlike many corporate environments today at the top.

Early Aiglon memories include: dreading skiing on inclement days; stale bread; amazing yogurt; frozen fingers and toes on winter ex; exhilaration on the peaks; the point system. Possibly my most important lesson was that

“...find a medium and subject matter that you love - you will always excel at what you love doing. Find a mentor who is skilled and as passionate about the work as you are. In the business world, it's not much different - do what you love. And, if you haven't figured that out yet, find people and a company that you can get excited about, and you'll be on a good path.”

mind over matter does work. I recognized this years later doing safari skiing near Andermatt. Standing on top of the mountain, with a sheer drop to craggy rocks 150m down, the guide said, “Whatever you do, don't fall or you die!” I'm still around.

Six years after Aiglon, with a BA and Masters in International Management under my belt, I began working in banking in the US. While I never really had a career game plan, I knew that I wanted to stay connected 'internationally' and to support myself (which was not how I was brought up). Within a few years, my husband was transferred to Switzerland and I was hired by Digital European Headquarters in Geneva as a financial analyst – this journey concluded 17 years later, through various Financial and Human Resource Management positions. My primary objectives were always to excel at whatever I did, deliver on time and treat others with respect. I found the right husband on my second try, and we returned to the U.S. to live in Cambridge, Mass. for 7 years. My patience with corporate politics quickly evaporated and I began a serious career out of my love for photography. We now live in Northern Arizona, a goldmine for photographers.

I developed a passion for blown glass in the 90's, both as collector and photographer. I am now a photographic artist (www.piaphoto.com), and have sold many prints and collages, especially to hospitals (where my art is viewed as healing) and in corporate spaces. I also design and make dichroic glass pendants.

In the context of art, find a medium and subject matter that you love - you will always excel at what you love doing. Find a mentor who is skilled and as passionate about the work as you are. In the business world, it's not much different - do what you love. And, if you haven't figured that out yet, find people and a company that you can get excited about, and you'll be on a good path.

This Board of Governors has many challenges ahead, and I know we are well equipped to deliver. I think that I bring steadfastness, honesty and a love of the School, along with past experience helping guide Aiglon. I am looking forward to joining my fellow governors in moving the School into its next phase.



Pia Atkinson-Davis, 1969

Egon Vorfeld Proud to be an Aiglonian



Egon Vorfeld is a Dutch citizen, resident in Geneva and Villars (Chantecler) since 2000. He graduated from Aiglon in 1985 and has served as Class Secretary ever since. He attained a Masters Degree in Business Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Egon started his career as an investment banker with Cazenove & Co. in London, followed by Credit Lyonnais Securities London, before starting his own private client asset management business, IWM Independent Wealth Management in Geneva in 2000. Egon is now a partner of The Forum Finance Group in Geneva, following a merger this year. He has served on various corporate boards.

When asked to reflect on my time at Aiglon and what I have been up to since, I knew that the part about Aiglon would be difficult to put into words. So often people ask (me) the question: what makes Aiglon so special? The fact that people pose the question is in itself a confirmation of how special the School is and what an important impact it has had on its alumni. Not many schools have an alumni body that feels such a strong bond with their fellow alumni, irrespective of when they attended the school. Once an Aiglonian, always an Aiglonian – you're part of the family now.

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Arriving at Delaware in 1982 was quite a daunting moment. Lots of boys were running around, I did not know anyone and was saying goodbye to my parents for longer than ever before. I was allocated a room with apparently the naughtiest boy, who happened to come from Iran. I had never met anyone from Iran and I was on social trial. If I put a foot wrong I would be sent back to Holland... No-one looked like me, except for perhaps the Norwegian and German down the hall. Soon we were competing at sports, going on expeditions, having house dinners, meal exchanges and working under academic pressure. We all mingled naturally, had to perform at many different activities, individually or as a team and without realising it we became a close-knit community. We all had a great sense of belonging and security that came through being with our friends.

Aiglon is truly a unique place to grow up. When you leave the security of a parental home, old friends and family behind, a new life starts: no obvious group to join, no place to hide and no-one cares how important your family is back home. Everyone starts from scratch, having to earn their fellow students' respect through their own actions. With more than 50 nationalities represented, you

were hard pushed to find someone from your country – let alone your neighbourhood. We all learned that despite our cultural, physical or family wealth differences, we were really not so different. We learned to respect others, learn from our differences and keep an open mind.

I like to think we became a new breed of person, an 'Aiglonian', one that grew up benefiting from many cultural influences, not just the culture of our parents. In my view we became a species known for its ability to adapt to new environments and it is this skill that has been an important differentiating factor between me and my peers at university and work.

After getting my masters degree in business economics, followed by ten years as an investment banker in London, I returned to Switzerland in 2000 owing to a combination of work and personal aspirations, to start a wealth management business in Geneva. I have always kept a close link with Aiglon: as class secretary 1985, subsequently buying Chantecler and this summer becoming an Aiglon governor. I feel honoured to be able to give something back to the School that has had such a profound influence on who I am today. I want to help the school to continue to develop this unique species that has a natural bond for life with each other and a great ability to adapt, for to paraphrase Darwin: "it is not the strongest that survive, but those with the best ability to adapt..."

I am proud to be an Aiglonian.



Egon Vorfeld, 1982

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