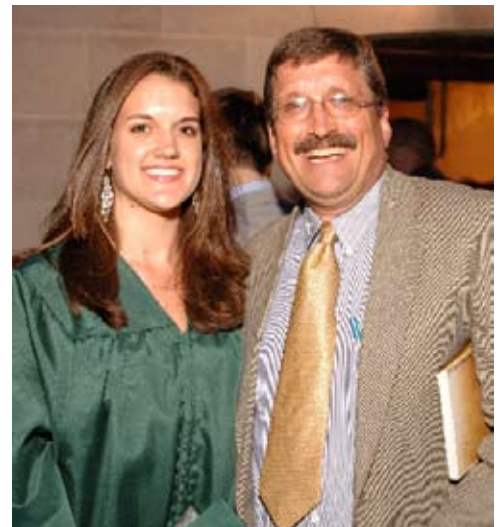




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SUMMER 2008



Congratulations, Grads!

TWENTY-EIGHT RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT BTA'S 3RD GRADUATION CEREMONY

BOSTON TRINITY ACADEMY celebrated its third commencement on June 5 at the Holy Name Church in West Roxbury. Twenty-eight young men and women graduated at a ceremony attended by more than three hundred faculty, family, and friends.

Following a grand processional and scripture reading by Kaitlyn Herman '09, Erica Baganza sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Then Faylis Matos '08 reflected on the blessing of her six years at BTA. "The close knit community and remarkable diversity are rare. I have hugged people here who elsewhere I might not even have spoken to."

Headmaster Tim Wiens challenged the class to think beyond themselves and to consider what they might contribute to the future. "Each day you will be confronted with decisions that will impact the rest of your lives. I pray that you seek to better the lives of others rather than simply seek to better your own." He acknowledged that this class has already begun to do just that with

mission trips to Paraguay, South Africa, and Nepal as well as local service projects.

Before presenting diplomas, Chairman of the Board Rob Bradley reminded the class of the investment that had been made to their high school education. "Wherever you go, you will be representing BTA and the people who helped provide you with such an excellent high school education. Live up to it," he said.

Reverend Hurmon Hamilton of Roxbury Presbyterian Church gave the commencement address touching on three main points. Reverend Hamilton advised the graduates to have conversations with God as they have conversations with friends, to own their mistakes, and to dream big.

Upon receiving their diplomas, the graduates accepted accolades from family, friends, faculty, and staff. Many will be spending the summer in service through missions and local programs. And as with each preceding senior class, all of them will head to college.

More than 300 wellwishers attended commencement exercises this year to congratulate the third group of seniors to complete a BTA education. As with the two preceding classes, all these graduates have been accepted into college.

Fundraising Goal Nearly Reached

In early 2006, BTA launched a capital campaign to raise nearly \$8 million for the purchase and renovation of 17 Hale Street. As of June 2008, the trustees, faculty, and other investors have given and pledged more than \$5 million, with the faculty alone contributing nearly \$100 thousand. However, in order to meet our goal, another three million needs to be raised. While focusing on the capital campaign, BTA granted more than \$900,000 in financial aid to more than 60 percent of our student body during the last academic year. If you are interested in investing in our scholarship fund or the capital campaign, please contact Starr Glidden at sglidden@bostontrinity.org.



from the office of the Headmaster

Reflecting upon another fantastic year—our sixth as an institution, I am reminded of the successes and true blessings we have experienced. We have had two juniors earn distinction as National Merit Scholarship qualifiers; two eighth grade students qualified for the John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth; and one freshman has been chosen as a Harvard Crimson Scholar. Along the way, we have also seen multiple faculty members complete master's and doctoral degrees from distinguished universities such as Harvard and Boston University. Each of these accomplishments speaks to our mission of academic excellence, founded on the basis of a Christian worldview.

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This year also marked the opening of the Trinity Institute for Leadership and Social Justice. Through it, our students have benefited from a deepened understanding of what leadership looks like through the lens of service. Engaged in a neighborhood revitalization project in Dorchester, our students also raised nearly \$5500 for the living expenses, sustenance, and the education of four orphans in Nepal. This summer two groups of students and faculty will travel to Nepal and South Africa, to serve in communities where social, economic, and racial differences are united.

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—TIM WIENS, HEADMASTER

Inspired by Innovative Courses

STUDENTS DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

AS BTA GROWS AS a school, we are expanding our course selections. This spring the juniors added Media Analysis to their weekly schedule. This timely and very relevant class is team taught by four members of the faculty and addresses such topics as the power of visual media and the use of media in political campaigns.

“The class was created to fill a gap,” explains Dean of Academics and one of the faculty team, Tracy Greenwalt. “We feel it is critical for our students to graduate with a better sense of what it means to control media as opposed to being controlled by it.”

A select number of seniors participated in Leadership Seminar, a class taught by Headmaster Tim Wiens. “The discussions we have on what it means to be a leader are quite challenging,” says Channy Yem, “Everyone has a different perspective on what a leader should look like, and this causes us to think about the traits we value in leaders and how

we might apply those to ourselves.”

New course offerings including Art History, Civil Rights, and Anatomy & Physiology will be added to next year’s curriculum that should be equally challenging and thought provoking.



John Howard '08 presenting at the Senior Symposium. Every senior must research, write, and present an ethical and cultural issue defending their stance and utilizing their interpretation of Christian ethics.

Annual Awards Chapel

ON MAY 30, the BTA community gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of students and parents. Awards are given to students and parents who reflect the vision and values of BTA.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award is given for exemplary servant leadership; the Board of Trustees Award is given for outstanding personal and academic growth; and the Headmaster’s Award is given to a senior who exhibits outstanding Christian character and performance in academics and athletics. A new award was created to honor the memory of Rose Zvara, the late wife of board member, John Zvara. This award is bestowed on a middle school student who has made significant academic and personal progress.

Awards are also presented from each academic and co-curricular department to the student who demonstrates passion for, as well as proficiency in, each discipline. Citizenship awards are granted for service to the community in public and private ways. Athletic awards were presented at a dinner the preceding evening.

Parent awards include the Mary Glenn Award for outstanding leadership and commitment to the betterment of the school community and the Anna Sparrow Award given in memory of Anna Sparrow, mother of Kip '08, for demonstrating a love for God through a willingness to help at anytime.

Headmaster’s Award
-Evan Szatkowski '08

Female Athlete of the Year
-Parisa Hassanzadeh '08

Male Athlete of the Year
-Peter Hill '09

John Eliot Award
-Noah Hodge '09

Martin Luther King Jr. Award
-Kaitlyn Herman '09

Middle School Citizenship Award
-Alex Hurt '12

Upper School Citizenship Award
-Jason Nam '09

Board of Trustees Award
-Christian Perez '09

Performing Arts Award
-Upper School: Daniel Montagna '09
-Middle School: Timothy Reyes Jernigan '12

Visual Arts Award
-Upper School: Sarah Medeiros '10
-Middle School: Irene Hong '13

Anna Sparrow Award
-Dorothy James, mother of Nathaniel, '09

Mary Glenn Award
-Ellen McLaughlin, mother of Olivia, '09

Rose Zvara Personal Achievement Award
-Vanessa Cordero '13

SENIOR CLASS PROFILE

Oh, The Places You'll Go...

After the AP tests were taken, the final papers were written, and the college decisions were made, BTA's seniors completed their high school careers with professional experiences outside the classroom. Each student chose a Senior Capstone internship during May. This year's Capstone internships included shadowing a physician and assisting with medical research, interning with a state representative at the Statehouse, working at Fidelity Investments, volunteering with Boston's 10 Point Coalition, and being a production assistant at a recording studio in Nashville, TN.

During the months before these graduates head off to college in the fall, many will serve in communities in the city of Boston and as far away as Cape Town, South Africa. While all 28 were accepted to college, a handful will take a "gap year" to travel, study, and work before moving on to higher education.

- Erica Baganza** University of New Haven
- Jeremy Beatty** Flagler College
- Brittany Bounds** College of Wooster
- Melissa Coppin** Bridgewater State College
- Jordan Davis** Randolph-Macon College

- Christina Dee**..... Briarwood College
- Adriana Feliz**..... Suffolk University
- Jonathan Greydanus**..... Boston University
- Michael Guerra**..... Eastern University
- Parisa Hassanzadeh**..... Gordon College
- John Howard**..... Vanderbilt University
- Eun Sol Kim**..... Boston University
- Halier Martinez**..... Johnson & Wales University
- Faylis Matos**..... Trinity College
- Gabriella Mira**..... Pine Manor College
- Victoria Mitchell**..... Salve Regina University
- Micah Nelson**..... Regis College
- Elizabeth Oblom**..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Ji Na Oh**..... Stony Brook University
- Sang Gil Sim**..... Northeastern University
- Min Jung Son**..... Boston University
- Kip Sparrow**..... Nyack College
- Evan Szatkowski**..... Worcester State College
- David J. Taylor**..... Middlebury College
- Johnathan Taylor**..... Mount Ida College
- Alysia Williams**..... Universidad de Montemorelos, Mexico
- Daniel Wolfe**..... Rhodes College
- Channy Yem**..... Westmont College

Adding It Up

MATH CLUBS HONE STUDENTS' SKILLS

RECENT DATA, suggests that the United States is lagging behind most industrialized nations in math education and proficiency. The final report of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel released in March states that American students' math skills are at a "mediocre level." BTA's math department has worked hard to create a culture of academic achievement such that students excel in and out of the classroom at conceptual and problem solving math skills.

Under the leadership of faculty member Dr. Ioana Chiriac, middle and upper school math teams were created early in the year. Dr. Chiriac, who coaches the middle school team says, "Math is a beautiful window into God's order. I think math competitions are wonderful ways to challenge young minds."

Students of all mathematical abilities were involved in the math clubs this year. The middle school team of ten students participated in Math Counts, one of the largest math competitions in the country. In February, all of BTA's upper students took part in the 59th annual American Math Competition.

scene & heard: "When someone is trying to grow a tree, sometimes the tree will come up slanted; so they attach a wooden plank to help it grow straight. I believe BTA has been that wooden plank in many of our lives. The lessons discussed about life, love, and faith we will carry with us forever."

—EXCERPT FROM THE GRADUATION SPEECH OF FAYLIS MATOS '08



ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT

National Champions!

THIS WAS AN extraordinary year for BTA's sports teams. Varsity girls' soccer and basketball placed high in their division playing well during league championships and garnering runners' up placement. The boys' varsity teams brought home several trophies this year. They just completed an intense lacrosse season as league runners-up.

But the most exciting accomplishment by far was the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams competing in the National Christian Schools Athletic Association Division 2 National

Championship. The boys came home national champions on the heels of a stellar undefeated season in the Massachusetts Bay Independent League play. Thirty-four schools from across the country participated in the NCSAA tournament held in Erie, Pennsylvania March 6-9. Christian Hansen was named to the All Tournament team, and Francisco Luano was the tournament's MVP. All told, the BTA Lions had an exceptionally successful year with BTA teams adding 10 awards to the new trophy ccase.



"Concentrating on a common goal, fighting to the bitter end, reaping victory, and winning like gentlemen, these values were pounded into us like the beat of the ball on the court, and now, these values translate to our lives."
—Michael Guerra '08, Tri-Captain

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THE MISSION OF THE BOSTON TRINITY ACADEMY is to educate students on the basis of a Christian worldview and to promote high academic achievement and character development founded on the love of Jesus Christ. Boston Trinity Academy actively recruits a student body that reflects Boston's richly diverse communities and is committed to the proposition that a strong faith culture and a demanding academic program can unite a student body with social, economic, and racial differences. In partnership with parents and the community, the Academy seeks to produce graduates distinguished by their intellect, integrity, service, and moral vision.

Applications for 2008

Boston Trinity Academy is now reviewing a limited number of applications for the 2008-2009 academic year on a rolling admission basis. Download applications at www.bostontrinity.org. For more information on admission, contact Susan Yem, 617-364-3700, syem@bostontrinity.org.

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