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KATIE WHITE '01, NATIONAL CHAMPION!

Pine Point alumni/ae distinguish themselves in a variety of areas, including the playing fields. There's plenty of joy at Hamilton College, as they celebrate their women's Division III Lacrosse Championship, the first national title in the school's history. Playing first string defense for the Continentals was Katie White '01. Hamilton defeated the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats 13-6 in the tournament finals at Roanoke College on May 18. "Words cannot describe what that moment felt like," Katie said. "We played our hearts out for each other. It is that love that we share as a team that has led us to all our success this year. The past two weeks have felt like a dream. I think it will take some time for the reality of winning a national championship and the fact that my lacrosse career is over to set in. This past season is definitely one I will never forget." Katie is the daughter of Nancy and Blunt White '69, and sister of Will White '05. The photos show Katie on defense, with all the seniors and coaches (Katie is fourth from the left), and the seniors and coach with the championship trophy (Katie is on the left).

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K-1 FAMILY NIGHT

This fun-filled event is held every year as a culmination of the K-1's work during the year. This year's theme was Space. The quilt that the students made, raffled off on Grandparents'/Grandpersons' Day and won by Emily Rundlett '15, was back on display. The photo is of an actual NASA space suit brought to the School by Chuck Bosomworth from Hamilton Sundstrand, a United Technologies subsidiary; the suit's visit was facilitated by Charles Gill and Linda Goddard, parents of India Gill '16. Standing next to the suit are Jason Harris '17 (left) and Roland Long '16 (right). In addition, the night included an inflatable planetarium called Star Lab, a display of homemade rockets made from recycled materials, various games and activities, and celestial viewings from our new school observatory.



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DEMOVICK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER UPDATE

Work continues on schedule towards the September opening of the DeMovick Early Childhood Center, which is being built to house the Pine Point Preschool through third grade. On the day the slab was poured, the weather cooperated with brilliant sunshine, which allowed the concrete to be able to be walked on within three hours! You can follow the progress of construction by [clicking here](#).

We still need to raise \$25,000 to fully fund the project. People who supported the Library/Technology Center project four years ago feel good about their investment; here's your opportunity to have your own good feelings about building Pine Point for this generation of students and those to come. Please consider making a generous gift to help complete the DECC by [clicking here](#).



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PINE POINT GOES TO STONERIDGE!

Head of School Paul Geise hosted a luncheon on May 21 for residents at StoneRidge, a retirement community in Mystic, who have connections to Pine Point. Ten people with a connection to Pine Point, ranging from a present great-grandmother to past parents, friends, and a former trustee, enjoyed music by the Pine Point Chamber Choir and the opportunity to get together for some lively conversation and a discussion about educational trends. Those in attendance were: Phyllis Carroll, current grandparent (Alan '12, Jennifer '12); Betsey Halsey, current grandparent (Sara '10), past grandparent (Andrew '00, Allyn '01); Eleanor Harvey, past parent (Peter '75), current grandparent (Hunt '10, Rudy '11, Charlotte '13); Alice Kirchner, past grandparent (Carl '01, Myles '04), current great-grandparent (Chanel Thomas '13); Dr. Dorothy Leib, past parent (David '70, Elizabeth Leib Pollack '73); Barbara Noyes, past grandparent (Cyrus Humphreville '01, Julia Humphreville '05); Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tate, past parent (Kenneth '67, Amy Tate Berenson '70), past trustee; and Margaret Vested, current grandparent (Parker Verhoeff '09, Adam Verhoeff '11). Mrs. Vested celebrated a very special birthday with the entire group! Betsey Halsey summed up the feelings of the group when she wrote to the School, "I greatly enjoyed the luncheon yesterday, and am sorry I don't have any great-grandchildren living nearby to attend Pine Point!"

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LEAVE A LEGACY

Head of School Paul Geise, pictured here with Ken Hinrichs, President of the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut, and Vicki Anderson, Executive Director of the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and Pine Point Board member, appeared on Vicki's cable access show to talk about the benefits of planned giving for individuals and non-profits. Pine Point and countless institutions have been strengthened by planned gifts. June is "Leave A Legacy Month." As you consider *your* legacy, please consider how you might make a difference at Pine Point and other non-profits that are important to you.



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ANNUAL FUND

In the last week 20 more gifts came to Pine Point! And as usual, those gifts came from different members of the Pine Point family. It's particularly heartening when past parents continue to support the School, many of them long after their children (now with families of their own) last walked these halls. Of those twenty gifts, seven came from past parents. Of course, we love to receive gifts from alumni, as it is an affirmation of their experience at Pine Point. Gifts arrived from alumni living in Maine, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and in our own backyard (Norwich). Then there are the grandparents. We received wonderful gifts from folks in Glendale, CA and Southold, NY and just down the road from

someone living at StoneRidge. As well, we received two great gifts from parents and one extraordinary gift from a faculty member. Last Friday, the Parents Association and the Development Office hosted a lunch for the 9th graders. As part of that gathering, each of our soon-to-be graduates was given \$10 and encouraged to match that amount on their own and direct those funds to the Annual Fund. Three of the 9th graders have already responded! With the final school week upon us, there's still time to make a gift to the Annual Fund and in the process signal your belief in the relevance of the mission of Pine Point. If you wish to make a donation online, [click here](#).

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SHOW US YOUR STUFF!

We love to be able to keep up with alumni after they leave Pine Point. Sometimes, though, it's alumni and friends who take the first step, by getting in touch with us, sharing stories and photos of life after leaving the School. The photo to the right is but one example. It shows the happy Blum family, celebrating a new chapter in their lives with the graduation of oldest son Matt from Skidmore. From left: Matt '01, Pine Point School Psychologist Melinda, father Tom, and Eric '03. Please share your stories and photos about what's going on in your lives, including those all-important address changes, by contacting Associate Director of Development David Cruthers at dcruthers@pinepoint.org. We want to include your news in the fall issue of *ViewPoints!*



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FLAT STANLEY CAME TO STONINGTON!

The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley finished off its nationwide tour by playing its last two performances before appreciative families at Stonington High School on May 18. The event, presented as a fundraiser for the Stonington Education Fund, the Stonington Free Library, and Pine Point, netted approximately \$7,000 for each institution. Special thanks go to Marc Ginsberg, husband of Barbara Castle Ginsberg '70, and father of Elizabeth '01 and Matt '04, and Elizabeth Tobin Brown, wife of Jeff Brown, the creator of Flat Stanley, and mother of Duncan '08, for all their efforts in bringing the show to Stonington!

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PINE POINT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the School's annual golf tournament (June 23rd at Stonington Country Club). The field has almost filled out so make sure to reserve your spot by June 9th. Singles through foursomes are welcomed. As well, please consider sponsoring a hole. Funds raised in the tournament support the entire program at Pine Point with net income over \$11,000 directed to the Fiore Foundation Fund, which supports the faculty summer sabbatical program. This year's recipients will be traveling to Iceland, Greece, and Colombia! E-mail with any questions at development@pinepoint.org. [Click here to download the brochure.](#)



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