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**Opportunities and Announcements**

 **Golf Tournament**

Please join us on Monday, June 11, for the 15th Annual Pine Point School Golf Tournament. Please contact Director of Development David Hannon ([development@pinepoint.org](mailto:development@pinepoint.org)) if you have questions about playing, serving as a corporate or charter member, sponsoring a tee, or donating raffle prizes. In addition to supporting the entire program at Pine Point, a portion of the proceeds directly support the faculty sabbatical program, which was inaugurated last year by the Fiore family.



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 **ViewPoints Coming Soon!**

The Winter/Spring 2007 issue of *ViewPoints*, Pine Point's bi-annual magazine, will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Featured articles include the installation and unveiling of the 330 solar panels now adorning portions of the School's roof, as well as profiles on DDS alumni Jack



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as profiles on PPS alumni Jack Boatwright '66, Ray DuBois '61, Scott Smith '97, Katie White '01, and Chris Wiles '05. Their singular, interesting stories, as well as the ways that Pine Point is making a difference through solar power, will both entertain and educate you.



A favorite section of every *ViewPoints* is Class Notes, where alumni/ae can catch up on the doings of their friends and former classmates. If you have news that you'd like to share, please e-mail David Cruthers, Associate Director of Development, at [pinepointalumni@pinepoint.org](mailto:pinepointalumni@pinepoint.org) and we'll get it into the next *ViewPoints*! Also, if your address has changed recently, please contact David Cruthers at [dcruthers@pinepoint.org](mailto:dcruthers@pinepoint.org). We pay significant return postage on items sent back to the school, plus we want to be able to keep you up to date on what's happening at Pine Point!

**▲ Support the Annual Fund—Win a Pine Point Solar T-Shirt**

The gathering at the beginning of April to celebrate the official unveiling of our 330 solar panels was just a wonderful day for our school (and our world). On a cold, damp day, *everyone* was in great spirits. (You would have been incredibly proud to see that all of the students, from kindergarten through 9th grade were respectful, enthusiastic, and engaged.) From Senator Lieberman's remarks to those of Tom Owen '08, President of the Student Council, the message went out loud and clear that Pine Point was taking action to improve the environment.



When you make a gift to the Annual Fund you are strengthening the entire program at Pine Point. And when you make an online gift to the School you are not only supporting the good works of the School but you are doing so in a manner that minimizes paper, the transport of it, and even postage. In that spirit, the first ten donors to make an online gift to the Annual Fund will receive a t-shirt that bears the artistry and creativity of two of our 3rd graders and was worn by all of the students and teachers at the unveiling.



[I'd like to make a gift online to the Annual Fund](#)

**What's Happening at Pine Point?**

**▲ 2007 National Latin Exam Results**

Fifteen Pine Point students from Gr. 7-9 recently participated in the 2007 National Latin Exam. For their efforts in the *Introduction to Latin* exam, eighth grader Ceilie Moore and seventh graders Anna Holt and Olivia Denison each received a "certificate of achievement." Christine Kong (Gr. 9), Cody Williams (Gr. 8), and seventh graders Zach Dameron, Timothy O'Brien and Ege Izmirli each earned a ribbon and certificate for "outstanding achievement," answering 35 or more questions out of 40 correct.

Upon taking the *Latin I* and *Latin II* exams, respectively, Thomas Owen (Gr. 8) and Allen Davis (Gr. 9) each earned a silver medal for his

*maxima cum laude* performance.

Other exam participants included Caroline Burlingham, Eric Dush, Nancy Kong, Ethan Markam and Lydia Schulz—all seventh graders.

Ms. Robin Rice, World Language faculty member, has been teaching *eLatin*, an elective independent study program for Gr. 7-9 since 2004, as well as the school's Gr. 6 introductory Latin course.

### ▲ G.I.V.E. Committee Honored for Philanthropy

A main component of the mission of Pine Point is service learning. From this springboard, 8th and 9th grade students created the G.I.V.E. Committee in the 2005-06 school year, the goal of which is to give back to the community and the world, as well as increase awareness to the entire student body of both local and global needs. Creating by-laws and a set of criteria to qualify agencies for support, they plan events and fundraisers which, to date, have raised over \$8,000 to support local charities, families in need, and international disaster relief.

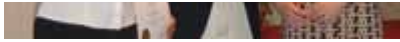
G.I.V.E.'s fundraising events are centered on activities that raise sensitivity to the plight of less fortunate people everywhere, and in the process committee members have learned valuable skills in volunteer management, self-assessment, developing realistic expectations, and enhancing effectiveness. The main source of fundraising is done through "Dress Down Fridays," which are announced at the weekly Monday morning meeting. Students come before the entire student body to announce which cause is being supported that particular week, and explain to all what the cause is about. G.I.V.E. (which stands for Generosity, Involvement, Volunteering, and Education) has impacted students, parents, local businesses and foundations, and has helped to educate the community at large on the importance of taking action.

Recently, the G.I.V.E. committee was honored by the Fairfield County and Connecticut Chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, winning the first award given for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy. At a luncheon in Cromwell, committee representatives Jay Greenfield '07 and Victoria Garbo '08 were presented with a glass award, as well as an Official Statement from Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, who congratulated the school, declaring that "through your selfless work, you have demonstrated your dedication to your community. Your energy, enthusiasm and leadership are truly impressive. This award celebrates your dedication to your community."

In accepting the award, Jay told the gathered fundraisers, "As many of you might experience, I have found philanthropy to be addicting. Whether it is knowing that I am part of a cause doing good in the world, or just the great feeling of helping others, I can never get enough." Victoria noted that "although there are many people suffering in the world from various causes, we have the opportunity to offer a tiny speck of hope in light of all the pain and suffering that occurs in our world. We can do something positive to make a difference."



From left, Victoria Garbo '08, Jay Greenfield '07, and Diane Creed, Philanthropy Awards Chair of the Fairfield County and Connecticut Chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. (Photo by Ben Greenfield)



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### Family Math Night

Pine Point hosted Family Math Night on April 25th. This year's event focused on the math standard of data analysis and probability, which comprises the strand of the curriculum that highlights statistical information and the concepts associated with the likelihood of outcomes. Each grade (K-9) hosted a table filled with fun, interactive activities. The intent of Family Math Night is to experience mathematics in action, to strengthen the mathematical application, problem solving, and communication skills of students through the power of family interaction.



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Parents also had the opportunity to attend an introductory session about Stanford University's Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY). Pine Point has entered into a partnership with Stanford to address the needs of the School's most talented math students.

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