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DAVID WINANS '73 DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Pine Point graduated six 9th graders two weeks ago on a gloriously sunny Saturday morning. Although the class was small, a great turnout of supporters and former members of the Class of 2010 were in attendance.



The graduation speaker was David Winans '73, a fifth-grade English teacher at Gulf Stream School (PS-8) in Florida. Winans, a native of Westerly, is also a graduate of Brooks School and Trinity College. He began teaching at Gulf Stream in 1982. Gulf Stream is similar in "tone, size, and temperament" – to use Winans' own words – to Pine Point. Before his speech, Winans gave each graduate a copy of Van Morrison's "Astral Weeks," telling them that "I first heard it at college, and its languid melodies and enchanting lyrics transported me back to my childhood growing up around these parts." Full coverage, including the Commencement Address, will be available in the Summer/Fall issue of *ViewPoints*.



Members of the Class of 1973 turned out in force to hear their former classmate, David Winans, deliver the Commencement Address. Front row, from left: David Winans, Candy White Sweeney, Cynthia Stein Therrien, Kimmie Ross, and Katy Oat Grey. Back row, from left: Neal Bobruff, John Groton, Miles Peterle, and Larry Kaplan. Missing from the photo but in attendance were Erica Lindberg Gourd, Fiona Neill LaFountain, and Lisa Card Rapoza. Candy proudly pointed out that "ours was the largest graduating class in Pine Point history, and half of us were here today!"

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL EDUCATION HONORS PINE POINT

The Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education of Portland, OR (CSEE) has recognized Pine Point as a school that has demonstrated excellence in ethical education.

CSEE officials declared, "Pine Point School is a community of students (pre-Kindergarten through ninth grade) in partnership with their parents and a committed faculty to nurture 'strong minds and caring hearts.' But at Pine Point, partnership is even more richly nuanced than that: the school has forged relationships with over thirty organizations whose missions are admirable, from the local Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and the Dolphin Communication Project, to the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, to broader-based organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Pine Point's service learning program has forged

similar formal relationships with over two dozen other organizations.

"Respect, integrity, moral courage, and excellence stand out as core values at Pine Point, and the school has a variety of avenues for students both to participate and to practice these values. Through the school's G.I.V.E. committee (Generosity, Involvement, Volunteering, and Education), for example, students help oversee 'good' at the school via what is, in a sense, a philanthropic board.

"Worth special mentions at Pine Point are the 8th grade performance assessment program and the 9th grade moral leadership program. The latter relies on both resources at the school and outside visitors with the goal of inspiring deep inner deliberation over 'essential, ethical, eternal issues of life and living' before students graduate and go on to continue their high school studies elsewhere. Despite a number of essential questions—often offered monthly by guests from outside—the overarching question for Pine Point students is 'What difference will you be making in the years to come?'"

The executive director of CSEE, David Streight, said, "Too many schools fail to recognize that reaching the bar of high quality character education is doable. Moreover, we know that when schools reach the bar of character, academics are similarly enhanced. Pine Point is a true leader in this regard."

ALUMNI - SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Graduated? Headed to a new school? Just got married? Started a family? Landed a new job? Worked a summer job or had an exciting internship? Traveled? Seen old classmates? Simply thinking about Pine Point and want to pass on your regards to former teachers?

We're in the process of building the Class Notes section of *ViewPoints* and want to include *your* news. Let us know what's going on in your life by clicking [here](#) to contact the Development Office. And by all means, send photos!

ALUMNI REUNION

Join your classmates from the Classes of 1952-2004 for an evening of fun and friendship at the next Pine Point Alumni Reunion on August 7th from 6-9 PM in the Library/Technology Center. You can register for the event by going to www.pinepoint.org/alumnireunion to register and pay (\$15 admission).

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'52 Please Join Us

1952-2004

For a Reunion of the Classes of 1952-2004
at
Pine Point School
August 7, 2010, 6:00-9:00 p.m.




\$15 Per Person

R.S.V.P. by July 16, 2010

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860-535-0606, Ext 133



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or register online by clicking [here!](#)

Current and former faculty are encouraged to attend as the School's guests. Please contact Associate Director of Development [David Cruthers](#) and let him know you will be attending!

ANNUAL FUND

There are just six days remaining in the fiscal year. If you haven't made your Annual Fund gift yet, please consider adding your name to the list of 504 faithful supporters who have signaled their faith in the School and what it is accomplishing in the lives of today's Pine Point students. With the Annual Fund at just over \$297,000 we have a great chance at breaking the \$300,000 mark, but we only have until June 30. Click [here](#) to make your gift.

RUSSELL GARDEN PUT IN

On Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend a group of hardy volunteers put in well over 150 plants (trees, shrubs, and groundcover) to complete the garden built in memory of Alicia Russell. The Summer/Fall issue of *ViewPoints* will present a pictorial display of the volunteers hard at work and a list of those who supported the garden's creation.



Current parent, class coordinator and newly-elected trustee Bill Rolla, third grade teacher Mary Raftery, and Claire Griffin '17 were three of the volunteers who helped make things look great. Just take a look!



Best wishes for a safe and happy summer from all of us at Pine Point!

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