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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Trustee Weekend · SEP 27-29

Parents Weekend · OCT 19-20

Dance Recital · OCT 26

Brownie-Spider Game · NOV 17



(l to r): Lorenza Aranda '13, Kate Roe '12, Gladwin Gilman '12, Greta Finney '12, Ana Creel '13, and Sekoalane Majoro '12.

### Education Innovation Revolution



DEAR ST. TIMOTHY'S SCHOOL FAMILY,

In their recent book That Used to Be Us, Thomas Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum argue that to succeed in the new global knowledge economy, all young people must learn to be innovators. U.S. workers who cannot bring innovation to their work will see their jobs increasingly off-shored or automated. Policymakers, economists, and business leaders may fiercely debate which approaches will solve the current worldwide economic crisis, but most of them agree on one thing: A nation's longterm economic health depends on innovation. Yet, few schools today follow a curriculum designed to foster innovation in their students. At St. Timothy's School, we have spent the past four years working with educators, researchers, designers, innovators, and scientists to determine how best to build our academic space and pedagogy to best prepare our students for the future – to insure that they become innovators.

Emerging countries will undoubtedly make a growing contribution to breakthrough innovations. These countries have already leapfrogged ahead of the West in areas such as mobile money (using mobile phones to make payments) and online games. Some of the most publicized innovations are smarter ways of designing products and organizing processes to reach the billions of consumers who are just entering the global market.

But what about the revolution in education? While the world has changed drastically and the skills needed to succeed in a new economy have also changed, most American schools today still provide a curriculum based in the past. Current research suggests that most schools – even some of the "best" schools – are failing to prepare students to become innovators. Harvard University researcher Tony Wagner points out that in order for students to succeed in the 21st-century economy they must learn to analyze and solve problems, collaborate, persevere, take calculated risks, and learn from failure. To foster innovation, classes must be "hands-on," and students must be allowed to be creators, not mere consumers.

At St. Timothy's School, we are on a path toward changing how we teach, so that we can promote innovation. We are emphasising new approaches to teaching and learning. We are emphasising research, communication, teamwork, collaborative, critical analysis, and self management skills development. As we open our new academic building this fall, our students will be using iPads as a tool that will revolutionize the way in which we deliver the IB curriculum. Textbooks will become interactive learning devices. Backpacks will be replaced by something much smaller and lighter. Drill and practice will take place within software that provides instantaneous feedback. In a process called the "flipped classroom," teachers will record explanations (once known as "lectures") to be watched at night so that class time can be used for application. Students will have digital portfolios that demonstrate progressive mastery of the skills needed to innovate, and robotics and engineering will take their place beside world history and Latin.

It is an exciting time to be at St. Timothy's School, and there is great promise in the air. By opening day on September 3, our students will be able to attend classes in the renovated portion of the academic building. In late October, we will move into our new Science Center, Library, Lecture Hall, Center for Learning and Teaching, and World Language Center. We have partnered with Thos. Moser Furniture and Steelcase to design classrooms and teaching facilities that promote innovation and the utilization of the most current technology in all that we do. The world is changing and so must we. We now have state-of-the art facilities, we have dedicated and gifted teachers, and we have inspired students. The question is: How do we get the best from all of them?

There is no doubt that there is a great revolution underway in the world today. But the reality is that we need to prepare students for that revolution. I believe St. Timothy's School, with its IB curriculum, pedagogy, utilization of technology as a critical tool, and new academic facility, is uniquely equipped and positioned to prepare young women for the long-awaited revolution in American education. With your continued commitment and support, I know our graduates will lead the way with innovation and success. Most importantly, I know we will continue to prepare women for lives of meaning, purpose and consequence. Because of you, we continue to transforms lives.

RANDY S. STEVENS, Head of School

## Congratulations to the CLASS OF 2012

## ONE JOURNEY ENDS, AND ANOTHER BEGINS

Sunday, June 3, marked yet another gathering of the St. Timothy's School community to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the 34 young women who comprise the class of 2012. AS IS OFTEN NOTED BY RANDY STEVENS, HEAD OF SCHOOL, LIFE AT ST. TIMOTHY'S IS "BOOKMARKED" BY TWO PIVOTAL EVENTS: CONVOCATION IN LATE SUMMER AND COMMENCEMENT IN THE SPRING. THIS YEAR'S COMMENCEMENT, HELD ON A BEAUTIFULLY SUNNY DAY, CLOSED THE FINAL CHAPTER ON ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR, AS THE GRADUATES TOOK THEIR FINAL WALK THROUGH THE MOONGATE.



Family and friends from all corners of the globe gathered on the Carter House lawn to share in the celebration, while the community said goodbye to Brownies and Spiders, athletes, musicians, artists, community volunteers, and scholars all. Among the graduates were two students from Afghanistan, Malahat Mazaher and Azada Mowahid, who had made the long journey from their home country to St. Tim's just a little less than two years ago. Also included in the class were girls from China, South Africa, Mexico, and of course from throughout the United States.

Senior class orator Greta Finney spoke eloquently of her four years at St. Timothy's, reflecting specifically on the spirit of community that both carried her through the challenges and inspired her to embrace opportunities.

"We all have a choice to live actively or passively," she said. "St. Timothy's has taught me to take each opportunity and run with it." Later in the ceremony, Greta proudly accepted the Louisa McEndree Fowler Award from Mr. Stevens. The award, named for the former school head, is given each year at commencement to the girl who most exhibits "...a right attitude toward work and all other life and school opportunities." The remaining top senior prizes were awarded to the following students: Gladwin Gilman and Katherine Gorman (Nanette Bailey Award); Inez Valenzuela (Nannie Mowell Hawkins Award); Malahat Mazaher (Smith Medal); and Kate Roe (St. Timothy's Trust Prize).

Gahl Burt, Vice Chairman of the American Academy in Berlin and a former St. Timothy's parent, delivered an inspiring commencement address to the crowd of approximately 200 guests. Her message challenged the graduates to accept their role as "real game changers on the world stage."

"The world is changing because of women," said Ms. Burt, who served as a personal assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and later became White House Social Secretary to President and Mrs. Reagan. "It will be up to you to make sure the conversation turns into action. You are now equipped to do good, to go out in the world and to make a difference."

Echoing the call to action set forth in Ms. Burt's speech, Head of School Randy Stevens remarked: "Today ends one journey and begins another. Your St. Timothy's education has prepared you for a rich and exciting journey...but knowledge alone is not enough;

"We all have goals we'd like to achieve," he added. "Life's real question becomes whether we have the strength and persistence to achieve them in the face of challenges and difficulties."

In the minds and hearts of all those in the St. Timothy's community who have come to know these young women, there is little doubt that they will take up the challenges set before them with grace and courage. Already, they leave a behind a legacy of achievement and surely they will make their mark on the world in much the same way.

# Eighty-Three Percent of Graduating Seniors to Receive Full IB Diploma

Fifteen of the 18 students who attempted the full IB Diploma this year will be awarded the Diploma at a special ceremony this November before the Brownie Spider game. Cryst Li earned the highest score (39) in the class this year, including perfect scores of 7 in higher level physics, standard level French, and higher level art. Ines Valenzuela was awarded the Bilingual Diploma. Congratulations to the following students on being awarded this most distinguished honor. Their achievements are a testament to the hard work, support and commitment of their teachers, mentors and advisors at St. Timothy's.

Yuqiao Cao Catherine Chavers Ching Ting (Maggie) Chen Yueh Tzu (Violet) Chen Sherilyn Galvez Gladwin Gilman Qiaochu (Cryst) Li

Sekoalane Majoro

Malahat Mazaher Elizabeth Miller Niamoja Morgan Christine Sabuni Soraya Santos Melody Soto Ines Valenzuela

## Students Create Gingerbread Architectural Masterpiece

This gingerbread model of the Taj Mahal, created by a group of St. Timothy's students under the guidance of Arts Department Chair Pamela Crockett, won first prize in creativity last November at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's annual Festival of Trees. The students used Randy Stevens' photo of the real architectural jewel, taken last summer on the School's trip to India (see photo at bottom), as their inspiration.





## Parents Weekend and Dedication of the Grass Family Outdoor Athletic Complex

70in Us! October 19 & 20, 2012

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20** 

8:30 - 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 - 9:45 am

Brownie-Spider Fun Run

9:45 - 10:15 am

**Dedication of the Grass Family** 

**Outdoor Athletic Complex** 

10:15 - 10:30 am

Dedication of the new

**Brownie-Spider Court** 

10:30 - 10:45 am

**Brownie-Spider Rally** 

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Alumnae Brownie-Spider Game

12:30 - 1:15 pm

**Lunch in Carter House** 

Courtyard

1:15 - 2:00 pm

3s & 4s

Form Dean Meetings

1:15 - 2:00 pm

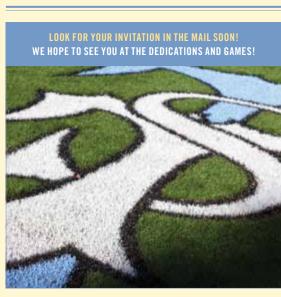
5s & 6s

**College Counseling Meeting** 

2:00 - 4:30 pm

**Teacher Conferences** 

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 8:00 am Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am Period A 9:10 - 9:40 am Period B 9:50 - 10:20 am Period C 10:30 - 11:00 am Period D 11:10 - 11:40 am Period E 11:50 am - 12:20 pm Period F 12:30 - 1:15 pm 1:30 - 2:00 pm Period G 2:00 - 4:00 pm **Teacher Conferences** 4:00 - 6:00 pm Sports 6:30 pm **International Festival & Dinner** 



## FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

THE ELLA R. WATKINS AWARD
Mikey Escobar, Facilities and Grounds

#### THE CARTER AWARD

Heather Ireland, Associate Academic Dean & Registrar Martin Lotz, Director of Facilities

The Elis Olsson Faculty Incentive Award Maria Garcia, Spanish Teacher

#### Senior Awards

Nanette Bailey Award Gladwin Gilman & Katherine Gorman

Nannie Mowell Hawkins Award Ines Valenzuela

SMITH MEDAL

Malahat Mazaher

Louisa McEndree Fowler Award Greta Finney

St. Timothy's Trust Prize Kate Roe

1: New sixes Masheed Mahjor'13 and Jami Harmond'13 lead the procession of underclassmen.

2: New Head of Sixes Bethany Bennett '13 gets a first look at her class ring, with the help of Kate Roe' 12.

3: Katherine Gorman '12 accepts a rose from her advisor, Heather Ireland.

4: Randy Stevens, Head of School, and commencement speaker Gahl Burt proudly watch the graduates process through the moongate.





Commencement Highlights

"Commencement is a celebration of all

THE MOMENTS THAT HAVE LED UP TO THIS DAY."

~RANDY S. STEVENS, HEAD OF SCHOOL





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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ALUMNAE RECOGNITION Showcased on Commencement & Reunion Weekend

As in previous years, the St. Timothy's Community gathered once again to recognize the achievements of our students over the course of the academic year and to honor alumnae whose leadership and dedication have made an indelible impact on the School. In the classroom, on the playing fields, on the stage, in chapel service, in the art studio, and even out in the wider community, St. Timothy's girls commit themselves fully to the task at hand. The Athletics Awards Program and Class Day Exercises, held this year on May 31 and June 2, respectively, offer the opportunity to publicly recognize the many and varied accomplishments of these students and to thank them for enriching the School and community through their dedication and hard work. The annual Class Day tradition also provides a forum for thanking our wonderful alumnae for their insight, support and dedication of time and resources.











1: Brownies march toward Carter House for the annual Reunion Weekend rally. 2: Women's Leadership Forum panelists (l to r): Dailey Jones Pattee '67, Rossie Reed Fisher '62 and Agnes Whitaker '67. 3: Serena V.R. Koven '80 accepts the Larson Alumnae Service Award from Randy Stevens, Head of School. 4: John Bradfield, Academic Dean, with Annie Li '14, who received a student medal for her academic achievements. 5: The St. Timothy's choir performs at the Baccalaureate and Alumnae Memorial Service. 6: Susan Clark Ogden '62 receives the Mignon Alger Bell Cameron Award and the Khrenbrink Bowl for her Annual Giving leadership. The award was presented by Randy Stevens. 7: Denise Dresser, author and professor of political science at the Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico, (ITAM), addresses the audience at the Baccalaureate Service. 8: Barbara Whitaker Overstreet '79, Chair of the Board of Trustees (left), and Hollis Hunt '03, member of the Alumnae Board of Governors, enjoy Saturday evening festivities at Alumnae Weekend.







The Chris CULLISON AWARD Sarah Deegan

THE HALLER CUP Katherine Roe

THE RIDING BOWL Lantian Tian

CHARLES P. LORD SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD Sarah Deegan

THE GLOBAL CITIZENS AWARD Silver Level Margarethe Finney Lauren Reyes Ines Valenzuela

Bronze Level Ana Creel Amber Ebanks Katherine Johnson Niamoja Morgan Sydney Slaven Elizabeth Miller

THE BELLE WYLIE O'HARA Medal for Creative Art Oiaochu Li

THE PHOTOGRAPHY MEDAL Nia Merritt

THE LYNN CHASE SPECIAL Art Award Shi-Han Cheng

THE MUSIC MEDAL Katherine Gorman

THE SALLY CROSS MEMORIAL Award for Drama Lauryn Downing

THE THEATER MEDAL Sekoalane Majoro

THE SPANISH MEDAL Kailvn Houston

THE MLLE. QUEMET French Award Qiaochu Li

THE LATIN MEDAL Sophie Cutts

THE MANDARIN CHINESE Non-Native Speaker Medal Kelcy Williams

The Mandarin Chinese NATIVE SPEAKER MEDAL Annie Li

MATHEMATICS AWARD Jingya Guan

THE MATHEMATICS MEDAL Oiaochu Li

Susan K. Clymer Science Award Kateri Pelton

THE BIOLOGY MEDAL Melody Soto

THE CHEMISTRY MEDAL Yuqiao Cao

THE PHYSICS MEDAL Qiaochu Li

THE HISTORY MEDAL Melody Soto

THE GEOGRAPHY MEDAL Sherilyn Galvez

THE AMERICAN Studies Medal Chandani Smith

THE BELLE WYLIE O'HARA MEDAL FOR CREATIVE WRITING Melody Soto

THE ELIZABETH ADELE Brown English Award Elizabeth Miller

THE SPOKEN ENGLISH MEDAL Qiaochu Li

THE THREES ESSAY MEDAL Matlaleng Babatunde

THE FOURS ESSAY MEDAL Ivanna Almendarez Chandani Smith

THE FIVES ESSAY MEDAL Bethany Bennett

THE SIXES ESSAY MEDAL Christine Sahuni

The English as a Second

THE CHAPLAIN'S AWARD

SCHOLARSHIPS AND

Special Honors

Azada Mowahid

Madison Tillman

Language Medal Julia Cueto Puente

THE ELIZABETH N. HARVEY

The Hannah More ACADEMY MEMORIAL AWARD Bonnie McLean

THE LOUISA JOSEPH CARTER Spirit Award Lauryn Downing

The Virginia Downman Kock Scholarship Award

THE NOLAND/WASHBURN

Memorial Award Ivabo Babatunde

> THE CINDI GREENE '68 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Kennedy Taylor

> > THE KATHARINE B. Wilson Prize Maria Gabriela Vega Davila

Alumnae Awards AND RECOGNITION

The Ireland Leadership Award Eliot Chace Nolen '50 Maud Iselin Welles '73

The Larson Alumnae SERVICE AWARD Serena V.R. Koven '80

THE MIGNON ALGER BELL Cameron Award Susan Clark Ogden '62

The Khrenbrink Bowl Class of 1062

ATHLETIC AWARDS

V Soccer

MVP: Destinee Mitchell мір: Lauren Reyes соасн's: Sherilyn Galvez

V FIELD HOCKEY MVP: Margarethe Finney мир: Sophie Cutts соасн's: Sekoalane Majoro

MVP: Katherine Roe мір: Malahat Mazaher coach's: Anne Stegemann

JV Tennis MVP: Nathalia Rodriguez мір: Jalyssa Roldan coach's: Devna Flores

V Volleyball MVP: Alara Kogak мір: Natalie Bronco соасн's: Mirielle Fernandez

JV VOLLEYBALL MVP: Ines Valenzuela мір: Kailyn Houston COACH'S: Ching Ting Chen

V Indoor Soccer MVP: Destinee Mitchell мір: Chaya Jenkins соасн's: Christine Sabuni

VARSITY BASKETBALL MVP: Arvonna Hutchinson мтр: Kelsie Bacon соасн's: Kristen McLaughlin

IV BASKETBALL MVP: Nia Merritt мір: Jordan Buie соасн's: Iyabo Babatunde

V Squash MVP: Katherine Roe мір: Yuqiao Cao coach's: Greta Finney

V Ice Hockey MVP: Ariana Bateman мір: Ana Creel соасн's: Maria Gabriela Vega Davila

V Lacrosse MVP: Katherine Roe мір: Arvonna Hutchinson

coach's: Kristen Kunanied IV Lacrosse мvp: Maria Gabriela

Vega Davila мір: Annie Li coach's: Sena Yoo

V Badminton MVP: Oiaochu Li MIP: Melody Soto соасн's: Mengyan Li

IV Badminton MVP: Siru Lu мір: Naomi Toux-Kidane coach's: Frauke Grundman

V Golf MVP: Sarah Deegan мір: Yuqiao Cao соасн's: Yueh Tzu Chen

V Softball MVP: Kelsie Bacon мір: Mirielle Fernandez coach's: Cori Spartana

V RIDING мvp: Emma Beckert мір: Caroline Melia COACH'S: Shanin Owens

JV RIDING MVP: Lindsay Mohler мір: Zeynep Senay соасн's: Madison Tillman

DANCE мvp: Niamoja Morgan мір: Catherine Chavers coach's: Katherine Gorman

Special Honors

THE C. MARKLAND KELLY, JR. ATHLETIC SERVICE AWARD Margarethe Finney

THE McCormick Unsung HERO AWARD Iulia Cueto Puente



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## [LOOKING FORWARD]

2012 / 2013 Fall Academic Calendar

12/21-1/5

Winter Break



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
ALUMNAE WEEKEND
MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2013



MILESTONE REUNION YEARS

1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008

9/3	Classes begin (regular schedule); Tradition & Formal Dinner, opm
9/22	Senior Portraits
9/24	All-School Tradition (following dinner)
9/27-29	Trustee Weekend
9/29	Benefit Horse Show
10/I	All-School Tradition (following dinner)
10/11-13	Fall Theater Performance (Thurs. and Fri., 7pm; Sat., 4pm)
10/13	Admissions Open House, 11am
10/17	PSAT (required for 4s & 5s)
10/19-20	Parents Weekend; Athletic Complex Dedication;
	Brownie Spider Alumnae Game
10/26	Dance Recital, 2pm
10/29	All-School Tradition, 7:15pm; Brownie Spider Begins
II/2	All-School Tradition (following dinner)
11/16	Brownie-Spider Band Game, 1pm; Sub-Team Game 2pm; Formal Dinner, 6pm
11/17	IB Diploma Ceremony, 9:30am; Chapel, 10am;
	Brownie Spider Game, 12pm (Thanksgiving Break begins after closing Chapel)
11/18-24	Thanksgiving Break
11/25	Boarders return by 5pm; Varsity sports practice, 3-5pm
11/26	Winter term begins; Classes resume; Formal Dinner & Head's Chapel, 6:15pm
11/30-12/2	Closed Weekend
12/16	Lessons & Carols at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 6:30pm
12/19	Student Holiday Party, 7pm
12/20	Classes End at 12pm; Students Depart for Winter Break (Houses close at 3pm)