

THE GOOD NEWS



SUMMER 2011

On May 28th in Hart Park, Menaul School's senior class celebrated graduation with faculty, staff, and hundreds of friends and family members. We will miss our dynamic and accomplished seniors! Listed below are our newest alumni and the schools they have chosen to attend.

Adrian Aaron
University of New Mexico

Felicia Abeita
New Mexico State University

Larissa Bernal
Adams State College

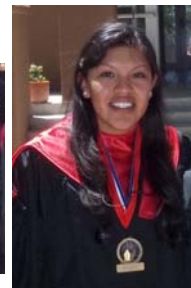
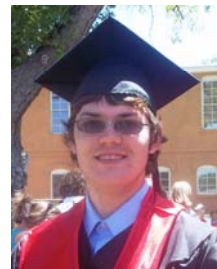
Danny Brawner
University of New Mexico

Melanie Cospier
University of New Mexico

Joshua Deale
University of New Mexico

Haleigh Glass
Tuskegee University

Jayseph Griego
University of New Mexico



Nushrah Hossain
Chapman University

Corey Johnson
University of New Mexico

Cheyenne Jones
University of New Mexico

Frank Liebert
University of New Mexico

Nicholas Lininger
Undecided

Brandi Lucero
Chapman University

Paulena Martinez
University of New Mexico

Jordyn Monahan
Haskell University

Cody Naff
New Mexico Tech University

Caroline Patz
Pepperdine University

Aramis Perez-Velasquez
University of New Mexico

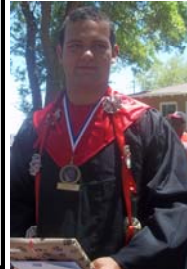
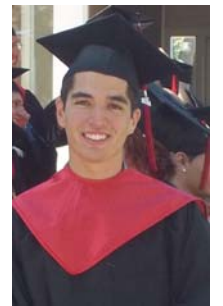
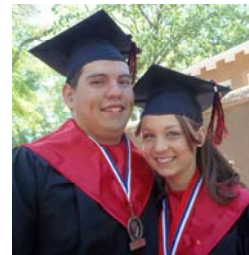
Samuel Rhodes
University of New Mexico

William Rodriquez
University of New Mexico

Jason Shirley
University of New Mexico

Thien-Vu Tran
CELAC at UNM

Dawn Walaitis
University of New Mexico



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



WE CONNECT

The most vital experiences of our lives revolve around *connection*. All relationships - with family, friends, business, and God - are *connections*. As students at school you *connect* with friends, adults and the ideas that have driven or will drive our world. **We Connect** is our theme this year and that theme reminds us of our work as a Menaul School community.

This year we continue to live our school's mission by embracing new members of our community. Of particular challenge to us will be integrating 20 new boarding school students, many from other countries, into our living and learning community. This opportunity will stretch us all, but teach us important lessons about hospitality, other ways of thinking, and ourselves.

We Connect is a perfect description of our work in schools. On one side, schools help us *connect* with many of the great thinkers over time; poets, artists, scientists, leaders. On the other side, school *connects* us with some of the skills we will need to thrive in the 21st century: technology skills, communication skills, such as writing, speaking, presenting, and of vital importance, critical thinking skills such as the logic you learn in Geometry, and the analytical skills you develop in careful reading of literature. All of this is about connecting.

In essence, **We Connect**, elegantly summarizes most of the work of our lives as developing citizens and scholars.

I welcome you to what I expect to be one of the greatest years of your life. You will learn more than you thought possible and love it. Thank you for your participation in this great educational tradition and this wonderful community.

Lindsey R. Gilbert, Jr.,
President & Head of Menaul School

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BOARDING PROGRAM UPDATE

The rebirth of the boarding program at Menaul School got off the ground with resounding success. At the end of the school year we had ten students in the dormitories. As we approach the opening of school for the 2011—2012 school year we anticipate one side or the other of thirty students in residence grades 9 through 12 including students from **New Mexico, China and Belgium**. As word spreads it is expected that interest in this valuable education asset in New Mexico will strengthen. We will introduce you to our 2011—2012 boarding students in the Fall 2011 edition of the Good News.

THE GOOD NEWS

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MISSION STATEMENT

In an ecumenical and multicultural environment, Menaul School prepares students for success in college, and teaches them to engage the world as lifelong learners and ethical leaders in service to the community, respecting the Christian tradition.

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**MENAU SCHOOL LAUNCHES
 "NEXT 100 YEARS" CAMPAIGN**



Leader: **"God is good!"**
 Student Body: **"All the time!"**
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 Student Body: **"God is good!"**

This familiar Menaul refrain was once again reaffirmed during the kick off of the **"Next 100 Years"** campaign. A three day event in San Antonio, Texas at the end of April served as the catalyst for over **\$335,000** in donations and pledges in response to the initial phase of the \$1 million **"Next 100 Years"** campaign.

Fifty participants gathered at the Omni Hotel on San Antonio's River Walk to celebrate Menaul's first one hundred (plus) years, be informed on the current state of Menaul School and to plan for the **"Next 100 Years."** We enjoyed teachings from a variety of presenters, musical and dance presentations from Menaul School students, quiet afternoons to stroll along the River Walk and an unforgettable evening at the Alamo with Broadway star, Laurie Gayle Stephenson, providing entertainment.

According to President and Head of School Lindsey Gilbert, keys to securing Menaul's **"Next 100 Years"** include:

1. increasing student enrollment by investing in student financial aid;
2. continuing to develop the boarding school program;
3. improving and upgrading our aging facilities and;
4. growing our cash reserves and endowment.

Refreshed and inspired, those present committed to supporting Menaul School for the **"Next 100 Years."**

The goal of the campaign is \$1 million over the next three years. Thus far we have received \$335,750 in gifts and pledges. **While this is a great start, we still need over \$660,000 to put us on a firm foundation for the "Next 100 Years."**

For more information or to become a part of this important campaign with your pledge, contact Troy Williamson in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 505-341-7230 or twilliamson@menaulschool.com

MADFEST 2011

The fourth annual MADFest was held on May 7th and 8th, and included an Arts and Crafts Fair with invited guest artists. In the afternoon we had a talent show that included our own Middle School Choir, the Middle School Vanguard Band, and the Upper School Jazz Combo, Middle School Drama, and Upper School Drama.



Sherry Cheng, Elvira Feng, Barney Li



Andy Zampini & Casey Baker



Samaya Small



Kwan-Ho Chun



Rage and the Bullets - Andrew Medina, Noah Walker, Breana Brooks, and Javier Castillo



Saunders Shiloff



Joshua Jackson, Kevin Rowe, Andje Knopick

JAMES MENAUL SERVICE TO EDUCATION AWARD JACK BORLAND THAYER, V



Jack is proud to say he is a “school person.” For 30 plus years, Jack’s life has been dedicated to teaching and creating opportunities for young people. Jack has served as the Director of Admission at five schools across the U.S.: three years at his alma mater, the South Kent School in South Kent, CT; one year at the Orne School in Mayer, AZ; six years at St. Steven’s Episcopal School in Austin, TX; six years at Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT; and proudly as the “first face” of Menaul School for ten years. Among his most notable accomplishments at Menaul School are his tireless and successful work to reinstate the boarding program and his involvement in helping Menaul secure accreditation from the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS). But Jack would tell you that the most satisfying part of his job is helping “open the gate” to high quality college prep education for thousands of students who would normally have been left behind. When not working, Jack spends his time doing yoga, hiking, cross-country skiing with his wife Caroline, or fly-fishing with his Australian Shepherd, Zane.

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

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Institutional Advancement Associate



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Librarian



Ray & Concha Brown
Bugg Light Coordinators

*Not pictured:
Angie Burden and Patricia Eddings*

PANTHER TRACKS

BOYS AND GIRLS DISTRICT TRACK CHAMPIONS/STATE QUALIFIERS

The Menaul School Panthers track and field teams finished the 2011 season as District 6-1A Champions. Both teams scored over 100 points and both teams finished 50 points ahead of the second place finisher. Holly Baca and John Hood were the high point boy and girl for the meet.

In addition to the win the boys crowned 13 District Champions (DC) and broke 1 school record (Brenden Harlan, Triple Jump 41'3"). The 6 girls who competed accounted for 12 individual District Champions (DC). All of the individual event champions and runners up competed at the State Track Meet which was held at UNM.

2011 Highlights

2011 Boys District Champions
2011 Girls District Champions
25 District Champions (13 Boys/12 Girls)
38 State Qualifying Spots (13 Boys)
1 School Record

2011 Triple Jump Brenden Harlan 41'3" / Previous Record Matt Feddersen 2011 40'3"

100
Brenden Harlan (DC)
Casey Baker

110H
John Hood (DC)
Matt Feddersen

200
Brenden Harlan
Zhenya Dyadyura (DC)
Geoff Hutton

300H
James Aaron (DC)
Zhenya Dyadyura

400
Kyle Paul (DC)
Jacob Nunez

SHOT PUT
Danny Brawner

100 BOYS
Holly Baca (DC)

100H
Brandi Lucero (DC)
Elvira Feng

200
Holly Baca (DC)

300H
Brandi Lucero (DC)

SHOT PUT
Haleigh Glass (DC)

400
Lauren Davis (DC)

SHOT PUT
Haleigh Glass (DC)

SHOT PUT
Dennis Smatana (DC)
Brandyn Monahan

DISCUS
Danny Brawner
Dennis Smatana (DC)

JAVELIN
Dennis Smatana (DC)

LONG JUMP
John Hood (DC)
Jacob Nunez
4X100 RELAY (DC)
4X200 RELAY (DC)

TRIPLE JUMP
Brenden Harlan (DC) (SR)
John Hood
4X100 RELAY (DC)
4X200 RELAY (DC)
4X400 RELAY (DC)

DISCUS
Haleigh Glass (DC)

JAVELIN
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TRIPLE JUMP
Holly Baca (DC)

SEA LA LUZ RECIPIENT SAMUEL RHODES CLASS OF 2011

Sam was accepted to and has attended Menaul since he was a sixth grader in the fall of 2004. Sam has been on the Presidential Honor Roll every semester in Upper School, was inducted into National Honor Society in the fall of 2010 and has received three Academic letters. He has served the Menaul community as a Chaplain's Associate and has planned several chapels, one specifically to raise money for Breast Cancer awareness and another to raise money for Guatemala. He served as Student Body President for the 2010-2011 school year. He was chosen to represent Menaul as 2010 Homecoming King. Nominated by one of his teachers, in 2009 Sam was selected and participated in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Menaul has given Sam a great sense of understanding and respect for the world, its diversity, and an understanding of his true self and calling.





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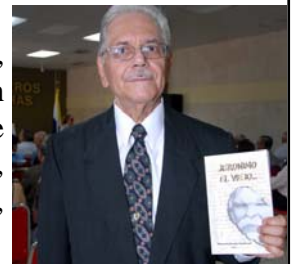
GOLDEN GRADUATE CELEBRATION CLASS OF 1961



John Alfaro, Fernando Apodoca, Gilbert Archuleta, Martha Arellano, Robert Atherton, Eddie Atencio, Roy Banks, Mary Barron, Harriet Brandstetter, Dianne Brewer, Elaine Brewer, Evelyn Benevidez, Yvonne Shen, Felix Cheng, Udomdeg Chotikasitp, Ruby Romero, Joanne Nieto Chu, William Chu, Ruby Contreras, Porfirio Cordova, LeRoy Cordova, Celedon Cruz, Dan Cruz, Myrna Smith, Vera Garcia, Connie Goffice, Lucille Griego, Gilbert Griego, Bernabe Griego, Robert Gutierrez, Sylvia Ketterman, Eddie Khsongkhiakul, J.P. Lujan, Moises Maestas, Ramon Maestas, Aaron Martinez, Ricardo Martinez, Pat Martinez, Faye Montano, John Montoya, Ida Mooney, George Mora, Edna Ortega, Myrna Smith, Eleanor Ortega, Elisabeth Rael, Cecilia Velasquez, Ruby Romero, Gilbert Sanchez, Agatha Silva, Pat Soisuvann, Dixie Stewart, Walter Threadgill, Delia Trujillo, Andy Valerio, Oranoog Yang, and Charlie Sae Lim

Class of 2011—would like to thank the Class of 1961 and everyone who made it possible for the Class of 2011 to go to California for their Senior trip!

Marcial Cerrato '54 publishes book—Marcial Cerrato has lived in Honduras, his home country, since he graduated from Menaul in 1954. Over the years he has been very dedicated to writing. Cerrato's book *Jerónimo el Viejo*, about his family and the town they founded and helped build – Minas de Oro – was published in 2009. This year, he accepted an invitation from the Library of Congress and spoke on the 25th of April, 2011 at the Mary Pickford Theater. Congratulations, Marcial!



H. C. DONALDSON AWARD RECIPIENT MARTHA TALCOTT CLASS OF 1950



Martha is a 1950 graduate of Menaul School. Martha has served Menaul School as secretary, vice president and now president of the Alumni Association—Denver Chapter and as a member of the Menaul Board of Trustees. She continues to keep a group of Denver alumni together by hosting annual gatherings during the summer and at Christmas. Martha and her husband, Glen, drive from Denver every year to attend homecoming and faithfully represent the Denver area alumni. Martha Talcott is thankful to Menaul School for the education she received and the financial aid making that education possible. She has always believed that she has an obligation to help others who are less fortunate. She is especially thankful

for the example and influence of Miss Barber, Miss Brunell (who encouraged her to attend nursing school) and Mr. Donaldson.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Elma M. (Casias) Dampier `37 - was born on March 28, 1922, in Ortiz, Colo., the youngest child of Ricardo and Reuben Casias. She died after a brief illness at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, on March 3, 2011. Elma grew up on a sheep ranch in southern Colorado. She graduated from Menaul School just after her sixteenth birthday. She studied piano at a music conservatory in Chicago. During World War II, she enlisted in the U.S. Women's Army Corps. Stationed in Tokyo, Japan, after the war, she met and wed Joseph D. Dampier. Elma built a long and enduring life in South Bend, Ind., and in Champaign. Her faith saw her through the good and the bad. Elma M. Dampier was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph D. Dampier, and son, Bruce W. Dampier, eight brothers and sisters and her beloved parents. She is survived by her son, Brian, and Ann Osterling-Dampier, and grandson, Paul Dampier, her sister, Bertha Carlson, many nieces and nephews. She is missed and cherished.



Roy Horton `38 - longtime New Mexico homebuilder and rancher, at the age of 92, passed away Thursday morning, February 17, 2011, after a lengthy illness. Roy was born on the family homestead in Venus, NM (now Edgewood) on December 16, 1918. He attended primary school in Venus, attended Allison-James School in Santa Fe and was a proud graduate of Menaul School. During World War II, Roy served as a radar specialist in the U.S. Army in Cape Cod and Panama, and eventually established communications behind the front lines in North Africa and Italy. He enjoyed a long career building custom homes throughout the Albuquerque area and north central New Mexico, while simultaneously pursuing his passion for ranching on the family homestead near Edgewood. Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Lacy Horton; sister Bernice Wakefield; and brothers John Horton, Thomas Horton, and Robert Horton. He is survived by his daughter Sue Cleveland and husband Jim; son Steve Horton and wife Erlinda; grandchildren James Cleveland and Royce Cleveland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Juanito E. Martinez `62 - a resident of Truchas, passed away peacefully at the age of 67 on Friday, March 4, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Perfilia Martinez; sister, Sally Mills; nieces, Sally Ann, Jeannie and Debra Anne and nephew, Adriano. Juanito served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He and his brother made fine furniture; he loved to work with his hands. He loved working on the ranch. He was the best brother and friend anybody ever had. He had a special love for his niece, Samantha Sandoval. Mr. Martinez is survived by his brothers and sisters, Mary Alice Bermudez, Mary Benita Sandoval, Dennis Martinez and wife Frances and Ernesto Martinez and wife Rosanne; nieces and nephews, Juan, Ramon Jr., Paul and wife Vanessa, Robert, Michael and wife Rowena and John Thomas; great-nieces and nephews, Samantha, Alexis, Nicolas, Jude, Brandon and Travis.

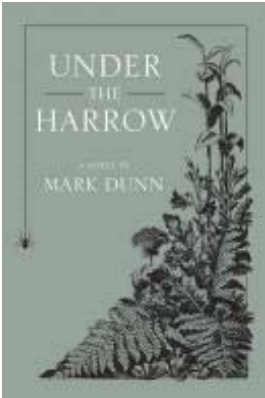
Andrea M. Herrera `01 - 28, a resident of Albuquerque, passed away on March 25, 2011. Andrea is survived by her mother, Geraldine Vermeire and husband, Duane; her father, Michael Herrera Sr. and wife, Lucille; her brothers, Joseph Herrera, Michael Herrera Jr., and Matthew Herrera; her grandmothers, Sarah Sherwood, and Donna Vermeire; her niece, Alanna Herrera; her aunts and uncles, Eileen Deme, Steve Herrera and wife, Lucy, Connie Dailey and husband, Kerry, Phillip Herrera Sr. and wife, Claudine, Therese Almager and husband, Gilbert, Martin Herrera and wife, Jolene, Angela Lussier and husband, Ray, and Phillip Vargas; and many cousins and friends. Andrea was preceded in death by her grandparents Phillip and Clorinda Herrera.

Gilbert Archuleta `42 - 88, of Taos passed away on December 23, 2010. *Correction from Winter 2011 - Good News Mr. Gilbert Archuleta is from the class of 1942 not the class of 1962.*

Unfortunately Menaul School is not aware of every Alum's passing in a timely fashion. Should you or someone you know have an obituary or information regarding their lives, loves and accomplishments we would greatly appreciate you sending it to us at 301 Menaul Boulevard, NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87107, or email me at: FStewart@MenaulSchool.com.

MARK DUNN—AUTHOR, PLAYWRIGHT, TEACHER

Born and raised in Memphis, TN and educated at Memphis State and the University of Texas, Mark Dunn is the author of several books and over thirty full-length plays, a dozen of which have been published in acting edition. Mark has received over 200 productions of his work for the stage throughout the world, with translations of his plays into French, Italian, Dutch and Hungarian.



Mark's novels include the award-winning *Ella Minnow Pea*, as well as *Welcome to Higby*, *Ibid: A Life*, and the pre-teen children's novel *Rodney and Wayne*. Mark's latest novel *Under the Harrow* was published early last year. Mark is co-author, with his wife Mary, of the geographical reference book *American Counties* and is author of *Zounds! A Browser's Dictionary of Interjections*.

For readers of the Good News, the most significant thing about Mark is that he teaches creative writing at Menaul School. "What a pleasure it is to have an artist and educator of Mark Dunn's caliber at Menaul. In talking to my advisees as well as other students over the past several years I can sense the excitement and creativity that is generated among the kids in Mark's classes. On the other side of the coin, as a personal friend I know the pleasure that being around the young folks at Menaul brings to Mark and his wife Mary," says Jack Thayer, Director of Boarding Admission.

We recently sat down with Mark and asked him a few questions about his involvement with Menaul School:

How did you come to Menaul School?

When Mary and I moved from New York to Albuquerque six years ago, we needed a car and Jack Thayer sold us a Prius. We struck up a friendship and when Jack went back to work as the Director of Admission at Menaul, he invited us to tour the campus and talked to us about volunteer opportunities. We immediately fell in love with Menaul School and eventually Lindsey Gilbert asked me to teach a creative writing class. I've taught two mods every year since.

What makes Menaul so special?

For starters, the fact that individuals like me can come in and teach is really special. There are a lot of talented folks in Albuquerque that Menaul should utilize like they utilize me – professionals who would love to teach a class for a mod or two.

Most importantly, Menaul is a small school that encourages creativity from both teachers and students. There is enough room at Menaul for students to find out who they are. And there is enough room at Menaul School for teachers to do some really creative things in the classroom.

Like what?

Rather than limiting students to just poetry or short stories, we will pretend we're an ad agency that has to sell a new product and come up with marketing materials that communicate clearly what we're selling. Or once I gave a final project that students worked on the entire mod. They could choose any form of written communication EXCEPT poetry and short story for this project. The results were terrific and reflected something very personal to them that made a statement about their own interests or something having to do with their own life.

How has technology affected authors/playwrights like you?

It's a good news/bad news situation. The good news is that e-books have made more good books accessible to a broader range of people. The bad news is that with the ease of publication comes A LOT of new writers so it's much more difficult to get noticed than it was ten or fifteen years ago. I think I was born about 50 years too late!

If someone were to read just one of your books or plays, which one would you recommend?

You have to read *Ella Minnow Pea*. That was my break-out book, the book that put me on the map.

What authors do you enjoy reading?

I usually don't have time to read anything but research materials for my own work. When I do read for pleasure, I enjoy a broad spectrum of authors – from Larry McMurtry to Charles Dickens.

Do you have any advice for students who want to become authors?

Never lose your passion! Even if you have to do something else temporarily to pay the bills, keep your passion alive by continuing to write.



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GRANDPANTHER DAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2011

BUGG LIGHTS GRAND OPENING
DECEMBER 9, 2011

facebook.

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