



BULLDOG BULLETIN



Announcing the Josef Cooper Changemaker Grant and Award

Without Joe Cooper, the CDS we know and love would not exist. Joe and his wife, Tracy, were the leaders of a group of parents, trustees, and educators who founded Children's Day School as a nonprofit to nourish and celebrate diversity and promote justice and respect for all people. Joe had a lifelong commitment to student activism and it is this commitment to action that the CDS community wishes to celebrate and instill in future generations of CDS students.

The purpose of the Josef Cooper Changemaker Grant and Award is to honor Joe's deep commitment to CDS, to encourage students and alumni to continue to notice where they can make a difference in the world, and to celebrate the roots of changemaking established at CDS and manifested in our students and alumni.

We have established a Joe Cooper Memorial Fund to support the Changemaker Grant and Award, and you can make a gift in Joe's honor [here](#)

Stay tuned for more information about how current CDS students and alumni can be nominated for the award.

Upcoming Events at CDS



See you at Country Fair!

Our annual Country Fair is coming up from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 4. Activities will include many old favorites like sheepshearing, pieeating, the cupcake walk, a great barbecue, and fun entertainment. We would love to see you, so if you are in the neighborhood, please feel free to drop by!

Want to help out? Every year, we hire a few alums to work Country Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please email countryfair@cdssf.org if you are interested!



CDS Alumni Reunion 2019!

Mark your calendars for the 2019 CDS Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 1. Alumni and parents are invited to this special event on the yard of the 333 Dolores campus from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Enjoy lunch on the yard while connecting with faculty & staff, former classmates and other alumni families.

As you may know, we have spent the spring reviewing our mission statement with the intent to clarify the language we use to describe CDS' mission as a school. We have engaged a strategy company, Gardner Rodriguez, and they are working to learn as much about our community as possible by interviewing alumni, students, parents and educators. **We expect to launch a revised Mission Statement along with core values this Fall.** At the reunion, we will update you about the process and direction of this work.

Please RSVP by May 22 to advancement@cdssf.org.

Alumni Spotlight



The Trees of Mount Kilimanjaro: Xenia Rangaswami's Climb of a Lifetime to Preserve Its Natural Beauty

Xenia Rangaswami, CDS 2011, is a senior at Scripps College who recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness for the work of Jane Goodall's organization, Roots and Shoots. Roots and Shoots empowers and encourages youth of all ages to pursue their passion, mobilize their peers, and become leaders to ensure a better future for people, animals, and the environment.

Xenia was in Tanzania to raise awareness about alternative tree planting to prevent deforestation. Because many people in the area rely on firewood for cooking and heating, the local forests are under threat. Roots and Shoots is planting alternative trees that people can use for firewood in place of the oldgrowth forests.

[Click here to read all about Xenia's climb!](#)

Share Your Stories!



Submit your class notes!

As many of you know, we have a tradition of publishing alumni spotlights in our Bulldog Bulletin. We want to know what is going on with you so we can share your successes with the entire CDS community. **We encourage you to send in an update on yourself or on one of your peers.**

Here are a few suggestions for the kind of information we're looking for:

Do you have a job/internship?

What classes are you taking?

Have you been involved in a sport? What position do you play and how did your team do?

Have you been involved in anything musical or theatrical? Any performances, productions, or events?

Have you done any service learning projects?

Have you received an award, been recognized, or had any special experience you would like to share?

Have you done any traveling?

Would you like to share something important to you that is not listed above?

Send a short 35 sentence paragraph to simoneo@cdssf.org with some current highlights and a photo. We look forward to hearing from you.

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