The Bulldog Bulletin

Happy Summer, Bulldogs!

Congratulations!
This past June, our eighth graders, most of who have been a part of the CDS community since preschool, graduated in a beautiful ceremony on the yard. We wish these new alumni a wonderful and prosperous freshman year in high school.

New Beginnings
As the fall approaches we embark on new journeys of all kind. In September, as CDS begins another wonderful school year, our alumni will set off on new and exciting journeys of their own. They’ll be starting high school, finishing college, taking challenging classes, competing in athletics and working on innovative projects. Check out what they’re up to in our class notes below.
Elizabeth Woollard, CDS 2006
Elizabeth (Emme) Woollard graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ithaca College this past May. She was invited to teach photography and visual literacy for Summer In Switzerland at Leysin American School. Prior to arriving at her new post, she traveled through and documented her trip: diving between tectonic plates and hiking through dormant volcanoes in Iceland and collaborating with documentary and fiction filmmakers Italy, Czech Republic, Germany and France. You can see her portfolio here.

Jessica Gutierrez, CDS 2007
Jessica graduated from University of California, Merced this past May with a B.S. in Management. She currently has an on-call job with a non-profit in Oakland. While she's still deciding which direction to take, her dream is to open a dance studio.
Cesar Hamilton, CDS 2011
Cesar recently graduated from Urban and will attend Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School in New York City beginning in the fall. He'll be studying history and philosophy as well as focusing on his music career, which is his ultimate goal. His first song was released on iTunes last week!

Adrian Gutierrez, CDS 2011
Adrian has been away at Tulane, where he will be attending college this fall, for a summer program. He is thrilled with all the classes he is taking and he has met many new friends. While it's taken some time to get used to the extreme humidity in New Orleans, he is excited to begin his studies as a kinesiology major!
Emerson Herrera, CDS 2011
Emerson will be trading San Francisco’s moderate weather for the Minnesota cold as he heads off to Carleton College in September. This past June, at his graduation from International High School, he received the Barack Obama Presidential Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement as well as the International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma. He says he owes his success to Josée, who always pushed him to do his best, and the CDS community, which helped mold his character.

Christian Wilburn, CDS 2011
In an update from our last issue, Christian had a wonderful time participating in the United World Games held in Austria this past June. Team USA West was undefeated and the number one seed in the medal rounds but lost the gold to Germany. He will begin his first semester of college at Santa Clara University this fall.
Francesca Gutierrez, CDS 2013
Now going into her junior year of high school, Francesca continues to do well at Drew. She was recognized as a National Honor Society recipient and is part of the school’s theater program. This summer she’s volunteering at retail company in San Francisco and will soon embark on a weeklong college tour in southern California.

Sarah Quinones, CDS 2015
Sarah is a member of the most recent graduating class of Children’s Day School and will begin her freshman year at Lowell High School in the fall. With the help of her club track team, she recently advanced to the Junior Olympics for the 4x400 meter relay and was one spot away from qualifying in the pentathlon. Nonetheless, she’s very pleased and excited for coming competitions!

Do you want to be featured in our Class Notes section? Email simoneo@cds-sf.org with a short update and a photo!

Alums at CDS Summer Camp
Each summer CDS offers wonderful summer camp options for elementary and middle school students as well as preschoolers. This year we have a handful of awesome alumni helping out with programs that range from sports and technology camps to academic camps and even internships!
"For the past 7 weeks, I've gotten a chance to work with the elementary school camps. I've taken an abundance of pictures of students sharing laughs and smiles, which can't even begin to show how much fun they've had during camp. Throughout the summer, I posted some of those pictures on the summer blog along with a short recap of what happened on that specific week. This summer has been a blast, and I'm very happy I got to spend it here, meeting new students and reuniting with others."

—Roshni Jariwala, CDS 2014

Thank you!
Again, we want to thank everyone who came out to our reunion on May 30 – we had a blast! We will continue to make this a staple of the alumni program so stay tuned for the next reunion! If you’d like to help plan these events in the future, please email simoneo@cds-sf.org.
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