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Richard P. Welch



In Memoriam...

Community Prep recently lost one of its most loyal supporters and friends. Dick Welch passed away in November. A long-time board member, he served as Board Chair from 1998 to 2002.

In the Spring 2006 issue of *Big News*, there will be a full story about Dick and his history and involvement with CP. In October, Community Prep, in conjunction with Women & Infants Hospital, established the *Richard P. Welch Community Prep Science Healthcare Professional Leadership Scholarship* at Women & Infants Hospital. The first scholarship will be awarded this spring.

Dick was a great source of wisdom and pride at Community Prep, and he is sorely missed.



THANK YOU MR. AND MRS. SLAVEN!

Arthur Slaven, pictured here with Named Scholar Yabi Diaz and Merit Scholar Dan Curry, was so impressed after his recent visit to CP that he and his wife, Jane, have made a 10-year pledge to the school.

The Kue Family: Generations at Community Prep

CHRISTINE KUE '01 IS HOME ON BREAK FROM BOWDOIN COLLEGE. It is a big transition from Concord Academy where she graduated as Class President in May. With her sister, Victoria, and her nephew Lim Lo, both Community Prep sixth graders, they talk about what Community Prep means to them.



Victoria Kue '08 (top), Lim Lo '08, and Christine Kue '01

"Community Prep was such a warm and caring place that I initially had a very difficult transition to Concord Academy, but I grew very fond of the people there," explains Christine. "Community Prep prepared me very well for Concord and Bowdoin. It gave me the ability and confidence to ask lots of questions and have a close dialog with teachers and other students. I still miss the kind of group work we did at CP."

A large family, the Kue's have 8 children. Victoria is the 2nd youngest and wants to be an artist. She and Christine credit CP with helping her work toward her dream, recently at a RISD art class recommended by Creative Arts Teacher Janine Lee.

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The oldest of the Kue siblings, Mang, is not a CP alum, but a CP parent. Her son, Lim, joined CP this year. Seeing what Community Prep had meant to her sisters, she wanted the same for her son. Does Lim mind having his aunt in his grade? "At first they didn't believe she was my aunt. But now, we are all friends."

Christine took the time to see her former teachers during her visit to the school. "Community Prep is like an extended family. My parents fled Laos more than 20 years ago, and our family is very spread out. Having the school's support has made a big difference for us."

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A Distinguished Friend – Designer Malcolm Grear

In 1989, Malcolm Grear designed the award-winning symbol and wordmark that would be the identity for

Community Prep. “I visited the school with a friend, and I was hooked,” says Grear. “I wanted to do what I could to help the school grow.” And he has.



Over the years, Malcolm Grear Designers has designed the logo, stationery, annual reports, as well as invitations and program covers for numerous events. Malcolm has also been a trustee and advocate for Community Prep, bringing visitors by the school whenever possible.

Malcolm’s history and talent bring a lot to the Board of CP. He taught in RISD’s Graphic Design department from 1960 to 1998, serving as its Chairman from 1965 through 1969. He has been a recipient of the Claiborne Pell Award and was named the “History Maker of Rhode Island” by the R.I. Historical Society. PBS, PM Magazine and RISD have produced films about him. He holds five honorary Doctorates from distinguished Art Schools across the country. In 1997,

Malcolm was selected by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, 190 institutions, to receive the Citation for Distinguished Service in the Visual Arts. Past recipients of this distinction include Josef Albers and Georgia O’Keefe. But it doesn’t stop there. Malcolm has lectured at over 25 colleges and universities and is listed in *Who’s Who in American Art* and the International Biographical Center. Malcolm recently flew to Kentucky to receive the “Kentucky Star” by the Downtown Lexington Corporation, recognizing excellence in the Arts by native Kentuckians.

Although Malcolm keeps a healthy schedule, his commitment to non-profit organizations never waivers. He has made design contributions to Trinity Repertory Company, The Metropolitan Opera, The Lasker Foundation, and many, many more. Malcolm is also active in the International Institute of Rhode Island and the Alliance of Artists Communities. And, we are happy to announce that Malcolm has agreed to be an Honorary Chair for Community Prep’s upcoming auction, **Art from the Heart -- ArtWorks 2006**, which will be held on November 1 at the Westin Hotel.

Thank you, Malcolm, for all your hard work and dedication to our students!

Faculty Profile: Janine Lee

There is almost always music coming from Janine Lee’s classroom: music children are creating, music they are moving to, or music to accompany making art. A conservatory-trained pianist and violist with a background in Music Therapy, Janine liked Dan Corley’s vision of “Creative Arts” - visual arts, music, drama and dance - integrated with academic curricula. She joined the school in 1987 and has been single-handedly teaching all the arts to every Community Prep student ever since.

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Janine tries to make deep connections to what children are learning in the classroom. “The sixth grade is studying life in China. I decided to teach them ‘Luogo,’ a type of Chinese folk music that uses percussion and gongs. It usually accompanies the lion and dragon dances, which we’ll be learning later.”

Community Prep’s diversity is at the root of Janine’s passion for the school. “Students gain enormous self-confidence here. CP enables students to show their true selves — you can see they are beautiful on the inside and outside.”

Janine’s daughters have come up through Community Prep. Andra is now a senior at Bay View and Alexis will graduate from CP in June. Her niece, Jordana Gaines, is in 7th grade. The school touches lives profoundly, she says. “My family became friends with a couple whose children went to Community Prep. They are now grandparents, and though they live in Chicago, they are planning to help their children move back to Rhode Island in a few years, just so their grandson can attend Community Prep. That’s how passionately people feel about the school. Almost twenty years, and I’m more committed than ever.”



Creative Giving

Learn about planned giving — how to support Community Prep while maximizing the benefit to your personal finances and estate.

Q: What is a **Charitable Gift Annuity**? Does age matter?

A: A **Charitable Gift Annuity** is a contract between a donor and a charitable organization, where the donor transfers property (cash, securities and real property) in exchange for a fixed dollar payment during his or her lifetime. Tax-deductions for this type of life-income gift vary with the number of recipients and the age of the donor at the time of the gift. The charitable organization has a legal obligation to guarantee the donor the income for the remainder of his or her life.

Q: What are approximate rates and age ranges?

A: Sample ages and rates from the American Council on Gift Annuities:

Age	Rate
35	4.5%
55	5.5%
60	5.7%
70	6.5%
80 - 90	8.0% - 11.3%

Charitable Gift Annuities are one of several types of planned gifts that will guarantee donors lifetime income. Call your estate planner or the development office if you are interested in making a planned gift to Community Prep.



CP Welcomes New Alumni Relations Coordinator

Ju-Pong Lin brings years of varied experience to her new job of supporting and connecting with CP alums. She's worked as a college professor, videographer and teacher at the Met School before coming to Community Prep to strengthen alumni relations. Ju-Pong is planning alumni events, working with teachers and networking with the high schools CP alums attend. A CP parent herself, Ju-Pong's son, Chi, will be an alum next year. "I hope to get to meet as many alums as possible. There is so much we can do for grads and so many ways they can be involved at CP."

ALUMNI!

We want to hear from you!
Visit www.communityprep.org

- add your email address to the on-line alumni directory
- update your contact info
- tell us what you've been doing
- check out scholarship opportunities

CONTACT JU-PONG LIN, ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR
AT 401-521-9697, EXT. 6 or JLIN@COMMUNITYPREP.ORG

ALUMNI UPDATES

PHOUTONE KINGVILAY '90

You can now try a new taste sensation from the kitchens of a CP alum. Phoutone Kingvilay graduated from Providence College in 2001 with a degree in Business Management and a dream of opening his own restaurant. He envisioned a kind of Asian fusion steak house with potential for franchising. While he is working on the funding for that major undertaking, he was encouraged by friends to market his barbecue sauce. So leaving behind his work as a Mortgage Consultant for Fleet, Phoutone recently launched his new sauce.



Help Phoutone get his business off the ground by purchasing his sauce on his website, www.drchilis.com!

RONNIE YOUNG '95

Ronnie is the newest member of the Providence School Board. He has stepped in mid-term to replace a former board member and will serve for the next year. Ronnie, who works on urban development at Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services, sees this as another opportunity to give back to his community and contribute to improving the Providence schools.

Save the Date!!

2006 Community Prep Golf Classic

Tuesday, June 20, 2006
Sakonnet Golf Club

Art from the Heart – ArtWorks 2006

Auction to benefit the
Scholarship Fund

November 1, 2006
Westin Hotel, Providence

Mobile Computer Lab – a Teacher’s Dream

Fifth-grade teacher Cathy Jacques wheels the mobile lab cart into her classroom, and her students are clearly excited.

“We love the new computers,” says one student. “They’re just so cool!” They get out their books, turn on the computers and settle right down to work.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Champlin Foundations, Community Prep now has a mobile computer lab consisting of 20 laptop ibooks, a laser printer and router — all wireless. Teachers have been quick to seize upon the new technology. “We can completely integrate the computers into our lessons,” explains 8th grade teacher Royce Conner. “We have all the benefits of the computer lab at the same time that we have all the resources of our classrooms.”



Students use the mobile lab for writing projects, creating PowerPoint presentations, and most popularly, Internet research. Recently, for example, sixth graders completed an interactive on-line simulation of the Underground Railroad.

The mobile lab is constantly in use, explains Cathy. “It brings technology seamlessly into our classrooms. It is a wonderful teaching tool.”

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