In honor of the centennial, the Upper Campus Student Council presented a cast iron bell to the Lower Campus. The bell will ring to celebrate significant events on campus and serve as a symbol of unity between Upper and Lower Campus for years to come. To read more about the centennial celebrations, turn to page 21.

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Congratulations, Class of 2011! 

**President’s Address**

Upper Campus Graduation

Michael J. Hall-Mounsey

“As Ojai Valley School celebrates its 100th birthday this year, it is timely to reflect on three OVS champions whose spirit and character have enabled us all to be here today and whose contributions should never be forgotten.

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“And it was exactly 50 years ago that Mr. Burr went to the courthouse to bid on these 195 acres. The school paid $30,000 for the land.

“Mr. Burr wasted no time leveling the top of the ridge line. Bristol, Tower House and Boney Bean dorms were constructed over the next few years. Construction of the Wallace Burr Hall allowed the students to attend the first classes on Upper Campus in 1964. Slowly but surely, the campus was taking shape. Students were involved in the development of the campus, including the construction of this beautiful amphitheater. It was here where the campus was dedicated, and the first class of 28 students graduated in June, 1965.

“Playing fields and equestrian facilities were added, and, by the fall of 1966, The Grace Hobson Smith House had been added to the campus, providing a beautiful dormitory for the girls. Wally Burr had accomplished wonders.

“Following the contributions of Ned and Wally, a graduate of the Class of 1953 committed his whole life to leading the school with integrity and character.

“Mr. Michael Hermes was hired to be the first dorm parent to live on the upper campus. He was dorm father to 16 boys, all of them pioneers, residents of Bristol dorm, now, in honor of Mike, known as Hermes Hall.

“Hermes, along with the first students to live on the Upper Campus, the Class of ’65, instituted much of what remain features of OVS life: prefect leadership, student government, sportsmanship awards, crew jobs, camping in the Sespe, and, yes, even the lap system.

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“Sadly, Mike passed away in February, but I know he is with us in spirit.

“Keeping faith with his vision for the school, I am pleased to report that, in April, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved plans to further develop this beautiful campus and to continue to construct new facilities. To be successful, this ambitious but essential campaign will require a concerted effort from the OVS family and the Ojai community over the next several years.

“Mike Hermes always told me, ‘We will have a great school or no school.’ And that remains our mission.

“As graduates, you have received a great education, but, more importantly, you have been immersed in a philosophy teaching you the meaning of integrity, self-responsibility, honesty and how to get along in a diverse community. You have benefited from the mentoring and teachings of a dedicated and talented faculty.

“As founder Ned Yeomans eloquently stated:

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**HEADMASTER’S ADDRESS**

*Upper Campus Graduation – Carl Cooper*

“Wallace Burr, who was headmaster of OVS for 30 years and whose vision brought this Upper Campus into being, regarded our guiding purpose as ‘the love of truth and the spirit of charity.’ Mr. Burr believed that these two elements were essential to a healthy, thriving educational community that the Ojai Valley School was, from the outset, destined to be.

“This Centennial Class, the Class of 2011, has embodied these philosophical precepts.

“The love of truth is manifested in their fearless and relentless pursuit of knowledge and understanding. Best of all, they have learned to learn. And they have learned the lessons that will allow them to be lifelong learners.

“In addition, they are a class of doers. In the spirit of charity, they began the year by helping the Invisible Children of Africa, and ended by participating in the Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. In the intervening months, they supported relief efforts for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Japan, volunteered to help the Food Share organization through the Empty Bowls Project, supported the Ojai Youth Foundation, and donated their time and tender care at the Humane Society. They also worked on the Martin Luther King Memorial project and tutored their younger counterparts at the Lower School.

“In all the ways they could think of to do, they worked to make the world a better place. That impulse to do good works remains with them.

“The members of this graduating class have fulfilled the promise of the school community which those who founded and further shaped the OVS philosophy had fervently envisioned. They do themselves and us extremely proud.”

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**Wallace Burr Award**

Established to recognize the student who has made a significant impact on the OVS community by giving unsolicited service.

*Ryan Skolnick*

**Robert G. Cooper Award**

Honors the seniors who have demonstrated the most growth during their senior year.

*Madisen Demery*

*Paloma Spencer*

**A. Carl Kotchian Award**

Based on faculty vote for the most outstanding scholar, not only for academic achievement, but also because of this student’s level of effort and intellectual curiosity.

*Amit Pandya*

**Sportsmanship Award**

Given to the athletes who have most demonstrated integrity, leadership, and, above all, good sportsmanship.

*Alex Alvirez*

*Amit Pandya*

*Minako Otake*

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**Andrew Kille Award**

Given to the senior who has demonstrated himself or herself to be a leader with a strong sense of community; one who has been consistently hard-working, helpful, friendly, and who has exhibited a good sense of humor.

*Lucy Kim*

**J.B. Close Award**

Recognizes the student who has exhibited the most enthusiasm and active participation in the outdoor program.

*Alex Alvirez*

**Dorothy Burr Literary Award**

This award recognizes students for their outstanding writing based on submissions of poetry or expository writing.

*Emily Lobba*

*Becca Gomberg*

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*The speeches and addresses in this issue of Family Tree are excerpts of those given at the 2011 graduations.*
Charles proved to be a friendly and funny presence on campus. In the school’s very first interscholastic Ping Pong Tournament, as he took up the challenge from Dunn School’s Ping Pong Team, as he took up the challenge from Dunn School—

Despite his involvement in athletics, Charles’s interests went far beyond sports. He played drums in school musicals and recitals. In short, he was well-rounded and a lover of the outdoors, earning the J.B. Close Award for the most outstanding camper in the 2010-11 school year. Above all, he was helpful and a good friend to all. The campus will be gloomier next year without his wide, contagious smile.

### Prasheena Chettiar – Notre Dame de Namur University

Upon his arrival at OVS his junior year, Jimmy spoke little English, and he had few interests outside of hanging out with friends. Fast-forward two years, and it was hard to recognize the old Jimmy from the one who received his diploma on graduation day. A natural athlete, he played almost every OVS sport, from football to golf, and track to basketball. He also excelled in the classroom, taking honors and advanced placement classes in calculus, chemistry, statistics, biology, environmental science, and psychology. He served as a dorm prefect, sang in the chorus, and played drums in school musicals and recitals. In short, he absorbed all that OVS had to offer and squeezed every drop from his school experience.

Prasheena’s talents also extended to the soccer pitch and track field. She embodied the meaning of teamwork, overcoming her reservations to become a key member of the 4 x 100 relay team. She has undeniably graced the OVS community with her high intellect and deep thought. An independent spirit, Liz was known around campus for her unique style and her ability to brighten any room with her wide smile and contagious laughter. She emerged as a confident and experienced horseback rider; becoming a fixture at the OVS barn and a regular atop her favorite horse, Layla. She even constructed a 3D building of a modern art museum. Prasheena’s love for art converged with technology, as she entered the yearbook staff in her senior year. She also played point guard for the girls’ basketball team. Joanna’s creativity and ingenuity have taken her to great heights in her high school career, and her passion for architecture will only grow as she attends college on the East Coast next year.

### Alex Alvarez – Notre Dame de Namur University

Whether he was digging out a ground ball in lacrosse, spinning a rap for the Festival of Talent, or sinking a game-winning shot on the basketball court, Alex exemplified the spirit of OVS. No one embraced with more energy or zeal all that the school had to offer. He put the “crazy” in Crazy Fridays, and performed on stage in OVS productions as well as behind the scenes. He graced the football, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse fields with his athletic prowess and dedicated training regimen. He was a king of the prom, a master of the dance floor; and a lover of the outdoors, earning the J.B. Close Award for the most outstanding camper in the 2010-11 school year. Above all, he was helpful and a good friend to all. The campus will be gloomier next year without his wide, contagious smile.

### Young Bin “Charles” Choi – University of Oregon

Charles left his mark on the OVS campus with his good-humored attitude and his academic skills. He played an integral role in the classroom, excelling in math and science. But his energy also extended to the sports fields, as he played pivotal roles on OVS soccer, football and baseball teams. And, of course, no one will ever forget his role as captain of the inaugural OVS Ping Pong Team, as he took up the challenge from Dunn School in the school’s very first interscholastic Ping Pong Tournament. Charles proved to be a friendly and funny presence on campus, but his playful spirit will be missed next year.

### Rachel “Belle” Cook – San Francisco Art Institute

After 15 years at Ojai Valley School, Belle approached graduation day as one of the longest attending students in school history. What an adventure she had! Being part of OVS for so long allowed her to create strong bonds with the school community. And it allowed her to pursue her passions as well as find new ones. She discovered a love of horses and horseback riding, and she thrived as a member of the girls’ volleyball team. She served on the Student Council, volunteered at the Humane Society, and traveled last summer to Thailand to teach English to young children. But it was in the art room that Belle found her true calling. Over the years, she took every art course the school had to offer, and her work was recognized annually in the OVS Art Exhibit. Her talent is undeniable, and, as she leaves us to pursue her passion, she reminds us all of the value of art in creating a better world.

### Chia Yu “Joanna” Chen – Suffolk University

Described by her friends as “funny and witty” and by her teachers as “extremely creative,” Joanna is the perfect example of an artist on the rise. Since she was little, Joanna has had an intense interest in architecture. Beginning with her childhood days constructing complex 3D buildings from simple Legos, Joanna has followed her passion into advanced art classes at OVS. She has created numerous paintings, ranging from ancient Chinese landscapes to watercolor animations. She even constructed a 3D building of a modern art museum. Joanna’s love for art converged with technology, as she entered the yearbook staff in her senior year. She also played point guard for the girls’ basketball team. Joanna’s creativity and ingenuity have taken her to great heights in her high school career, and her passion for architecture will only grow as she attends college on the East Coast next year.

### Elizabeth Edwards – Bennington College

During her years at OVS, Elizabeth grew from a conscientious but shy schoolgirl into a fun-loving, confident young woman and an exceptional student of high intellect and deep thought. An independent spirit, Liz was known around campus for her unique style and her ability to brighten any room with her wide smile and contagious laughter. She emerged as a confident and experienced horseback rider; becoming a fixture at the OVS barn and a regular atop her favorite horse, Layla. She also was a powerhouse in the classroom, a student known for her quiet introspection and her flair for thinking about the world from different angles. In fact, it was that ability that earned her the year-end Environmental Science Award. She was honored by the College Board as a National Merit Scholar, and she served the school as its sustainability representative. She cares about others and about making the world a better place, and those qualities will continue to serve her well.

### Sean Dunbar – Notre Dame de Namur University

Sean has an energy about him that is hard to miss. And OVS will miss it next year. He is a deep thinker and dedicated student, a young man known, as much for his voracious appetite for books as he was for his penchant for dropping into Humanities class to engage the freshmen in debate. He dabbled in a variety of sports including horseback riding, soccer, football, and his favorite, lacrosse. His coaches characterize him as tough as nails, and, on the lacrosse field, he emerged as a leader and a team player; always willing to do what was best for his teammates. Those qualities were dearly in evidence in other aspects of his life as well, and when he was with his friends and his siblings. His contributions to OVS were many, his stamp on the school indelible.

### Chloé Freed – San Francisco State University

For the past five years, Chloé has been writing her story at OVS. Artist, friend, and talented writer, Chloé blossomed in the OVS environment. Known around campus for her brilliant sense of style and her friendly face, Chloé brings many qualities to the community that will greatly be missed. Serving as editor of the school newspaper in her senior year, Chloé now hopes to pursue her dream of becoming a photojournalist at San Francisco State. Since freshman year, she’s participated in the art program, relishing the challenges of working with pen and ink. Chloé will be missed for her quick smile, warm laugh, and loving personality; as well as for being fond of cats and for her penchant for punctuating emails with the word “meow.”
**XIAO LUO “ZOEYEE” FU — University of Pittsburgh**

Ask her coaches and teachers, and they will describe Zoeey as a quiet force on the OVS campus. She was an exceptional student, whether devoting literature or taking on the role of a key witness in Mock Trial. She was an inspiring athlete, taking on the challenge of long distance races on tough cross country courses. She walked endless laps in the Relay for Life fundraiser to fight cancer, and then put her musical ability on full display in the annual Festival of Talent. Spend just a little time with her and you would quickly come to understand that she embodies the idea that leadership is best demonstrated by deeds, not by words. OVS was blessed for a time to be graced with a gentleman with a heart as big as his smile; his drive and dedication to excellence will take him far.

**HYUN SU “DERRICK” HA — University of California, Davis**

With his skinny jeans and stylish polo shirts, Derrick was known as a fashion icon on the OVS campus. But there was so much more to him. Arriving at OVS as a seventh grader, he made his mark through his friendly personality and his dedication to scholarship. He has a terrific sense of humor, and that allowed him to forge good relationships with his peers, teachers and dorm parents. In fact, he was known for referring to his dorm parents as “mom” and “dad” in his native Korean. Outside of the classroom, he was the consummate team player, whether swinging a bat on the baseball team or handling lighting for school musicals, talent shows, and choral performances. Derrick is easygoing and always willing to lend a hand; his humor and good nature will be missed next year.

**KAI LITTLEFIELD — Endicott College**

Call him the Renaissance Man. From his position as captain of the lacrosse and football teams to his turn on stage in one of lead roles in the musical Thoroughly Modern Millie, Kai fearlessly embraced all the opportunities that OVS had to offer. As a natural leader singing in the chorus, serving as a Student Council officer, and playing the role of a lead defense attorney in Mock Trial. He thrived in the arts and the outdoors, and, in his final year, found himself playing a key role in the work of the senior class. Few students demonstrated more growth in their time at OVS, and Kai’s presence on campus will be profoundly missed.

**Evan Graham – Penn State University**

Evan has been an avid adventurer since coming to Ojai Valley School in seventh grade. Always looking for the next challenge, he has been involved with both the school’s outdoor education program as well as activities outside the school. He is a champion rock climber and has ascended some of the most challenging mountains in the world. By his junior year, he had earned his pilot’s license, and as a senior, he flew in competitive aerobatics. Closer to the ground, he served as a day student prefect his senior year and emerged as a leader on the soccer team. He also emerged as a talented artist, earning first place in the annual Awesome Art exhibition for a beautifully sculpted ceramic vase. Evan is a true gentleman with a heart as big as his smile; his drive and dedication to excellence will take him far.

**HYUN YOUNG “LUCY” KIM — Boston College**

Lucy is determined to become a doctor wanting to practice medicine so she can help those who have little access to healthcare. That should tell you all you need to know about this remarkable young woman. Since arriving at OVS for her sophomore year, Lucy has been nothing short of inspirational. She was a dorm prefect and an honors student, and this year she was named an Advanced Placement Scholar by the College Board. She was also a Student Senate officer, a star on the soccer field, and a mainstay in school musicals and recitals. With a flute in her hand or a keyboard at the ready, she elevated many a production to something magical and memorable. Her contributions were recognized at graduation when she was presented the Andrew Kille Award, honoring the senior who best exemplifies the OVS spirit. Lucy did just that, and her grace and good humor will be missed.

**MINAKO OTAKEY — Returning to Japan**

A native of Tokyo, Minako arrived at OVS at the age of 16 and barely able to speak a word of English. Now, as an OVS graduate, she has acquired English fluency and has left OVS faculty and students with fond memories of a joyful, committed student. Minako was an athlete in every aspect. She participated in tennis, lacrosse, golf, swimming, and basketball the past four years, and was named captain of the basketball squad her senior year. She led her team against rivals such as Thacher and Cate with a never-say-die attitude. Off the court, she expanded her love for learning in OVS’s new Mandarin class and, of course, never forgot to have fun with friends. Minako will be attending a Japanese university next spring, and will be remembered with the highest regard by teachers and students alike.

**LANA GREENBERG — Arizona State University**

Having attended both the Upper and Lower campuses, Lana has become an integral part of the OVS community. Over the course of eight years, Lana proved herself to be a unique individual. She impressed faculty and students alike when she got accepted to the college of her choice within the first few weeks of school. Her determination could be seen on the tennis courts and on the track, hitting balls or running 800 meters. She has been an invaluable part of the drama department, helping backstage during her entire stay at Upper Campus. Passionate about art, her intricate paintings and drawings reveal her talent. Her iconic, pretty smile will not be forgotten.

**AMIT PANDEYA — University of California, Davis**

Since his arrival in 2006, Amit has been a mainstay at OVS. He was a true leader who brought an endless capacity for fun and a joy of learning to this school. By his senior year, he had come to embody the title of “Big Man on Campus.” From leading milk and crackers, to being a prefect and student body president, to being the mainstay of many crazy Fridays, it’s hard to picture OVS without him. A straight “A” student, he was accepted to UCLA on a full scholarship. He recently earned the distinction of Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, earning an average score of 4.25 on a total of four AP exams. However, don’t let this classroom-savvy student fool you. He loves sports, having played football, basketball, lacrosse, tennis, and cross-country. His talent extended to the stage, where he took on lead roles in the chorus and school musicals. He was also active in community service and a force behind raising funds for charitable causes. Amit has a bright future.

**JEE YUN LEE — University of California, Los Angeles**

During her four years at OVS, Jee Yun grew from a shy introispective student to a zealous participant who realized her potential to have a positive impact on the world. She emerged as a curious and tenacious student, one driven to perform at a maximum level at all times. She took advanced placement courses in chemistry, calculus, and psychology. She found her voice by joining the school chorus, and then discovered her inner toughness as a member of the lacrosse team. Jee Yun appears quiet, but don’t be fooled. Underneath her reserved nature is a fun-loving student with a playful spirit and big-throated laugh, both of which will be missed.

**LAUREN HASSLER — University of California, Berkeley**

Whether she’s studying for AP exams, serving as prefect in the dorm, or working as ASB Secretary, Lauren has had an understated but monumental effect over the student body. She came to OVS as a resident student in fifth grade and graduated from the Lower Campus in 2007. She studied abroad in Rome and returned to OVS for her junior and senior years, throwing herself into all aspects of campus life. She participated in student government, in the chorus and musicals, and in athletics. A hard-working student, Lauren racked up so many college acceptance letters, she literally wallpapered her dorm room with them. The letter from UC Berkeley held a special, honored spot just above her pillow. With her warm heart and generous spirit, Lauren was a valued contributor to the Upper Campus.
RYAN SKOLNICK — California Lutheran University

Ryan left an unforgettable impression on his fellow students and faculty members. An ardent basketball fan, he inspired the OVS squad as captain of the basketball team and frequently could be seen walking across campus sporting his full Lakers uniform. His charismatic nature led him to become the senior class representative. Ryan embraced and shared his Jewish heritage, bringing a welcome diversity and different way of thinking. Ryan’s passion is the philosophy of religion, asking the question “Why did man turn to religion?” In the fall, he will pursue this passion at Cal Lutheran in the religious studies department. Ryan will always remember OVS “as a school of self-discovery” and hopes that every rising student can discover himself or herself in a similar way.

PALOMA SPENCER — Wellesley College

When does she sleep? Paloma served as a dorm prefect, Student Council president, campus newspaper editor and a yearbook manager. She raised money for earthquake relief and to help find a cure for cancer; and she performed in the chorus, the school musical and the Festival of Talent. She was an honor student, taking a slew of advanced placement classes and being chosen by the faculty as a Ventura County Star Scholar through a program that recognizes the county’s top high school seniors for their outstanding volunteerism, extracurricular activities, and academic performance. She was also a prized athlete, playing keep-roles on the track, tennis, lacrosse, and soccer teams. But, above all, she was nice – a loyal friend always ready with a quick smile and a helping hand. Paloma infused OVS with her heart and soul, and how the world beyond “The Hill” will get to share her gifts.

RYLAND STEVENSON — University of San Francisco

From shredding on his guitar to making a whole room burst into laughter, Ryland has been entertaining crowds since the day he walked onto the OVS campus at the start of his sophomore year. With his signature Yankee attire and a smile that could light up any room, he achieved in every aspect of school life by playing football, basketball, and, most importantly, baseball, and by maintaining honors grades. He took every opportunity to make friends and be a good friend to anyone who needed it. His love of music took him all the way to the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and his love of baseball kept him glued to the TV during baseball season, hoping that his beloved Yankees would win. He will take his wonderful sense of humor and his intellectual curiosity up north next fall, and we know he will make us proud.

EMMA ZORNES — Sonoma State University

Being the youngest graduating senior at 17, fiery-haired Emma Zornes has left her mark on the Ojai Valley School campuses. She arrived as an eighth grader in 2006 and spent all of her time reading books to stay out of the public eye. But, as she continued her life on the Upper Campus, she slowly but steadily came out of her shell. Emma is known for playing her ukulele around campus and for her dedication to the equestrian program. She won the Sandy Ballou Award for training a stubborn horse in her junior year. Emma has grown significantly during her five years at OVS. You can now see the once-shy Emma Zornes laughing loudly with friends, a smile never leaving her face. Although OVS will miss Emma, we know Sonoma State University will be lucky to have her.

MOONHEE SUNG — University of California, Irvine

Her art teacher called her a “natural talent.” Her advanced placement teachers marveled at her commitment to her studies. On the field or in the classroom, Moonhee proved her mettle with a solid work ethic and a winning attitude. Coaches noted her ability for pulling teammates together; but she was also praised for her willingness to take on any role, including behind-the-scenes work in musical productions. Moonhee cared about others and cared about improving herself, and those qualities will serve her well.

JUNWEI “CHA CHA” ZHANG — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Cha Cha left his mark on OVS as a smart and exceptionally artistic member of the community. He was enrolled in several advanced placement classes, but his favorite was advanced placement art. Indeed, Cha Cha was a prolific artist. He painted large oil paintings of his main inspiration, owls. One of these engaging paintings, “Sight or Heart,” won second place in the annual Awesome Art Show. In addition to being an excellent artist, Cha Cha was a dominant soccer player for OVS. He and his twin brother Juno, exercised supremacy on the field. Cha Cha’s shy but intriguing personality made him especially fun to be around, and he always had a joke to make someone laugh. He will be remembered fondly for his trademark look and humorous personality.

JUNLONG “JUNO” ZHANG — Michigan State University

Talent runs wide and deep in this young man. Juno was a Condor League champion in track and field, a key member of the OVS soccer squad, and speedy receiver on the football team. He served as athletic representative on the Student Council, and he impressed his teachers with his hard work and perseverance. Juno also had a gift for music, and he spent endless hours at the piano in Room 1 honing his craft. None of us will soon forget his ode to OVS at the annual Festival of Talent. Best of all, Juno possessed a wide smile and a generous spirit, and both will be sorely missed next year. Cha Cha’s shy but intriguing personality made him especially fun to be around, and he always had a joke to make someone laugh. He will be remembered fondly for his trademark look and humorous personality.
Congratulations, Class of 2011!

**Headmaster’s Address**
Lower Campus Graduation — Andy Hamilton

“This class of 2011 represents a special year at OVS; the centennial year in the life of the Ojai Valley School. This historic milestone represents a consistency and longevity that few schools can claim.

“It has been a treat to watch this eighth grade come together as a class this year. Starting with a trip to the Kern River, I watched you swim together, perform skits, and do activities to build trust with each other. Then, you were onto Jamestown and Washington D.C., where we traveled together and explored this country’s history. I also enjoyed joining you for the challenging class hike that took us up and down a mountain together, and watching you shine at Campus Lighting, horse shows, recitals, sports contests, and the unforgettable Middle School performance of Oklahoma.

“You have entertained, inspired and impressed us with your talents, and we thank you for your efforts.

Congratulations on a great year!”

To view a gallery of photos from the Lower School Graduation and middle school promotions, as well as the elementary and primary promotions, please visit the Media Gallery at www.ovs.org.

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**major awards**

**Sportsmanship Award**
The highest honor OVS gives a graduating eighth-grader.
**Ji Hyun “Nicole” Kang**

**Headmaster’s Award**
Given for the significant contributions an eighth-grader has made during his or her years at Lower Campus.
**Matthew Gustafson**
**Caleb McNeil**
**Sarah Silver**

**Michael D. Hermes Award**
Given to the most outstanding eighth grade student-athletes.
**Connor Floyd**
**Ji Hyun “Nicole” Kang**

**Michael J. Hall-Mounsey Award**
Honors the boarding student who has consistently served as an outstanding role model for his or her peers and who has most demonstrated initiative, leadership, and responsibility.
**Jenna McIntosh**
**Garrett Schreiner**

**J.B. Close Award**
Given each year to the student who best exemplifies the goals of the OVS Outdoor Education Program. His or her consistent contributions to camping, backpacking, and rock climbing trips, love and respect for nature, and commitment to helping others in the face of adversity set this student apart.
**Connor Floyd**

**Paul Pittman Award**
Recognizes the student who has exhibited the most enthusiasm and active participation in the equestrian program.
**Lillian Hilgers**

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* The speeches and addresses in this issue of Family Tree are excerpts of those given at the 2011 graduations.
Eventually, those horizons broadened to include America. It was the sports tours connection that brought them here. For a year, they organized fundraisers so that they could bring two soccer teams to the States. Finally, in 1981, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) gave them the choice of two locations to visit: New Jersey or California. It was not difficult, says Mike, for the Hall-Mounseys and the teams they represented to decide in favor of the west coast.

Warmly welcomed to Ojai by the families connected with AYSO, the Hall-Mounseys realized that this would be an ideal community in which to raise their children, and they began to look into the possibility of finding work at one of the private schools here. They met and visited with fellow Englishman Phil Bryan, the Lower Campus headmaster, who felt confident Mike and Carol would be a good fit at OVS.

At the end of their stay that summer of 1981, Mike was offered a year’s position at OVS, his specific duties to be worked out later. On the strength of a word and a handshake from Phil Bryan, the Hall-Mounseys sold their home in England as well as its contents, packed 6 suitcases (“full of wooly sweaters, hats, and coats,” notes Mike. “Nothing that would be of much use in Southern California”), and transplanted themselves halfway around the world with their children: Martin, then four years old; and Melanie, just two. It was an act of faith.

Upon his arrival, Mike discovered that his initial duties at OVS would include teaching social studies and history to middle-schoolers, and that he would also coach soccer as well as help out with the P.E. classes.

It soon became apparent that Mike Hall-Mounsey was a natural and highly effective teacher. The Director of Admission when Mike joined the faculty said, “One of my duties involved giving prospective students and their families tours of the campus and showing them classes in action. I always made a beeline for Mike Hall-Mounsey’s social studies class. He was a superb teacher; interesting, informative, organized, dear; adept at fielding questions from his students, and funny.”

But Hall-Mounsey’s effectiveness extended well beyond the classroom. As with all OVS faculty members, he was called upon to do weekend supervisory duty and go on camping and backpacking trips. The high energy Hall-Mounsey tackled all his duties with gusto, and, within a few years, was looking for more responsibilities to take on. In 1982, he and headmaster Phil Bryan started the Britannia Soccer Camp at the Lower Campus which was a solid success and introduced many local students to OVS, several of whom became fall school enrollees.

In the mid-1980s, then-President Mike Hermes needed a summer school/camp director and asked Hall-Mounsey if he’d like to give it a go. Under Hall-Mounsey’s leadership, summer program enrollment tripled.

Although Carol stayed at home with their young children the first year after the family moved from England, since that time she has had a variety of jobs at OVS, including teaching kindergarten, second, third, and fifth grades. Like her husband, Carol is a gifted teacher. Eventually, she became elementary coordinator and Lower Campus librarian, a post she holds to this day. She has recently added middle school English teacher to her responsibilities.

In 1990, after stints as Dean of Faculty and Director of Advancement, Mike was appointed Lower Campus Headmaster, a post he held with distinction until 2009, when, upon Mike Hermes’ retirement, Hall-Mounsey took over as OVS president.

The notion of integer vitae, meaning “wholeness of life,” symmetry of life, soundness of life, and, therefore, poise and strength of life,” which OVS founder Ed Yeomans proposed as the school’s motto, consistently guides Hall-Mounsey in his role as president. While committed to keeping OVS at the forefront of those technological advances that enhance a modern education, Hall-Mounsey is deeply committed to maintaining the core values and traditions that established OVS as a true community of learning.

His long association with the school has enabled Hall-Mounsey to introduce new traditions of his own, some of them distinctly British. A few of these attempts have been more successful than others. He tried to introduce the game of cricket to OVS students, for instance. “It was DOA,” admits Hall-Mounsey, ruefully, shaking his head. But the high tea for primary students has become a resounding success, as has his eighth grade leadership committee, whose purpose it is to recognize and cultivate potential leaders in the graduating class.

All three of the Hall-Mounsey children (a son, Alex, had joined the family in 1989) attended OVS, and one of Mike and Carol’s grandchildren is currently a third-grader. That means, in addition to being a teacher, coach, faculty leader, and administrator, Mike is an OVS parent and grandparent.

Echoing the beliefs of the OVS founder, Hall-Mounsey contends that “true self-esteem comes from real achievement.” In keeping with this conviction, OVS, under Hall-Mounsey’s stewardship, continues to offer students a myriad of opportunities, on all levels, for self-realization and achievement. Whether through the outdoor program, advanced placement classes, community service involvement, dorm leadership, classroom achievement, or the horse program, each OVS student has an opportunity to succeed and to shine.

Former President Mike Hermes has great regard for his successor and enormous faith in his abilities. “Mike Hall-Mounsey has demonstrated the courage to make some very tough decisions over the years,” said Hermes, and added, “He has a profound understanding of and respect for the OVS philosophy, and his breadth of experience and proven track record at OVS make him uniquely qualified to head the school. We are truly fortunate to have him at the helm.”
Emma Herzig placed second in their categories and earned entries from across Ventura County. OVS students Javi Arango and they competed in multiple categories against 880 students school students to the Ventura County Science Fair, where projects to work on. Last spring, Mr. Inman took 15 middle experience, often giving his students fun and educational quo education.

Mr. Inman’s title at Ojai Valley School is science department chair; boys’ soccer coach, and outdoor education coordinator. But these titles do not come close to describing all that Mr. Inman brings to the school. Not only does Mr. Inman teach science to middle school students, he takes them on surf trips, works with them to improve the campus, and even serves as a lifeguard. He also organizes spring backpacking trips, such as those that head deep into the Sespe Wilderness.

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“He has developed a unique school of excellence within OVS,” said Ojai Valley School President Michael Hall-Mounsey. “The outdoor education program is a pillar program that supports our philosophy. I hear from alumni all the time about their fun experiences on his backpacking trips.”

The program now offers many different types of trips, from a 100-mile backpacking trip, to weekend climbing outings, all developed with the help of Mr. Inman.

“If we all put in more focus you put into it, the better the results.”

Mr. Inman can often be seen pacing the sidelines with his sunglasses and hat adorning his head. He looks right at home demonstrating a new technique to his players with his tall and athletic frame. After observing his halftime talk, one can clearly discern his love for the game.

“My knowledge as a coach has developed from all the teams I have worked with,” he said.

While coaching at Ojai Valley School, Mr. Inman has lead the boys’ soccer team to two 3rd place finishes and one second place finish in the C.A.L. soccer league, a statewide league that is run by the California Youth Soccer Association.

During the year, Mr. Inman also coaches two club teams through the Ventura County Fusion, a local soccer club. Many of the players he coaches in the club teams go on to play for him at Ojai Valley School.

“I have many players who play for both the Fusion and OVS,” he said. “The Fusion has helped increase technical skills among OVS players.”

Mr. Inman lives in Ojai with his wife, Ann, and his two sons, Jay and Scott. Both of his sons play soccer competitively and attend Ojai Valley School’s Lower Campus. Mrs. Inman teaches at Nordhoff High School. In his free time, Mr. Inman enjoys working in his orchard where he grows Pixie tangerines.

“Growing tangerines is a great balance to being a teacher,” he said. “Growing tangerines is a metaphor for teaching; the more focus you put into it, the better the results.”
judi oberlander
by Emma Zornes, Upper Class of 2011

After 32 years of leading students into the Heart of Darkness and through the perils of the college application process, long-time OVS English teacher and college counselor Judy Oberlander is finally putting down the chalk.

Ms. Oberlander has been at Ojai Valley School for 32 years and has witnessed how much the school has grown. But now she has decided that it’s her time to move on.

“OVS was the most fun place,” Ms. Oberlander said. “I just really enjoy working with students and being a part in their lives.”

Faculty and students – who affectionately call her Obie – feel the same way about her time spent here.

Angus Beverly, who graduated from the Upper Campus last year, appreciated all of the effort that she put into each student.

“She draws on a breadth of professional, academic, and personal experience to offer advice and reassurance,” Ms. Oberlander said. “I have because it offered so much variety that I never ever got bored,” Ms. Oberlander said.

Ms. Oberlander plans on staying in the college business by becoming an independent college counselor and returning to China to work with students there on the college application process.

“The best thing about college counseling is that I have to just chat with them. It’s just really fun,” Ms. Oberlander said.

Senior Chloe Freed said she was thankful for all the help that Ms. Oberlander gave both as a teacher and college counselor during their final year at OVS.

terry wilson
by Aria Ellett, Upper Class of 2013

After nearly a quarter century of fostering a love of horses among OVS students, Equestrian Director Terry Wilson has retired from her administrative position.

Mrs. Wilson, who first came to OVS in 1984 to give private horseback riding lessons, will remain in her position as an English teacher at the Upper Campus, and she will continue to coach equestrian students at that campus as well.

But she has officially left behind her administrative duties, turning over the reins to fellow longtime OVS equestrian instructor Stephanie Gustafson.

“It’s been wonderful,” Mrs. Wilson said of her time heading the equestrian program. “I’ve loved every minute of it.”

Mrs. Wilson lives on her family’s citrus ranch in Ojai – a ranch they have farmed for more than 70 years. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a dual major in English/Speech and History. After teaching for 11 years, first at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek and then at Castilleja School in Palo Alto, she retired to have a family.

After accumulating too many horses for the Portola Valley property, she brought them to the Ojai ranch in 1986. She began teaching riding at OVS at that time and went on to become Equestrian Director. In recent years, she returned to the classroom, teaching the sophomore and junior honors English classes at Upper Campus.

As an equestrian, she has been a dressage competitor, trainer, and instructor, as well as a Dutch Warmblood breeder. She has become a well-known and respected member of the equestrian community, serving as professional advisor to the California Dressage Society and on the national board of the United States Dressage Federation.

Although Mrs. Wilson will no longer be directing the department, she plans to stay actively involved in the program that has brought her so many memories.

“There are sad moments, when you lose a horse, or a student leaves the school, but those fade away and all the good memories remain.”

Mrs. Wilson reminisced. “Many parents still contact me and thank me for the opportunity I gave [my] students and how I changed their lives around. You can’t help but feel good about that.”
A hearty thank you to the more than 1,000 alumni, parents, students, faculty members, and staff who celebrated the Ojai Valley School centennial year with us and helped make the series of centennial events so very successful.

You might be interested to know that, through the OVS History Project, more than 1,000 historic photographs have now been digitalized for the archives. We’re grateful to all the alumni who submitted photos. In addition, an oral history project was begun, with Mike Hermes the first to participate. Nearly 100 “lost” alumni have been found, and a final printed version of the alumni directory has been distributed to our 2,900 alumni around the world. Fittingly, the quad buildings on the Lower Campus are now in the process of receiving historic designation by the City of Ojai.

I send you greetings and look forward to your active involvement as OVS successfully embarks on its next century.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hall-Mounsey
President

To celebrate more, go to www.ovs.org/centennial

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**OVS 100th Birthday Celebration**

On January 12, 2011, a century after Mrs. Lamb began tutoring the Van Patten boys in her Ojai home and so began the Ojai Valley School, more than 400 students, faculty members, and staff attended the school’s Centennial Kick-Off on the big field and quad. Students at both Lower and Upper campuses enjoyed face painting, ragtime music, cupcakes, and old-fashioned games. This fun event initiated a series of OVS centennial celebrations.

In honor of the OVS Centennial, the 21st annual High Tea included a maypole dance similar to one performed at Lower Campus in 1936. Children in grades PK-2 entertained more than 200 guests in the Greenberg Activities Center and enjoyed some tasty treats, including giant chocolate-covered strawberries. It was a fun and elegant afternoon, and our students impressed those in attendance with their poise and confidence while dancing on stage, serving tables, and demonstrating their best etiquette as they enjoyed tea treats.

Second-grader Nico atop his steed Westin
Pre-K students Chaya, Andrew, and Scarlett with Spud Man
Second-graders perform the traditional maypole dance at High Tea
PRE-1960s Reunion

More than 40 alumni and their guests, having travelled from as far as Hawaii and New York, attended the pre-1960s Alumni Reunion in April. The event began with lunch with the students at the Wallace Burr Pergola, followed by an OVS history presentation by President Michael J. Hall-Mounsey and a special city proclamation to honor the school’s centennial year. Guests enjoyed tours of campus and shared their OVS experiences for future generations at the oral history booth. An optional Sespe hike to the Ten Foot Hole was tackled by 10 intrepid alums, who navigated four water crossings en route. A wonderful meal was shared in the dining hall that evening, as light rain brought out an unexpected rainbow.

Pons Dinner

Each May, the Pons Dinner provides a bridge between the eighth-graders and Lower Campus graduates currently attending high school. Nearly 150 guests attended the centennial year Pons Dinner. Alumnus Roger Wang (L87, U91), senior Belle Cook (L07, U11), and eighth grade class president Eun Jin “Annie” Ahn (L11) addressed the group. Belle, who has attended OVS since age three, offered this eloquent summary of her experience: “OVS is a unique place, where you learn an equal amount about yourself and your surroundings… Every student is given the tools and encouragement to persevere and to move into each new stage of life… these tools and support helped us view transitions as adventures… we were taught to overcome fears, to embrace everyone around us, and to grasp every opportunity…”

Lower Campus graduates who are currently high school seniors gather in front of the Van Patten Library with their former headmaster and current OVS President Michael J. Hall-Mounsey.

Alumni Lacrosse

For only the third time in OVS’s history, Upper Campus lacrosse players scored a victory against the alumni, emerging with a 13-8 win in the Annual Bingo Memorial Lacrosse Game. This annual event honors the late Bryan “Bingo” Caldwell (L90, U94).

The Lower Campus caught lacrosse fever this year, launching a new middle school boys’ team. During the inaugural season, 19 spirited boys competed with tenacity and talent that will serve OVS well in seasons to come.

Alumni Panel

Recent alumni returned to campus in May for an Alumni College Panel Discussion. This Q and A session allowed students to query graduates about the transition from high school to college. The main message? Use your OVS time management and study skills to cope with college’s unlimited freedoms and the responsibilities that come with it. Thank you to our alums who served as panelists: Upper 2010 classmates Molly Baker (via Skype), Hunter Helman, and James Wickenhaeuser; Upper 2009 classmates Cooper Hefner, Alicia Strait, and Katie Woods; and Iris Torres, a 2007 graduate.
Alumni gathered on Friday evening at the Upper Campus pool complex for a casual meal.

During a tour of the Upper Campus, alums got to feel like students again when they visited the chemistry lab at the Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center.

OVS employees, past and present, gather after the luncheon in their honor. Past faculty member Gary Dinkins, having worked continuously at OVS for 44 years, receiving a “free lunch for life” certificate from President Michael J. Hall-Mounsey.

OVS past faculty members Oliver Beaudette (L61) and Rose (Chavez) Baggs (who has worked at OVS off and on for over 40 years) check in for the luncheon honoring current and past faculty and staff.

Mark Beales (L59), his wife, Juliann, and Jay Welsh (L58) check in for the festivities.

Headmaster of the Lower Campus, Andrew Hamilton, keynote speaker Thomas Yeomans, and President Michael J. Hall-Mounsey.

Roger Wang (L87, U91) and his sons in OVS garb.

Sean Ham (L00, U04), Ken Leung (L02), past faculty member Erika (Coble) Goldman, f’ Kim (L81), faculty member Lisa Bayly and Nikki Chou (U01).
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Former classmates (L63, U66) Lynn (Yoakum) Taylor and Bob Kotchian

Lindsey West (L77) and David Lang (L77, U78) perusing yearbooks

HIKE

OVS faculty member Angie Grover helping the granddaughter of Susan (Crawford) Engle (L61) with a beading project

CENTENNIAL CAMP

OVS faculty member Ryan Lang helping son of Laura (Clark) MacLeod (L88) with woodworking project at the Centennial Camp

Generations of alumni and their families enjoyed a spirited soccer game

Headmaster Andy Hamilton sets up a pass

The timeline on the quad

Traversing one of many water crossings up Sespe

alumni weekend

Gracie Gartrell (L04) and John-Clark Levin (L04) Edwin Gillette (L65, U68), Lee Melcer (L67, U70), and Daniel Zigal (U68 and member of the OVS Board of Trustees)

Lincoln West (L78) and David Lang (L78, U82) perusing yearbooks

Ryo Furuya (U81), from Japan, joined in the festivities

Former classmates (L63, U66) Lynn (Yoakum) Taylor and Bob Kotchian
The Hermes family would like to express great appreciation to the many alumni, faculty, staff, and friends who helped honor Mike during Alumni Weekend.
alumni weekend

SATURDAY SOCIAL

Ted Tempske (L71, U74), Joey McKinney (L70, U73), Eric Caidin (U71), Rory O’Conor (U72), Lee Melcer (L67, U70), Afrafat H. (U72), Don Pendegras (L71), Melody Van Runkle (L69, U72), Monica (Bagg) Casey (L70, U73), Melissa (Wadkins) Thenbusa (U71), Tom Johnson (U71), Aksan (Jones) Woods (L68, U73), Bunny Kelley (U74), Jan Snyder (L70), Lenny Thorell (L68, U71), Crowder Estler (U71)

Patrick Dyer (U91), Sally (McClenahan) Dyer (L87, U91), Nick Koskoff (U90), Jess Brolin (L87, U91), Emma (Tillinger) Koskoff (U90), Jana Broecking (L91), Roger Wang (L87, U91), Todd Gold (L86, U90), Peter Orgolini (L87, U91), Loc Briggs (L86, U91), Matt Weiss (U89)

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Andy Knight (L72, U75), Estee (Perrone) Knight (L77, U74), Joy (Berger) Cooper (L71, U74), Al Bohn (U74), bunny Kelley (U74), Judy (Hickings) Quirk (L66)

Dana (Cooking) Casagrande Two Suess (L66) and Lara (Cooking) Fleck (L57)

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LOWER 1931
OVS has learned that Roger Knox died in April of 2010.

LOWER 1948
Audrey Taylor enjoys a fulfilling life in an international community called Auroville outside of Puducherry in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. “It is an adventure inside and out every day,” writes Audrey. “I’m sure the years I spent at OVS prepared me for this home I’ve chosen to live in for the last years of my life. I practice my art of painting, teach, and help serve what needs doing in the community.”

LOWER 1950
Having retired after more than half a century of full-time college teaching, Stephen Glass is now a John A. McCarthy Professor Emeritus of Classics & Classical Archaeology. “I’m the last of the faculty who founded Pitzer College to leave the place,” notes he. Stephen and his wife, Sandra, live in Claremont, CA. They have two sons.

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LOWER 1957
Jerri Stagg Beatty said she regrets she was not able to be at the reunion for ’50s alums and she hopes her former schoolmates are well.

LOWER 1964
David Forrest expressed his appreciation as follows: “I am writing to thank the Ojai Valley School for my lifetime love of reading (thanks, Mrs. Burr and her 8th grade comparative literature class [MacBeth and the Emperor Jones]); science (Thanks, Mr. Cooper: making salt from elements was awesome!); mathematics (who would have thought Archimedes was angry that the military was using his science to do harm?); and history (Thanks, Mr. Wolcott).

“Every bad experience I had at OVS I brought on myself, and the great memories are from a bit of everyone (the kitchen staff, too!) My sister still uses the alarm clock/radio I built there in the 7th grade. That radio turns 50 this year.”

LOWER 1975
Thomas Farrar (see U79)

Thank you for celebrating the OVS centennial with us! For more photos and video, please visit www.ovs.org/centennial
LOWER 1976
Our Alumni Office was saddened to learn that Robin Mather Chantry passed away in April of last year.

LOWER 1977
“I believe fitness is the route to take to stay happy, healthy, motivated, and goal-oriented—whether you are 20, 50, or 70,” asserts Nina Sugamori, who works as a level one CrossFit coach at CrossFit Mean Streets in downtown Los Angeles. She invites her classmates to check out local CrossFit programs. “There is not a better program for kids ages 2 and up,” claims Nina.

LOWER 1983
Tony Trutanich (See U87)

LOWER 1992
Megan (Cooper) Keelan
(See U96)

LOWER 1996
After living in Boston; Eugene, Oregon; New York City; and a few Ventura County locales (including Ojai, for a time), Crystal Maya Cashcart has found paradise: “I moved to Hawaii six months ago and am loving it,” writes Crystal. Those attending graduate school, describes herself as “a proud foster parent.” She says she has enjoyed reconnecting with some of her OVS friends and sends her love to all her old friends and teachers.

LOWER 1999
Sarah Gates (See U03)

LOWER 2001
Sanghee “Jessica” Park (see U05)
Matthew Romo (see U05)

LOWER 2003
Congratulations to Robert Campana, who has graduated from USC, with a degree in Business Administration (emphasis in pre-law and marketing). He also became engaged to Kayanna Ramirez, with whom he had attended elementary school as well as high school. Their wedding will take place on August 27th. Robert currently works with his father at his business, which sells vegetable seeds internationally.

UPPER 1970
“I fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning a blue-water sailboat earlier this year,” writes Jon Enders, who elaborates as follows: “She’s a 25-year-old 34-foot Pacific Seacraft sloop, ready for anything the sea can offer.”

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UPPER 1979
Thomas Farrar checked in with our alumni office and let us know he coaches for Santa Clarita Valley Magic Soccer Club. Check out mountainkungfu.com to see his life’s work.

UPPER 1985
We are saddened to report that Janice (Hubenthal) Scanlon Sage passed away in Hawaii in March of this year.

UPPER 1997
Tony Trutanich has given his all for some great causes. “Last October I rode 1,300 miles (all off road) on a motor cross bike across east Africa “The Wild Coast.” I did this for UNICEF and Sentibala (Prince William’s charity) delivering medicines to remote villages for UNICEF. It was awesome, but extremely challenging on the mind and body.

My daughter Marlie graduated from an International boarding school with honors and will start Boise State in the fall.”

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