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## Welch Scholarship remembers Community Prep's longest-serving Board Chair.



In 2005, Community Prep lost one of its most loyal and enthusiastic supporters—Richard P. Welch. Dick was the school's longest-serving Chair, from 1998 to 2002. He served as a trustee and member of the Head's Council for over 14 years. Dick was an advocate and leader with a life-long dedication to serving the community. He had a special passion for youth, education and healthcare issues. His charisma, energy and spirit are an inspiration to us all.



2006 Welch Scholarship winner Vathana Ngeth with Mary Welch.

In August of 2005, the *Richard P. Welch Community Prep Science Healthcare Professional Leadership Scholarship at Women and Infants Hospital* was established. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the sciences and encourages CP students to pursue a career in healthcare. The first recipient, Vathana Ngeth '06, was awarded \$1,000 toward her education at Wheeler School and

a gift of \$250 in her name to Community Prep. She will receive another \$250 upon completing an 8-week internship at Women & Infants Hospital. Mary Welch and Will Parris presented this award at Community Prep's 2006 graduation ceremony.

**"There is no better investment of our time and money than giving to the future of these children."**

This award reflects exactly how Dick lived his life – his compassion, his brilliance and willingness to reach out and help others. Our thanks to the entire Welch family for all they have done for our students.

# ARTWORKS

ART FROM THE HEART

Join us November 1 at the Westin Providence for Community Prep's signature event! Live and silent auction featuring works from local and internationally acclaimed artists, along with fine wine and jewelry, restaurant and theater tickets, exclusive spa and golf packages, and much more.

**All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund.**

# Congratulations Class of 2006



## *In their own words...*



**Vathana Ngeth**  
**Valedictorian**  
**The Wheeler School:**

"I'll remember the jokes that were told and the lessons that were taught because each of those times, every smile and every thought, was a change in me."



**Quinneil Simmons**  
**Northfield Mt. Hermon**  
**School:**

"Community Prep has taught me to value others' opinions and to be able to work as part of a group. I believe Community Prep helped me discover my potential."



**Arline Gould**  
**Salutatorian**  
**Classical High School:**

"I have developed political attitudes and opinions that I learned to support since attending CP. I haven't won every argument in the past five years, but have learned to defend my ideas well."

*It's back-to-school time again!*

Community Prep welcomes students back on August 30th. Interested in visiting the school?

Contact Dana DiMarco, Director of Development at 401.521.9697 extension 2.

## 2006 Community Prep Golf Classic at Sakonnet Golf Club raises a record \$46,000!



Tournament co-chairs Eric and Ned Walsh (center and right), along with their brother, Tim (left), were major sponsors of this year's Tournament, which was held in memory of Edward B. Walsh and Christine H. Perry.



**Internationally acclaimed artist Toots Zynsky and co-host Nancy Lerner welcomed 30 guests to a "Meet Community Prep" reception in May.**

L-R: Steven and Nancy Lerner, Head of School Dan Corley, Toots Zynsky, Stephanie Preston '93, Ernesto Aparicio, 4th gr. teacher Michael Coppola, Joanne Rich, and Director of Development Dana DiMarco.

# ALUMNI UPDATES

### ADOLPHUS CLINTON '88

is Assistant Director of College Counseling at Pomfret School, where he has worked for 7 years. Next year he will move into admissions. A Pomfret alum and 1996 graduate of Gettysburg College, he has taught English and coached varsity basketball, softball and football. "CP was definitely a springboard for me," said Adolphus. "Without CP, there wouldn't have been Pomfret. It began a nice chain of events."

### SARAH WHEELER '94

graduated from Arizona State University with a BS in Zoology in 2001. At ASU, she volunteered at the Wildlife Park in Fountain Hills, caring for lions, lemurs, and wolves. She considered pursuing a veterinary career, but instead chose to become a science teacher, earning her Masters in Deaf Education from McDaniel College in 2004. She now teaches at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. Like so many CP alumni, she carries on the mission of serving her community long after her days at CP.

### COREY LANGSETH '98

studied Chinese at Wheeler and then at Grinnell College, where he earned his BA in 2006. During his junior year, he studied and traveled in Shanghai and Nanjing (he's pictured here in the Yellow Mountains). Now, Corey is on his way to teach English in Japan. He remembers CP's great teachers and "splendid male role models." CP's influence on Corey is "more than I could hope to begin to explain. Let's just say the mission was successful in my case."



## SummerPrep and TestPrep:

### SUMMER LEARNING AND FUN

Students from Community Prep and local public schools took advantage of two great summer programs. *TestPrep*, a two-week program for students entering 7th and 8th grades, develops test-taking skills for high school entrance exams. *SummerPrep* offers morning academic classes and afternoon recreational activities to more than 100 2-6th graders.



# WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!



**Angie Koiné**  
**7th Grade Team**  
B.A. Mathematics and  
Middle Eastern Studies,  
Masters in Teaching,  
Brown University

**Bart van Belle**  
**Computer Teacher  
and Technology  
Coordinator**

Master of Aerospace  
Engineering, Technical  
University of Delft, The  
Netherlands



# Summer Fun...




8th grader Amber Johnson was one of 25 R.I. students to win a \$500 PPAC scholarship. Amber will attend PPAC's Camp Broadway, where students prepare a performance with professional Broadway performers, choreographers, and technicians.

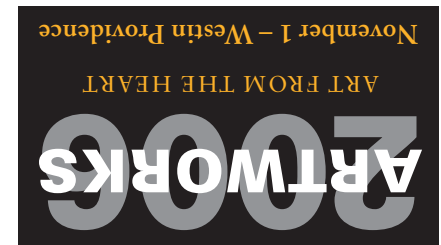


8th graders Manuel Jourdain (left) and Damien Nance (right), were invited by Channel 12's Karen Adams (center) to play in a media tournament at Button Hole golf course.



Last summer 8th grader Carlos Sian attended a weeklong camp sponsored by Tim Horton's. They were so impressed by him that this summer he was flown to Canada to take part in their Youth Leadership Camp and was featured in their newsletter.

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