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Dear Stanley Alumni,

Welcome to Volume 3 of the Stanley Alumni Newsletter. In this issue, we feature a few of our accomplished alumni, highlight events, celebrate the successes of our most recent grads, and share news from your classmates in high school, college and beyond.

Summer is a great time to reconnect with Stanley. As seasons change, so do our alums. And we want to hear from you. There are so many ways for you to get involved — from attending or volunteering at our events, to being a class captain, participating on our Alumni Steering Committee, sharing your story as a future STAN Talk speaker or writing an Alumni Spotlight. Or just by stopping in to say hello. Our alumni are an important part of the Stanley community and we hope you'll always feel at home on our campus.

[Please reach out to share your ideas, let us know what's going on in your lives and keep in touch.](#)

We'd love to feature you in Volume 4!



**Congrats to the Classes
of 2018, 2014 and
2010 on their
graduations!**

From Stanley to high school to college and beyond, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates.

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High school and college choices for the Classes of 2014 and 2018

Thomas Jefferson High School
Arapahoe High School
Colorado Academy
Tara High School for the Performing Arts
East High School
George Washington High School
Denver School of Science and Technology
Kent Denver
St. Mary's Academy
South High School
Regis Jesuit High School

University of Wisconsin
University of Puget Sound
Wesleyan University
Brown University
Colorado College
Miami University of Ohio
The New School Whittier College Carleton College
University of Southern California
University of Colorado
Dartmouth College Tulane University
MIT University of Virginia
Bowdoin College George Washington University
University of Oregon University of San Diego
Whitman College
Swarthmore College
Santa Clara University
Loyola University Chicago
Colorado School of Mines

Event Highlights

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Alumni Family Holiday Party 2017

Alumni of all ages and their families came together to celebrate the holidays at Stanley BPS. We had a great turn out, with more than 120 guests in attendance. **Alby Musaelian '13** and his band provided the evening's entertainment.

Pictured: Paula Daukas P'08'09, Hayley Round '05, Ellie Moran '08, Sophia Wright '09, Debbie Round P'05'08'12, Lila Wright '08



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Top Left: Donna Meallet with former students Isayan Gutierrez '14, Henock Yohannes '14 and Waladi Ali '14

Top Right: Founding Head of School Carolyn Hambidge with Louise, Bailey '02 and Hayden Connor

Bottom Left: Alby Musaelian '13 and his band Bottom Right: Alumni parents

Mark your calendars for next year's Alumni Family Holiday Party on December 20, 2018.

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The Stanley BPS Alumni Association
presents



Kelia Anne
MacCluskey '08



Andrew Myers '08



Francesca Sally '09

An evening of
8-minute talks
by 3 Stanley
alums with cool
stories to tell.

STAN
TALKS³
&
CRAFT
BEER

Thursday, March 15, 2018 7-9pm

Stan Talks 3 and Craft Beer

Stan Talks 3: an evening of 8 minutes talks from 3 alums with neat stories from their experiences post-Stanley. This year's participants were Andrew Hambidge Myers '08, Francesca Sally '09 and Kelia Anne Macluskey '08. Bios on these amazing alumni are below.

[Click to see Stan Talks 3.](#)

Andrew Myers '08 is CEO and Founder of RippleMatch, a New York City startup that uses machine learning to connect college students with their first job. He attended Stanley BPS from kindergarten through 8th grade, and Colorado Academy for high school. Andrew was Phi Beta Kappa at Yale University where he studied history before taking a leave of absence to found RippleMatch. Ripple helps even the hiring playing field by helping nonprofits and startups compete for great students. In his free time, Andrew enjoys hiking, reading, and traveling. He still misses "choice" time and remains close with many of his Stanley friends.

Francesca Sally '09 graduated from East High School in 2013. At East, she was a four-year varsity athlete in basketball and soccer, was 5A State Basketball Champion, and made numerous All-State teams in both sports. She was named the Denver Prep League Basketball Player of the Year in 2012 and 2013, was a Wendy's High School Heisman Finalist and was a 2-time Denver Post Student Athlete of the Week. In addition to her success on the court and on the field, she was also Homecoming Queen her senior year. Francesca went on to Northeastern University on a full athletic scholarship, where she studied Electrical

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Engineering and Business and graduated in 2017. She was captain of Northeastern's Division 1 Women's basketball team and received numerous accolades for her athletic and academic prowess. She was also the creator/director/producer of the first-ever student produced weekly web series called "Friday Sit-Down with Fran", which was intended to help fans of the basketball team get to know the players off the court. She is currently living back in Denver and works as an electrical engineer in Aviation Services at Jacobs Engineering Group.

Kelia Anne MacCluskey '08 is a photographer and director based in Los Angeles, CA. In 2016, Kelia received her BFA in photography from the Savannah College of Art & Design. Kelia has experience creating for a diverse range of clients and has been recognized by several publications including TIME, VICE, W, Elle, Its Nice That, and i-D. Kelia was also recognized as the youngest recipient of the Center Choice awards in 2016. Often incorporating strong and conflicting visuals, her work aims to just barely teeter on the line of absurdity. Kelia creates fictional worlds you are briefly allowed to live in. By referencing subject matter that has a sense of familiarity, Kelia decontextualizes and re-imagines, creating a distant reality. Common themes involve a distinct color palette, surreal elements, as well as classic references that are not specific to one decade. By illustrating a timeless and indescribable era, using elements that quietly 'feel wrong', and making a quick and effective statement in each photograph, her work evades being too eagerly categorized.



Kelia, Andrew and Francesca after Stan Talks 3

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Kelia Anne MacCluskey '08 on the experience of participating in Stan Talks 3

"I've taken my fair share of public speaking courses throughout my educational career, so presenting an idea to strangers felt effortless! When I was asked to participate in Stan Talks to essentially illustrate my passion, career and life in front of an audience who was integral to my upbringing in only 8 minutes... well, that was a game changer.

I'm an artist. I often feel as though my work and life might not be as ambitious or important as someone who works in science, business, or philanthropy. But, creating is inherent to my happiness. As I was writing my outline, I had one goal in mind: to motivate other artists who might share the same sentiment. Our talent and passion comes from our heart and from our effort.

I shared my initial outline with Bruce DeBoskey. The speech lasted 15 minutes. "We have some editing to do," he politely encouraged. After cutting about 3 jokes that weren't THAT funny, I was down to 8 minutes. Fast forward to the day of Stan Talks and I am a tornado of nerves. I was stuck in traffic on I-25, so I had the opportunity to rehearse my speech over and over. The rest really feels like a blur, but from what my entire family told me (they literally occupied the first two rows, thanks for the support guys!) I did an okay job. I remember collective laughter from the audience, a bit more believable than a sitcom, and I remember finally being able to breathe after the speech had ended. The best part of the entire experience was having the opportunity to thank each person from Stanley and my family, each of whom directly contributed to who I am today. It was wonderful to show them what I've accomplished and say "I couldn't have done this without you," That was the most gratifying moment of my Stanley career (so far)."

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Lynne Forstot **2018 Spirit of Stanley Award Recipient**



In addition to hearing stories from our alumni, we also celebrated Lynne Forstot (pictured with former students Sabrina Umbaugh '10 and John Umbaugh '13), who received the **2018 Spirit of Stanley Award**.

Lynne has been a member of our community for many, many years - from a K-1-2 teacher and parent of alumni to Stanley's Field Coach for the Boettcher Teacher Residency Program and current grandparent. Many alumni in the audience were impacted by Lynne during their time at Stanley. Her children, **Jordan Forstot '83** and **Michele Forstot Nadel '79** (a current parent) introduced and presented their mom with the award. Congratulations, Lynne!

The Spirit of Stanley Award is given annually by the Stanley BPS Alumni Association to a former or current Stanley educator or community member who embodies the principles of our mission to engage, challenge and inspire a love of learning in our students. Spirit of Stanley award winners are nominated based on their demonstrated commitment to British Primary

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philosophy and their indelible impact on our school, our alumni and our community.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2019 Spirit of Stanley Award or would like to be a speaker at Stan Talks 4, please contact [Sarah Tiedemann](#).

Save the date for Stan Talks 4 on Thursday, February 7, 2019.



Young Alumni Luncheon 2018

On Thursday, May 31, we welcomed the Class of 2018 into the Stanley BPS Alumni Association. Members of the Classes of 2013, 2015, 2016, and 2017 returned to Stanley to celebrate our newest graduates. We can't wait to have you back next year to celebrate the Class of 2019!

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Photo Journal: Stanley BPS Year in Review

Traditions such as the Halloween Parade, the Holiday Program and the 8th Grade Musical, and new events such as the K-5 Fun Run, are what make Stanley unique! Take a look at we've been up to this year.



K-1-2 Students watch the Solar Eclipse from the side yard.

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Top: Halloween Parade
Bottom: Holiday Program, 8th Grade Musical "The Wizard of Oz"

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Top: 6th Grade Shakespeare, 5th Grade Play "The Lion King"

Bottom: K-5 Fun Run



K-5 Students participating in "Pie the Teachers in the Face" as a reward for raising more than \$40,000 for Stanley BPS during the Fun Run.

Over a two week period, our students received pledges from family and friends based on the laps they would run, combining fitness and philanthropy to support their school.

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Congrats to Jess Randol '10 (pictured, West Point) and Chas Bruce '10 (Air Force Academy) on their commissioning this spring!

Class Notes

Class of 1999: Katy Balazy Jaffe is a resident physician in Radiation Oncology. She lives in California with her husband. **Rachel Norton** is a Ph.D. candidate in Behavior and Health Sciences at the University of Colorado.

Class of 2001: Christina Kuntz, who left Stanley after 5th grade, joined the Peace Corps after college. She now resides in Cartagena, Colombia with her husband, where she founded Domino Volunteers, a non-profit that connects visitors and tourists to local volunteer

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opportunities that support the Cartagena community.

Class of 2003: Stephen Edwards is working towards a Masters of Architecture at the University of Colorado. Previously, he studied scenic design at North Carolina School of the Arts and has worked on Broadway, including the hit musical *Hamilton*.

Class of 2008: Andrew Hambidge Myers, CEO and founder of RippleMatch is living in NYC. **Kelia Anne MacCluskey** is a photographer and recently moved to Los Angeles. Check her out on Instagram: @kelianne. Both Andrew and Kelia returned to participate in Stan Talks 3.

Class of 2009: Sonia Rincon is working in Washington, D.C. as a freelance translator and interpreter, and as a judicial translator/interpreter in Maryland. **Francesca Sally** is working as an electrical engineer in aviation services at Jacobs Engineering Group. Francesca also participated in Stan Talks 3.

Class of 2010: Jess Randol and Chas Bruce (see photo above) were recently commissioned into the United States Army and the United States Air Force respectively after graduating from West Point and the Air Force Academy.

Class of 2014: Madeline

Bronson is taking a gap year to work on a political campaign. She will attend Goucher College in Fall 2019. **Sophie Cardin** was named a 2018 Boettcher Scholar. This is a prestigious 4-year scholarship awarded annually to only 42 Colorado seniors by the Boettcher Foundation. She will attend Colorado College. Congrats, Sophie! Congratulations to the entire Class of 2014 on their high school graduations. They will be attending colleges across the country such as Dartmouth College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Santa Clara University, the University of Colorado, the University of Oregon and the University of Puget Sound.

Alumni at Summer @ Stanley!

We are thrilled to have many alumni back on campus this year as Stanley JCs!

Emily Bachar '14, Elizabeth Barker

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'17, Siri Barrier '15, Bezu Berhanemeskel '17, Blake Boyer '17, Ben Cavarra '15, Anna Goldstein '16, Sam Gottesfeld '18, Olivia Jacobson '14, Markey Jonas '16, Emma Kemper '14, Adam Merenstein '16, Wilson Murane '14, Parker Murane '17, Alexandra Niles '14, April Ortiz-Kiker '18, Lila Prather '18, Scarlett Prather '18, Aden Ray '17, Annika Reeder-Holman '18, Amelia Schreiber '17, Isabel Schreiber '13, Olivan Schreiber '15, Luke Stratton '18, Max Windley '17, Ella Wright '17 and Musie Yonas '15.

Do you know who your Class Captain is?

Classes 2005 and earlier - Open

Class of 2006 - Catalina Rincon

Class of 2007 - Open

Class of 2008 - Gaby Seligman

Class of 2009 – Chloe Gahm and Francesca Sally

Class of 2010 - Sabrina Umbaugh

Class of 2011 - Jade Thornton

Class of 2012 - Evan Doherty and Journey Simmons

Class of 2013 - Hope Cherubini and Maggie Longenecker

Class of 2014 - Claire Neid

Class of 2015 - Jane Doherty and Emma Mason

Class of 2016 - Grace Fuselier, Markey Jonas and Avery Lin

Class of 2017 - Bezu Berhanemeskel, Blake Boyer, Sophie Callender, Julia Daley and Ella Wright

Class of 2018 - Peyton Ankrum, April Ortiz-Kiker and Griffin Woodard

If you would like to be a Class Captain, please contact [Sarah Tiedemann.](#)