



# CDCPS Alumni News

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A newsletter for the Community Day Charter Public School alumni community

## Join us at the Annual Alumni Event



June 9, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

Presentation of Mary Academy, Dupré Center (Gym)

209 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 01844

Join us to play or cheer and catch up with old friends.

Please note that you will need to arrange transportation to and from PMA, as we are unable to provide transportation.

### EPIC Award

This year, leaders and teachers at CDCPS have been recognized for a fourth time with the Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC) for the achievement gains of their students. As an EPIC award recipient, the school will have additional opportunities to disseminate best practices on a national basis. CDCPS is honored to be 1 of 2 schools nationwide that have received this award for 4 consecutive years.

### Did you know...?

CDCPS is gearing up to open two new schools the fall of 2012. The two schools will be in Lawrence (location to be determined) and will open with grades K1, K2, and 1 the first year, adding 1 grade each following year, until it accommodates grades K-8. Help us spread the word! Interested families can apply in fall 2011 for their child's name to be added to the lottery in spring of 2012.

CDCPS has also partnered with another charter school, MATCH, to help them open MATCH Community Day Charter

Public School in Boston, which will open in fall of 2011. MATCH Community Day will be open to families living in Boston and will open in fall 2011 with grades K1 and 2. For more information about MATCH Community Day, visit <http://www.matchcommunitydayschool.org/results.html>.

### Community Service Learning

CDCPS students have been making many contributions to the local and global community while learning with community service learning projects.



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Throughout the year, students in the Start Something community service club and other students participated in many service events, including neighborhood and park cleanups and fundraiser walks. Over 200 student-service hours have been performed at local events this spring by club members!

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Last year's Alumni Event, from top: Ramon Tejada and his cheering squad; a group shot at the game

Congratulations to this year's graduating class! Members have been admitted to the following schools:

- Austin Preparatory Academy
- Central Catholic High School
- Lowell Catholic High School
- Fryeburg Academy
- The Governor's Academy
- Greater Lawrence Technical School
- Kents Hill School
- Lawrence High School
- Milton Academy
- Notre Dame High School
- Phillips Academy Andover
- Presentation of Mary Academy
- Proctor Academy
- St. John's Preparatory School
- Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
- Worcester Academy



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Start Something member Angelidi Monegro, an 8th grader, was honored by the governor for her dedication to service in his Inaugural Address. According to Governor Patrick, "Students are bearing their generational responsibility...we must hold them up as examples for adults. Service is not about what they do, it's about who they are." Angie and Mr. Neagle also participated in Project 351, a historic service project with the governor and one student from each town across the state.

### Charter School Cup

The 2011 Charter School Cup was a great success and CDCPS performed at its usual high standard. The Lady Spartans finished in second place, falling to 3-time champions KIPP Academy-Lynn. Eley Colome dazzled in the Women's Final, scoring 28 points in the loss. Colome made the Women's All Tournament first team and Waleska Velez made the second All-Star Team for the tournament.

The Men lost in the Semi-Finals to Roxbury Prep on a last second shot and finished third overall. Patrick Sullivan led the Spartans all weekend, averaging 18 points and receiving a first team All Tournament selection. Smith Leadership Academy won the men's side of the tournament this year.

Special thanks to the Torres Family, O'Neill Family, alumni, staff, and coaches for all their assistance in making it another fantastic tournament and season.

### Arlington Community of Excellence Promise Neighborhood in Lawrence

The Community Group is the lead partner in the Arlington Community of Excellence Promise Neighborhood. The project, in the planning stage, brings together community partner organizations and residents of the Arlington Neighborhood to build a continuum of academic, family, and community support for children. Promise Neighborhoods are modeled after Harlem Children's Zone, a program operating in New York City.

For more information about this exciting project, visit [www.arlingtononthemove.org](http://www.arlingtononthemove.org).



From top: Angelidi Monegro with Governor Patrick at the Project 351 volunteer event; CDCPS students held a walkathon to benefit the victims of the recent disasters in Japan and raised \$4,500—nearly twice their goal.

*Stay in touch—if you haven't already, join our group on Facebook for the latest news and updates!*



Adolfo Bello takes a shot at this year's Charter School Cup

### Affiliate Program Community Day Care

Do you know someone looking for high quality child care in the Greater Lawrence area? Our affiliate program, Community Day Care, operates programs for children in infancy through school age. For more information, visit [www.communitydaycare.org](http://www.communitydaycare.org).

# Alumni Updates

Here are some of the updates that we have received from our alumni. Keeping in touch is as easy as joining our group on Facebook—we always love hearing about what is happening in the lives of our graduates.

### Class of 2000

From our very first graduates, the Class of 2000, **Sobeyda Gomez** is working at Fitzgerald Health Education Associates as a travel support staff member. She holds an associate degree in Administration of Business Management and will return to school in the fall after getting married this August. **Joselin Lind** lives in Tampa, Florida, where he works as lab technician for an organic products company.

### Class of 2001

**Maggie Driscoll** is a 2009 graduate of UMass Amherst and is currently working as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at the Arlington Middle School. **Erica Hajj** is a recent graduate of Rivier College and is currently working as a RN at an assisted living facility. She is also newly engaged. **Ramon Tejada** will start his second year at Fessenden Academy as a middle school Spanish teacher and also a soccer, basketball, and baseball coach. Ramon also completed a teaching fellowship this past academic year by teaching world cultures and geography.

# Alumni & Faculty Updates

## Class of 2002

**Caleb Waldron** is a graduate of Pingree School and Kalamazoo College in Michigan. Caleb is currently working with the Peace Corps stationed in Grenada, where he has recently started his two-year commitment working with at-risk students on the Caribbean island.

**Richard McNeil** graduated from Bates College in May 2010 and has been working as an AmeriCorps member at Community Day since October. Richard is in the process of starting a mentoring program throughout The Community Group and is also an assistant track and field coach at MIT. **Sara McGuire** is currently planning a service trip to El Salvador to teach children essential health care and first aid skills and basic English.

**Yulfi Frias** is currently pursuing his BS at the New England Institute of Art in Brookline and runs his own photography studio, Myrtle Studios, in Woburn. He writes that the teachers at CDCPS took an authentic interest in the students and this is a place where he truly felt loved.

## Class of 2003

**Gabriella Veguilla** is currently taking classes at Northern Essex Community College and hopes to graduate in the fall to work full-time or attend a four year college. **Bianca Araujo** attends Johnson and Wales University, majoring in marketing and advertising. She plans to study abroad in France for the fall semester and will return to the states in order to successfully complete her bachelor's degree. **German Disla** has graduated from Gordon College with a degree in music.

## Class of 2004

**Joseph O'Neil** was the head coach of the Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball team and the assistant coach for Varsity Basketball at CDCPS! **Brinder Llanos** works as the assistant manager of Little Caesar's restaurant in Chelmsford.

## Class of 2005

**Loren Durán** is currently entering his junior year at St. John's University in New York City, where he is majoring in public relations. Loren also serves as the Vice

President of Programming for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and is working in the school's Public Safety Department.

**Quianna Roy** is a junior at Northeastern University, where she is active in Army ROTC, College Government, and Greek Life. She also plans to release an album this summer as well as touring throughout the area.

## Class of 2006

**Julian Lind** has just completed his first year at Clark University in Worcester after graduating from the Dublin School last spring. **Alexander Cueto** attends Florida Southern College and is pursuing a degree in pharmacology.

## Class of 2007

**Zalia Rojas** will graduate from the Pingree School in June. She was accepted to all of the schools to which she applied, including Harvard and Amherst College, where she plans to attend in the fall to study math, biology, or Spanish. She also plans to travel to Barcelona, Spain this spring for an exchange program and senior project. **Francheska Polanco** will be graduating from Lawrence High School this spring at the top of her class and plans to attend Bentley University in the fall in the hopes of ultimately pursuing an MBA. She says that the education she received from CDCPS helped prepare her for high school and led to her number one class ranking. **Samantha Martinez** will also be graduating from Pingree School this spring and plans to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall.

## Class of 2008

**Jake Driscoll** writes that he attends Central Catholic, where he played varsity basketball this past year. **AnneMarie Fana** has been elected Vice President of the student body at New Hampton School for the coming year.

## Class of 2009

**Josselyn DeLeon** is on the honor role at Phillips Academy. **Jonathan Molina** is on the honor roll at Lawrence High School and worked to serve his community by helping to clean up the

Spicket River. **Giorman Galvan** is on the honor roll at Notre Dame High School and volunteers at the YMCA.

## Class of 2010

**Kevin Cueto** is finishing his first year at Pingree School. **Mazdaly Cepeda** is also finishing her first year at Notre Dame High School. She writes that she really misses CDCPS; the school is like her second family and she sometimes wishes that she could still be an eighth grader.

**Oneida Rios-Gonzales** is attending Central Catholic High School.

**Bernadette Norman** is finishing her first year at Phillips Academy at Andover, where she made honor roll and is playing on the J.V. Frisbee team. **Amanda**

**Mendez** writes that attending CDCPS helped her to attend Concord Academy, where she has been introduced to a new community of people from different parts of the world. She also states that attending Concord Academy allows her to grow and develop into the young woman she wants to be and knows that this opportunity will lead her down the right path in life. **Matthew Herman** and **Francesca Llanos** attend Hebron Academy and Fryeburg Academy respectively; both schools are in Maine.

## Faculty News

**Ms. Victoria** continues as Operations Manager and was recently recognized by the YWCA as a *Tribute to Women* honoree for her contributions to CDCPS and the Lawrence community. Her son, Chery (Class of 2006), has just completed his freshman year at Merrimack College.

**Mr. Neagle** recently had a new child, Katie, and spent last summer in China.

**Ms. Gegeckas** is newly engaged and will be getting married in February. Both **Ms. Bartlett** and **Ms. McCartney** got married this past summer. **Ms. Walsh** is now the Head of the Lower School. **Ms. Chance-Lahaye** and **Mr. Lahaye** welcomed their first child, Jackson, on March 18, 2011.