Dear Friends,

Commencement this year was absolutely beautiful! The weather was perfect and our seniors beamed with pride and a sense of accomplishment. Our small graduating Class of 2011 (20 students total), received $1,409,020.00 in scholarships and grants from the 100 colleges to which they were accepted. One student received a $120,000 scholarship to The Webb Institute towards a degree in Naval Engineering; another was accepted into a 6-year doctorate program at the University of Rhode Island’s School of Pharmacy, which included a $78,000.00 scholarship. Both students were international students who typically do not have access to such scholarship opportunities.

Our Commencement speaker, Judge Melissa C. Jackson, received rave reviews by those attending graduation. She gave our graduates some “pearls of wisdom” to contemplate as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Alumni Weekend is following on the heels of Commencement and it appears that Knox will have an outstanding weekend. We have 20 foursomes for the Alumni and Guest Golf Tournament and over 100 people for the Friday Banquet at Stonebridge Country Club. Janice Zingale and her alumni helpers have been working tirelessly to make this year’s Alumni Weekend a roaring success! The Headmaster’s Brunch will signify the end of the 2010-2011 School Year—a very good year for The Knox School.

The opening of school next fall will also be exciting because the Knipe Cottage expansion will be a reality. Our senior girls are in for a real treat when they move into their new quarters.

Lucy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you—the students, trustees, faculty, staff, parents and friends of Knox for making the 2010-2011 school year one of the best we have ever experienced in our many years in independent boarding schools. We wish everyone an enjoyable and productive summer. Semper Ad Lucem!
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HONORING EXCELLENCE

At the close of each school year, students are recognized for their hard work, dedication and achievement at various award ceremonies. This issue of The Beacon illustrates the Knox traditions that mark rights of passage, honor student excellence, and send students off to a bright future built on the strong educational and social foundation they receive here. Enjoy! —Virginia Riccardi

ACADEMIC/CHARACTER AWARDS

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

For a complete description of each award named in this issue, visit our website at www.knoxschool.org

NYS Comptroller’s Achievement Award—Cecelia Wang ’11
English Cup—Grace Qin ’12
Scribblers Award—Karen Klossen ’12
John Ruggiero Prize—Trevor Henderson ’14
American History Award—Grace Qin ’12
Psychology Award—Grace Qin ’12 & Gabriella Wessler ’11
David Stephens Science Award—Owen Lee ’12
Spanish Award—Alexandra Edwards ’13
French Award—Jim Liu ’13
ESL Award—Candy Tu ’14
Lansburgh Cup—Michelle Chiang ’11, Jamie Isaacs ’14
Joel K. Eriksen Award—Linnuo Zheng ’11
Photography Prize—Joy Wu ’12
Laura Winkworth Award—Andy Fu ’12

Maria & Anthony Hermann Award—Senior Class
Nancy Morehouse Stevens Cup—Jackie Cohen ’12
Davison Tray—Linnuo Zheng ’11
Kyrie Gannett McAdam Character Award—Angel Valdez ’12
Poise Cup—Jessie Jin ’12
Courtesy Cup—Lindsay Cohen ’14
Loyalty Cup—Ji Sub Choi ’11
Kaeli Sara Kramer Kindness Cup—Linnuo Zheng ’11
Maria Elena Arosemena Cup—Candy Tu ’14
Perseverance Award—Jessie Jin ’12
Romana Mastrolilli Cup—Linnuo Zheng ’11
Benjamin Bowl—Cyril Tao ’11
Teeter Tiers Bowl—Joy Wu ’12
Delight Millham Cup—Ji Sub Choi ’11

BEST WISHES TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Pictured, left to right, are Knox middle school graduates: Rachel Su, Veronica Cortazar, Dong Joon Oh, Jong Chul Kim, Dylan Henderson, Cheol Min Lee and Yuqian Wu. The Class of 2015 was honored at a formal moving up ceremony that featured the presentation of diplomas and Core Value and Academic Subject Awards. (See sidebar, right)

Middle School Awards

CORE VALUE AWARDS:

Integrity: Joseph Kim ’15
Kindness: Ed Son ’16
Courage: CeCe Wu ’15
Respect: Ed Son ’16
Responsibility: Rachel Su ’15
Scholarship: Rachel Su ’15

SUBJECT AWARDS:

History Award—Cheol Min Lee ’15
Wm. Turner Shoemaker Math Award—Cheol Min Lee ’15
Science Award—Rachel Su ’15
English Award—Rachel Su ’15
World Language Award—CeCe Wu ’15
ESL Award—Joseph Kim ’15
Elsa Eriksen Performing Arts Award—Ed Son ’16
Art Award—Cheol Min Lee ’15
One of the most long-standing Knox traditions is the Senior Ring Ceremony and Presentation of Senior Blazers. This symbolic event allows current Juniors to experience a rite of passage as they hand over their blue Knox blazers and prepare to don their Senior blazers, which are white for girls and red for boys. Along with the Senior blazer comes the responsibility of representing The Knox School and its Core Values of Integrity, Kindness, Courage, Respect, Responsibility and Scholarship in an honorable fashion. Students also received their Senior rings, distinguished by the Knox torch and flame and Semper Ad Lucem message, a reminder for students to always go toward the light.


Janae James ‘12 – The Oberon Award
For outstanding potential in the Performing Arts

Cecelia Wang ‘11 – The Terri Rose Richard III Award
For outstanding contribution to technical theater at Knox

David Cho ’11 and Jay Kim ’11 – The Elsa Trophy
Student(s) who sacrifice the most to ensure a production’s success

Alexandra Edwards ‘13 – The Jane Bagley Award
For best performance in a play

Taylour Dickerson ‘12 – The Linda Shephard Cup
For best performance in a musical theater production

Alexandra Edwards ‘13 – The Performing Arts Award for “Performer of the Year”
For outstanding performances in two or more areas of the performing arts
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107th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THEIR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

“Knox is filled with passing people, friends who come and learn and go...

They make fast the old traditions, and the love of Knox to grow...

Yiqing Bu  Shan-Lan Michelle Chiang  Hyun Ho David Cho  Ji Sub Choi  Zachary Drew
Grace May Fairclough  Rachael Fox  Elijah Kim  JinKyung Rachel Kim  Jong Suk Jay Kim
Chi Will Li  Shanjie Ma  Olga Pesina  Rachel Russo  Dakyung Sally Song
Kuan-heng Cyril Tao  Yusung Andy Tsche  Yu Cecelia Wang  Gabriella Wessler  Linnuo Zheng
Commencement began with a flag procession representing the 14 countries of student origin.

Members of the Class of 2011 descend the steps of Houghton Hall for the last time as students.

Student Council Secretary Ji Sub Choi (left) shared a goodbye poem. Senior Class President David Cho (right) bid farewell to Knox after six years as a student.

Headmaster Allison congratulated each student. Pictured receiving his diploma and a fond farewell is Zachary Drew, winner of the 2011 Clifford K. Eriksen Headmaster's Award.

Student Council President Gabriella Wessler delivered the Semper Ad Lucem address and was also the recipient of the Carolyn Fell Award. Other award winners were: Cecelia Wang (Stewart Bowl), Jay Kim (A. Brewster Lawrence Award), Ji Sub Choi (Semper Ad Lucem Award) and Elijah Kim (Bancroft Phinney Award).
The annual Headmaster’s Assembly was a time for the Knox community to reflect on the many things that make our school a special place, and to recognize those student and faculty leaders who make a difference on the Knox campus every day. During the assembly, Yearbook Editor Jamie Isaacs dedicated Roselieves 2011 to Ms. Barbara Missirlian, who worked tirelessly to produce the beautiful, commemorative book. Senior Class President David Cho presented the senior class gift of about $8,000 to be allocated to the Knipe Cottage expansion, and Headmaster Allison recognized a decade of service by teacher Carol Christianson with a 10-year chair presentation. Additionally, next year’s senior proctors were announced, and the newest student council members and student leaders were installed.

Seated, left to right, are newly installed student leaders: Student Council Vice President James Quan, President Jessie Jin and Secretary Taylour Dickerson. Standing, middle row: Sophomore Class President Candy Tu, Equestrian Club Representative Yuki Wang, Senior Class President Grace Sun, Academic Representative Grace Qin, and Arts and Literary Representative Alexandra Edwards. Back row: Red Team Captain Jesus Colon, White Team Captain Matthew Ciccarelli, Junior Class President Tai Jin, Knox Athletic Association President Angel Valdez and Senior Class Vice President Peter Lee.

To join ranks with its National Honor Society (NHS), Knox applied for a charter for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and is happy to announce that it was granted membership. This junior chapter will formally be known as the Semper Ad Lucem Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Knox was required to meet rigorous standards of excellence as set forth by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, who accepts and reviews all applications. According to Assistant Headmaster and NHS and NJHS Advisor Sharon Lawrence, “Knox students eligible for membership not only meet, but exceed the expectations of the national organization.”

Headmaster George Allison and his wife Lucy hosted the Induction ceremony at their home, during which underclassmen Trevor Henderson and Rachel Su became official members of NJHS and Tai Jin was inducted into NHS. Congratulations!

Pictured, left to right are current and new members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society: Sophia Ma and Elijah Kim (NHS, graduating seniors); Trevor Henderson (NJHS, newly appointed Secretary/Treasurer); Ji Sub Choi (NHS President, graduating senior); Tai Jin (NHS, newly appointed President); Cyril Tao (NHS, graduating senior); Rachel Su (NJHS); Cecelia Wang (NJHS Secretary/Treasurer, graduating senior) and Gabriella Wessler (NHS, Vice President, graduating senior).
The Knox Athletic Association enjoyed a year of many unique successes that made the past and present school community very proud.

Baseball Team pitcher Jesus Colon ’12 (far left) was named Player of the Year by the Independent Private and Parochial Schools Athletic League (IPPSAL) and Athlete of the Year by the KAA. Jovani Thomas ’12 (right), received All-Division status from IPPSAL and the Red & White Baseball Bat Award. Both athletes also received Knox’s MVP Award for Baseball. This is the first time in two decades that the Knox Baseball Team made it to the playoffs.

Junior Jackie Cohen ’12 was named MVP for Softball and received All-Division status from IPPSAL. Jackie set a Knox record with her batting average of 846, which also earned her the Knox Red & White Softball Bat Award. Jackie also received Knox’s Best Cooperation in Gym Award.

Lindsay Cohen ’14 was the recipient of this year’s Perseverance in Athletics Award, which is reserved for the student who never gives up on the playing field. Lindsay also received the Coaches’ Award for Softball.

The Equestrian Team made achievements in leaps and bounds this year. Miranda Weber ’13 (left) received the Upper School Jumping Award. Cecelia Wang ’11 (center) earned the Snowman Award and Gabriella Wessler ’11 (right) was presented with the Upper School Challenge Award. Other Equestrian Award Winners were: Yuki Wang ’12 (Kyrie McAdam Novice Horsemanship Cup), Michelle Chiang ’11 (Sportsmanship Trophy and Coaches Award) and Gabriella Wessler ’11 (Equestrian Versatility Award and Equestrian Team MVP).

Other Athletic Award Winners...

Senior Class (Alumni Cup), White Team (Athletic Bowl Award), Allen Chen ’13 (Crew, MVP), David Cho ’11 (Soccer, High Scorer), Denny Deng ’13 (Tennis, MVP), Kaiyun Jiang ’13 (Dance, Most Improved), Jessie Jin ’12 (Dance, MVP and Coaches Award), Jun Lim ’16 (Tennis, Coaches Award), Jason Lin ’13 (Baseball, Most Improved), Grace Qin ’12 (Softball, Most Improved), Sally Song ’11 (Baseball, Coaches Award), Rachel Su ’15 (Crew, MVP) and Middle School Athletic Award), Cyril Tao (Crew, Coaches Award, High Point Award Winner and Soccer, MVP), Cecelia Wang ’11 (Crew, Most Improved), Fred Xu ’12 (Crew, Most Improved), Yiwei Yang ’13 (Tennis, Most Improved), Nick Yu ’14 (Tennis, Oppenheimer Award).
Memories of Prom
May 21, 2011

Bon Voyage!!