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NEW YORK TIMES VETERAN JOINS MANSHIP SCHOOL



Leonard Aparc has been named the first Wendell Gray Switzer Jr. Endowed Chair in Media Literacy. He will join the Manship School after a 24-year career at The New York Times that included business, international and Washington editing posts, as well as web editor-in-chief and chief Asia editor.

The school, a long-time leader in media and public affairs education, wants to be at the forefront of media literacy education in the United States.

Aparc will teach media literacy courses, conduct research in media literacy and public policy issues and help organize media literacy workshops, conferences and symposia locally and nationally.

"The Switzer Chair is a great opportunity to build a leading program in media literacy, and I am very excited and honored to be the first one to hold it," Aparc said.

Funding for the chair was a gift from the late Kevin Reilly Sr. and his wife, DeeDee Reilly. It is named after Mrs. Reilly's brother, who died while serving in the military.

ALUMNA REPORTS ON EBOLA CRISIS FOR WASHINGTON POST

BY AMY BRITAIN

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Guinea for The Washington Post to report on the continuing Ebola crisis. The Ebola epidemic began in Guinea at the end of 2013 and later spread to the neighboring countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia. Now, the death toll is approaching 10,000.

I spent almost two weeks in Guinea, reporting from the bustling capital of Conakry to remote villages deep in the forest region. We went to the village of Meliandou, where the first known

patient in the Ebola outbreak died at the end of 2013. He was a toddler named Emile, and scientists believe he contracted the disease from bats that lived in a nearby tree. Villagers burned most of the tree, but we went to the charred trunk to see what remained.

We also told the story of how a mob of people in Womey, a peaceful farming village, killed eight people with machetes and stones because they thought they had come to kill them with the Ebola virus. The murder victims were part

of a delegation that had simply planned to educate the village about Ebola. We went to jail to talk to some of the 30 alleged killers.

This reporting would not have been possible without our talented photographer, Jane Hahn, and our driver and our translator, who assisted with interviews. These are such important stories, and I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to tell them.

Amy Brittain is a reporter for The Washington Post and a 2009 graduate of the Manship School.



PHOTO BY JANE HAHN

PLEASE SEND 2015 HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BY MAY 1

Nominations for the Manship School Hall of Fame are due by May 1. Nominate a candidate by sending a letter of nomination, biographical data and other supporting documentation to Dean Jerry Ceppos. The date for the 2015 awards banquet is Oct. 23.

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Venessa Lewis (1999) an Alumni Board member and Manship adjunct professor, has been named 2014 "Communicator of the Year" by the Baton Rouge chapter of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana for her "unique" communication efforts as the Louisiana Mermaid.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEG CASPER

The start of a new year always allows for a refocus of our efforts and activities on the Manship Alumni Board. This year, we have set our sights on engaging our fellow alumni to reconnect with the Manship School and consider how they can "contribute."

Take a moment and think about the opportunities you've had in your career because of what started in the halls of LSU's Manship School. Students today have even more options through connections to faculty, counselors and internship experiences at local companies and media outlets. Programs like the Manship School in Washington and the Media Response Lab that focuses on emerging social media trends are just a few examples of how the school continues to grow and change to meet the needs of today's students.

None of this would be possible without the support of our alumni. If you've ever thought of re-engaging with the school, now is the perfect time. The Manship Alumni Board is anxious to increase the percentage of alumni who strive to give back to the school whether through services, interaction with current students, or through a donation to the Manship Excellence Fund. But we can't include you in our efforts if we can't find you.

Consider updating your information with the school so you can receive our monthly e-news or shoot us an email letting us know about your fellow alums who are doing outstanding work in their careers. Engaging our alumni base not only improves student outcomes but also assists in the school's accreditation reporting.

Your gift of time, input or monetary support helps Manship stay competitive and continue its tradition of producing excellent communications graduates. The Manship School holds a special place in my heart, and I hope it continues to stir fond memories for each of you as well.

*Geaux Tigers,
Meg Casper
Manship Alumni Board President*

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MANSHIP ALUMNAE HONORED IN BUSINESS REPORT'S "40 UNDER 40"

Norisha Kirts (2003) and **Julie Guidry Laperouse** (2003) were selected for the Baton Rouge Business Report's 2015 "40 Under 40" list.

Norisha Kirts is director of development at LSU's E.J. Ourso College of Business. Her talents have contributed to some of Baton Rouge's biggest projects, including the Business Education Complex at LSU.

Julie Guidry Laperouse is director of talent development for the Baton Rouge Chamber and CEO of her own organizational and training business, Screaming Peacock. She implemented BRAC's Talent Development Program, which helps recruit Louisiana professionals back to the state. She and husband Paul are the parents of four daughters.



Norisha Kirts



Julie Guidry Laperouse



L-R: Foundation Board members Peter Savage, Lanaea Featherstone, Johnny Yataco, president, Washington Hispanic Newspaper. CREDIT: TED WATSON

FEATHERSTONE FOUNDATION NAMED NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

The Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce awarded the William & Lanaea C. Featherstone Foundation one of its highest honors, Nonprofit of the Year. The awards gala attracted more than 200 business owners, government officials and community leaders.

The charity improves the lives of Maryland's growing Latino community through its signature computer literacy program, "Empowering Latinos: One Click at a Time." The initiative teaches Latino families basic computer and Internet skills and provides laptops to secure better paying jobs. Latinos make up about 4.2 percent of Baltimore's population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Lanaea (2002) co-founded the nonprofit with her husband, William, after winning a fellowship from the Open Society Institute. She resigned from her 12-year position at the International Center for Journalists in Washington in November, 2013.

"I live by the mantra 'to whom much is given, much is required ...' and I'm here to help make a difference and to change lives," Lanaea said.

Lanaea and her husband have two daughters, ages 1-1/2 and 3 years.

For more information, visit www.thefeatherstonefoundation.org

KNIGHT GRANT

Eight student projects were approved last semester for the Social Media News Challenge, and each was awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Knight Foundation.

Andrew Abad and Robyn Stiles created #TigersVote, etc.

Wilborn Nobles, Aryanna Prasad and Elbis Bolton are developing a police accountability app to report police behavior, providing users with reports on police officers in their area. The group has created a design for the app screens and added a new feature that will provide users with reports on police officers in their area.

Lamar Visiting Professor Steve Buttry supervises the grant. The students will present their projects at the Board of Visitors dinner on April 24.



Wilborn Nobles, Aryanna Prasad and Elbis Bolton

JENNIFER BONENO NEWEST ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER

Welcome to Jennifer Boneno (1995), the newest member on the Manship Alumni Board. She is director of accounting services at Zehnder Communications, where she has worked since 2006.



UPDATES ALUMNI

NOTE: We thank you all for sending us your updates. We had so many, we had to shorten some and leave out some photos. Please keep sending updates and photos. We love to hear from you!

Rebecca Bentley; Ross Hebert and Ursula Lipari at KSAT-12 in San Antonio; Manship grads Lance Frank, Graham Ulkins, Audrey Antis, Dillon Cowillon

1950s

Douglas Perret Starr (1950 BAJ) and co-author Deb Dunsford had a book published, "Working the Story: A Guide to Reporting and News Writing for Journalists and Public Relations Professionals" (Roman and Littlefield).

1960s

Joseph E. Salter (1966) is writing a bilingual book series for children entitled, "Las Aventuras de Ricky y Rosita." He is retired after a long career in the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

1970s

Glen Young (1973) recently published a non-fiction book, "Poetry at Work." He lives in Kirkwood, Mo.

Oliver G. "Rick" Richard III (1974 BACH; MMC 1977; JD) received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America in June, recognizing his dedicated achievements on behalf of the Scout Oath and Law in Southwest Louisiana. Richard received his Eagle Scout Award from Explorer Troop 135 in Lake Charles on Sept. 7, 1968.

Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, (1976 BACH; MMC 1979; J.D.) was one of eight distinguished alumni inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction on April 4.

Jeanne Dutel (1976) teaches broadcast journalism at Fontainebleau High School in Mandeville. Her students won two first-place awards in the LSU-sponsored Louisiana Scholastic Press Association competition in 2014.

Jim Bergamo (1978) is an anchor at KVUE in Austin, Texas. He has covered news and sports since 2006.

Ron Thibodeaux (1979) is press secretary in the state Department of Economic Development in Baton Rouge. He was formerly with The Times-Picayune.

1980s

Anne J. Crochet (1980 BACH; MMC 1983; JD), a partner at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips LLP in Baton Rouge, was named in the 2015 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the area of Environmental Law & Litigation/Environmental.

Jon A. Russo (BAJ 1980), political cartoonist, received second place Best Graphic & Illustration and shared third place in Best Editorial Section Layout and Content in the New Jersey Press Association's annual contest. A former Daily Reveille cartoonist from 1976-1979, he designs cartoons for the Montclair Times from his home in Paris.

Mary Dixon (1983) is vice president of communications at the Wildlife Conservation Society in the Bronx and an adjunct professor at Fordham University in the master's program.

Ursula Lipari (1983) is an anchor and reporter at KSAT in San Antonio.

Deborah Malick San Gabriel (1984 MMC), of Lynn, Mass., is the founding editor of the Belle Isle Review, a nonprofit journal of the arts. She is currently a master's degree candidate in English literature at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Delia Adams Taylor (1984; 1988 MMC), owner of Taylor Media Services in Denham Springs, earned a private pilot's certification. She was appointed to the state Public Relations Association of Louisiana Board of Directors.

1990s

Karen Bye Stassi (1990 MMC) is managing editor of U.S. Healthcare Journals in Baton Rouge. She married Elmer Tatum at LSU on June 15, 2013.

Katrice Franklin Hardy (1995) was named digital senior leader for The Virginian-Pilot newspaper in Norfolk, Va. Last year she launched a magazine-style tablet app for the company called Evening Pilot.

Scott Corbitt (1995) was promoted to senior copywriter at the Integer Group in Denver.

Nicole Barbier (1995) has a new job assignment at ETRADE Financial. After 13 years in sports production, she is now in corporate events.

Rebecca Bentley (1996) was named a heavy hitter in PRWeek's 2014 "40 under 40" list. She is the director of corporate media relations, financial/investor relations, communications, and strategy communications at Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich.

Shenid Bhayroo (1996 BACH; 2008 PHD) is an assistant professor at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Jason P. Theriot (1998) authored "American Energy, Implied Coast" (LSU Press). The book explores the tension between oil and gas development and the land-loss crisis in Louisiana.

Kevin Blanchard (1998), after two years practicing oil and gas and commercial law at Onebane Law Firm, accepted the job of chief development officer in the Lafayette City-Parish government.

Bryan R. King (1999), an attorney in the government contracts practice group at Bass, Berry & Sims in Washington has led the launch of the GovCon blog, which focuses on timely cases, protests, and regulatory updates.

2000-2010

Laura Rosche Condeluci (2001) is communications officer at the Architect of the Capitol in Washington. She was with the U.S. Botanic Garden for three years.

Ross Hebert (2003) is senior promotion producer at KSAT-12 in San Antonio.

Tristi Charpentier (2005 BACH; 2007 MMC) is regional development officer with Single Stop USA, a

national nonprofit focusing on eliminating poverty. She worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana for seven years, as corporate giving administrator.

Raluca Cozma (2005 MMC; 2009 PHD) is chair/head of the Newspaper & Online News Division for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. She is an assistant professor at Iowa State University.

Adam Kealoha Causey (2005) is an assistant city editor at the Las Vegas Review-Journal, where he has worked since May 2013.

Emilie Speyrer Becker (2005) celebrated 10 years with the Murphy Sam and Jodi syndicated radio morning show. She started as an intern in 2004 and is now vice president of networking operations and executive producer. Emilie and husband Michael welcomed their first child, Jacob, in December, 2012.

Sehzad Sooklall (2006 BACH; MMC, 2012; MPA) is a second-year student at Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cordovo School of Law in New York City.

Christy Marino (2006) is director of association management and special projects for Centanni Communications in Baton Rouge.

Skye Chance Cooley (MMC 2008), along with his three brothers, founded a barbecue sauce company, Jeux's Boys Co. Skye got his Ph.D. in Alabama and now teaches at Mississippi State University.

Ginger Gibson (2008) is a senior political writer at the International Business Times in Washington.

Katharine Gavin (2008; 2010 MMC) is marketing /operations manager at Aeromedix .com in Jackson, Wyo.

Emily Metzgar (2008 PHD) has been granted tenure at Indiana University School of Journalism.



Venessa Lewis; Meagan Forbes; Sarah Chambless Federer; Chris Kaleel (2003) is People Programs Manager at Google in Mountain View, Calif. With David Kurpius, Manship professor and associate vice chancellor for enrollment management

Brandi Young (2008) is earning a Master of Science degree in Technology Commercialization at the University of Texas at Austin.

Lindsay Newport (2008; 2010 MMC) moved to Williamsburg, Va. where she is director of new media marketing at Sotherly Hotels Inc. She was previously at the Martin Group in Richmond, Va.

Paige Payne (2009) is a contracting officer at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Adam Duvernay (2009) was promoted to storytelling and content coach at the Shreveport Times.

Meagan Forbes (2009 BACH; MMC 2012; JD) in September accepted a position as an attorney at the Institute for Justice's Minnesota office.

Summer Suleiman (2009) started a job as Blackstone Correspondent at Idea Village in New Orleans. She writes and blogs about entrepreneurship in New Orleans.

Lindsay Key (2009) is a manager for Raising Cane's in Dallas. She earned an MS in Hospitality and Restaurant Management from the University of North Texas in 2012.

Tyler Batiste (2009) is the digital news editor at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Jeffrey Clifton (2009) relocated to London and works for Hallite Seals International to develop a global marketing department.

Alexandra ("Ali") Castillo (2009) is associate director of development in the LSU College of Science.

Ellen Carmichael (2010) started work at CRC Public Relations in Washington in July.

Nick Persac (2010) is an informational writer and content marketing specialist at the University of Texas at Austin.

Sara Chambless Federer (2010) in April was hired as a communications strategist at Gambel Communications in New Orleans. She joins two other Manship alumnae, **Lauren Celino** (2012) and **Veronica Ridgley** (2013).

Laura R. Juengling (2010) is the communications coordinator for the LSU College of Engineering.

2011-2014

Lance Frank (2011) was promoted recently from publicist at the CBS Evening News to director of communications.

Zac Lemoine (2011) started in April as the external affairs coordinator for the LSU Office of the President and Chancellor. Zac worked for three years in LSU's Office of Communications & University Relations.

Farris Foyil (2011) is a capital financing specialist at SHI International Corp. in Austin.

Brandy McMils (2011) became assistant director of development services at the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business in September.

Molly Mayeux (2011) is the new stewardship coordinator on the Communications & Donor Relations team at the LSU Foundation.

Alice Womble (2011) is the community wellness administrator at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana in Baton Rouge.

Tessa Teachman (2012) is a professional golfer, currently a full-time member of the Ladies European tour. In 2012 she

competed in the U.S. Women's Open.

Lindsay Nunez (2012) has a public relations/marketing position at Search Influence in New Orleans.

Kayla Reed (2013) is community manager at Main Street Hub and freelancer at The A.V. Club in Austin.

Leigh Fairey (2013) is production coordinator at Turner Sports and NBA tv in Atlanta.

Rhya Martin (2013) is a sourcing specialist at Resolvit in New Orleans.

Whitney Mosel (2013) is pursuing a juris doctorate degree from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Miss.

Taylor LeBlanc (2014) joined Zehnder Communications as billing/project management coordinator.

Andrea Chavez (2014 MMC) works as an account executive of corporate public affairs at Edelman in Sacramento.

Hope Fitzgerald (2014) has joined PacTec Inc. in Houston as a business development and inside sales representative.

Andrea Gallo (2014) is city hall reporter at The Advocate in Baton Rouge.

Kristi Williams (2014 MMC) moved to Olney, Md., where she works for the Maryland-National Parks and Planning Commission as the Parks Division Chief for Public Affairs

Madison Adams (2014) teaches English in the Teaching Abroad Program in France.

Katie Macdonald (2014) is an editorial assistant at Popular Mechanics magazine in New York.

ALUMNUS EXPERIENCES FIRST SUPER BOWL

BY PALMER BLACK,
2013 MASS COMMUNICATION GRADUATE

I completed my internship with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at the end of 2014 and had the incredible opportunity to represent the National Football League and to work for its public relations staff at Super Bowl XLIX and the 2015 Pro Bowl in Arizona.

Based on my experience in Tampa, I was chosen to be lead transcriber for all media sessions for New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick, including Media Day. In total, the week brought in more than 6,000 media members from all over the world.

From this, I was placed in charge of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady on Super Bowl Sunday for the postgame, win or lose. With 114.4 million people watching on TV, I was lucky enough to experience the drama of the game's final drives surrounded by New England players and coaches on their sideline.

I have experienced many thrilling sports moments, but it will be hard to top running onto the field to guide Brady to the trophy presentation and interview room after winning his fourth Super Bowl.

None of this would have been possible without LSU and the Manship School. The classes I took during my time there gave me tools that I still use every day, especially during Super Bowl week.



Palmer Black and Tom Brady

Seasoned Sports Columnist Covers 25th Super Bowl

BY GIL LEBRETON (1975)

"I just returned from covering the Super Bowl for the 25th time. I've been to the Olympic Games 16 times (9 summer, 7 winter). I've covered the Masters, soccer's World Cup, the Tour de France, the NBA and Stanley Cup finals, and the Final Four and World Series many times. I'm also the only one ever to be voted NSAA Sportswriter of the Year by my peers in both Louisiana and Texas."

"My best memory? Spending nearly two hours alone with a then-lucid Muhammad Ali in 1980, interviewing him one-on-one at his log cabin training camp in Deer Lake, Pa."

Gil LeBreton is a sports columnist with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Jeffery D. Wright, D.C. Reville Alumni Group

Kyle Whitfield and Ellen Zielinski, Sophie Grace Castino

In Memoriam

Joseph Delbert Oliver Jr. (1949 BAJ), 89, of Ridgeland, Miss., died Sept. 10, 2013, in Ridgeland. He served in the 102nd infantry Division in WWII as a minesweeper. His work career included positions in newspaper reporting and editing, public relations, labor relations and human resources. He retired from DeSoto Inc. in Jackson in 1983 and then from First Mississippi Corp in 1994 where he served as manager of human resources.

John Reed Tarver (1959 BAJ) died April 21, 2014, in Baton Rouge. After service in the Air Force during the Korean War in the missile program at Cape Canaveral, he worked at various newspapers in Louisiana and eventually became involved in politics. He returned to academics, earning his masters in history from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and his Ph.D. in history at LSU. He worked for many years at LSU's Ag Center in the editorial department as the Ag Center's historian. He was 82.

Robert W. Dardenne (1968 BAJ) died Oct. 17, 2013 in St. Petersburg, Fla. at age 66. Robert served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and thereafter worked as a reporter, editor and feature writer at newspapers and magazines in Louisiana, Mexico City, Rochester, N.Y. and Washington. He earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Florida and a doctorate from the University of Iowa. He was a professor at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and for 22 years, at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, where he helped found the mass communication department. He was a frequent lecturer in China and Africa. At LSU, he was editor of the Reville and a sports editor.

Jeffery D. Wright (1982), co-founder of Baton Rouge-based Wright Feigley Communications, died Sept. 19 in Baton Rouge at age 55. He was well-known for his more than 25 years in business, working with private companies, nonprofits and governmental clients. He was considered a leader in branding, destination marketing, retail sales and crisis communication. Jeff and Stuart Feigley founded a full-service advertising, marketing and public relations firm, Wright Feigley Communications in 2006.

Pamela M. Perkins (1969 H&SS), wife of Associate Professor Emeritus Jay Perkins died June 30, 2014. Pam handled legislative and legal affairs for two congressmen, one senator, one president and three governors during her career. She was a member of the Louisiana and D.C. Bar associations, a board member of the Capital Area Animal Welfare Society, and a member of numerous civic organizations. She retired in 2011 as general counsel for the Division of Administration.

William (Bill) Michelet died August 25 at Landmark Nursing Home in Baton Rouge at the age of 82. Bill was a graduate of St. Joseph's Seminary and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He worked for Bell South in corporate and external affairs for 27 years. After retirement he worked as an adjunct professor at the Manship School, served as acting director of LSU Student Media and as media liaison for the Baton Rouge Diocese. Bill's dedication to mentoring public relations practitioners led to the founding of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana and Public Relations Society of America chapters in Baton Rouge and the creation of the accreditation program for PR professionals nationally.

Stanley Shlosman, one of the "Reville Seven," died January 15, 2014, in Monroe. He attended LSU in 1934 and was one of seven journalism students on the Reville staff who were expelled when they defied Gov. Huey Long. He obtained his degree in journalism at the University of Missouri in 1937. He returned to Louisiana and later bought the family business, the Lieber Company. He lived in New Orleans for 18 years and returned to Monroe in 2011. Sam Montague is the last living member of the "Reville Seven."

Necia G. Watson (1941) died Jan. 29, 2014. No other information available.

Marci Elizabeth Millican (1977) died Dec. 20, 2013, in Lanexa, Va. No other information available.

Mary B. Erwin (1979) died Feb. 16, 2014. No other information available.

Marriages

Moriah Purdy (2014) married Steven Hollander on Oct. 13, 2014 in Mandeville. They reside in Houston, where Moriah works as the donor relations director at Hope for Youth.

Erica C. Taylor (PHD 2011) married Cedric Southerland on Oct. 4, 2014 in New Orleans. She is an assistant professor of communications at Howard University. The couple resides in Washington.

Bria Turner (2014) married **Tesalon Felicien** (2013) on Jan. 17, 2015. He is an editorial intern at Turner Sports; she is the social media coordinator at East Baton Rouge Parish School system.

Lindsey deBlieux (2003) married Joshua Burton in March, 2014. She is public information director at the Department of Children and Family Services in Baton Rouge.

Kyle Whitfield (2009) and **Ellen Zielinski** (2010, Comm Studies) were married February 15, 2014, in New Orleans. They met while working at the Reville in 2008-09, and by 2011 they both had jobs at the Dallas Morning News. They recently moved back to Baton Rouge, where he is digital media editor at The Advocate and she is a news page designer.

Kayla Carson (2013) married Kenny Perry in New Orleans March 24, 2014. She lives in Slidell and is the Louisiana public relations consultant for Pennino and Partners in Houston.

Chelsea Gomez (2009; JD) married Chris Caswell Dec. 27 in Baton Rouge. She is an attorney (associate) at Kean Miller LLP.

Engagements

Parker Wishik (2009) is engaged to Emily Duke. He is a senior account executive at Kellen Communications in Washington.

Lindsey Meaux (2010) is engaged to Mark Abshire. She is the associate director of development at the LSU School of Coast and Environment in Baton Rouge.

Sydni Dunn (2012) is engaged to Baret Burr. She is manager of LSU's College of Engineering communications team.

Births

Laura Weems Ybarra (2009) and Rene Ybarra (2010 BACH BUS) proudly announce the arrival of their sons, Owen Christian and Nathaniel Weems, born on April 17, 2014.

Nicole Henry (MMC 2011) welcomed son Mason, born Oct. 19, 2014, in Boston.

Amanda D'Assaro Castino (2006) and husband Tim, welcomed Sophia Grace on Jan. 9, 2014. Amanda is associate director of account management in the Office of Marketing & Communications at Rollins College in Winter Park.

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