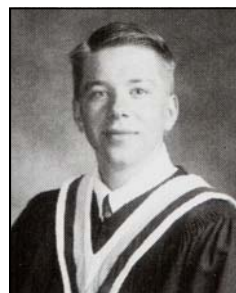


Paul Doef '96

My name is Paul Doef, and I graduated from Central Alberta Christian High School in 1996. After high school I attended the King's University College in Edmonton for three years to pursue a sociology degree. Post-secondary education was always just a way to satisfy my addiction to volleyball. During the summer I planted trees in northern B.C. I transferred to Trinity Western University in 1999 for a semester. In 2000 I transferred to Red Deer College. I chose RDC for two main reasons: because I was closer to my future wife (Jen deJager) and to play volleyball. While at Red Deer I was part of a team that won the national championship. In 2001 I finally finished my sociology degree back at King's. In 2002 I married Jen. She had an exciting job as a pediatric nurse in the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton. We bought a house in Edmonton and lived there for two and half years. During this time I found a job as a "Culligan Man" delivering bottled water. I also helped coach my old volleyball team at King's. In 2003 we found out we were starting a family. We decided that we wanted to raise our family close to where we grew up, so we moved back to Lacombe. In 2004 I started to work in our family



business, a greenhouse producing cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers. Shortly after we had our first daughter, Taylor. Things changed quite a bit for us then. In 2006 we had our second daughter, Julie. Two years later we had our son, Asher. In 2010 we added on five acres of greenhouse to make a total of eleven acres. Together with my dad, older brother and brother-in-law, we manage the farm. My oldest daughter is in grade 2 and my second daughter is in kindergarten at Lacombe Christian School. I am so



Paul in 1996

blessed with a busy, healthy family, and to have a job that I love. My addiction to volleyball has somewhat decreased. Now I keep myself busy by playing golf and hockey when I can. While I have lost contact with a lot of my high school classmates, I am still good friends with many CACHS alumni. When I see how CACHS has grown since I graduated I am amazed. The relationships that are formed in such a small school are strong. I hope that CACHS continues to grow, but never loses the close community that many alumni like myself remember.

2011 AWARDS

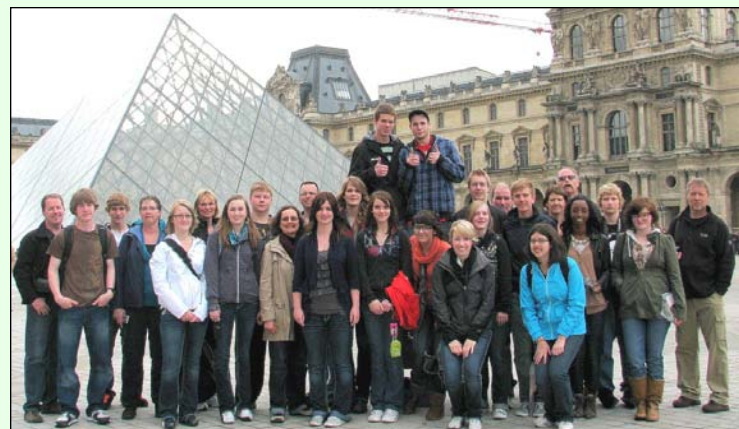
Valedictorian — Gina Van Haren
Athletes of the Year —
 Jordan Folkerts and Nahani Den Oudsten

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Volleyball Tournament —
 December (16?) & 17
Fashion Show — April 27, 2012

Do you know where these alumni are?
 Let us know at cachsalumni@hotmail.com.

2009: Ashley Brown Williams; **2008:** Andrea Crossley, Sheena Flett, Becky MacDormand; **2007:** Mitchell Lawton, Michelle Turpin; **2006:** Brandon Bajema, Evelien Meyer; **2005:** Anthony Mclean, Lindsay Reid; **2004:** Jessie Bajema; **2003:** Cody Holden, Tommy Wong; **2002:** Robin Bajema; **2001:** Matthew Hauck, David Klooster, Elias White; **1999:** Kevin Klooster, Matthew Lang, Luanne MacLennan, Jacob Martin, Scott McKay, Stephen Neufeld, Bob Sulyak, Tanya Tabler; **1997:** Sharon Ages, Andrea Klooster, Mariena Poettcker; **1996:** Amalia Boukos, Attica Chan, Bernard Chan, Jodie Klooster, Darcy Meyer; **1995:** Kimberly Lane; **1994:** Chad Hargreaves, Keith Molberg, Shannon Parker, Charity Tonkin, Cary Van Deventer; **1993:** Debbie Elliot, Joshua Wiebe



Europe Trip a Continuing Tradition at CACHS

The CACHS Europe trip for 2011 is now history, but what history we covered! Our itinerary took us first to Nice and Monaco, and then to towns along the Cote-d'Azur and in Provence, where we saw sights that highlighted a Roman building frenzy dating to nearly 2,000 years ago: an ancient theatre, two arenas, a temple to Jupiter and a famous aqueduct. From Avignon, where we toured the Gothic-style Pope's Palace, we took a high-speed train to Paris. There, we visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Versailles, the Opéra, Notre-Dame and Arc de Triomphe. After ten days on the European continent, we flew home from Paris, full of ideas about the origins of Western Civilization. The Europe trip is currently offered every other year to students in grades 11 and 12.

-Submitted by French teacher Carolyn Hoyt



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Trivia Answers: (1) 96 (48 couples!), (2) Peter Hoekstra, (3) Peter deKoning '04, (4) Kevin Reed, (5) Jack Vanden Pol, (6) Marilee Folkman '09, (7) Caralyn (Drost) Sydenham '02, Hendrik De Gier '94.



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Class of 2001 Reunites After Ten Years

On June 11, the graduating class of 2001 gathered for a 10-year reunion at the home of Jeff and Cindy Ekkel. Twenty-four of the 47 alumni were able to attend the party, where they enjoyed a barbeque and reconnected with old friends and classmates. Some spouses and children, along with two teachers, also joined in the fun. The group figured out that more than 50 children have been born so far to alumni in their class. Pictured (from l-r) are: Gary Kuipers, Matt Kooman, Mike Folkerts, Hans Doef, Travis Tenbrinke, Joe Duggan, Tim Steenbergen, Cindy (Wadman) Ekkel, Tami (Taekema) De Vries, Nancy (Lindemulder) de Klerk, Annette (Otten) Zandberg, Mike Vanden Pol, Maria (Humting) Siemens, Mike Oudman, Willeke (Van Aken) Kraay, Martin Vandervlugt, Dorien (Morskate) Vander Kooi, Jason Spelt, Albert Schermers, Jeff Ekkel, Matt Kraay, Luuk Van Aken, and Sam Vreugdenhil. Mark Bruinsma also attended but is not pictured.

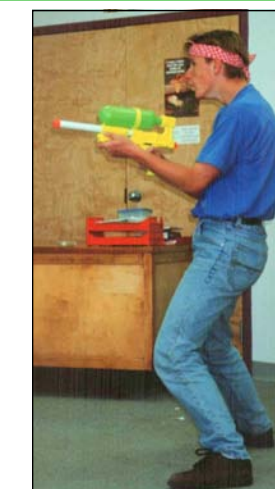
ALUMNI TRIVIA

1. How many graduates from CACHS are married to another CACHS grad?

Which alumnus or teacher said this?

- "The next person who says 'gots' deserves a mild kicking!"
- "You can do anything with snow pants."
- "No speaky the freaky-decky French."
- "Don't look at me in that tone of voice!"
- "If all the people in the world were on Africa, would it sink?"

7 & 8 - Who are these alumni?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

New Principal is a Familiar Face at CACHS

With the recent retirement of Jack Vanden Pol, long-time CACHS teacher Mel Brandsma stepped into the role of principal this fall. Here, he shares some thoughts on how he originally landed at CACHS and what he looks forward to in the future.

I grew up in Smithers, B.C. on a dairy farm and attended Christian school from grades one to ten. After high school, I got a job as an apprentice auto mechanic. I did this work for about three years, as well as a year as an apprentice electrician. At 22, I decided to go back to school and try the teaching vocation.

I attended the King's University College for the first year, taking courses in my areas of mathematics and physical education. I also enrolled at the University of Alberta to fill in the missing pieces, as King's did not have a secondary program at the time and no real specialization in math or P.E.

In the summer of 1988, I graduated with a teaching certificate and found a position at Red Deer Christian School, teaching grade seven as well as P.E. to grades 3 through 9. After three years at Red Deer, I began to look for a high school position, and noticed an ad for Central Alberta Christian High School. At the time, I remember being concerned about the size of the school and whether this would be a long-term position. Looking back now, I'm amazed at the path the Lord laid out for me and my family.

I am married to Sandra (Ryper), who is



Mel Brandsma is the new principal at CACHS.

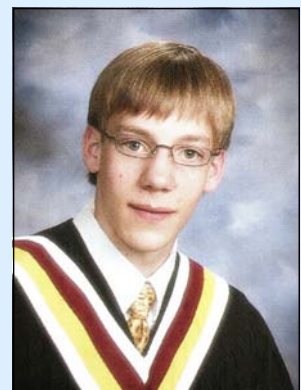
also a teacher, currently at Gateway Christian School in Red Deer. We have three daughters, Jordyn, Stacey and Kiera. They have all been students in the local Christian schools and then proceeded to the King's University College.

This is my 21st year at CACHS. Over the past two decades, I've taught most of the math and P.E. courses as well as Religious Ethics. The material changes little

from year to year, but the group dynamics are never the same. I also have coached cross-country, track and volleyball since I came to CACHS. While championships are always special and opportunities to compete at provincial championships were highlights, it's the relationships that have been the most meaningful part of coaching. Working for a common goal, integrating faith and sport, and representing God in how we interact with the world around us is a blessing.

About five years ago, I felt God calling me to take more of a leadership role within the school setting, and three years ago I became vice-principal at CACHS. This fostered continued interest, and so with the retirement of Mr. Vanden Pol, I applied for the role of principal.

I am both excited and nervous about this new venture, but as the Lord has so often demonstrated, when we follow His leading, He will bless us. My prayer is that CACHS will continue to be a vibrant training ground for young minds as we seek to know God in all areas of study and life. May it be a safe place to explore ideas and develop faith, where open dialogue between students, teachers and supporting community is the norm.



The CACHS community was saddened to hear about the passing of Ian Prins on June 28, 2011, at the age of 21. Ian attended CACHS from 2005 to 2008. As a student, he regularly made his rounds from classroom to office, chatting with staff members and flashing his ready, impish smile. He will be remembered for the way his unconventional perspective and offbeat sense of the situation challenged his teachers and classmates, at times reminding them of their own limitations. Our sincere sympathies to his parents, Paul and Cindy Prins, to his sister Corinna, and to his extended family, including his Vreugdenhil cousins Darran '93, Russell '95, Jordan '99 and Sam '01 and their families; as well as his Wildeboer cousins James '94, Gaylene Tenbrinke '95, Don '98 and Rick '99 and their families. May God continue to comfort you all.

Would you like to share what's been happening in your life since you attended CACHS? Send us an update (200 words or less) to cachsalumni@hotmail.com! Or, pass along a brief marriage, new baby or career announcement, and we'll publish it in our next issue.

Jessica (Howes) Braun '94

My life after graduating from CACHS took off quickly. Six months after graduation, I enrolled in an international missions organization called Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Little did I know that God had an adventure for me that would take me all over the world to every continent except Australia. God has been really gracious: I have had the opportunity to share the gospel to a semi-nomadic tribe in the Sahara desert, work in the dumps in Malaysia and do street ministry in Taiwan.



Jessica (Howes) Braun with her younger daughter, Phoebe. Pictured below are her husband, Andrae and older daughter, Charis.

I was followed by spies in Myanmar, and taught Bible study to Christians in Thailand. God has blessed me with the chance to have taught English to children in jungle villages and play volleyball in a missions context in Brazil. And during my time in YWAM Montana, I took a



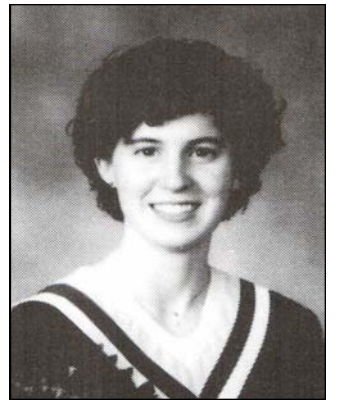
course on the Bible that changed my life. God's Word became alive and real to me and not so crusty, distant and unrelatable. Because I got to the study the Bible for myself, I got to know God personally. My life took a bit of a twist in 1999 (the same year I was married to my husband Andrae), when I pioneered a YWAM Bible school in Turner Valley, Alberta. The program brings students through the Bible five times in nine months, and is so intense that it's been compared to a three-year university program. Still, the goal is deeper than just academics. Students come from all over the world to learn to study the Bible for the purpose of developing their own relationship with God. After 12 years of directing this school, I have passed it on to another leader and currently mentor young leaders while taking care of my two children and enjoying my sweet husband.



Jessica's graduation photo, from 1994.

Leanne (Doornbos) Nagel '99

I graduated from CACHS in 1999. Since then I've lived and worked in three countries. I started studying at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. After receiving a degree in Secondary Education I moved to Chungchun, a city of 6 million people just northeast of Beijing, China, to teach English for a year. In 2004 I came back to Central Alberta to teach Social Studies and English at CACHS. During my time at CACHS I traveled when I could and began a master's degree through Calvin College. By 2007 it was time to complete my degree, so I moved to Grand Rapids,



Leanne in 1999

Michigan, and in May 2008 I graduated with a Masters of Education degree. At that time Calvin College's international student population was growing and the college needed an English as a Second Language writing program. They hired me. I now teach English writing and American culture to Calvin College students who come from countries such as Honduras, South Korea, China, Madagascar, Ghana, Nigeria, and Bangladesh. I also work with students who are on academic probation. In May 2010, I married Doug Nagel, a film editor from Grand Rapids. If you're ever in Grand Rapids, or just want to email to say hi, please contact me at leannednagel@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you.

