

## Matthew Duggan Class of 1994

Heading into the twentieth year after grad (94)... crazy. I would have never thought that this city kid from Red Deer who gave the occasional ribbing directed at the "farm boys" from Lacombe and Ponoka would ever end up farming himself. Looking back it's always kind of crazy to see the path that you have taken and how quite often it is no where near where you thought it would go.



Matthew Duggan '94

Almost eight years ago marked the birth of our only daughter Lynea followed with a son (Asher), after that with another son (Teman) and then with another son (Thias) and finally this year with our son Shallum.

Four years ago we moved onto a 15 acre farm (tiny by Alberta standards). Though life is insanely busy this time of year on the farm, I would not wish to change anything. I guess going to school with all the farm kids and hearing stories about early morning calvings and midnight harvests helped to prepare me for the life that I find myself in now. Wilma and I feel so blessed to be able to participate in organic farming with all of our goats, laying hens, meat chickens, blueberries, and green house. I also enjoy integrating my farming practices with my school teaching and I use the farm for a variety of educational purposes. We always find new surprises in how God has designed plants and animals to be mutually beneficial to one another. These surprises go a long way to teaching the next generation about God's amazing creation and the mysteries that He allows us to unwrap.

I look forward to the next step in our journey and am grateful to the people in our pasts who contributed to bringing me to this point, including staff and fellow students at CACHS.



My path after CACHS began with a short stint at Red Deer College and then a three week long (but life changing) water project trip to Honduras followed by a few month long journey through New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji. I then returned to Red Deer College and finally settled on completing my Arts degree at Kings University followed by an after degree in Education. At Kings I learned to really appreciate Christian education, especially the experience I had at King's, CACHS, and Red Deer Christian. From Kings I went on to teach for three years within Edmonton Christian Schools, until I became reacquainted with a friend from BC and within a year was married to Wilma Wikkerink from Agassiz.

Shortly after we were married I began looking for job opportunities teaching in BC and finally settled on a position in Powell River, an oceanside town with amazing sunsets, countless lakes, and endless mountain ranges. Over the past nine years I have taught in a variety of capacities within Powell River Christian School. I taught two years full-time and then two years part-time while I worked on various home renovations and bought and sold a few homes. In my fifth year, I hesitantly took the principal position and spent four years with the school in that capacity until this year when I returned to part-time teaching so that I could expand my farm.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Fest: Nov. 1/13  
Alumni Volleyball: Dec. 21/13  
Fashion Show: April 17/14

Do you know where these alumni are?  
Let us know at [cachsalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:cachsalumni@hotmail.com).

2011: Taylor Torpe 2010: Jaici Thomson 2009: Ashley Brown Williams; 2008: Andrea Crossley, Sheena Flett, Becky MacDormand; 2007: Mitchell Lawton, Tristan Punter, Michelle Turpin; 2005: Anthony Mclean, Lindsay Reid; 2003: Cody Holden, Tommy Wong; 2001: David Klooster, Elias White; 1999: Kevin Klooster, Matthew Lang, Luanne MacLennan, Jacob Martin, Scott McKay, Bob Sulyak, Tanya Tabler; 1997: Karen Howes Nierfeld, Andrea Klooster, Mariena Poettcker; 1996: Amalia Boukos, Attica Chan, Bernard Chan; 1995: Kimberly Lane; 1994: Chad Hargreaves, Charity Tonkin, Cary Van Deventer; 1993: Joshua Wiebe

### CACHS ALUMNI 1993

You are invited to a 20 year class reunion. There will be a potluck dinner at the CACHS gym on Saturday July 13, 2013 for you and your families. The event will start at 5:00 pm. We would like each alumni to put together a small poster board of your family with a summary of your life since graduating. If you cannot attend we would love for you to send us a short you-tube video that we can play. If you have anything to share or have questions or ideas please email us at [cachs1993@gmail.com](mailto:cachs1993@gmail.com) or follow our facebook page. Please RSVP by email as soon as possible and let us know how many in your group. Classes of 92-94 are also welcome.

1. Tyler Capton 2. left to right—Jen (DeJager) Doef, Heather (Kuipers) Vandeplaat, Gaylene (Wildeboer) Tenbrinke

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## Alumni Volleyball 2012



Above: Stacey Brandsma – 08

The 4th annual CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament was held Dec. 22, 2012 with approximately 80 alumni and present day CACHS students participating. Thirteen teams competed, six in the women's division and seven in the men's division. Teams battled hard to the finish and at the end of the day the men's winning team consisted of players graduating from 2001 to 2004 - Jaden Barthel, Tyler Capton, Hans Doef, Matt Kooman, Chaim Schalk, and Seth Schalk. After a close final, Megan Brouwer, Blaze Flewell, Jorgi Flewell, Kim Luymes, Dani Van Alstyne, and Cassidy VanderSchee came out the winners of the women's division with members graduating in 2009 to 2011.

The next Alumni Volleyball Tournament is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 21, 2013. Join us again at Central Alberta Christian High School for an exciting day of volleyball, renew past acquaintances, and cheer on your favourite team.

## Welcome to our New Alumni

Daniel Albert	Hannah Leshar	Sydnie Prins	Sarah Ubels
Kezia Bell	Minka Lodewyk	Kathlynn Reed	Heather Van Stryland
Edwin Brouwer	Elyse Loov	Bonnie Salomons	Adam VanderSchee
Gabby Ebens	Caitlin Luymes	Megan Scholing	Brianna Venhuis
Kara Folkerts	Brooke Makkinga	Tamara Stang	Wesley Verhoef
Ben Ford	Stephen Moreau	Curtis Swift	Jonathan Verveda
Ben Funkhouser	Trent Nicolay	Steven Sykes	Julia Zuidhof
Danny Hall	Leroy Otten	Phillip Szelekovszky	
Jinwoo Hong	Taran Perry	Brittany Tenhove	
Regan Kooyman	Herke Pols	Michael Tilbury	

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We value your input! We welcome any ideas or suggestions for future issues of *CACHS Connection*. Please drop us a line with your comments to [cachsalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:cachsalumni@hotmail.com)

We are excited about the new CACHS wear and sports logo. Stop by the school and check it out.

In the month of September Alumni have the opportunity to win a new CACHS hoodie by liking us on FACEBOOK. For each like on FACEBOOK you will be entered in the draw.







On Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> our annual Fashion Show and Dessert Evening fundraiser was held with all funds raised going to Cystic Fibrosis and specially the Central Alberta Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Students and staff modeled clothing from 21 different businesses with something for everyone! Red Deer Cystic Fibrosis Chapter President Kelly Tibbets as well as Mrs. Cindy Prins, both spoke passionately about Cystic Fibrosis. A total of \$7,417.51 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis.

Plans are underway for next year's Fashion Show and Dessert Evening which has been set for Thursday, April 17, 2014 and will benefit the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

Would you like to share what's been happening in your life since you attended CACHS? Send us an update (about 200 words) to [cachsalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:cachsalumni@hotmail.com)



AND THEY SAID  
CACHS WAS FULL  
OF FARMERS AND  
COWBOYS

Who are these Alumni?

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Heidi (Buit) Langridge Class of 2004

Almost 10 years ago I was at my CACHS graduation program. I was feeling a bit ticked as I heard my prediction during the traditional "where will the graduates be in 10 years" bit. It went something like this: "In ten years, Heidi will still be living at home, trying to decide what to do with her life." Ha. I feigned laughter, but I admit, it stung a little. I did agonize over deciding what to do after graduation, petrified of making the wrong decision. Which is why I found myself in true indecisive fashion taking general studies at Red Deer College in the fall of 2004. After 6 months of taking classes I wasn't really interested in and juggling two part-time retail jobs, desperation became the necessary motivator for me to make a decision.

In early 2005, I maxed out my student line of credit and was off to Vancouver to attend Vancouver Film School (Visual Arts program). My parents had driven me out, and my Mom had a hard time leaving her "baby" in the middle of Vancouver all by herself. But I was ecstatic. The big city did not disappoint – my free time was spent attempting to explore every nook and cranny of the city, with my bus pass and umbrella in tow.



Heidi '04

cont. Heidi

After my program ended, I was offered a contract as a full-time teacher's assistant at the school, which I eagerly accepted. It allowed me another year in the city I loved – and shortly after I would fall in love again, this time with a special BC-boy named Graham, whom I met while playing at an open-mic night on Granville Island. When my contract at the school was up, I decided I couldn't keep up with the high-cost of living in the city, so I moved back to central Alberta to look for work in my field. Graham soon followed.

For almost 2 years I worked as a Graphic Designer for Peavey Industries in Red Deer, putting together flyers and catalogues to advertise such glamorous items as calf-pullers, castration rings, cowboy-themed lawn ornaments, and other rural treasures you can only find at Peavey Mart. In June 2009, I finally gave in and married my BC-boy, and in the fall we headed back to Vancouver for Graham to attend UBC for his teaching degree. The following year we moved to Kamloops, as Graham had been offered a job at Kamloops Christian School. Those few years were bitter-sweet for me; I absolutely relished living in such beautiful cities, but struggled to find design work. Coming from Alberta, where it seemed a good job was always a stone's throw away, this was a humbling experience to say the least. I did manage to find a descent amount of freelance design work, but I still questioned my decision to pursue a creative career.

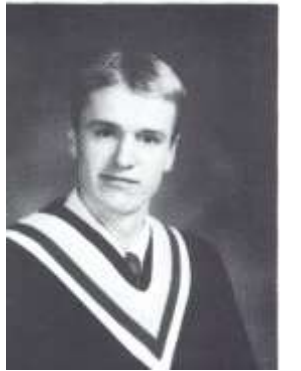
About a year ago, we made our way back to central Alberta again, as Graham pounced on the opportunity to teach music at Gateway Christian School in Red Deer. And in January of this year, I was incredibly excited and grateful to start a full-time Graphic Design position at Red Deer College in their marketing department. We're both genuinely enjoying these new opportunities, and are ready and a little nervous to move onto the next stages of life, whatever God has in store for us.



So I'm happy to report my graduation prediction did not come true. Although I do occasionally find myself frozen with indecisiveness, it's usually over what to wear in the morning or what to make for supper. When it comes to more important things, I'm much more comfortable with what lies ahead; there's a lifetime (Lord-willing) of learning, exploring, and experiences to look forward to, whether they be through our career paths or otherwise.

Hedzer DeJong Class of 1998

My name is Hedzer DeJong. I graduated in 98 after attending CACH since the spring of 97. My first few years after high school, I spent working at home on the dairy. but I wanted to try my hand at other things so I went back to Holland for 3 months.(we immigrated from there in 92).



Hedzer 1998

When I returned to Alberta I worked a half year in construction and then in 2002 I was ready to return to dairy farming. I took a 1 year dairy herd management course in Cleveland, Wisconsin. Since graduating from there I've been working full time with my dad and brother.

On Nov, 27, 2010 I met a cute little curly haired babe at Timmy's in Claresholm and I married Karissa on August 27, 2011.

Fast forward to Sept, 11, 2012 when we welcomed our little baby girl Eanika Grace into our family, who is named her after my mom who passed away of breast cancer on Oct 8, 2010.

So currently Karissa and I are enjoying being new parents and learning as we go, taking it one day at a time.

