



## Colorado Newsletter June, 2010

# Congratulations Class of 2010!



Colorado proudly congratulates the eight USMMA graduates who were honored at graduation ceremonies June 21, 2010: **Nickolas Alexander, Patrick Ambrose, Tyler Hathcote, Christine Jaszlics, Gary Kuehn, Christopher Messaros, David Svoboda, and Aaron VanDenBerg.**

David Svoboda has accepted a position with Military Sealift Command and will report to Virginia for training on July 21st. Proud Mother Jill writes, "Larry and I are getting very excited for graduation and all of the festivities included. Our daughter, Kathryn, and son, Brian, will also be going with us so it should be a wonderful time. We are so proud of David's hard work these past four years and can't believe it is almost over."

Jeffrey Tyler Hathcote will be going Active Duty Air Force as a Civil Engineering Officer with the 1st Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron based at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Writes proud Mother Joan, "During his senior year at KP, Tyler Hathcote has been an active member of the EMS squad at school. He is in the "Fab Five" leadership team of the Christian Fellowship Club as well as all other protestant chapel programs. During his first rotation he was a zombo and second rotation he was the Regimental Shipboard Training Liaison Officer."

Christine Jaszlick has two employment offers. One is with the Alaska Marine Highway System, which entails sailing two weeks on, two weeks off. The second one is a sailing position with Sea Star Line on a run from Ft. Lauderdale to Puerto Rico . However, her Mother thinks she will go with the Sea Star position.

Christopher Messaros is going to be flying helicopters with the US Army.

Proud father Bruce VanDenBurg writes that his son Aaron was very busy studying for license exams and his plans after graduation are to go active duty in the Navy aboard a destroyer out of Norfolk .

Patrick Ambrose's proud Mom Jenna reports that Pat's immediate career plans are still not finalized.

Congratulations to all the new graduates and their families on their successes at Kings Point and best of luck to all of them in their future careers!

**Fair winds and following seas,  
2010 USMMA graduates!**



# Welcome Aboard, Class of 2014!

Colorado once again welcomes aboard a large class of 17 qualified plebe candidates for the Class of 2014. The incoming plebe candidates come from all regions of Colorado. A warm welcome will be extended to the incoming class and their families during the annual Welcome Aboard Luncheon scheduled for June 26, 2010. Welcome Aboard to the following new members of the Class of 2014!

**Kelly Hodges**, 13474 West Oregon Court, Lakewood, CO 80228; 303-716-8566  
**Christopher Lucero**, 14507 Jason Drive, Westminster, CO 80023; 303-255-7919  
**Tyler McDaniel**, 9042 Stony Creek Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80924; 719-282-3464  
**Marie Morrow**, 22461 East Princeton Drive, Aurora, CO 80018; 720-224-7307  
**Bryson Newhall**, 2109 Island Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439; 303-674-5073  
**Krzysztof Nowacki**, 20135 East Lake Circle, Centennial, CO 80016; 303-627-9444  
**Neve Savelli**, P.O. Box 670, Ophir, CO 81426; 970-728-3705  
**Nicholas Skogen**, 6361 South Killarney Street, Centennial, CO 80016; 303-699-5594  
**Donald Dodge**, 4974 East 115th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233; 303-280-1704  
**Anthony Gallozzi**, 18650 East Ida Ave., Aurora, CO 80015; 720-472-9643  
**Christopher Gill**, 2635 Stone Ridge Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919; 719-597-1958  
**Thomas Gooding**, 1554 Skyline Lane, Longmont, CO 80501; 303-772-6303  
**Matthew Allen**, 2725 Hamermesh Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920; 719-264-6750  
**Christopher Maloney**, 7930 Henslow Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920-2200; 719-548-8529  
**Lynae Harvey**, 14955 Elizabeth Street, Thornton, CO 80602; 303-450-9933  
**Cassandra Walter**, 400 Chestnut Ave., Rocky Ford, CO 81067; 719-254-4321  
**Logan Dean**, 18791 Pagentry Place, Monument, CO 80132; 719-488-2794

## **USMMA Colorado Parents' Association cordially invites you to a Welcome Aboard Picnic**

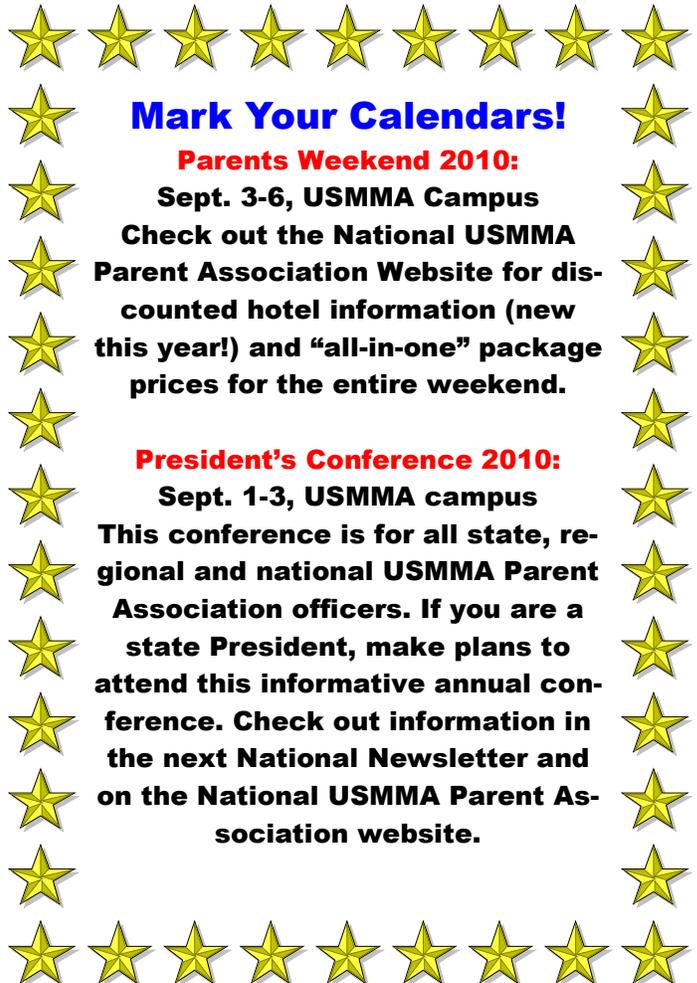
**Saturday, June 26, 1 - 4 p.m. at the home  
of Kurt & Karen Heimbrock (Karl 2001)  
9749 East Ida Circle, Greenwood Village  
Please plan on attending this gathering to  
meet and welcome the families of the  
Class of 2014.**

### **Schedule:**

1:00 - Association Meeting  
2:00 - Welcome 2014 Plebe Candidates and families  
2:30 - Lunch - Thanks to the Heimbrocks!!  
3:15 - Announcements, Q & A, class picture, cake  
4:00 - Adjourn

Please RSVP to: Mike and Alesia Schirber, 970-493-3935  
or at [schirbers@msn.com](mailto:schirbers@msn.com)

Want to follow your midshipman's travels? <http://www.sailwx.info/> is a site that shows Ship locations worldwide. Also, shows worldwide weather info to watch where your mid is while on sea year.



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **Parents Weekend 2010:**

**Sept. 3-6, USMMA Campus  
Check out the National USMMA  
Parent Association Website for dis-  
counted hotel information (new  
this year!) and "all-in-one" package  
prices for the entire weekend.**

### **President's Conference 2010:**

**Sept. 1-3, USMMA campus  
This conference is for all state, re-  
gional and national USMMA Parent  
Association officers. If you are a  
state President, make plans to  
attend this informative annual con-  
ference. Check out information in  
the next National Newsletter and  
on the National USMMA Parent As-  
sociation website.**

# The President's Corner

It is that time of year again to honor and acknowledge our Colorado USMMA graduates! This newsletter is dedicated to the 2010 graduates for all their hard work and dedication over the last four years. We are very proud of each and every one of them. We wish them the best as they start their new adventures in either the four branches of the military or the maritime industry. Here is a list of our Colorado 2010 USMMA graduates:

Nickolas Alexander, Patrick Ambrose, Tyler Hathcote, Christine Jaszlics, Gary Kuehn, Christopher Messaros, David Svoboda, Aaron VanDenBerg.

Graduates, never forget your time at Kings Point or the many wonderful people that have helped you along the way; parents, teachers, friends, mentors, and fellow midshipman.

The Schirbers and Musslers would like to thank everyone for allowing us to be co-presidents of the Colorado USMMA Parents' Association. We have enjoyed all of you and our time together. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers of the board and committee chairs for all their hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Please welcome the new Co-presidents of the Colorado USMMA: Scott and Susan Jerlow and Chris and Mary Nicholl. We look forward to working with you this year!!! Thank you for volunteering to take this position!!

To the Senior parents: Without parents such as yourself, we would not have such great kids representing Colorado at Kings Point. A final congratulations on your son or daughter's achievements and future successes.

Mike and Jan Mussler, 303-258-7952;

Mike and Alesia Schirber, 970-493-3935

## All Academy Day



The Colorado All Academy Day was held on April 17th at South Middle School in Aurora. Col. Sargent and 12 parents from the USMMA Parents' Association attended the event. Over 50 young men and women were given information about the USMMA and may become the class of 2015!! My sincere thanks to Col. Sargent for giving the most inspirational speech of all the other service academies!!! I would also like to thank the parents that attended: Jim & Carol Smith, Russ Johnson, Kurt Heimbrock, Sharon King, Linda Schmidt, Mike Halbach, Art Acosta, Scott & Susan Jerlow. We couldn't have done it without you! Sincerely, Mike and Alesia Schirber

## Colorado Website

Thanks to Carol Smith for doing such a great job of keeping the Colorado Website up and looking so wonderful! Send all info for the website to Carol at [rockymtnsmith@msn.com](mailto:rockymtnsmith@msn.com)

Grandparents and friends can be supporting members, too, and receive all the communications with becoming associate members on the website: <http://www.usmmaparents.com/> Be sure to check out the new photos Carol has added for the Ball, Sea Year, and Parents' Weekend.

There is a neat new addition with info about "where in the world" our Colorado midshipmen are: <http://www.usmmaparents.com/docs/NewsandEvents.pdf>



To all the new Colorado Plebe Candidates: May your four years at USMMA be as sweet and wonderful as this Welcome Aboard cake!

## Notes from our Mids

Carol Smith forwarded the following pass rates for licensing exams for the Class of 2010 Engineers:

Motors 1: 100% First Time Pass Rate  
 Motors 2: 100% First Time Pass Rate  
 Safety: 100% First Time Pass Rate  
 General: 97.7% First Time Pass Rate  
 Electrical: 98.8% First Time pass Rate  
 Steam 1: 96.5%  
 Steam 2: 98.8%

The pass rate for the Deck License for the Class of 2010 is as follows:

Overall Pass Rate for 1st sitting: 76%  
 NAVLAW 90% (90% Pass Area)  
 DECK GEN 98%  
 NAV GEN 96%  
 DECK SAF 93%  
 NAV PLOT 91% (90% Pass Area)  
 TERR NAV 96% ((90% Pass Area)  
 CEL NAV 98% (80% Pass Area)

Congratulations to the entire class of 2010 for having such excellent pass rates on the licensing exams. Good luck to all of you as you enter your new careers!



Thanks to proud Alumni Mom Judy Tumblin for her update on Kings Pointers from the Class of 2009! Judy writes, "The photo at left is Darin Coleman '09, Dylan Tumblin '08 and Ben Arnett '09. Darin is in flight school for Coast Guard, Dylan is flight school for Marines and Ben is flight school for Navy. Apparently there are enough Kings Pointers down in Pensacola, they formed a softball team. Ugly season, but great get togethers! The other picture is after a game, what did the KPer's do....look at an atlas to see who had been where! You can take the guys out of Kings Point, but you can't take the Kings Point out of the guys! My best to all!"

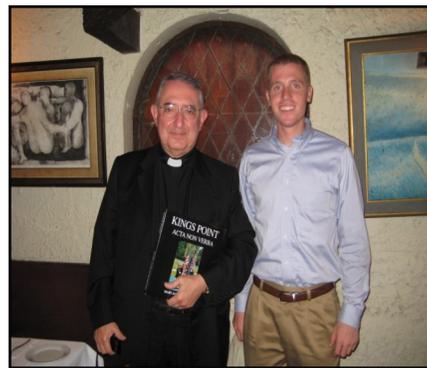
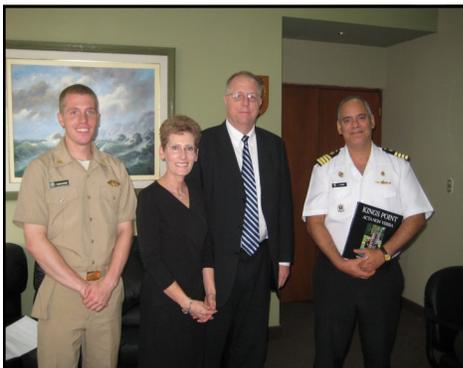
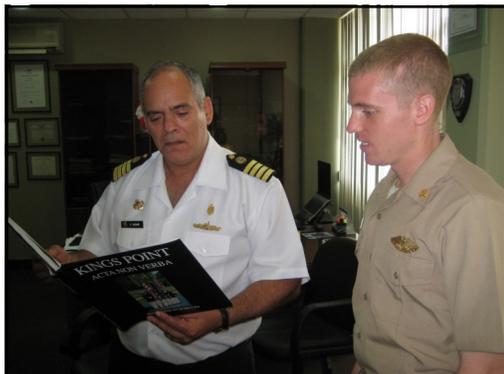


In the photo at left, 2010 Colorado USMMA grad Tyler Hathcote looks serious and ready for his new career in the Air Force. At right, the same Tyler Hathcote is photographed at the Mid-Atlantic Welcome Aboard picnic in April, looking less serious as he makes faces to entertain future Kings Pointer Karleigh Jenkins, of Montclair, VA. (Class of 2032!)

Back from sea duty, Ana Fuschetto teases classmate Ben Hovies, (both in the Class of 2011) that he needs a haircut before classes start again.

# Notes from our Mids

## Jerry Coleman-Dodson



Proud Mom Robyn writes, "In the spring of 2009, our son, M/N Jerry Coleman-Dodson, was invited by the Peruvian government to attend for a year the Escuela Nacional de Marina Mercante ("ENAMM"), the Peruvian merchant marine academy. ENAMM is administered by the Peruvian Defense Department and is located in Callao, which is a suburb of Lima. We had the opportunity to visit ENAMM in March 2010, tour the school and to meet the school superintendent, Capt. Francisco Yabar Acuna. At that time, we presented Capt. Yabar with an autographed copy of "Kings Point, Acta Non Verba", by our very own Mary Jane Fuschetto. Later in the week, he invited us to his home to meet his family and sample a home cooked Peruvian dinner. All of the students and faculty we meet were very warm and generous with their time and understanding of the language differences. Our son acted as interpreter and guide and seemed very comfortable with the language and his position at the school. Later we were introduced to the Reverend Dr. Guillermo Oviedo, head of the Morales and Ethics Department at the Peruvian Naval Academy. He holds the equivalent rank of Vice Admiral. He arranged a private chauffeured tour of Lima, the historical downtown and some of Lima's finest restaurants. Touring with a well known priest in a Roman Catholic country is a great way to travel. We also presented him with an autographed Kings Point book. All in all it was a great trip. It made us both appreciate what a special place Kings Point is!"

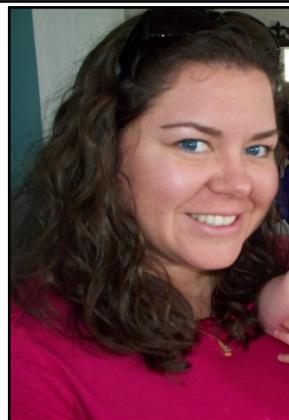
### Greetings from the Stewarts!



Retired, but not forgotten, former USMMA Superintendent Admiral Joseph and Kathy Stewart are enjoying their retirement in Ocean City, Delaware. During a recent visit with USMMA National Parent Chair Mary Jane Fuschetto, pictured at left with Admiral Stewart in front of his home, they said they are looking forward to attending USMMA graduations and still working actively for USMMA athletics.

### New Captain

Angelina Fuschetto, USMMA 2001, daughter of Ignacio residents Rocco and Mary Jane Fuschetto, has just received her Captain's license. Fuschetto has been sailing with SeaRiver/ Exxon-Mobil, on a run from Anacortes, Washington to Valdez, Alaska, since her graduation in 2001. Most recently she has sailed as Chief Mate aboard the crude oil tanker SeaRiver Sierra.



**Congratulations graduates of the  
Class of 2010!**

## Marisa Sanchez Memorial Planned



The flag in front of Jones Hall flies at half-staff in memory of Plebe Marisa Sanchez who tragically collapsed and died March 30, 2010, on campus while preparing for a softball practice. "Reece," as she was known by her volleyball and softball teammates, was an energetic and much-loved member of the USMMA family. She will be greatly missed. Marisa was honored with a memorial service held in the USMMA Chapel on April 2, and also at a memorial service in Connersville, Indiana, that was attended by volleyball and softball teammates. The Sanchez family has authorized an engraved memorial granite bench to be constructed in her memory that will be located near the waterfront. Any additional funds received after the bench is funded will be placed in a memorial scholarship fund in Marisa's honor. The USMMA National Parent Association is collecting funds for this memorial and asks that any individual or State Association wishing to contribute send a check to: The Marisa Sanchez Memorial, c/o Jim Tobin, USMMA Alumni Foundation, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY, 10024-1699. Please mark all your checks clearly on the front "For the Marisa Sanchez Memorial," but make the checks out to the USMMA Alumni Foundation.

## MARAD Meeting



On April 19th, USMMA National Parent Chair and Colorado resident, Mary Jane Fuschetto, was invited to meet with Maritime Administration officials at the Department of Transportation Headquarters in downtown Washington, DC, to discuss various issues of importance to USMMA Parents and midshipmen. Pictured above in Maritime Administration Headquarters are Orlando Gotay, Chief of Maritime Policy, David Matsuda, Acting Chief Maritime Administrator, Fuschetto, and Denise Krepp, Chief Legal Counsel for MARAD. Also joining the group during the working lunch was Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari. All the MARAD and DOT administrators continuously assured Fuschetto that Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood is sincere and determined to make USMMA the "crown jewel" of the Department of Transportation. To that end, this administration, only in place since last October, has allocated \$100 million for the fiscal year 2011 and has made repeated visits to campus to fulfill their commitment of improving the physical plant and educational programs at Kings Point. This funding increase represents a substantial effort to improve funding over the next few years to levels that would bring USMMA closer to the standards set for the other academies. Input from the USMMA National Parents Association has been requested by MARAD and graciously received by those officials working to better Kings Point. They are appreciated for their efforts.

## 2014 Plebe Candidate sets a new record

Incoming USMMA Plebe Candidates often arrive on campus with unusual talents or accomplishments that may have nothing to do with their abilities to sail a ship successfully. Some are stellar violinists. Others are incredible tap dancers. Some excel in playing the xylophone. This year's group of Colorado Plebe Candidates includes a young lady who has set records for Accelerated Reading points. Where an average good student might earn 100 points a year, Cassie Wal-



**Swink High School English Teacher Bonnie Grossen presents Plebe Candidate Cassie Walter with a list documenting her Accelerated Reading records.**

ter, of Swink High School, has earned a record setting 4,980 Accelerated Reading points while in high school. During her Senior Honors Program, English Teacher Bonnie Grossen presented Cassie, daughter of Tom and Pat Walter, of Rocky Ford, CO, with a list of all her accumulated points. Cassie plans to continue reading and will play volleyball and softball while at Kings Point.



## Reminders and general notes of interest for new Plebe Parents

The Colorado Parents Association was given a "2009 Distinguished Chapter" Award from the USMMA National Parents Association at Parents Weekend (Sept 11-13). See <http://www.usmma.edu/parents/> Points that accumulate to receive this award include local newspaper articles about your midshipmen, USMMA presentations at college fairs or school career events, meeting with local high school guidance counselors and distributing USMMA information, or presenting appointments at local honors programs. If you participate in any of these activities make sure and notify your state president so your points can be included in the state total. Colorado wants another Distinguished Chapter Award for 2010!

Log on to <http://www.kpcookiecafe.com/> to learn all about our very popular all-volunteer program that provides homemade cookies to our mids on a weekly basis. We will need your help baking in the coming months, (we send 140 dozen cookies at a time!) so learn all about how the cookie program works.

Please pay your membership dues if you haven't already done so. You can ask treasurer Russ Johnson [russnjo63@hotmail.com](mailto:russnjo63@hotmail.com) if you are current. It is possible to use PayPal from the website [www.usmmaparents.com/](http://www.usmmaparents.com/). Remember, these dues cover the ticket for your mid to attend the Colorado All Service Academy Ball each year, as well as Boodle Bags, special occasion cards and other goodies for our midshipmen. Don't know what a Boodle Bag is? Don't worry, Plebe Parents. Within a few weeks all this USMMA lingo will be familiar and you'll understand the classes listed with pass percentages on page four of this newsletter, as well as what a Boodle Bag is. We send a big thanks to Bonnie Diamond, from Larkspur, who coordinated the Boodle Bags during the recent Finals week. If you would like to contribute homemade cookies or help package these next time, please contact Bonnie at [diamond6217@msn.com](mailto:diamond6217@msn.com).

Cards are mailed for birthdays, or special occasions. Thanks to Shannon O'Connell for doing this great service. If you hear of any special needs, please contact Shannon at [coneraknolls@aol.com](mailto:coneraknolls@aol.com).

Helpful information and contacts for USMMA can be found in the pdf publication at:

<http://www.usmma.edu/parents/Parents%20Guidebook%2020066106.pdf>

During INDOC be sure and check the USMMA website to view daily photographs of your plebe candidates as they are training. And as always, PLEASE send updates/stories of your midshipmen (pictures with identities noted) and list of ships/places, notes from your midshipmen, their successes, their humorous stories to: [RMJFuschetto@yahoo.com](mailto:RMJFuschetto@yahoo.com) Mary Jane Fuschetto for the Colorado and National newsletter and to [rockymtnsmith@msn.com](mailto:rockymtnsmith@msn.com) Carol Smith for the web site. News and photos are ALWAYS NEEDED!

Make plans and reservations early to attend Parents Weekend and Acceptance Day, Sept. 3-6, 2010. You won't want to miss seeing your new midshipmen be accepted into the regiment!

Above all, if you have questions or concerns, be sure and call any of your fellow USMMA Parent Association officers. We are here to help you through this new and wonderful experience. We have all been in your situation and we hope to use our experience to help you through also. Welcome Aboard!

## Roster of Board members and committee chairs for 2010-2011

### COLORADO PARENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT TERM:

**Co-Presidents:** Scott and Susan Jerlow (Adam, 2012) / Chris & Mary Nicholl (Preston, 2012); **Co-Vice Presidents** - Mike & Karen Piper (Michelle, 2013) / Sue Cirocco (Ryan Moorman, 2013); **Treasurer** - Jolene Johnson (Grant, 2013); **Secretary** - Linda Schmidt (Kathryn, 2013)

**NATIONAL OFFICERS: National Co-Chairs: (2009-2011)** Rocco and Mary Jane Fuschetto, [rmjfuschetto@yahoo.com](mailto:rmjfuschetto@yahoo.com), P.O. Box 456, Ignacio, CO, 81137; 970-563-1262;

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**COLORADO COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Web: Jim & Carol Smith (Sarah, 2012); Newsletter - Mary Jane Fuschetto (Ana, 2011); Cookie Cafe - Christine Neil (Glenn, 2012); ASAB - Carol Smith (Sarah, 2012); Senior Gift - Mike & Alesia Schirber (Jacob, 2012); Cards - Shannon O'Connell (Derien Jastrzebski, 2011); Alumnae Liaison - Mike Mussler (Robert, 2011); Hospitality - Dan & Julie Tulenko (Andrew, 2012); Fundraising - Russ Johnson (Grant, 2013); Boodle Bags - Paul & Bonnie Diamond (Philip, 2011); Mentoring/ Membership - Open; Class of 2011 Parents - Mike & Jan Mussler (Robert, 2011); Class of 2012 Parents - Mike & Alesia Schirber (Jacob, 2012); Class of 2130 Parents - James & Lisa Ensz (Jim, 2013).