Welcome to the 125th year at Head-Royce School!
What a profoundly humbling and inspiring moment for us all to consider. For one and a quarter centuries, Head-Royce School has been successfully dedicated to the important work of educating children, creating community and transforming lives.

I would imagine that my night before the first day of school was like that of many of our students. I couldn’t sleep as I anxiously thought about the next day. After a fitful evening, I awoke to a sublimely perfect East Bay morning: sun infused fog, 55 degrees, and warm breezes coming up the hill from the Bay foretelling the warmth that would envelop us on the first day of school.

That first morning, in what is now one of my favorite new school traditions, we welcomed our bustling, smiling, eager students on Lincoln Avenue with balloons and gifts as they were dropped off. In the midst of the high-fives, handshakes, and hugs my thoughts kept coming back to four sentiments: community, tradition, hope and promise.

I was struck by the fact that this opening day, our 125th opening day, was magical because of the diverse, engaged, intelligent and fun community of teachers and learners who have come together.

I knew that our founder, Anna Head, would be beaming with pride at how the school has evolved from her vision. Anna Head’s philosophy of education had several key tenets but the core of her philosophy centered around academic excellence and teaching to the whole child. With our talented faculty, the breadth of our curriculum, engaged parents, fabulous facilities, and our K-12 structure, we are indeed able to teach to the whole child, thus fulfilling Anna Head’s early vision.

Looking forward to this year, we have an exciting series of events to commemorate our 125th anniversary. The year has been designed in its entirety to celebrate community in the most inclusive way. Our hope is to connect old friends, alums, past Trustees, parents and faculty to the Head-Royce of 2012. Additionally, and of equal importance, is our goal to teach today’s students about our school’s rich history and those who have come before them.

To that end, on September 4th we conducted our first Convocation ceremony. Students, faculty and staff came together to reflect on tradition and the year ahead. In my remarks, I shared the brilliantly written introduction by the student editors of the 1930 edition of Nods and Becks, the school yearbook. I was impressed with the quality of their writing, the earnestness of their voice, and their ability to speak with timeless relevance to this generation of Head-Royce students. I will share it with you here:

Allow me…Lords and Ladies
In this year, 1930, those of us who make our final bow from the stage of Anna Head, offer this small volume with its bits of rhyme, sheaf of prose, and fragments of song, for the diversion of our fellows, who tread the same boards as we do. To some who read, it will seem like an idle playlet, while to those who have passed through the halls of wisdom as actors in the serious drama of learning, we hope, in future years, it will read as a beautiful romance and enlightening history. Be assured that we, the staff, have acted our part as best we might, for the sole purpose of serving the school, and fostering the ties of mutual reciprocity and esteem.
— the EDITORS

I invite us all to see this year as an opportunity to reflect, take stock, and appreciate the community of Head-Royce. Our community is broad and deep. It incorporates and has been shaped by everyone who has come before and everyone who is here now.

In my summer letter, I wrote about Janus, the ancient Roman God of gates and doors, of beginnings and transitions. In this year, let’s look back and forward. We have such a rich history. We have an exciting future. I am eager to enjoy both with you.

Yours sincerely,
Rob
“Bienvenidos a Pucara, una comunidad solidaria.” Welcome to Pucara, a community of solidarity. So reads the sign along the road that now greets visitors to the rural community of about 170 people in the Intag Mountain region of Ecuador. Along with English teacher and traveling enthusiast Vylinh Nguyen, Berkeley carpenter and Ecuador project initiator Ruel Bernard, and myself, 14 HRS students from grades 7, 8 and 9 embarked upon an amazing service learning adventure in August.

At the heart of our trip were six days spent working alongside local villagers in the daily “mingas” in Pucara. Minga is a Spanish translation of a Quechuan word that roughly translates to “community work.” In Pucara, each family in the village sends one representative to join the work party each day. Workers ranged in age from about 11 to 68 years old. During our time in the village, we worked on many different projects. We helped construct a concrete walkway to the community center; built shelves for the kitchen; stained wood doors and siding throughout the village; painted murals; constructed benches for the school and a billboard frame; and laid the foundation for a new recycling center. All of these community projects were funded by money raised by Head-Royce students prior to the trip, who had sold various fair trade goods from all over the world.

Our students certainly know what hard work looks like in the form of research papers and challenging assessments, but few of them have experienced the hard work of manual labor in the equatorial sun. Gathering 10,000 pounds of rocks from the river on our first day in town for our various projects had a few students wondering exactly what they had gotten themselves into. Though the work was physically demanding, our spirits were always high, thanks to the warmth and kindness of the people of Pucara. After all, it’s hard to complain when the 68-year-old woman next to you mixing concrete never does. We did our best to use our varying levels of Spanish knowledge to make new friends as we worked, and the language barrier proved no hindrance to much shared laughter and smiles.

After our mornings spent working, we relaxed in the afternoons by playing soccer or just horsing around with the local children. Truly, we felt very much a part of this community whose lives, as the students pointed out, couldn’t be more different than ours here in Oakland. The lack of TV, cell phones, Internet and hot showers were definitely noted, but was more than made up for by the friendships we made and the bonding experiences we shared.

We had some great tourist adventures as well: swimming in natural hot springs, hiking in the crater of a volcano, shopping in the largest artisan market in the world, and visiting the historic center of Quito. However, what I know will endure long after the memories of these adventures is the feeling of solidarity we all have with this amazing community. We’ve learned that a simple roadside message holds much more meaning when you’ve helped to build the structure that holds it up.
Coming Events

Back-to-School Nights
Upper School – Tuesday, September 18
Middle School – Wednesday, September 19
Lower School – Thursday, September 20
Dinner at 5:30 ~ Program begins at 6:30 ~.

Our Town Comes to Town in November
Thornton Wilder wrote about Our Town: “The play is an absorbed gaze upon a New Hampshire village which I hope the audience will feel gradually becoming the world. It deals with life, love, marriage, and death. A strange mixture it is altogether.”

This classic American play was written 75 years ago and still speaks to audiences today. The Head-Royce Upper School drama department will stage this production in an entirely new way. Jim Graham and the Technical Theatre class will make a black box theatre in the MEW. It will be a wonderful new adventure for us all, and the audience will be a big part of the production.

Our Town will be presented on November 2, 3, 9, and 10 in the MEW Auditorium on campus. Tickets will be available online.

Fall Choral Concert Features Middle and Upper School Singers
Colla Voce, Upper School Chorus, Middle School Chorus, and 6th Grade Chorus will perform on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 pm. The concert will take place at Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. A reception will follow the performance. Parents and friends are welcome. Admission is free. This 75-minute free concert showcases all four vocal ensembles and is a great way to preview all the choirs and to enjoy the community gathering at the lovely reception following the concert.

125th Anniversary Speaker Series
We are proud to present the first guest in our speaker series
An Evening with the Honorable Willie Brown
Thursday, October 11, 2012
7:00 PM
Mary E. Wilson Auditorium, HRS Campus

Save the Date!

HEAD-ROYCE SCHOOL 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Head-Royce community is invited to help commemorate this important milestone with a year of festivities as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary. Details for all events coming soon.

FALL 2012 • WINTER 2013 • SPRING 2013

125TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES
Three stimulating evenings with leading figures in education and culture. The Anniversary Speaker Series is open to the community and free of charge.

MARCH 18, 2013
WYNTON MARSALIS AND THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA
Winner of nine Grammy Awards and a Pulitzer Prize, the matchless musical icon will perform at a private concert for the Head-Royce community. This event is not to be missed.

MARCH 25, 2013
125TH DAY OF SCHOOL
Special day of school-wide spirit with festive food, activities, and a focus on faculty and staff appreciation.

MAY 4, 2013
125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
A Big Top event that will culminate our anniversary year in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Join parents, alumni, alumni parents, trustees, faculty, staff and friends for this one-night-only party that will include cocktails, sumptuous food, and dancing.

REGIONAL ALUMNI RECEPTIONS
Throughout the year, the Head-Royce Alumni Office will host regional gatherings with beloved, long-time faculty members. Stay tuned!
Middle School Chinese teacher Anthony Witte greets new sixth grader Jackson Staples

Upper School English teacher Andy Spear with seniors Rory Chipman and Claire Binder

New kindergarten student Maxwell Taylor on the first day of school

Kindergarten teacher Kathrina Weekes with her new cohort of students

First graders ready for day one of class

Head of School Rob Lake welcomes families and students at the gatehouse

Special thanks to Sam Deaner for the Opening Day photos above.
Middle School & Upper School Fallout

Juniors on Fallout are ready to hit the rapids

All smiles further down river

World Language teacher Stephanie Gee and Middle Schoolers

Eighth graders Wanjiku Githere, Dejah Hilliard, and Olivia Mayeda

Justin Otter hits the bike trail

Tatiana Doyle and Ariel McEtchin are ready to tackle the ropes course on 10th grade Fallout

Special thanks to Scott Clark, Ray Louie, and Saya McKenna for the Fallout photos above. And a special thank you to Harry Muniz for the faculty photos on the following pages.
New Hires Strengthen Head-Royce Team

We are pleased to introduce the new members of the faculty, administration, and staff for the 2012-2013 school year. We have assembled a talented group of diverse backgrounds to enrich our professional team.

LOWER SCHOOL FACULTY

We are happy to announce that Sarah Sharp is our new Lower School French teacher. Sarah has been teaching French at San Lorenzo High School for the past five years, and previously was a French teacher at Bret Harte Middle School. Sarah earned a B.A. in Urban Studies, Geography and French from Macalester College, and a Master of Arts with an emphasis in teaching from Mills College. She has been fluent in French since she was 3 years old and is excited to help Lower School children develop their language skills.

We welcome Rasheeda Turner as our new Kindergarten teacher. Previously, Rasheeda was a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Redwood Heights School in Oakland. She also has been a student teacher for grades K-4 at various elementary schools in the East Bay Area. She has been involved in many community organizations, including the Teacher Effectiveness Taskforce for Oakland Unified School District, and the National Equity Project. Rasheeda earned a B.S. in Health Science from San Francisco State University and a Master’s in Education from UC Berkeley.

Judy Wu is our new Lower School Chinese Mandarin teacher. Judy is a native Chinese speaker and has been teaching Mandarin language for the past six years. She has taught for ABC Language Exchange in New York and San Francisco, and for various schools in the Bay Area. She also has helped to develop curriculum at Lango- Foreign Language for Kids in San Francisco. Judy is a co-editor for Chit Chat Chinese, a Mandarin learning workbook published in Taiwan. She holds a B.A. in Studio Art from Hunter College and an M.F.A. in Ceramics from California College of the Arts.

We welcome Lindsay Zika as the new 5th grade teacher. Lindsay has worked for Raising a Reader, a national non-profit based in Oakland that helps families incorporate reading as a significant part of their home life. Lindsay taught humanities at the American School Foundation in Mexico City and language arts, math, science, and history at the American Indian Public Charter School in Oakland. She earned her B.A. in government from University of Notre Dame, an M.S. in Educational Studies, Comparative and International from Oxford University, and a multiple subject teaching credential from Alliant International University.

Sonya Coles is working as a Lower School Intern in 2nd grade. Sonya has been a tutor for 9th grade students in Dallas, Georgia. Previously, she worked for the Education Trust-West in Oakland, a non-profit focused on education policy, research and advocacy. She also worked as a personal tutor and a Learning Center intern for the St. Anthony Foundation in Santa Barbara. Sonya earned a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Westmont College.

Kate Drazen joins us as a Lower School Kindergarten Intern. Kate recently has been working as a nanny for a family in San Francisco, and has been volunteering at Thousand Oaks Elementary School in Berkeley, working in a kindergarten class. Kate earned her B.A. in Psychology from Colgate University and was the director for the Colgate Ballet Company in Hamilton, New York. Kate enjoys cooking, many forms of dance, traveling, fiction writing, and contemporary literature.

Emily Esguerra is our new Lower School Intern for 1st grade. Last year, Emily was a Lower School volunteer with the 4th grade classes at Head-Royce. She is pursuing a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, and a Master of Arts in Teaching at St. Mary’s College. She has been a tutor at Reading Partners and Girls, Inc. in Oakland. Emily earned a B.A. in Communications from St. Mary’s College.

Alyssa Girsang joins us as a Lower School Intern in Kindergarten this year. She has most recently worked as a permanent substitute teacher for Step One School in Berkeley, teaching preschool and kindergarten. Alyssa holds a B.A. in Sociology from Rutgers University and a Master’s in Social Work from Boston University.
Yaeir Heber ’07 is a new Lower School Intern in 3rd grade. Yaeir graduated from Swarthmore College with a B.A. in World-Views and Sustainability, a self-created major. While in Pennsylvania, Yaeir worked for the Chester Housing Authority, helping run the community gardens, urban agriculture program, and programs for at-risk youth. Yaeir is happy to return to Head-Royce where he hopes to share his knowledge of sustainability education with the community.

Jesse Wilkins is a Lower School Intern this year in 2nd grade. Most recently, Jesse has been working as a tutor for elementary and middle school students at 826 Valencia in San Francisco. He was a Teaching Fellow and a writing consultant at Columbia University. He also taught seventh and eighth graders in Xi An, China at the Bo’ Ai School. Jesse has a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University, and holds both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY

Will Adams has been hired as our newest 6th Grade English and history teacher. Will has been teaching English and Social Studies for grades 5-8 at the Shenzhen American International School in China. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in History from Colorado College and an M.A.T. in Social Studies from Lewis and Clark College. Will enjoys the outdoors and is active in several sports including cross-country, tennis, and track.

Please welcome Sabina Aurilio as the Middle School Learning Specialist. Sabina has been working for Park Day School in Oakland since 2008. Over the past several years, she has worked for Windrush School, Arrowsmith Academy, and Crestmont School as a learning specialist. Sabina has a B.A. in Linguistics and Italian from the University of Massachusetts, and a Master’s in Education from Holy Names College. We are excited to have her join the Learning Specialist team.

Justin Baker-Rhett is our new Humanities Teaching Fellow for the Middle School, teaching 8th grade English and 7th grade history. Most recently, Justin completed his B.A. in History and Art History from Amherst College. While at Amherst, Justin was a Senator for the Amherst Association of Students. He has worked for an outreach program called the Vela Scholars Program, tutoring middle school students. He also has worked for the Breakthrough Collaborative in San Francisco as an 8th grade history teacher and an 8th grade class dean.

We are happy to announce that Brian Barish is our newest Middle School science and Math teacher. Brian was a science teacher and 8th Grade Chair at Claremont Middle School in Oakland for the last few years. He also has worked the past two summers as a research associate for School Teachers and a Science Coach at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab Center for X-ray and Optics. Brian holds Bachelor’s degrees in Psychology and English from the College of the Holy Cross, as well as a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. Brian is fluent in French and is a member of the San Francisco Fog Rugby Club.

Guillermo Campos is our new Middle School Spanish teacher. Guillermo is a native Spanish speaker and was born in South America. He has been teaching Spanish for the last seven years at San Leandro High School, Mercy Burlingame High School and International Studies Academy High School in San Francisco. Guillermo has a B.A. in Business Administration from UNC Argentina, and a single subject Spanish teaching credential from San Francisco State University. Guillermo has coached JV soccer and is also fluent in Portuguese.

We are pleased that Nicole Pope joins the team as a new Middle School math teacher. Nicole spent the past five years teaching Algebra, Geometry and Intro to Engineering at Sonoma Academy in Santa Rosa. Previously, she was a product engineer at Agilent Technologies. She will bring her expertise in STEM programs to the school, and is also interested in participating in the robotics program. Nicole holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Southern University A&M and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University.
Jacqueline Stark is our newest 6th Grade science and math teacher. Previously, she was a 6th Grade science teacher at the Menlo School in Atherton and also taught science and math for at-risk rising 8th and 9th graders at Aim High in Marin City. Jacqueline has a B.S. in Neuroscience from UCLA. Jacqueline also has worked as a freelance graphic designer for various non-profits, law firms, and start-ups.

We are happy to welcome Debra Hughes as our new K-8 librarian. Debra previously served as the librarian at Hillcrest School in Oakland, and also has worked for Claremont Middle School and Anthony Chabot School. Prior to that, she was a Unix System Administrator for Pacific Bell for several years. Debra holds a B.A. in Education from National Lewis University and an M.L.I.S. with a library media teaching credential from San Jose State University. She looks forward to teaching our students information technology skills.

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We would like to welcome Aurélie Bordet as our new Upper School French teacher. Aurélie is a native French speaker and has worked as an English-French translator for several companies in Paris and the Bay Area. She has also taught English in Paris, and was a French teacher for six years at Castilleja School in Palo Alto. Aurélie holds a B.A. in English from the University of Burgundy in Dijon.

Alison Frost is teaching Upper School Art, filling in for Michelle Avery for the fall semester. Alison also taught in the summer school program here at HRS. She currently works as a gallery assistant for the Compound Gallery and Studios in Oakland. She has taught art to inner-city children at City Life Summer Day Camp, and painting and drawing at the Wizard of Art in Los Angeles. Alison has a B.A. in Art from UCLA and an M.F.A. in Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York.

Brian Madigan is teaching one section of 9th Grade History this year. He currently is completing his Ph.D. in History at UC Berkeley, where he also received his B.A. in History and Philosophy. Brian is involved in many projects at UC Berkeley. He has been teaching history and international area studies since 2005, is the supervising editor for Clio’s Scroll (the undergraduate history journal), and is an athletic trainer for the Department of Recreational Sports. Brian also tutors students in writing throughout the Bay Area, and is a martial arts and yoga instructor.

Laura Krier is our new Upper School English and History teacher. Laura has been teaching history and religion for high school students at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York since 2004. Prior to that, she was a Teaching Fellow at Phillips Exeter Academy. She has a Bachelor’s degree in History and Art History. While at The Masters School, Laura was engaged in several committees including Technology and Faculty Residential Life; she also held various chair and co-chair positions. She enjoys photography and outdoor education.
Anthony Taula-Lieras has been named as the Associate Director of Programs. Anthony will work closely with Mikki Frazier to support the Heads Up program, the Summer Enrichment Program, and the After School Program. Anthony has worked for The Washoe Native TANF Program in Oakland as a program coordinator. He has also worked for UC Berkeley as an admissions reader and was an admissions counselor at UC San Diego. Anthony holds a B.A. in Community Studies from UC Santa Cruz. He also has a Non Profit Management Certificate from CSU East Bay. This past year, Anthony was the Co-Chair for the Head-Royce School Latino Family Network, and has been a cultural instructor at the Intertribal Friendship House teaching American Indian drumming and singing to children.

Hilary Bisenieks joins the Technology Department as IT Support Technician, working directly with Dave Levin. Hilary comes to us from Philadelphia, where he worked as a bicycle mechanic for the past year. He graduated from Warren Wilson College with a B.A. in Creative Writing and a minor in English. Hilary is a graduate of the Friends Select School in Philadelphia. He has a wide range of interests from tech theater and waltzing to creative writing and bicycling.

We also welcome Kayley Ingalls as our new Library Assistant. Kayley was a preservation assistant at the Joseph Regenstein Library and previously worked as a summer reading program intern at the Chicago Public Library (Hegewisch and Vodak-East Side branches). She recently graduated with a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Chicago.

Please welcome Sidney Kohls ’06 as the new Development Associate. Sidney is a Head-Royce alumna, and recently worked for the Summer Enrichment Program teaching first grade. She also was an assistant swim coach for the HRS men’s and women’s varsity teams this past spring. Previously, Sidney was an Assistant Program Coordinator for AmeriCorps/Friends of Children in Walla Walla, Washington. She holds a B.A. in Art History and Visual Culture Studies from Whitman College.

### Athletics Fall Preview

**By Brendan Blakey, Director of Athletics**

**Upper School Fall Athletics**

The fall athletic season got underway on August 15 for the Upper School, when our high school athletes began their tryouts for the fall season. The dedication of our coaches and student-athletes was evident from the large turnout for our five varsity and three JV teams.

Our **men’s varsity soccer team** is looking to defend their 2011 BCL-East title, and so far, they are off to a strong start. Following an opening 0-4 loss to Oakland Military Institute, the Jayhawks rebounded with an impressive 6-4 win over Justin Sienna High School. Leading the way this season are a group of nine seniors, who are looking to leave their mark on the program as one of the most successful classes in the history of the school.

The **women’s varsity volleyball** team got their season off to a great start with a 3-0 win over Marin Academy, a team the Jayhawks had not defeated in five years. Another senior-laden team, the Jayhawks will play a tough pre-season schedule, with tournaments at Albany High School (northern California champions last season), and the NorCal D5 Showcase, a tournament that features the top Division 5 schools in the area. Head coach Scott Tay is looking for his seniors to help guide the talented group of underclassmen as the Jayhawks look to repeat as BCL-East league champions in 2012. The team opened league play on September 7 against new league member Holy Names High School.

**Women’s varsity tennis** is another team looking to defend a league championship from 2011. Seniors Lizzy Chao and Mary Kate Engstrom will be joined by juniors Haley Wiley and Samantha Farrell to create a formidable line-up.

The **men’s and women’s cross country** teams put in significant mileage prior to the start of school. By time they run in their first non-league meet on September 11, at the College Prep Invitational, the team will be ready to race. Head coaches Steve Gregg and Lisa Lawley have the runners ready for the BCL-East season, which begins on Wednesday, September 19.

**Middle School Fall Athletics**

The Middle School season has started with tryouts for **girl’s volleyball, boy’s soccer, and boy’s and girl’s cross country**. Due to a huge turnout for volleyball, we have added a 6th grade team this fall, a great addition to our Middle School program! Returning this year is the Middle School Club Sports program, which includes **swimming** and **golf**. These programs are designed to introduce our middle school students to sports for which we don’t offer a competitive team. So far, the students appear to be very excited about swimming and golf.

The **cross country team** kicks off the fall competitive season on September 12, at the Crystal Springs Invitational.

Finally, be sure to come out and support both the Middle and Upper School Jayhawks on Team Tuffy Day, scheduled for **Friday, September 28**. Everyone in the K-12 community is invited, including parents, students, and faculty. The day includes Men’s Varsity soccer at 4 pm against Athenian, followed by Women’s Varsity Volleyball at 5:30 pm, also against Athenian. Women’s JV Volleyball also plays at 4 pm against Athenian.
Board Welcomes New Trustees for 2012-2013

Jessica Dodson was born and raised in New York City. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Hamilton College, where she earned her B.A. in Creative Writing. Jessica went on to earn her MBA at the Anderson School of Business at UCLA. Upon graduating from UCLA, Jessica joined American Express in the Merchant Services group within the Travel Related Services Division. At American Express, Jessica led marketing and sales teams across the United States from offices in New York and San Francisco. From American Express, Jessica went on to work for Gap as the brand’s head of cross-channel, direct-to-consumer marketing. Most recently, Jessica worked at OpenTable.com, where, as Director of Strategic Partnerships, she launched the company’s third-party advertising and partnership platform. Jessica actively volunteers on behalf of Children’s Hospital of Oakland. She also served on Park Day School’s Board of Directors and recently joined the Board of Directors for East Bay Playworks, an organization dedicated to transforming kids’ lives through active, healthy play and leadership skills development. Jessica lives in Oakland with her husband, Mike, and their two children, Lucas (’20) and Sadie (’22).

Tejal Patel ’86

Tejal Patel ’86 spent four years attending Boston University majoring in economics with a minor in French. After graduation, she returned to the Bay Area, working for six years at Williams Sonoma. She spent some time in the dot com world before making her way to business school at UC Irvine’s Paul Merage School of Business. Upon graduation, she was recruited by PricewaterhouseCoopers in Advisory Services. She is currently a Director at the firm focusing on operations and business process improvement consulting. Tejal and her husband Laszlo Muhl and daughter Eva live in the Montclair hills in Oakland.

Rachelle Hebrard

Rachelle Hebrard is currently Co-Chair of the Head-Royce Annual Fund. Formerly a Senior Vice President of Bank of America, Rachelle accumulated 20 years of financial services experience during her tenure. She served in various leadership capacities and has extensive treasury management, sales, fundraising and event planning experience. Rachelle served as treasurer of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Oakland Bay Area Chapter from 2010-2012. Currently, she is treasurer and director of enrollment for The Berkeley California Golden Junior Bears. This is a non-profit youth football and cheerleading organization that was founded in 2008 by her husband and president, Michael E. Hebrard, M.D. The organization is affiliated with National Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. and provides youth sports programs, with an emphasis on scholastic achievement, to approximately 200 Bay Area children, ages 5-15. She earned her B.A. from UC Berkeley. Rachelle and Michael reside in Piedmont with their two sons, Justin ‘18 and Nicholas (Nick) ’21.

Scott Verges

Scott Verges rejoins the HRS Board this year. Scott is currently a Director of Ferrous Resources, Ltd. a Brazilian iron ore company, and General Counsel of TMG Partners, a San Francisco-based real estate development company. From 1999 to 2005, he was President and CEO of Burnham Pacific Properties, a New York Stock Exchange company controlling 104 shopping centers in the Western U.S. For the past three years, he served as Chairman of the Board of JSM Indochina, a London-based real estate investment company focused on Vietnam and Cambodia development. Scott is an adjunct professor in the M.B.A. program at Mills College. He also co-produced two award-winning documentaries, “The Waiting Room” and “We Are Wisconsin,” and is a producer of the narrative feature “Beyond Redemption,” which is scheduled for completion in late 2012. Scott earned his B.A. from New College and a J.D. from UC Berkeley’s Boalt Hall. He lives with his partner, Britta Sjogren, and her daughter, Asta Sjogren-Uyehara ’21. His daughter Sophie Verges is a member of the HRS Class of 2009.

Head-Royce School Board of Trustees

Board Chair Betsy Crabtree is president of SF Arts Media LLC, publisher of San Francisco Arts Monthly and SFArts.org, components of the San Francisco’s Grants for the Arts & Tourism program. She serves on the Executive Committee of Vincent Academy, a charter school in West Oakland. Betsy also has served on the board of World Arts West and Oakland Fund for the Arts, a nonprofit that funds arts programs in underserved Oakland public schools, where she was Board President for three years.

Rick Arney ’88 is Managing Director and head of the Alternative Investments Strategy group, responsible for commercialization of the full set of BlackRock alternative investments. He has published business and economics research in the Wall Street Journal, Stanford Journal of Economics, and Institutional Investor.

Laura Baxter-Simons is General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer at Meritage Group LP and Monterey Management Group LP, which investment managers operate as a series of internal hedge funds and fund-of-funds. Prior to Meritage, Laura worked as legal counsel of Renaissance Technologies, another investment management firm, for approximately 15 years.

Diane Bessette, President of the HRS Parents Association, attended Tufts University, where she graduated magna cum laude majoring in history and international relations. Diane was a founding editor of the Hastings Women’s Law Journal and was also a Staff Attorney at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.
Jim Cavalieri joined salesforce.com in 1999 and has held a number of roles including VP of Systems Engineering, SVP of Service Delivery, Chief Information Officer, Chief Security and Risk Officer and Chief Trust Officer. In 2011, Jim was asked to create and move into a new staff position in the office of salesforce.com’s Founder, Chairman and CEO, Marc Benioff, assisting with the management of executive priorities, alignment and strategy.

Daniel Chao is currently a Senior Vice President for Business and Finance with TerraPower, LLC, a nuclear power technology company based in Bellevue, WA. Prior to this, Dan was the Chairman and President of Bechtel China and a Senior Vice President of Bechtel Group, Inc. Dan has more than 30 years of experience in corporate management, project development, finance, banking, equity investments, and risk management with Chemical Bank, Citibank and Bechtel.

Judge Leo Dorado is now in his fifth term as Superior Court Judge of Alameda County. He is a member of the California Judges Association, Alameda County Bar Association (Recipient Judicial Distinguished Service Award 2001) and Hispanic National Bar Association. Leo was a program presenter on the United States System of Justice for the Institute for Study and Development of Legal Systems, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, in Sao Paulo and Brasilia, Brazil; Kuala Lumpur and Penang, Malaysia; and Amman, Jordan.

Lisa Hardy ’84, a Bay Area native and Head-Royce “lifer,” is a psychiatrist who has worked in private practice in San Ramon since 2007. She specializes in issues affecting adults, adolescents and children. She travels throughout the state and across the country giving lectures on issues in adolescent psychiatry and has been published on multiple occasions. Lisa is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Dan Kammen is the Class of 1935 Distinguished Professor of Energy at the University of California, Berkeley, where he holds appointments in the Energy and Resources Group, the Goldman School of Public Policy, and the Department of Nuclear Engineering. Dan is the founding director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory (RAEL). Dan is a coordinating, lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Robert A. Lake is in his third year as Head of School at Head-Royce School. Rob served for five years as the Head of the Upper School at the Wilmington Friends School in Delaware, a pre-K through 12 campus of 850 students. Prior to Wilmington Friends, Rob served for five years as Dean of Students at Millbrook School in New York, where he also taught English and ethics. Rob has held a variety of roles in independent school administration, including Director of Financial Aid at St. Paul’s School in New Hampshire and Assistant Director of Admissions at Middlesex School in Massachusetts.

Kym Luqman is Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Oakland. At Head-Royce, she served as chair of the Heads Up Advisory Board and is a member of the Board’s Diversity & Student Life Committee. Kym is a founding member of the NIA Speaker of Color Series and Endowment Scholarship Fund and previous co-chair of the HRS Parent-Faculty Multicultural Committee.

Bill Newell has over 14 years of senior management experience in the biotechnology industry, in addition to his 15 years of law practice. Most recently, he joined Sutro Biopharma as CEO in January 2009. Previously, he served in a number of senior management positions with Aerovance, QLT and Axys Pharmaceuticals.

Jack (Tim) Ripsteen ’93 is the Managing Partner of Potrero Capital Research, a small capitalization equity investment fund. Prior to founding Potrero Capital Research, Tim was a senior research analyst with JPMorgan and Hambrecht & Quist. From 2007 through 2009, Tim was president of the school’s Alumni Council.

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John Woolard has more than two decades of experience in the energy technology sector as an executive, entrepreneur and investor. Currently, he is President and CEO of BrightSource Energy. John is a Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute and currently serves on the advisory boards of the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust, U.C. Berkeley’s Haas School of Business Energy Institute, and the Lester Center for Entrepreneurship.

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Upcoming Dates this Fall

Heads Up Walkathon, Head-Royce Day, and Picnic
Saturday, September 15
11:30 am - 2:30 pm

All-School Fair
Friday, October 26
6:00 pm HRS Campus

Upper School Fall Play
Friday-Saturday, November 2-3
Friday-Saturday, November 9-10
MEW Auditorium

Fall Choral Concert
Wednesday, November 14
7:00 pm Holy Names University

Jazz Concert at Yoshi’s
Tuesday, November 20
8:00 pm Jack London Square

Fall Sports in Full Swing
Be sure to check out our student athletes in action this fall semester. For a preview of our fall sports teams, see inside or go to www.headroyce.org/athletics. Below is the full list of this season’s teams.

Upper School Teams
Upper School Women’s Varsity Volleyball
Upper School Women’s JV Volleyball
Upper School Cross Country
Upper School Women’s Varsity Tennis
Upper School Women’s JV Tennis
Upper School Men’s Varsity Soccer
Upper School Men’s JV Soccer

Middle School Teams
Middle School Cross Country
Middle School Girls’ Varsity Volleyball
Middle School Girls’ JV Volleyball
Middle School Boys’ Varsity Soccer
Middle School Boys’ JV Soccer

For detailed information on all Head-Royce events, please see www.headroyce.org/calendar/.