

BAY COVE ACADEMY NOTES

The Newsletter of Bay Cove Academy

Bay Cove Academy graduates first class of the 21st Century

19th graduation celebration honors students' achievements

Principal Judy Gelfand reflects on the class of 2000

Twenty years ago I joined Bay Cove Human Services with a team of five others to start a school to be known as Bay Cove High School—now Bay Cove Academy. Our mandate was to create a school for kids in the greater Boston area who were disenfranchised. Kids for whom the public schools, and all other systems, had failed.

Our goal was to design a program that would address the educational and emotional lives of our students. A school that would give kids a chance to work out their childhood difficulties and emerge into the world of adulthood armed with hope, a renewed spirit, and a solid education.

Back then, I never had a thought that I would be here for twenty years. What is it that has kept me here for two decades? It's been the students. For me as a principal and a teacher, year after year I have had the sacred honor and privilege of participating in a child's most difficult and treacherous journey—the passage from girl to woman, from boy to man.

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Members of the 2000 graduating class pose with Clinical Director Todd Smith

Career Development Department honored with Workforce Investment Act award

Bay Cove's Career Development Department (CDP) was recently awarded a contract under the federal Workforce Investment Act. CDP provides comprehensive career-acquisition skills to Bay Cove teens in order to prepare them for productive adult life. **Employment Resources Inc (ERI)**, a non-profit provider of jobs for youth in the Metro North Boston area, will administer the contract.

The Workforce Investment Act is designed to provide resources to help teens learn the work skills they need to get and keep a job. CDP has been training Bay Cove students for years in age-appropriate life skills, academic and

reasoning abilities, and exploration of possible post-school career directions. In 1999, CDP was recognized as a state Best Practices model program. [AW](#)

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Graduation

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I never tire of watching students dig down deep and summon up the courage and strength to make use of all the opportunities and resources we offer them. It's truly inspirational.


Each student enters Bay Cove with his or her own demons to struggle with—as well as strengths to lean on. They come in every day prepared to do battle with us, with themselves, with each other. They argue with us, they cry with us, they laugh with us, they get mad at us, they allow themselves to be vulnerable with us and, yes, sometimes they even thank us.

The 2000 graduating class is an in-

credible group of seven students. Each has worked through fears, frustrations and difficulties to get to this day. Each of these young adults is leaving Bay Cove with a sense of hope for his or her future. Every one of these graduates has struggled with painful emotional issues and emerged as a stronger and wiser adult. Each has made solid academic achievements. All have taken their first steps into the world of work and each now has plans for following his or her career path.



Wayne and Darrin celebrate

Congratulations to the Bay Cove Academy class of 2000! 




Graduating seniors share their joy with Education Director Bernadette Janelle and Therapist Anna Greenberg

As I look at this year's graduates I know we have achieved what we set out to accomplish twenty years ago. I am very proud of the work we do here, and, as you can tell, I am very proud of the graduates.

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is a state program that allows high school students to enroll in college courses concurrently with their regular classes. Students in 11th and 12th grades who are in good academic standing may enroll for classes at state colleges and universities.

Students at Bay Cove take advantage of this program on a regular basis, and seem to enjoy the challenge along with the chance to see what college life is like. This semester, three students are enrolled at **Roxbury Community College**, and another takes a class at **Mass College of Art**. Subjects include Computers, Spanish and Drawing. Though extra classes mean extra work, these students know the Dual Enrollment program could help them learn and do more in their lives. 

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Student Writing

Poem by James

**Sleeping silent but
so suddenly.**

**After a long day of being in
school, from working hard in
class.**

**I come in the door and fall on
the floor, then go to sleep with
out even a peep.**

**Three hours later I wake up
and start to play.**

**This is how I get through my
day.**

Technology Corner

By Robert Finkelstein

In order to rework our web site and teach our students web design, we applied for and have been awarded **Adobe** design software through a Virginia-based company called **Gifts in Kind International**. Adobe Systems, through Gifts in Kind International, donates some of its software to non-profit agencies. We will receive the web design program *Adobe Go Live*, the photo editing program *Adobe Photoshop* and the animation program *Adobe Live Motion*. We already own the drawing program *Adobe Illustrator*. With our new software, we will have the necessary tools to teach sophisticated web design skills to our students. **Thank you Adobe and Gifts in Kind International!**

In the last issue, I wrote about our purchase of two new digital cameras. This year is the first that we will take the majority of our pictures for our year-



Technology Coordinator
Rob Finkelstein

book and slide shows using digital technology. Gone are the days of organizing slides in our old projector and trying painstakingly to coordinate taped music with presentations. Our holiday slide show is the first of the year and, for the first time, it will be done entirely on computer. Using digital pictures and Apple's *iMovie* software, we will create a slide show packaged complete with music and professional transitions.

Last Spring we were able to pur

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Please Remember Us This Giving Season

Bay Cove Academy is a chapter 766 approved private day treatment school for troubled teens from throughout the metropolitan Boston area. Donations to the school are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Gifts are welcome at any time in the form of cash, goods and services, estate planning and bequests. Your gift will significantly help to enhance our program. We will happily acknowledge your generosity publicly, unless you ask us not to.

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Technology Corner

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chase a second-hand multimedia projector. This allows us to display computer-based images on a big screen. The projector has also been useful for enhancing class presentations. Recently, Science Teacher Jennifer Kravitz used **Tom Snyder's Science Court** software to teach her students about fossils. *Science Court* is a self-contained five-day lesson that combines animated skits and classroom worksheets to make scientific principles interesting

for students. Jennifer's class enjoyed *Science Court* and students were interested in trying out some of the other *Science Court* lessons.

We are making good progress. It will take time for us to integrate new technology into our program. We must continue to learn how to use new hardware and software and establish regular training times to ensure that we provide the best opportunities for our students. 

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

6th Term 2 Begins
23rd Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

25th Vacation Week

JANUARY

1st Vacation Ends
15th MLK JR Day
19th Term 2 Ends
22nd Term 3 Begins

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