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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
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Welcome Letter

Dear Fellow Island Schoolers,

As many of us ride out one of the worst winters the east coast has ever seen, it is hard not to think of sunny Eleuthera and the time each of us has spent at The Island School. Despite how long it's been since you were there--or how long ago it seems it has been--know that **The Island School is always here for you.**

Fight the Winter Blues by booking your reservation to attend The Island School Alumni Reunion Weekend, September 25-27 (more details on page 4). Or, as you'll see on page 6 of this bi-annual newsletter, we have a number of opportunities to return to the Cape and make it more of a permanent visit. Beyond that, we are dedicated to connecting you to individuals and opportunities within our extensive alumni and parent network, whether you find yourself in the midst of the college process, moving to a new city, or looking for a job. Join our LinkedIn [network](#) or email alumni@islandschool.org to expand your Island School connections beyond your semester. We are also planning some events this spring with networking opportunities, interesting speakers and documentaries--stay tuned for those events.

With March around the corner, faculty and staff on campus are preparing to welcome the Spring 2015 semester on March 2nd. I invite you to follow along with their journey, and relive yours, through our [blog](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.

Thank you,



Cam Powel (F'04)
Director of Alumni Relations

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Alumni Spotlight: Krissy Turesdale (F'13)



Fall 2013 alumna Krissy Truesdale had an impressive resume even before she attended The Island School last year, having started her own charity, Solar for Our Superheroes. Since returning home after her semester, Krissy has been keeping herself very busy and making huge strides with her growing non-profit. We checked in with her to hear how everything is going:

Solar for Our Superheroes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing local leaders, like our veterans, teachers, firefighters, and police officers, with solar panels for their homes. By providing them with solar, we are able to thank our heroes for their service by saving them money every month while also making good examples of renewable energy and energy independence in our Massachusetts neighborhoods. As the granddaughter of a Peabody firefighter, daughter of a Seabee, and long-time environmental activist, Solar for Our Superheroes was born out of my desire to give back to those who have served our communities and to show the way to more carbon neutral neighborhoods. I am proud to announce that Solar for Our Superheroes has partnered officially with The Boston Solar Company, and together we will be providing solar free of cost to our heroes. Thanks to this new partnership, we are taking nominations for our first candidate. If you know someone who deserves this gift, email me at krissytruesdale@aol.com with their name, address, contact info, and a description on why you think they deserve to be recognized. I wouldn't have been able to make it this far without the help the Island School. While on Eleuthera, my IS family believed in me; they reminded me I could do anything. Whenever I get discouraged, I sort through the letters my kayak group gave me before solo, and I remember if they believed in me, my potential, and my passion, I can believe in myself. Thank you to all those who were there that Fall in 2013, and thank you to all those who have continued to stay involved and lend support, especially to Christian Henry who is kind enough to give me guidance on our board calls every other week. We aim to have our first installation done by this summer, and could use your support. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/solar4heroes to see how our pilot project unfolds and find events near you. If you would like to get involved, reach out to learn more about part-time internship positions, volunteer work, and how to make a donation.

Congratulations, Krissy! We can't wait to hear what's next for you and Solar for Our Superheroes!

MAXEY CACIQUE ALUMNI AWARD WINNER: GREG HENKES (S'03)!

Established in 2014, the Maxey Cacique Alumni Award honors the alumnus who has made a difference in their community. This year we are excited to announce that the 2015 award goes to Greg Henkes (S'03)! Greg has stayed connected since his Spring 2003 semester and remains committed to both The School by conducting alumni admissions interviews and to the planet through his work in as a fellow at Harvard University in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and being one of our first alumni to receive his PhD. Greg wanted to share his appreciation of the award with the rest of the alumni community:



Greg and his wife Erin

“It is truly a honor to be recognized in this way by The Island School community! Recently, I’ve had several conversations with both alumni and prospective students in which I’ve had to mark time in ‘years since Island School’, and it’s hard for me to believe that it’s now been over 10! Naturally, this has had me thinking about how much can happen in ten years. I’ve managed to graduate high school, college, and now graduate school in what has been a pretty incredible decade of life! Anyone who knows me, both professionally and personally, knows that my continuing career in academia has botanical-like tendrils reaching back to my time as a student on Eleuthera. We’re all so impressionable in high school, so it’s hard not to imagine that The Island School experience changes the course of each of our lives, but for me it was also a gateway experience to the natural sciences — one to which I credit my continuing love for research and higher education.

In the description of this award, Chris alludes to the future and the role that Island School alumni will play in molding its shape. I think we are all witnessing a really exciting period of time for The Island School, one where the first tide of alumni are washing forth into professions where we can continue to benefit from reflecting on The Island School principles of leadership and stewardship. Of course, this can happen on many levels and I’ve tried to keep these and other Island School values as an alumni and a professional academic. The Island School mission (if you’re an alum and you haven’t read it in a while, go do it now!) talks about building community, implementing sustainability in all aspects of life, and evolving a natural and cultural sense of place. I love The Island School because this statement touches every bit of the human experience, and while I was getting an early lesson in studying the natural world at The Island School, I was getting the tools to be a better person in it too!”

YOU'RE INVITED!

FALL 2015 ALUMNI REUNION

ELEUTHERA, THE BAHAMAS

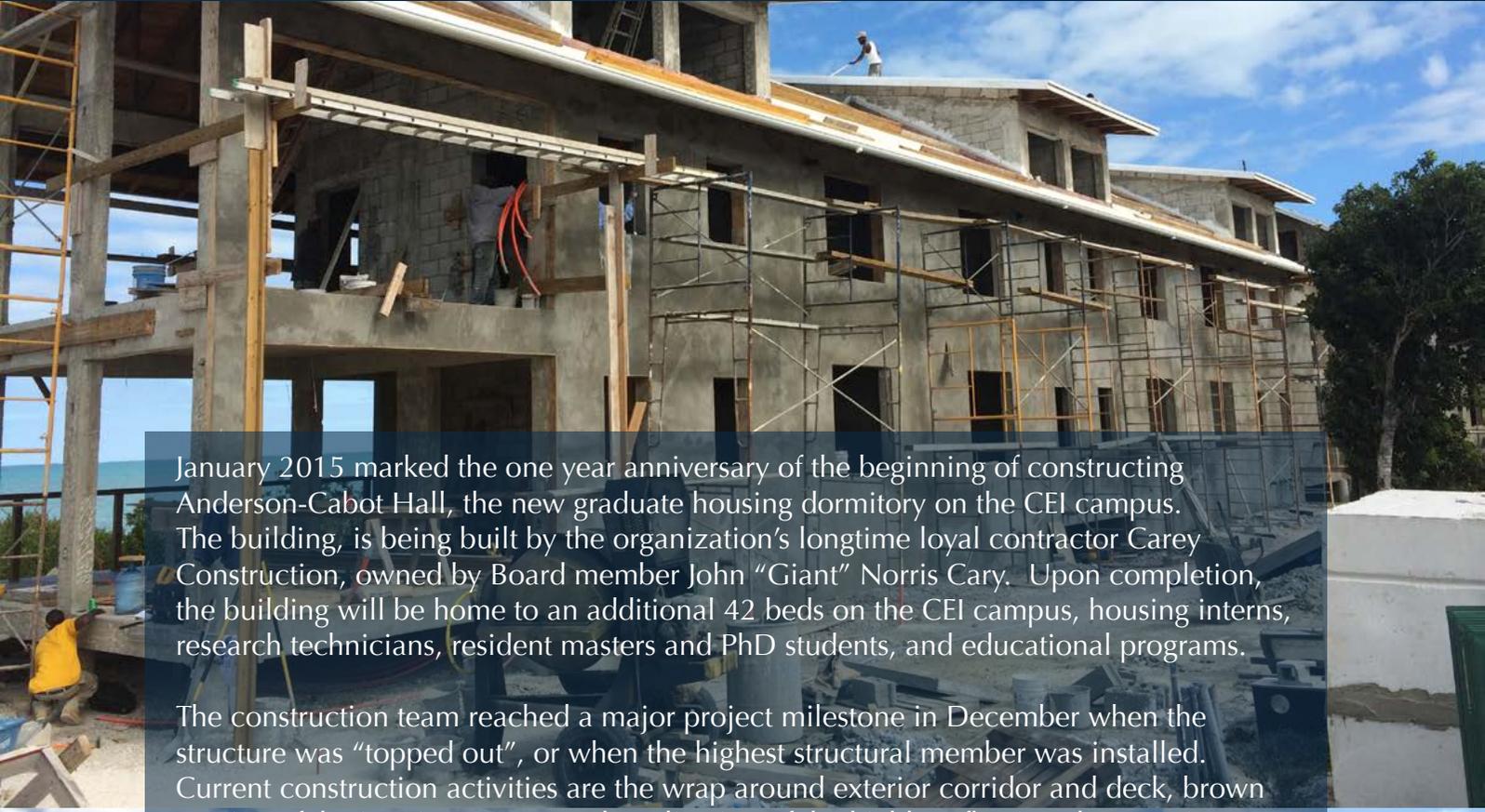
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2015

The Island School is excited to welcome all of you back to campus for an on-island reunion this fall, where you can look forward to reconnecting to the Cape through morning exercise, sitting in on classes, participating in research, a trip to the sandbar, dancing at the marina and much more!!



You must RSVP for this reunion. Email cameronpowel@islandschool.org to reserve your spot and learn about housing options. Stay tuned for more detailed information about the reunion this summer.

UPDATE: ANDERSON-CABOT GRAD HALL



January 2015 marked the one year anniversary of the beginning of constructing Anderson-Cabot Hall, the new graduate housing dormitory on the CEI campus. The building is being built by the organization's longtime loyal contractor Carey Construction, owned by Board member John "Giant" Norris Cary. Upon completion, the building will be home to an additional 42 beds on the CEI campus, housing interns, research technicians, resident masters and PhD students, and educational programs.

The construction team reached a major project milestone in December when the structure was "topped out", or when the highest structural member was installed. Current construction activities are the wrap around exterior corridor and deck, brown coating of the interior spaces, and application of the highly reflective elastomeric roofing membrane. Windows will be arriving shortly, supporting the next major milestone which is when the building is water tight, allowing the construction to complete interior finish work.

Right now construction is on schedule with completion date of June 2015, when the first residents will occupy the space.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Island School has a number of work opportunities available that we want our alumni to know about and spread the word. Please see below for more information and feel free to send these postings along to any other non-Island School friends. You can find the entire job listings and information on how to apply on the provided links or on our [website](#).

The Island School

[Alumni Educator](#)
[Communications Associate & Educator](#)
[Director of Communications](#)
[Environmental Art Teacher](#)
[Histories Teacher](#)
[Human Ecology Teacher](#)
[Literature Teacher](#)
[Master Teacher](#)
[Mathematics Teacher](#)
[Teaching Fellowship](#)
[Summer Term Alumni Mentor](#)

Deep Creek Middle School

[Health, PE & Skills Teacher](#)
[Part Time Arts Teacher](#)
[Social Studies Teacher](#)

Cape Eleuthera Institute

[Internships](#)
[Assistant Outdoor Educator](#)
[Research Assistant](#)

Center for Sustainable Development

[Sustainability Teacher](#)

COLLEGE MATRICULATION LIST

Check out this impressive list of colleges that our Island School alumni who graduated high school in 2014 were accepted in to! Class of 2015, do you know where you're headed next year? Email alumni@islandschool.org to let us know!

Amherst College
Aquinas College
Austin College
Barnard College
Boston University
Bowdoin College*
Calvin College*
Clark University
Colby College*
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado College*
Connecticut College*
Dartmouth College *
Denison University
Duke University*
EARTH University
Eckerd College*
Emory University
Florida Southern College
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College *
Niagara University
Northeastern University*
Occidental College
Purdue University
Rollins College
Santa Clara University
Stanford University*
Trinity College
Union College*
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis

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Union College*
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Denver
University of Florida*
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii - Manoa
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of Richmond*
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Wisconsin*
Virginia Military Institute
Washington & Lee University
Wellesley College
Yale University

* indicates more than one student enrolled.