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## Graduate is Speech Contest Winner

The Rotary Speech contest in Chester this year was won by the Waterman girls, all of whom are students at St. Andrew's Academy. Sarah (a senior) took first place, JoAnna (a freshman) took second, and Rebekah (a junior) took third place. Sarah went on to compete at the next level in Susanville, where she again took first place. She now heads to Reno on the third of May for the area-wide competition—the final level for this contest. The topic for the speech contest this year was “How Sharing Promotes World Peace.”

Sarah joined St. Andrew's when she was in the 6th grade. During three summers of her middle and high school years, she has gone to Africa (twice) and to Ecuador for short-term missions trips. She has long had an interest in missions, especially medical missions, and is currently training for her EMT license. Sarah plans to pursue medical studies this fall in Merced or Monterey. Her Senior Thesis is called “Alternative vs. Conventional Medicine.”

*To hear about our other graduates this year, please see the next page.*

## Fencing at St. Andrew's

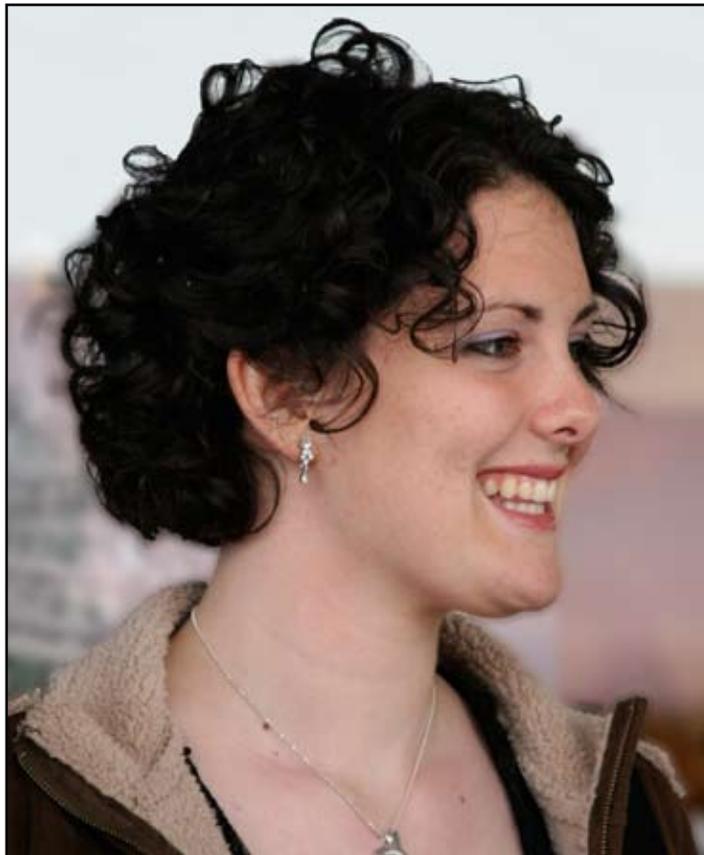
by Elena Salvatore, Junior

“Advance. Advance. Retreat. Extend-LUNGE!” The instructor's voice rang out loud and clear as the two lines of students began to move in harmony. “And relax for a moment.” His calm voice dropped and all that was heard was the low, soft breathing of some students.

These students, ranging from fourth-graders to teachers, meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school to hone their fencing skills. It is not just physical exercise. Fencing involves mind, body, and soul, all working together.

The body can't live without the soul, and the soul is at home in the body. The mind and soul, furthermore, lack something when living in a lazy body. For the last few years, St. Andrew's has been wanting to put in place a more structured athletic program. So when Mr. Robert Montavon stopped in at St. Andrew's this summer to introduce his vision and instruction in fencing, a plan for working together wasn't long in forming. Though the program is year-long, and expertise will take far longer, the school is seeing many of the benefits already.

Fencing does not come easily. It isn't as simple as making the pointy end of the sword go into the other person. It takes concentration,



St. Andrew's Academy 2008 Graduate and Rotary Speech Contest Winner Sarah Waterman

patience, and faithfulness in coming to practice. It takes plain old hard physical work.

As regards the mind, fencing, like any sport, requires coordination between hands and feet and eyes. Fencing is often likened to physical chess. Like chess, it requires one to think five moves ahead and anticipate the moves of the opponent. It requires focus and a keen mind.

Regarding the soul, fencing is an art that teaches grace,

a grace that is beautiful when mastered. Beauty is what the soul loves, what keeps the soul healthy, and what makes life worth living.

Faithfulness, determination, focus, beauty—all these are part of a good life. St. Andrew's is very thankful for Mr. Montavon and the program he has put in place at St. Andrew's Academy and for the part that fencing is playing in our pursuit of the good life.



## The St. Andrew's Academy Graduates for 2008



Andrew Bradley came to St. Andrew's early in 2003 as a 7th grader. His soprano voice has turned into an excellent bass for the choir, and this year he will be Sir Robert Chiltern in the Spring drama production. He has become skilled in fencing, and could probably dispatch any of his teachers if so inclined! His thesis this year is titled "Global Warming: The Effects on Man." Andrew will attend California State University, Monterey, in the fall.

Amanda Kelley also joined St. Andrew's in the Fall of 2005. She won second place this year for the Greenville Rotary Speech Competition, and sings alto in the choir. She is looking forward to attending college at California State University, Monterey, from where she can visit her former schoolmates when they are in San Francisco for Spring Break Trips. Her Senior Thesis is called "Classical vs. Progressive Education."

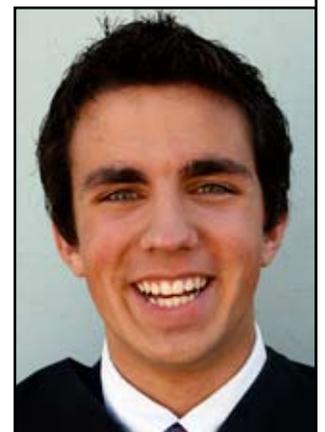


Graduate Sarah Waterman see page 1.



Serena Howe began St. Andrew's Academy in the Fall of 2005. She was president of our rocketry program, and went to the Team America Rocketry Competition in Virginia in the Spring of 2007. She also heads up the student-run Media Club, and along with Elena Salvatore edited Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* for our drama production this year. Her Senior Thesis is entitled "Musical Meaning and the Image of the Church." Serena plans to attend either Davidson College or Hillsdale this fall.

Joseph Salvatore has attended St. Andrew's since 6th grade. Sometime between then and the present he found his voice, and is now the lead student tenor in the choir, and his sophomore year went to Reno for the area level Rotary Speech Competition. He also traveled to Virginia for the Team America Rocketry Competition last spring. His thesis is called "Ethanol: A Feasible Alternative." Joseph has been accepted to and plans to attend Villanova University near Philadelphia.



# The Oracle

An Academic Calendar insert for *The Standard*.

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's Academy for the months of

**April, May and June, 2008**

*Please call the School if you need more information.*

**Monday, April 21 - Thursday, April 24**

**Midterm Exams**

Grammar school will have modified schedule.  
Please pick these students up between 12:15 and  
12:45 pm

**Thursday, April 24**

**St. Andrew's Choir performs for Words & Music**

Chester Pizza Factory

Arrive 6:40 pm, in uniform, vestments and choir  
folder in hand.

**Thursday, May 1**

**Ascension Day**

Eucharist 11:45 am, at St. Andrew's

**Friday, May 2**

**1st & 2nd form field trip- Tiempo Libre**

Tiempo Libre is a Grammy-nominated all-Cuban  
timba band, hailing from Miami, Florida. The per-  
formance is at Laxson Auditorium, CSU, Chico.

Please meet at Laxson Auditorium no later than 9  
a.m. The group can go in only together, and seats  
are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Saturday, May 3**

**Rotary Speech Finals**, featuring our own Sarah  
Waterman!

Peppermill Casino, Reno, 9:45 am

**Monday, May 5 - Thursday, May 8**

**After-school drama rehearsals**

until 5 pm, location TBA

**Friday, May 9**

**Dress Rehearsal**

8am to noon, location TBA

**Friday, May 9 & Saturday, May 10**

**Spring Drama Production**

7 pm, location TBA

This year's play is *An Ideal Husband* by Oscar Wilde,  
edited by Serena Howe and Elena Salvatore.

**Friday, May 23**

**Study Hall**, 7:30 - 11:30 am.

**Monday, May 26**

**Memorial Day - No School**

**Tuesday, May 27 - Friday, May 30**

**Final Exams**

**Saturday, May 31**

**Commencement**

3 pm, Chester Methodist Church

*Choir: please be there in uniform, with vestments and  
choir folders in hand, no later than 2:20.*

Come see this year's seniors graduate!

**Tuesday, June 3 - Monday, June 16**

**East Coast Choir Trip!**

For middle and high school

Details forthcoming

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## Commencement

May 31st. Please join us for our commencement services as we say goodbye to five of our students (at right). The service begins at 3:00 at the Chester United Methodist Church. The Choir will be participating, and the entire service lasts little more than an hour.

## The Play's the Thing! Don't Miss It!

May 9th and 10th. The St. Andrew's Academy Players are producing Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*. Check the website or call the school for more details.

## Choir Tour

June 3-16! St. Andrew's Academy Choir Tours the East Coast, From Baltimore down to Florida. Please consider a donation to help the choristers get there!  
<[http://www.standrewsacademy.org/support\\_st\\_andrews.html](http://www.standrewsacademy.org/support_st_andrews.html)>

## Visit New Website

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