



Kuper Academy

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Alumni News

Kuper Connections Grow

Welcome to our third alumni newsletter! This issue focuses on the 2014 holiday gathering that included a record number of alumni attendees over the course of the day-long event. It was an exciting afternoon and evening as Kuper graduates played, talked, and laughed with their peers and Kuper faculty, coaches, and staff members who attended the event. At Kuper, we understand that alumni are ambassadors of the school. They are always welcome to attend fundraisers, special events, and activities held on campus throughout the year. During the academic year, many of our alumni stop by during the school day to visit and to chat with former teachers that have made a lasting impact on their lives. We hope to continue to build the Kuper network with your help and input and we would greatly appreciate any ideas and opinions that you have. Please 'like' the Kuper Academy Alumni Facebook page and feel free to use that medium to submit any feedback on the newsletter as well as photo contributions. In addition, if you have any suggestions or requests for future newsletters or events, we'd love to hear from you!



Julia Yetman ('14), Director of Athletics Mr. George Martin, & Camille Dumais ('07)



Mali Roshni ('08), and Head of School Mrs. Joan Salette



Ryan Ziadie ('11), Chelsea Ziadie ('11), and Mr. Ziadie



Nicholas Chin ('10), Chris Doumpa ('11), Alexa Gauthier-Reade ('10), & Danny Asfour ('11)

Afternoon Game Time!



As you can see from above, the 2014 holiday gathering boasted a record number of attendees, including these hockey players who got together to pose for the camera.



The 2014 holiday gathering included not only hockey players but these basketball players who enjoyed an afternoon of exercise, laughter, and a stroll down memory lane.

Smiles All Around ~ An Afternoon of Fun



Sonia Occhionero ('07), Brittany Casey ('07)

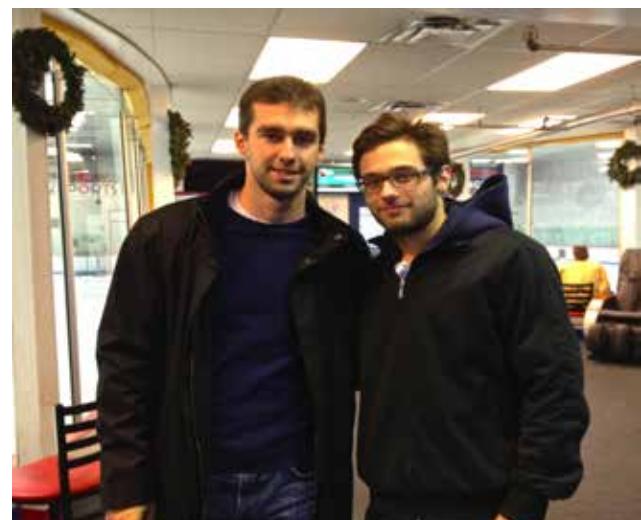


Deziray De Souza ('15), Olivia Bishop ('12)

Every year, the Kuper Academy Director of Athletics, Mr. George Martin, reaches out to Kuper graduates via telephone and email to encourage them to revisit their alma mater and to join in on the athletic events and social gatherings that Kuper hosts during the holiday season each year. After spending the afternoon playing hockey or basketball, alumni- athletes and otherwise- meet up for a 5 a 7 to catch up and share stories about their latest adventures and accomplishments. Kuper feels that it is important to provide this opportunity for alumni to strengthen the network and to continue to grow the Kuper community outside of the classroom walls and within not only the West Island community, but within greater Montreal and nationally. Sharing in the Kuper education means lifelong friendships and a network filled with hard-working, well-travelled, intelligent young people who take advantage of what life has to offer by getting out there, working and volunteering in new countries, studying abroad, and starting families of their own. Kuper students are from many different countries and the student body reflects variety in terms of not only race, but also by embracing students of different religions and beliefs. By coming together in the post-graduation years, the Kuper community strengthens itself and nurtures a network that will grow and give back to everyone who participates.

Kuper Alumni Soars To NHL

Louis Leblanc is perhaps one of Kuper's most famous graduates. Born in January of 1991, Leblanc attended Kuper Academy during his high school years and is currently playing with the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League. Leblanc played minor hockey in the Montréal region before he moved to the United States in 2008, where he played one season with the Omaha Lancers of the United States Hockey League (USHL) and was named rookie of the year. Eligible for the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, he was selected 18th overall by the Montreal Canadiens. He then enrolled at Harvard University and spent one season with the Crimson, being named Ivy League rookie of the year, before he signed a contract with the Canadiens in 2010. Leblanc was one of the top-ranked prospects for the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, ranked thirteenth overall among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting, and was selected eighteenth overall by the Montreal Canadiens, who were hosts of the draft. Kuper is proud to boast athletes such as Louis and will continue to support his successes.



Louis Leblanc ('08), Jean Leblanc ('12)

Reminiscing Through Stories

For anyone looking to see just how far Kuper graduates go, you need only take a look at the alumni and where they are today. To better understand how far a Kuper Academy education can take our students, we look to our alumni who have gone on to attend many prestigious prep schools in New England and Canada, as well as Ivy League colleges including Harvard and Dartmouth, in addition to attending undergraduate and graduate programs within many excellent Canadian universities such as McGill, Queen's, and the University of Toronto.



Alumni Gathered Together

Seen on the right: Chelsea Ziadie ('11), Julia Yetman ('14), Olivia Bishop ('12), Jo-Hanna Rifai ('11), and Kelley Rifai ('13).



Arianne Boisvert ('12), David Sheridan-Wall ('12), Andrew Ford ('10), & Alisha Sevdalis ('12).



Kuper Owner Joan Salette (middle) poses with Kuper mom Mrs. De Sousa and her daughter Deziray De Sousa ('15).





Divided into various teams, Kuper alumni faced-off against each other. Seen on the left: Ryan Medeiros ('11), Evann Dumont-Lapointe ('11), Kyle Comitini ('14), Brent Cescon ('11), Mathieu Boisvert ('11), Stefano Momesso ('10), Nicolas Daly ('10), & Nicholas Vasilopoulos ('10).

Seen below: Mid-Game snapshot of players Steven Snyder ('12), Colin Di Giacomo ('12), & Ryan Medeiros ('11).



Yellow team posing (middle left) includes: Peter Konidis ('14), Adam Lee ('13), Roberto Cellini ('13), Ben Luz ('13), Matthew Legler ('13), and Marshall Rifai ('15).



Off-ice bonding time! Seen to the left are: Jeremy Wilson ('15), Jacob Dupont ('14), Noah Medalsy ('14), and in the back is coach Brandon Derkawetz.

Catching Up with Old Friends and Teachers



J.D Cescon ('09), Phil Saviuk ('09), and Jake Martin ('09) smile for the camera during one of their matches.



Coach John Silver poses with faculty members Ms. Brittany Prive, Mr. Jake Harris, and alumni Michael Pontarelli ('11).



Will Saviuk ('10), his brother Zack, and Carl Rosenthal ('09) attended the celebration.



Group pose, from left to right: Evann Dumont-Lapointe ('11), Kris Shelton ('11), Joseph Menniti ('11), Mike Pontarelli ('11), Anthony Kuhnreich ('11), Mathieu Boisvert ('11), and Ryan Medeiros ('11).



Seen on the right: Phil Saviuk ('09), faculty member Mr. Jake Harris, Scott Shelton ('09), Spencer Shelton ('13), & Dave Dupuis ('06).

Are You in One of These Photos?

Looking Back
Through Pictures...



Recognize these
members of our
alumni?



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