



College of the Holy Cross Class of 2002

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Dear Class of 2002,

Hello, 2008! Kim Gray here, coming to you straight out of Hillsdale, New Jersey. If you're wondering what Hillsdale is like, take any other suburban town and scatter ten shopping malls within a fifteen mile radius.

Here's another fun fact about Hillsdale - Ten years ago, I lived here in the same house and even slept in the same bed. In case you haven't pieced it together, I am back living with my parents after spending 9 years on my own in Massachusetts. Upon completing the Media Arts graduate program at Emerson College in August, I decided to come home for some rent-free job hunting. Life here has its ups and downs . . . in fact I admit I sometimes toy with the idea of referring to my parents as "Tom and Lucille, my slightly older but surprisingly hip roommates." However, despite feeling a little bit like George Costanza, living at home with ten years of adulthood under my belt has given me an interesting perspective on things.

But I digress. It's 2008! We've just begun the New Year, and I can't help but be reminded of how much has changed since 1998. I thought it might be fun to compile a "Then and Now" list to illustrate what a difference the past ten years have made.

In 1998 . . .	In 2008 . . .
. . . we combed the stores for prom dresses.	. . . we surf online bridal registries for wedding gifts.
. . . most of us were still deciding which college to attend.	. . . some of us are starting college funds for our own children.
. . . we knew all of our friends' phone numbers by heart.	. . . cell phones' contact lists make it so we never have to dial another number.
. . . we danced to 16-year-old Britney Spears' single, "...Baby, One More Time."	. . . Britney Spears is losing custody of her babies one more time.
. . . we argued with our parents about practically everything.	. . . I still do that.

. . . we thought we'd never make friends like the ones we grew up with.

. . . we cherish the Holy Cross friendships we've had for almost ten years.

While we're on the topic of change I'll take this time to update you on what's happening in the lives of some of our fellow Holy Cross classmates and friends.

- **Courtney (Locke) Glazier** got her Masters in Social Work in May 2006 at Salem State. She is now a Medical Social Worker at Beverly Hospital. She married Matt Glazier, originally from Rumford, ME and a graduate of Bowdoin College, on November 11th, 2007. **Kathleen Murray**, Meg Watkins '03 and I were the H.C. bridesmaids in attendance!
- **Beth Dubuque** is engaged to Dan Lee, H.C. Class of '01! They're getting married in September of 2008 at the Holy Cross chapel. She's been in Babson's part-time MBA program since the fall of 2006, and will finish up in 2009.
- **Anne Connolly** and **Greg Daly** are engaged! It happened right around Thanksgiving time. In other news about the couple, Anne graduated last spring from Boston College School of Social Work, and Greg will graduate from Babson this coming summer with his MBA.
- **Kristin Arcangeli** received a Masters in Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling from Lesley University. She is currently a counselor at The Steppingstone Foundation, which is a non profit organization that prepares Boston schoolchildren for educational opportunities that lead to college.
- **Melissa Murray** is in her second year at Suffolk Law, and she has recently been accepted to the MBA program there as well.
- **Jacqueline (O'Hare) Rock** and her husband Chris Rock '03 both graduated from the University of Dayton Law and Business Schools, moved back to Boston and passed the MA bar!
- **Marta Melo** currently resides in Somerville, MA. She recently started as a Product Manager for Wiley-Blackwell Publishing in Malden, MA.
- **Nesse (Saunders) McCabe** writes, "I am so happy to report that I was lucky enough to marry my high school sweetheart, Tyler McCabe, on May 26, 2007 in Westerly, RI. We are currently living in Newton, MA and I am working in fundraising and development for the Arthritis Foundation. We recently traveled to see **Caitlin (McInerney)** and **Mike Herrick** in their beautiful new home in VT. While we miss them dearly in MA, they are doing wonderfully!"
- **RaeJean (Spears) Stokes** reports, "I received my MA in International Development from the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies, in November 2007, and am now working as a Program Officer with American Councils in D.C."
- **Ryan D. Leonard** married Lauren E. Franco on April 14, 2007 in Centerbrook, CT. The ceremony was followed by a seaside reception near the Connecticut shoreline.

Following the festivities, the couple departed for a honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands. Ryan is a derivatives analyst with a downtown Boston-based financial company.

- **Rachel E. (Schloth) Moynihan** married Richard M. Moynihan in Hampstead, NH on May 11, 2007 followed by a reception in Andover, MA. HC bridesmaids included **Maria Vera**, Kathleen (Ruyak) Tayman '03 and Kathleen Stinson '01. Fellow '02 alumnus **Peter Catanese** also attended the wedding festivities. Rachel and Rick met while attending law school together. Rachel currently is an associate at the firm of Metaxas, Norman, and Pidgeon, specializing in commercial civil litigation.
- **Dan Kirchoff** married Erin Murdoch in May 2007. HC alumni in attendance were: **John Murphy, Rachel Adams, Pete Harris, Ryan Kerrigan, Pat Mahoney, Owen Speer '03, EJ Hughes '05 and Ellen Finn '05.** Dan started his surgical residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt in NY in July.
- **Annie Rubino** reports, "I'm in my first year of grad school, getting my MFA in Acting at the University of Houston. Also, adjusting to hotter temperatures down here. It's November, and there's not a coat to be seen!"
- **Monica Cook** married Ryan Kiely Barry on August 24, 2007 at St. Joseph's Chapel at Holy Cross.
- **Kate (Barker) Shub** has moved back to Maine and is a morning anchor and reporter at the CBS station in Portland. She got married in September 2007. A number of '02ers were in attendance: **Ingrid Esser, Jen Houston, Elisabeth Sorcinelli, Anne Vozzella, Briana DeAngelo, Meg McNamara, Kelly O'Neil, Elizabeth Crowley and Maria Lauring.**
- **Nicky (Johnson) Sciortino** reports, "I'm now living in Hawaii. I am sorry that I missed everyone at the reunion, but it's really hard to get off the island during busy tourist season out here. The sad news: I am leaving beautiful Oahu, HI in January 2008 and moving to Arlington, VA with my husband, Gino, because the Coast Guard relocated us. But while I was out here, I developed a love of many activities, and got certified as a paragliding pilot.

I enclosed a picture of me so that you can truly appreciate the beauty of running off a cliff with a piece of nylon over your head and flying over some of the most beautiful ocean in the world. My friend took it while flying above me. I will miss paradise, but with new endings come new beginnings, so who knows what I will get in to next!" *Check out the emailed version of the letter to see this great picture!*

Thanks, everyone, for the updates!!

I suspect that this past decade marks some of the most drastic and fundamental changes we'll experience in our lives. In 1998 we were practically children. Ten years later we have made the transformation to wives, husbands, parents and professionals.

Even though I am back in my childhood home, this time around is different. I realize now how important it is for me to appreciate the time I have living in the same house as my parents. I know that when you live away from them, things are different. A visit just isn't the same as waking up and seeing your parents in their pajamas. So, I guess you can say that something important has changed for me, too.

Even more amazing than the changes that have already taken place are the changes we still have to look forward to. Among all of us there are so many wishes for 2008 and the years beyond, and I look forward to hearing that that they've all been granted. If you'd like to pass along an update for the next '02 newsletter, please return the enclosed green-slip, or submit one online by visiting the Holy Cross Alumni Relations Web site at: <http://www.holycross.edu/alumni/contact/greenslip.html>. We want to hear from you!

Happy New Year, Class of 2002. Here's to more changes!

Sincerely,
Kim Gray

P.S. If anyone wants to reconnect please feel free to email me at kimicaaaa@gmail.com!