

Highlights on Harborlight Alumni

An Interview with Joy Zampell Sullivan, Head Teacher LE-1

Joy's very first school experience began in 1983-1984 here at Harborlight Montessori in the preschool, when the Essex Street facility was a simple brick building. As a member of Harborlight's first lower elementary class, Joy "graduated" from third grade and moved on to the Hamilton/Wenham public school system. After high school, Joy earned her bachelors degree from St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, with a double major in Fine Arts and Elementary Education. Joy traveled through Europe and Central America before returning Stateside and working as a Montessori intern in Nichole Schrafft's Lower Elementary class.

Education remains Joy's passion, and she went on to earn her elementary Montessori teaching

certification from the Center for Montessori Teacher Education New York. She returned to Harborlight this past fall after four years as head teacher in the lower elementary program at Elliot Montessori School in Natick. Joy and husband Daniel were married two summers ago, recently moved back to the North Shore, and purchased a home in Gloucester.

Joy stays in touch with many people from her early Harborlight days, including Liz McReynolds, who was a bridesmaid in the Sullivan's wedding. Liz will be married this summer, with Joy as her maid of honor. Friends for life, in a friendship that began at Harborlight, a place where, for Joy and many others, a lifelong love of learning begins.



Joy is in the front row/right wearing a pink dress and sporting ponytails.

More Alumni News

Anthony Sardo currently plays hockey for Pingree and is racking up the goals!

Wes Dunn, a freshman at Gloucester High School, scored his first varsity win with an impressive 11:09.4 victory in a two mile NCS track event. Way to go Wes!

Chris Benevento, a member of the Hamilton-Wenham track & field team, finished second in the 4X800 meter relay at a recent Division 4 class championship.

Isabel Patrowicz and Tayla Palardy were named to the honor roll at Salem High School for the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year.

Joshua deGrandpre was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at Endicott College.

Julia Strangle Brown was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at UMass Boston.

Emma Siemasko was named to first honors on the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at Clark University.

Micah Murray, now 34, has an impressive bio. Micah has a B.A. from Johns Hopkins, a M.S. and PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, both in Neuroscience. He is currently the Associate Director, EEG Brain Mapping Core at the Center for Biomedical Imaging in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Congratulations to all!

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