



PLANNING FOR NIST'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

NIST opened its gates in August 1992 (this makes me feel old!) and in celebration for the School's 20 years in operation, we at NIST are in the midst of planning a year of celebration.

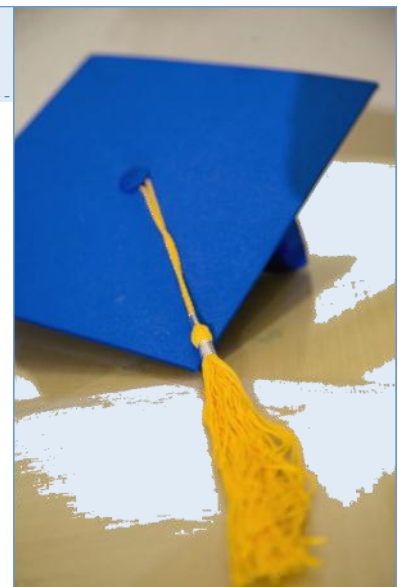
Reflecting back on the 20 years NIST has been around I am reminded of so many memories, of old teachers, old friends, the days when girls wore skorts! This has brought us to some great conversations about preserving our traditions at NIST and thus we are making a move towards bringing the school song back, re-starting International day (we are trying to bring it back – but to its glory days, aka minus the eight million outside commercial vendors), and making a concerted effort to preserve our history. Perhaps most notably is the move we are taking to create a coffee style book which documents NIST's history in photos and stories. On this note, anyone who has any old photos of you at NIST, of NIST, in NIST uniform or around our community – please send them in or upload them to www.historypin.com (find Sukhumvit 15 and pin them on).

In addition to all this reflection and memory preservation we will also be doing a whole lot of celebrating! Whilst the School events will not start until the academic year of 2012/13, we luck in a bit early! To thank you all for your 20 years of patronage to the School, for your keeping in touch, for each of our efforts in shaping the school to be what it is today, the reunion this December will be massively subsidized in order to ensure as many of you come as possible! Find more on the reunion on pages to come. I hope to see tons of you there!

Hope you are all fantastically happy!

Jacqueline

P.s. My family and I in San Francisco this summer. We were inspired by a book called "Awkward family photos"



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DID YOU KNOW?

- That NIST will be celebrating its 20 year anniversary next year (2012).
- That there are almost 1,000 people who have graduated from NIST!

The Class of 2001's 10 year reunion— and all class reunion.



To theme or not to theme? I have had a hard time deciding whether or not we should make this a themed event. Should I challenge you to represent the year 2001 in dress? To re-find the highschooler in you? Hmm, I am still very undecided here, but what I do know for sure, is this is going to be a good one!

This reunion do not expect things to be super structured with lots of speeches, I want us to reminisce, network and spend our time talking to our expansive NIST community. Expect light food (i.e. tapas style so don't come famished) and open bar on wine and beer! The Venue itself is really chill, lounge style with couches and different sized tables all over the place, it is roof top and with cool Decembers we are optimistic it will be a fabulous night for an outdoor function (don't worry there will be fans!).

I encourage you all to bring you partners, friends, family and babies as this will surely be the best deal in town because I am talking **500 baht tickets** and **FREE** tickets for the Class of **2001!** This is an early bird special and requires you purchase your tickets (or reserve them) **before December 1st**. Tickets at the door will be **700 baht** (still a seriously good deal) . Please find your formal invitation attached in this email. Expect a night of catching up, networking, snacking and having some drinks! See you all SOON!

WHAT?

An all school reunion.
Early bird price (before dec 1): **500 baht**.
Door Price: 700 baht
free for Class of 2001

WHERE?

AMBAR- Four Points Sheraton,
Sukhumvit 15. Roof Top
Venue

WHEN?

December 23rd 2011,
7pm onwards.
Beer and Wine end at 10pm.

WHO?

All you wonderful people, **Mr. Ananda** is flying in, **Mr. Barry** will attend and more!

- Check out the venue at :
www.fourpoints.starwoodhotels.com

- Please email me if you have any feedback or input for the reunion at:

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WHAT'S NEW AT NIST?

ANYONE REMEMBER BRETT PENNY? HE'S BACK

Eight years ago Debbie and I left NIST with heavy hearts as we embarked on our European adventure. For me, my three years at NIST in Year 6 were my happiest years as a teacher. I still fondly remember my students and I am still in touch with many of them today. Up until June of this year we resided in Zurich where our two children, Liam (5) and Hannah (2) were born. In Zurich I worked as the PYP Coordinator/Deputy Principal before taking on the role of Primary Principal. Debbie worked in a variety of roles including Homeroom Teacher, Counsellor, EAL Teacher and Learning Support Teacher.

Given our deep affection for NIST, we were delighted to be able to return once

again. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to serve the NIST community and lead the Elementary School.

Over the past 8 years NIST has undergone significant change. The new Elementary Building compliments the collaborative approach to teaching and learning we promote in the school very effectively. The academic programme has grown significantly in recent years and NIST enjoys a fantastic reputation as a leading IB World School.

As my son reminds me on a daily basis, NIST is a great school and Thailand is a wonderful country. It's great to be back!



WATCHED THE MOVIE CONTAGION RECENTLY?

“Dr. Mitchell Wolfe visits NIST to speak to Year 11 Students. He is the Director for the US Centers for Disease Control CDC Global AIDS Program in Thailand (Asia Regional Office), which works in Thailand, Laos, Papua New Guinea, and several other countries in Asia and Africa. He has worked in Vietnam as CDC coordinator where he worked on HIV, influenza and other diseases with the government of Vietnam. He is a specialist in disease outbreak investigation, HIV and other infectious diseases, and scientific writing.

Dr. Wolfe continued his presentation asking relevant questions why we need to pursue global health issues? Although there are many reasons, Dr. Wolfe noted that it is necessary to understand global health so that we may verify disease; learn what caused the outbreak—understand the epidemiology. An outbreak has become to be defined as the occurrence (or reoccurrence) of diseases against the expected number, and determining these numbers are not always clear.

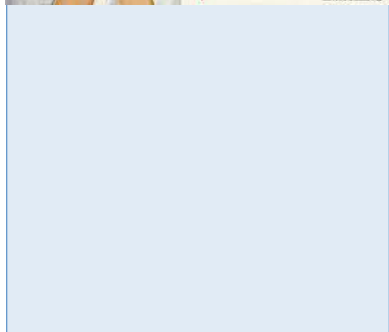
Dr. Wolfe explained that in the 21st century countries like the US, and many others, have to continuously decide what path they will take, especially now as many countries continue to face economic hardships. He stated that the US policymakers continue to agree that “strengthening Global Health is a national interest,” and this is both tied to soft and hard politics. Moreover, this notion helps to further increase worldwide development and help one to understand that “increasing health is the world’s geopolitical mission.” One student asked if there is a ‘swat team’ for the CDC to combat outbreaks head on? Dr. Wolfe noted that there is an elite group of specialists who are armed and ready to face the storm at a moment’s notice.

Another student asked what does CDC do to build capacity among poorer areas? Dr. Wolfe responded that the CDC seeks to target the most ‘at risk’ groups as they are the ones most likely to contract or spread diseases. This battle is led through education and instruction. He told the students that although they are young, he informed them that what they do outside the classroom directly affects what you do inside the classroom. So choose your activities and your friends wisely.”

My after thought here is, don't forget to always wash your hands!



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION





“ALL THE PLACES YOU WILL GO...”

US/ Canada	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Asia
Bryn Mawr College	University of Miami	Chulalongkorn University
Chapman University	University of Oregon	Kasetsart University
Columbia University	University of San Francisco	Rangsit University
Cornell University	University of Southern California	Thammasat University
Knox College	University of Virginia	
Michigan State University	University of Washington	UK
Mount Holyoke College	University of Wisconsin- Madison	King's College London
New York University		London College of Fashion
Parsons The New School for Design	Canada	Newcastle University
Pennsylvania State University	McGill University	Queen Mary, University of London
Pepperdine University	University of British Columbia	University College London
Pratt Institute	University of Ottawa	University of Manchester
Purdue University	University of Toronto	University of Sheffield
Rice University		University of Southampton
Seattle University	Australia	University of York
St. Olaf College	Billy Blue College of Design	University of Warwick
SUNY College at Geneseo	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	
The University of Montana	National Institute of Dramatic Arts	Europe
University of California, Berkeley	University of Melbourne	Gliion Institute of Higher Education
University of California, Davis	Asia	University of Groningen
University of California, Los Angeles	National University of Kaohsiung	Les Roches School of Hotel Management
University of California, Santa Barbara	S P Jain Center of Management	



WHAT I REMEMBER THAT IS NO LONGER

The Senior lounge

Anyone else reap the benefits of this amazing little space we spent every spare moment in. This little sanctuary is no longer.

Mr. Richard Bell

Our lovely, friendly and were in-the-know Operations Manager. He somehow appeared to be everywhere , all the time.

Our 10th Anniversary

It is amazing to think it has been almost 10 years since this day, where we wore "NIST survivor" shirts, released balloons and celebrated our 10 year history.

Swimming at NIST?

Many of you will not remember swimming at NIST as there was no pool. However, many of you may remember PE at nearby hotels where we would travel to swim. I remember these trips but not for the swimming!

BACK IN THE DAY

I would like to call this little section 'back in the day' to highlight some changes which I have noticed from my early days at NIST relative to NIST today. To illustrate, back in the day...

Our EY area used to look a little like this...



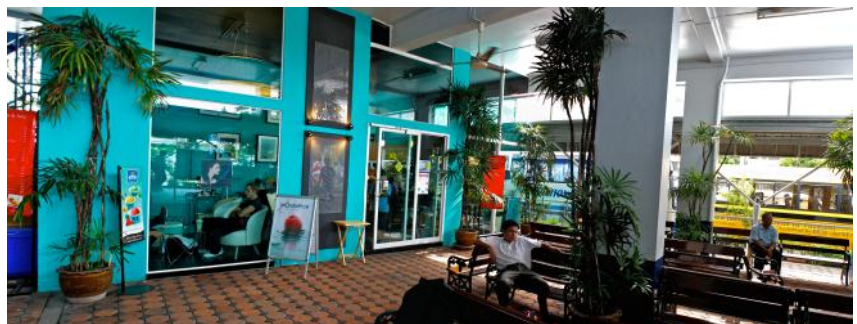
Where classroom technology looked a little like this...



We had many local vendors selling Thai food outside of school...



We now have a Coffee shop that sells smoothies, coffee , sandwiches and more.



We now have an EY centre, which has its own pool, in addition to a refurbished elementary building (its beautiful!)



And now looks more like this...SMART Boards, I still haven't figured them out



Keeping in touch

Raquel Grammat ('04) , I'm in Sydney and I love it. I don't think I could move away from the beach now. I did go to Africa and climbed Kilimanjaro. It was amazing!! This year Ross (my husband) and I are going to Argentina to climb Mt Aconcagua I'm a Special Ed teacher by day and kick boxing instructor by night and I'm married to Ross who's a cop and we spend all non work time mountain climbing. Bekky is married with 2 kids, Oriane (3) and Ethan (1) Debbie is married with 3 kids, Asher (5), Isaiah (3) and Jadon (1)



Valaya Smith ('09)

Since graduating in 2009 I have been studying in Melbourne, Australia. I am nearly halfway through my four-year Bachelor of Design (Interior Design) at RMIT. Though the program has proven to be quite different and much more challenging than I expected, there's nothing else I'd rather study. Heading into third year, I am considering a semester exchange to Europe or the States.

Besides the great friends I have made in my course, I am lucky to have friends from Bangkok in Melbourne with me. I regularly see Caitlin Massie and Steffi Chang, also from NIST class of '09. I am looking forward to catching up with old friends at a Class of '09 reunion planned for this December.



“Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves.” Jawaharlal Nehru quotes (Indian Prime Minister. 1889-1964)

NEWS FROM ONE OF OUR NEWEST ALUMNI MEMBERS

Sushi Dang ('11) is Currently at Glion Institute of higher education, Switzerland. He is studying Sports & event management.

Currently injured, Recovering from dislocated knee & torn MPFL Single & ready to mingle. Future goal - To become famous in some way or another.

“Glion - being away from Bangkok I start to miss the little things about the city. The easy 7/11 visits to being able to just call a taxi and go where ever for a reasonably cheap price.

The university itself is located on a mountain so i get fresh air...too much air which isn't too bad. The good thing about that is i get a free workout every time i go to class.

Class is fun. Teachers are nice. Its funny listing to teachers speak there because most of them have a french accent.

Glion has a decently good sports team. I joined the footy team there and found it to be a lot harder than NIST. Playing with BIG BIG boys isn't too fun, but over all it

was a good experience.

Making friends there was easy, I guess cause everyone was in the same situation, lonely and home sick. The second semester students did a good job in making sure everyone got to know each other better.

Organizing Events such as speed dating night, Barbecue night and various different actives for us to get to know our new class mates and students in our year level.

Surprisingly on campus there is a bar. This is where every one hangs out and gets together before any activity.

The king of kings - Sushi Dang :)



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Amara Sribhibhadh ('07)

"I'm currently studying environmental sciences and resource management (ESRM) and also pre-medicine at the University of Washington. I live in a sorority filled with 110 girls. ! I recently joined the tennis club and I have plans to go to graduate school (not sure where and for what yet!) I really miss the sunshine in Bangkok!



Nir Zevuloni ('05)

"Nir Zevuloni representing the ultimate class of 2005. Graduated from YU in New York with a Finance degree in 2009. Due to the economical crisis at wall-street in 2009, instead of hiring people they began to layoff people. Therefore came back to Bangkok! Started-up a men custom tailoring company, manufacturing in Bangkok and just now opened our 4th store in New York.



A year ago I joined the family business, manufacturing high end fashion jewelry for brands in the US and the middle east. - It takes time to get use to your Dad being your boss, but at the end of the day I can't complain.

I love Nist!- my homies, my sisters, my x-s and my teachers."

Sarah Pinkham ('03)

I'm living in Sydney at the moment. I have been here for 3 years after finishing my BA in Spanish & BSc in Psychology at Otago University in NZ. I am working at Accolade Wines, the second biggest wine company in Australia. I visit home (NZ) often to see my family who are all living back there, but love living by the beach in Bondi, Sydney.



LOVE NEWS

Jessica Chinsomboon ('03), married to Joshua Chang.

"Joshua and I are both working at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He is a MD/Ph.D candidate, and I'm working for the Office of Global Health. I think it's amazing that after having gone through NIST, to be exposed to so many different cultures, backgrounds, people, to have the opportunity to work on expanding the global impact of healthcare, and to be in the position to raise awareness of global health issues in a university hospital.

We currently live in Worcester Massachusetts, about 5 minutes from work but about an hour from the city of Boston :(We've both been in Massachusetts for about 8 years now, but our long term hope is to be able to work in health (for me) and medicine (for Joshua) in a developing country."

Young Joo Roh ('03) married Deokhee Jeong



Keeping in touch

David Monk and Lucy Deas . George is now 13 (yes...a teenager and all that this involves), Ellie is 11 (and thinks she is a teenager) and Mollie (the monster...) is 6 at the end of this month.

We are all doing very well in Switzerland and thoroughly enjoying the beauty of the country and the outdoors lifestyle that this brings. For the first time in my life (living in Europe at least) I find myself looking forward to winter and the start of the ski season. The kids are all on the slopes...even Molly was hurtling down the red slopes by the end of last year, usually singing away to herself.

Lucy is working as Head of the Middle School PE department, which also keeps her very busy, especially with after school sports as well. Although we are one school the Middle School is on a different campus so I don't get to see the kids (and Lucy) as much as I used to when we were all on one site.

Yours,

David Monk



“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” ~William Arthur Ward

Sharon Bazant

For the past 6 years (going on 7) my husband and I have been semi-retired (and now retired) just outside of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Up until about 6 months ago I had my own Thai massage business here. I have recently retired from that. We travel extensively and try to go away for at least 3 or 4 months every winter to escape the cooler weather. We have made a few trips back to Thailand since it is like home to us after having lived there for 9 years. Lately though, we have been exploring Central and South America. This past winter we purchased a condo on the beach of the Pacific Coast of Ecuador. We are excited about travelling there in winters to come. Our next project will be to learn Spanish.

My husband and I have also done a lot of ballroom and Latin dancing in the past 6 years. We enjoy both the classes and the dancing events. Both of our adult children got married about two years ago so we are still patiently waiting for grandchildren.

Other than that, we live a pretty quiet life. I am currently trying my hand at writing a novel. Not sure how that will turn out!

The photo is of me at a hacienda in Ecuador this past February.

Mrs. B. (aka Sharon Bazant)



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All former students of NIST— regardless of the length of stay at the school— are members of the NIST Alumni Association (NISTAA). The Alumni Association was formed in 2004 and is governed by a board of alumni volunteers.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to keep alumni connected to NIST through events, correspondence and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to get involved in the Alumni Association, please contact me!

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SAVE THE DATE

Highlights:
10 year reunion for the Class of 2001
Open Bar
Rooftop Venue

Dec 23rd 2011
AmBar, Four Points
Sheraton

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