

ALUM OF THE MONTH

Churchill alum Drew Pearlstein followed his heart to Africa

After serving in the Peace Corps, Drew Pearlstein ('98) is ready to tackle the Border Patrol. He just left for Tucson, AZ where he will start the program's 19-week training session.

Drew graduated from Salisbury University with a degree in Criminal Justice and planned on a career in federal law enforcement. When the FBI's age limit for admittance took him out of the running, he looked into the Peace Corps after a suggestion from his mother. Drew joined the Corps and was assigned to teach health education for two years in Mali, Africa.

In Mali, Drew taught basic health rules at schools and health centers in several villages. Common health knowledge such as hand washing and drinking clean water were at the forefront, followed by Malaria prevention and AIDS education. During his time in the village, Drew stayed in a one-room mud brick house with no running water or electricity. Despite the inconveniences, he has nothing but praise for the country and its people. "It's a great place, I loved my time there," he says.



When Drew's mom, Roberta, visited him in Mali, she said, "It was like being in the middle of a National Geographic documentary."

When Drew returned to the States he worked for the Peace Corps in the District, reviewing grant proposals from members in the field. His new venture with the Border Patrol means he'll be on the West Coast for the time being.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Hoover MS drama teacher Pamela Bilik will be teaching a combined 7th and 8th grade chorus first semester in addition to her drama classes. Chorus staffing was minimized last spring due to very low enrollment for the coming year.
- If your child is interested in choral music class at Hoover in the fall, please contact the school's guidance department.

Potomac Glen's Erik Kimel makes the grade with Peer2Peer



Churchill senior Nina Paraloglou of Gainsborough Road tutors North Potomac's Jack Connelly in math.

Churchill alum Erik Kimel has kept his high school tutoring business thriving through his college years. Maybe that's because the premise of Peer2Peer tutoring is simply that students learn better from other students. All of the tutors are high school students who know the expectations of the classes firsthand and are still familiar with the material.

Peer2Peer was created in 2004 (Erik's senior year) when he noticed some students in his classes excelled at subjects and others who needed extra help. "I thought, wouldn't it be great to pair them up," he says. The tutors are hired for their personality and genuine interest in helping others succeed.

Currently, Erik is a junior at NYU studying finance management. He continues to tutor when he returns home. He also hopes to see Peer2Peer grow and catch on throughout the county. "I'm always trying to improve the business, it fills up the day!" he says. All of his hard work pays off when he hears positive feedback from parents and students.

This summer Erik started a new program called Math Packet Camp, which is specifically geared toward students completing their required Math assignments.



Potomac tutors Jeremy Sherer (SGA President at Churchill HS this past year), Sara Kimel, Erik Kimel, Heather Edward and Bryan Reisberg gather to promote Peer2Peer.

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