

# Lakehill Alum Reaches Across Borders to Help Others

“It never ceases to amaze me how differently people live their lives,” said Dr. Lynette Page, a 1998 graduate of Lakehill Preparatory School. “While at Lakehill, I developed a real sense of community involvement that continues to be an important part of my life.” Ten years later, Lynette now takes her sense of community involvement learned at Lakehill into her professional life. In her early college days, Lynette, with other members of her family, participated in medical outreach trips to South America. Over the last few years, Lynette has visited Guatemala, Panama, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic on several occasions to provide basic medical services. She is currently working with her colleagues to organize a medical outreach trip to Mexico in 2009. “It is an eye-opening experience. These individuals are dealing every day with severe pain. Pain that you or I could not tolerate, but they go on with their daily activities,” added Page. Lynette was very active in the school community while at Lakehill. She was a four-year class officer, and held officer positions with the PASF (Pan American Student Forum) and the *Calumet*, Lakehill’s literary magazine. In addition, Lynette was involved in several community service projects at Lakehill, such as the class grandmother, the senior garage sale, the holiday luncheon, and canned food deliveries. Outside of Lakehill, Lynette used that same work ethic and competitive drive to succeed in figure skating. She was United States Figure Skating Association double gold medalist, regional champion, and sectional competitor. “When I think of Lakehill, I have such great memories. The first day of school, Friday night football games, and the Middle School Adventure Week are memories that always bring a smile to my face,” noted Lynette. Headmaster Roger Perry added, “It is always a joy to have our students come back and relive their memories. It was a pleasure spending 12 years with Lynette and I am not at all surprised by her accomplishments.” Lynette was known by her teachers and fellow classmates as an extremely hard worker, winning multiple awards in English, Statistics, and Spanish. In addition to her awards and accomplishments, Lynette was named “Most Responsible” her senior year. Spanish teacher Joan Mayo recalls Lynette as an extremely motivated student. “She always came to class prepared and ready to work, but beyond that she was both curious and brilliant.” However, it was not all work for Lynette. “She has an infectious laugh,” says fellow classmate Katie Becker. “At our 10-year reunion, she started laughing and it just spread throughout



Page helps local Panamanians on medical outreach trip

the room. She is a great person who knows how to enjoy life.”

**A**cademics were always an important aspect to Lynette.

“The Lakehill curriculum helped prepare me for college. The workload and expectations for my first college English class were really no different than the expectations for my senior English class at Lakehill,” said Lynette, “I was well prepared both academically and socially when I reached UNT.” **L**ynette completed her course work at the University of North Texas and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, she continued her education at New York University where she earned her Master’s Degree in Psychology. It was during this time that she first thought about dental school. “I was on a medical and dental outreach trip with my family, and one of the dentists on the trip suggested that I look into dental school. The more I thought about it, the more interested I became,” said Lynette.

**L**ynette decided to pursue dentistry and enrolled at the New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD). This widely regarded program at NYU is known for its proactive and forward-thinking approach. NYUCD was the first dental school to use radiology X-rays, the first Oral Cancer Consortium in the U.S., the first dental school to offer a completely

digitized curriculum, and the first dental school to certify all students in Invisalign. Lynette continued to go above and beyond what was expected. She was an Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology Honor Student and won the NYU Invisa Leader Award and the American Academy of Oral Medicine Award.

**A**fter graduating and earning her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree, Lynette had plans to return to Dallas, and rather than joining a practice or establishing her own, she decided to apply to the residency program at the Dallas Veterans Medical Center, the only general practice residency program in the city. Each year the program accepts only two applicants. Lynette added, “Lakehill instilled in me the importance of lifelong learning, and being accepted into this program allows me to continue to learn, and ultimately makes me a better dentist.” **T**hrough this residency program, Lynette works with patients on a daily basis and continues her studies through lectures, classes, and assigned rotations such as oral surgery, general medicine, anesthesiology, oral radiology, oral pathology, and emergency room. Lynette adds, “One advantage of this residency is that it is teaching me to be more efficient in my procedures, which will be important in private practice.” **W**hen the year-long residency program ends, Lynette hopes to join an established private practice

in the Dallas community. With her academic background, work ethic, and dedication to others, the future is limitless for Lynette. “Lakehill was such a great experience.

I made many great friends and was well-prepared for my future,” says Page. **T**he Page family has a 25-



Lynette Page graduated from NYU Dental School in 2008.

year tradition with the school:

Lynette and her brother Jonathan, a 2004 graduate, attended Lakehill for 12 and 13 years respectively.

Lynette would pass on the following advice to students at Lakehill: “Be prepared to work hard.

The curriculum is truly college preparatory.” **L**ynette and her fiancé Anthony Vecchione, a fellow NYU graduate student and current SMU law student, are set to marry in the fall of 2009.

Lakehill Preparatory School is thrilled to have Lynette back in the community.