

# ASMSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It has been another busy year at ASMSA!

As you may remember the school year is a constant flurry of activity. There's always Science Fair to prepare for, college applications and scholarship forms to complete, and American Studies assignments. Club meetings and conferences, late-night exam breakfasts in the cafeteria, walks downtown, and just hanging out with friends.

The faculty and staff are staying busy too. As many of you know, we have renewed our efforts this year to find alumni and reorganize the ASMSA Alumni Association. We now have 1,747 ASMSA graduates going to school and working all over the world.

Thank you to all those who took the time to update their records, attend Open House and recruitment events, participate in programs at school, mentor current students, and send us news items about all the great things you are doing. You can tell the ASMSA story better than anyone else and we appreciate all you do to help spread the word about our school.

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## CLASS REUNIONS

This summer we welcomed back to campus the classes of 1996 (bottom photo) and 2001. The class of 1996 held its events here in Hot Springs, while the class of 2001 held its reunion in Little Rock. But, both groups took the time to come back and tour campus, relive memories, check out their old door rooms and see the new Student Life Complex.

If your class has an upcoming reunion, contact Special Events Coordinator Vicki Hinz ([hinzv@asmsa.org](mailto:hinzv@asmsa.org)) to see how the ASMSA staff can help with your event.

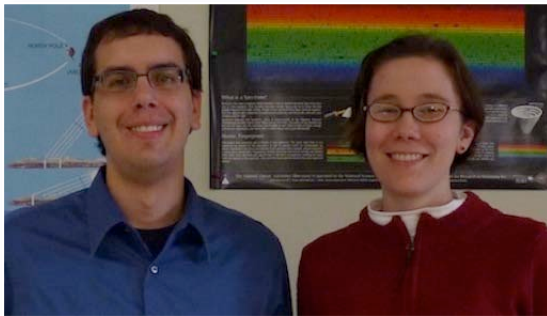
## CLASS NOTES

We launched the redesigned ASMSA website this past summer, and it includes a page for alumni news and events. On the Class Notes page you can catch up on news from your classmates. This is where you can announce you are graduating from college, completing your Ph.D., getting a new job or promotion, tying the knot, or welcoming a new addition to your family.

Send Class Notes to Public Relations Specialist Mia Anderson ([andersonm@asmsa.org](mailto:andersonm@asmsa.org)). We also publish Class Notes in the "Tangents" newsletter.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Mentor current ASMSA students. As alumni, only you can understand what it's like to be an ASMSA student.
- Mentor new ASMSA graduates attending your college or just welcome them to campus and show them around.
- Let us know if you are working somewhere that can provide internships or research opportunities for ASMSA students.
- Keep your ASMSA records up to date and help us find your classmates.  
(<http://bit.ly/asmsaaluminfo>)
- Give. We know some of you have said, "Don't ask me for money." And, we realize not everyone can donate money at this time. However, some of you are in a position now that you can give back to ASMSA, the place that helped lay the foundation for your college education and your career. Your gift can help ASMSA grow and improve and will ensure other students have the same opportunities you had. Any size gift is appreciated.



Jack and Lindsey Waddell (1999) teach at ASMSA.



## STUDENT LIFE COMPLEX

Construction of the Student Life Complex continues. The two residence hall wings will be complete by Dec. 31. Thanks to a recent \$2 million appropriation from the State Legislature and some additional Recovery Act money, construction can continue on the remainder of the building, including the new dining hall and residential life areas. However, we need \$500,000 to complete the library. The goal is to have the building completely finished and equipped by next summer and ready for students to move in when school starts in August.

The building dedication will be in spring 2012 before the current senior class graduates. Check the ASMSA Facebook page for updates on the construction and announcements about the dedication.

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We are frequently asked, "Where are your alumni?" and "What are your alumni doing?" We need to be able to answer these questions. Especially when we are requesting money from the state legislature and granting organizations. So again, please take the time to update your records with us, and thank you to those who have already done so. (<http://bit.ly/asmsaaluminfo>)

This fall, Stephanie Rizzo, our new alumni relations coordinator, and Susan Lancaster, the director of institutional advancement, met with a group of alumni in Little Rock. In the coming year we plan to host meetings/social gatherings in other areas of the state where we have large numbers of alumni. We hope you will be able to attend.

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