Spicer Emge ’14

Spicer Emge ’14, now an architect at Dibello Architects in New Braunfels, Texas, can chart his trajectory from a CH high school student interested in the visual arts to his current career. As a student in Lissa Schairer’s photography class, Spicer was inspired by her passion for this creative pursuit which, as a former math teacher, she married with an analytical approach.

From learning about composition to gaining an understanding about the aesthetic makeup of what makes a “good photo” to developing rolls of film in the darkroom, Spicer was hooked. Photography was a gateway to further exploration in the visual arts at Campbell Hall such as painting, drawing, digital artmaking, and Photoshop.

These skills served Spicer well once he discovered the field of architecture which combines the science of design with pure artistry. As a student at the University of Notre Dame in the classical five-year architecture program, Spicer lived in Rome for a year studying his craft and, as a graduate, won the Andrew F. Kervick Award for Hand Drawing of Highest Merit over the entire course of study.

Even as a teenager, Spicer had an intuitive appreciation for architecture. With their indoor/outdoor flow and characteristic mid-century modern details, Spicer was enamored with Campbell Hall’s elementary school buildings (now considered historical landmarks) designed by renowned architects A. Quincy Jones and Frederick Emmons. “I loved all the quads too,” Spicer explained, “just sitting with my friends and enjoying the space that Campbell Hall has to offer. I think of everything in architectural terms and back then there was a subconscious comfort level with having such spaces.”

Starting at age five, Spicer began fencing and, when he was older, was part of the Junior and Senior teams of the Los Angeles International Fencing Club. By the time he was in middle school, he was competing at the national and international levels, traveling the world to participate in tournaments. As a two-time recipient of Campbell Hall’s Thomas G. Clarke Alumni Scholarship, Spicer was able to use the funds he was awarded for some of the countless fencing tournaments and international travel that was required in order to compete at the highest level. “Fencing is an extremely expensive sport,” Spicer noted. “The scholarships gave me some piece of mind knowing that some of that financial burden on my mom was alleviated.” During his fencing career, Spicer was ranked fourth nationally in the under 17 category, was in the top ten in the under 19 category, placed third at the cadet level in the Junior Olympics, and came in second at the Junior World Cup, all of which helped propel him to sign with the Division I fencing team at the University of Notre Dame.

Spicer grew up in the Episcopalian tradition, regularly attending church. Before joining Campbell Hall in 7th grade, he attended St. James Episcopal school for Kindergarten through 6th grade, all of which he attributes to a strong moral foundation that was laid for him. “I see that the things I value as an adult were formed by the experiences I had growing up in that environment. At Campbell Hall, I was able to explore so many interests, but the growth I had was more than just academic. My friends and I felt we had a greater sense of responsibility. Whatever faith you belong to, Campbell Hall is really invested in creating people who are thoughtful and empathetic. They put that care into every student.”

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Once a Viking, Always a Viking
When Erin Moreland ’91 was in 3rd grade, she had a transformative experience in a summer science course that would have made most kids, at the very least, squeamish: she dissected a fetal pig. From that point on, Erin was hooked on science. By the time she entered Campbell Hall in 9th grade, she knew she wanted to make science, one that preferably centered on animals, her career.

While her interest and focus were clear, her path to her current position as a Research Zoologist at the world-renowned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was not always straightforward. “I knew what I wanted, but I didn’t know how to get it,” Erin explained. After receiving her B.S. in Zoology from Humboldt State University, Erin said: “I made a promise to myself that no matter what job I took to support myself, I would always keep one foot in science and continue to work with animals.” She volunteered, did internships, and worked part-time in order to keep that promise to herself, and later went on to receive her M.S. in Environmental Toxicology from Western Washington University.

Erin worked her way up through NOAA, starting out living in field camps in remote parts of Hawaii collecting data and conducting studies on the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal. In 2006, she began her work with the Polar Ecosystems Program where she studies seals in the arctic waters of Alaska.

When she first began doing this work, it involved flying over the Bering Sea in helicopters to count and capture images of seals that were broadly distributed over the vast ice. She also reviewed high altitude imagery of glacial fjords. Counting these tiny specks that were presumably seals, was not only a laborious and not altogether reliable process, but the harsh conditions in which the helicopters sometimes flew could also be extremely dangerous. When Erin learned from a colleague at another institution about a program that was using thermal technology to track the heat emitted by marine mammals, she lobbied to obtain similar equipment. Soon, she and her team were using thermal cameras in addition to color and ultraviolet imagery, to conduct more accurate surveys of the seal populations. Now they use fixed wing planes with cameras and computers on board and machine learning algorithms that add to the accuracy and efficiency of the research. Once the machines have been set up and are running, the team is able to spend any additional time they have collecting data on other arctic wildlife such as polar bears and foxes for agencies that use them.

The work Erin does is not only of ecological and environmental significance, contributing data and understanding about the effects of climate change on Alaskan wildlife populations, but is also personally fulfilling. “It’s been really important for me to contribute to something beyond myself, but it is also rewarding on a personal level,” said Erin. “I relish the time I get to immerse myself in work in the field. It’s energizing. Getting out of my comfort zone is when I feel really alive.”

When Erin reflected on her time at Campbell Hall, she noted that: “The care and focus of the teachers was the thing that was most valuable to me.” Erin, who had previously struggled in History classes, recounted one CH History teacher who conveyed the material through relatable and memorable stories. “She helped me see that, while the subject was a challenge for me, I could get through it,” Erin explained. “It instilled in me not only an appreciation for History, but also that I could overcome obstacles.” To this day, Erin continues to meet challenges with zeal, courage, and determination.
SPOTLIGHTS
Updates from Campbell Hall Alumni

Erica (Rozbruch) Rozmid, Ph.D ’10
Psychologist starts company and authors a book

Dr. Rozmid ’10 is a licensed clinical psychologist, consultant, and author who recently founded Clarity CBT & DBT Center. Her practice provides evidence-based treatments to children and adolescents who struggle with anxiety (including selective mutism, OCD, and panic attacks) and depression (including those who have self-harming behaviors and suicidal thoughts). She is currently co-authoring a book for providers to make therapy more fun and accessible for youth, utilizing popular culture, play, and improv theater. Dr. Rozmid provides in-person therapy in Los Angeles and virtual therapy throughout California and Rhode Island.

Dr. Cherise Smith ’87
Recognition for scholarly work

Dr. Cherise Smith ’87 was awarded Smithsonian American Art Museum’s Charles C. Eldredge Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in American Art for her book Michael Ray Charles: A Retrospective. The book is the first in-depth examination of the artist’s provocative paintings that sample images of racism from consumer culture.

Cherise is the Joseph D. Jamail Chair in African American Studies and a professor in the African and African Diaspora Studies and art and art history departments at the University of Texas at Austin.

Daniel Hertzberg ’10
A legacy of service

Hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father, Robert “Bob” Hertzberg, who currently serves as the State Senate Majority Leader, Daniel Hertzberg ’10 entered the race for the San Fernando Valley State Senate district. He has gained the support of Congressman Tony Cárdenas and California Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez and his platform consists of creating more family-sustaining jobs, ensuring livable wages, tackling the housing crisis, building a strong and growing middle class, fully funding public schools, combating the climate crisis, and guaranteeing healthcare for all.
Katherine Hannibal ’13
Marine biologist rides wave of success

Katherine Hannibal ’13 received a $10,000 award through the Aquarium of the Pacific’s (Long Beach, CA) African-American Scholar Program. She and fellow recipients will be invited to participate in presentations, meetings, and other activities at the Aquarium. In a videotaped message during the virtual award ceremony, Katherine said, “Aquariums provide such important steps in science communication, uniting scientific and public communities, and serve as a lens to discover educational resources for sustainability, conservation, and research. This uniting engagement has been the focal point of my career path. As a marine biologist and educator, I understand the crucial responsibility for effectively communicating information to the public in an inclusive and engaging way. I’m so honored to be recognized by an aquarium that’s really taken steps to serve as a symbol for education. I believe that we must model today what we wish for tomorrow.” Katherine is an M.S. candidate in biology at California State University, Northridge and has a B.S in marine biology from the University of Rhode Island. Her article, “Be Like an Octopus - Adapt and Thrive” was published in the Fall 2021 issue of the Aquarium of the Pacific’s magazine *Pacific Currents.*

Dr. Christopher Snead ’91
Scientist studies rare asteroid samples

Dr. Christopher Snead ’91, a research scientist and microscale astromaterials specialist at NASA Johnson Space Center, is part of a team that received rare study samples of an asteroid retrieved by a Japanese spacecraft. Analysis of asteroids, which are debris from the beginning of the solar system, may hold answers to how the solar system evolved.

Luke Santonastaso ’08
Giving back to the CH community

Luke Santonastaso ’08 has been working with Campbell Hall’s Cunningham String Quartet, helping them prepare for upcoming performances including the “Chamber Music Concert Series.” Luke currently performs as a section member of the Santa Cruz Symphony and the Sarasota Opera Orchestra as well as being a core member of the un-conducted chamber orchestra One Found Sound.
**Dr. Sara Mednick ’90**  
*Sleep expert releases new book*

Renowned sleep expert and UC Irvine professor Dr. Sara Mednick ’90 introduces the “downstate”—the key to rest and rejuvenation on a cellular level—and how to maximize it for energy, balance, and vitality. Author of *Take a Nap! Change Your Life: The Scientific Plan to Make You Smarter, Healthier, More Productive*, her latest book *The Power of the Downstate: Recharge Your Life Using Your Body’s Own Restorative Systems* is set for release in April 2022.

**David White ’91**  
*Embodying a new leadership role*

David White ’91 was selected as Santa Monica’s City Manager to implement the City Council’s priorities which he wrote in a statement, includes “achieving a clean and safe Santa Monica, addressing homelessness, and ensuring an equitable and inclusive economic recovery.” David was formerly the deputy city manager of Berkeley and previous to that was city manager in Fairfield.

**Zoe Cassavetes ’88**  
*Director collaborates on a fine jewelry collection*

In addition to her directing talents, Zoe Cassavetes ’88 has found another creative outlet working with jewelry designer Ileana Makri. The pair have designed a capsule collection of fine jewelry, recently featured in *Vogue* magazine, that celebrates Greek history.

**Ryan Abrams ’19**  
*Activist engages student voters*

Ryan Abrams ’19, who has served as Muhlenberg College’s BergVotes President for the last two years, has helped lead the charge in engaging student voters. The educational institution, which has one of the highest voting rates among colleges across the country, recently received the Platinum Seal by ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for their work in turning out students for the 2020 presidential election.

For more information about these and other CH Alumni Spotlights, visit campbellhall.org/alumni.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU’RE UP TO!  
Email alumni@campbellhall.org to include a class note in the next issue of *The Good*. 
Kevin Bloom '06 and his wife Zoë welcomed Emily Ann Bloom on September 8, 2021.

Lauren (Bradley) Popejoy '04 and Joshua welcomed Henry on June 4, 2021.

Scott Line '03 and his wife Evelyn welcomed Huntley Scott Line on August 5, 2021.

Alex Early '05 and his wife Maggie welcomed August Mark on September 23, 2021.

Garrett Markley '05 and his wife Alena welcomed Imrie Liv Markley on January 5, 2022.
Babies

Emily Bruckner Krasnow ’03 and her husband David welcomed twin boys Cody Sy and Warren Ben on September 15, 2021. (left)

Sarah (Left) Dollar ’06 and her husband Jeff welcomed Emery Joe Joe on October 11, 2021. (right)

Weddings

Alexis Zampas King ’14 married Bobby King on September 21, 2021 in Santa Barbara, CA.

Alumni in attendance included:
Luke Zampas ’16 Greek Best Man,
Michael Parsa ’15 Best Man,
Holly Haworth ’14 Maid of Honor,
Cameron Knoblock ’14, Emma Magid ’14,
Liv Hutchings ’14, Sam Elimelech ’14,
Evan Thicke ’15, Milan Amritaj ’16,
Evan Hasencamp ’16, Isaac Dektor ’16,
Rebecca Singer ’15, Brian Zatulove ’14,
Rose Haworth ’11.

Julia Bruckner Oskey ’08 married Justin Oskey on October 19, 2021 in Santa Susana, CA.

Jason Goldstein ’12 married Lilli Passero on August 1, 2021 in Los Angeles, CA.

Events

17 CH alumni attended the tailgate meetup at Casa Vega in Sherman Oaks prior to the Campbell Hall Homecoming game on October 2, 2021.
Annual Thanksgiving Meetup • November 24, 2021 • Laurel Tavern • Studio City, CA.