



SYA 50th Anniversary Celebration

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Welcome to the Celebration

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the School Year Abroad 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Since opening its first door in 1964, SYA has inspired over 7,500 young men and women to become leaders by developing cross-cultural understanding, empathy and the confidence to navigate the unfamiliar.

This weekend we have a special opportunity to celebrate half a century of SYA history and look ahead to SYA's role in the future of global education. We are pleased to present our first-ever *Global Thinkers: Distinguished Alumni Speakers* presentation, showcasing six alumni representing diverse fields, each exemplifying the qualities of a "global thinker" that SYA helps to foster in its students. We are proud to feature SYA Resident Directors in the *Back to School* classes on Saturday morning, alumni musicians on both Friday and Saturday evenings, and our Reader's Theatre performance during the Saturday evening Anniversary Reception.

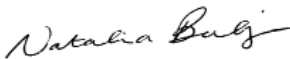
On Saturday morning we look forward to honoring two extraordinary former faculty members and publicly recognizing them with SYA's inaugural Honorary Alumnus Award. We will also present the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award to 11 very special SYA pioneers, the original "schoolboys" of Spain 1965.

We are grateful to our young alumni event hosts (look for their yellow nametags). We are also grateful for the generous support from our corporate sponsors and the generous contributions of alumni family wines and a commemorative gift you will receive on Saturday evening.

We hope that you enjoy your time with alumni, parents, faculty and friends with whom you share something quite special in common – the truly extraordinary experience of School Year Abroad. And please, when you see us throughout the course of the celebration, introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you.

Thank you for joining us at this milestone celebration.

Sincerely,



Natalia Bulgari ES'86



Margaret Conklin FR'74

Co-Chairs, 50th Anniversary Honorary Committee

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JULY 24

EVENING PROGRAM

Marriott Courtyard Boston Downtown

6:00–8:00 P.M.

Welcome Reception

Washington Ballroom, Fifth Floor

Open the weekend with a special performance by Tony Award-winning composer Adam Guettel FR'82.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

MORNING PROGRAM

Marriott Courtyard Boston Downtown

7:30–9:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast

Fifth Floor Lobby

Sponsored by Carney, Sandoe, & Associates; McLane Law Firm; and Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur, CPAs, P.C.

9:00–9:45 A.M.

Back to School with Resident Directors *(choose one)*

Fifth Floor

Revolutionary Change

SYA China RD Hilde Becker
Shubert/Charles

Understanding Italy Through Opera

SYA Italy RD Patrick Scanlon
Library

Literary Meanderings

SYA France RD Denis Brochu
Washington Ballroom

Hace Federico: The Poet and his Moon

SYA Spain RD Virginia Invernizzi
Wilbur/Colonial

10:00–11:10 A.M.

All School Meeting

Empire Ballroom, First Floor

Pay tribute to SYA's 50 year history and look to the future

Honorary Alumnus Award

The inaugural presentation of this award recognizes Ángel Vilalta ES'65-98F and Marie-Cécile Heurtin FR'68-09F.

Global Thinkers: Distinguished Alumni Speakers *(part one)*

Mimi Crume Sterling FR'94 and Gabriela D'Addario IT'05 will facilitate this dynamic series featuring alumni speakers who are leaders in their fields.

From Pioneer Schoolboy to Globetrotting Human Rights Lawyer
Douglass Cassel ES'65 ES'11P

International Education and the Need to Engage
Clay Pell ES'99 CN'01

Cadavers and Cathartics: the Medical Case for Global Education
Pauline Chen FR'82

11:10–11:30 A.M. **Coffee Break**
Sponsored by Carney, Sandoe, & Associates; McLane Law Firm; and Tyler, Simms & St. Sauveur, CPAs, P.C.

11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. **Global Thinkers: Distinguished Alumni Speakers** (*part two*)

SYA and the Reflections of a Physician-Scientist 40 Years Later
Emery Brown ES'74 ES'16P

How to Fight Human Trafficking — Don't
Lauren Burke CN'01

Border Crossing
Rhea Wong FR'96

SYA Distinguished Alumni Award

Presentation of inaugural award to the Class of SYA Spain 1965

Voice of SYA Today

Calvino, Cod and Community
Noah Rickerich IT'12

Closing Remarks

EVENING PROGRAM

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

5:15–6:00 P.M. **Courtesy Shuttle**
Limited courtesy shuttles will begin departures from the Marriott Courtyard Boston Downtown to The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum at 5:15 P.M. The last shuttle departs at 6:00 P.M.

6:30–8:00 P.M. **Anniversary Reception**
Sponsored by Cambridge Travel
The Pavilion
Let your culinary palette explore the world and toast to the past and future of SYA with wines generously donated by alumni, alumni families and friends.

8:15–8:45 P.M. **Reader's Theatre**
Smith Hall
Margaret Austin FR'11, Daniel Dozier FR'00, Noah Faison CN'15, Samuel Heath ES'71 and Sarinda Parsons Wilson FR'83 FR'13P will perform a dramatic reading celebrating 50 years of SYA accompanied by guitarist Vincent Pasternak ES'68.

8:45–9:30 P.M. **Coffee and Dessert**

Courtesy Shuttle

Limited courtesy shuttles will begin departures from The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum for the Marriott Courtyard Boston Downtown at 9:15 P.M. The last shuttle departs at 10:00 P.M.

Honorees

In its 50th year, SYA is pleased to establish two awards recognizing the important contributions of individuals whose commitment to its mission have set an extraordinary foundation for SYA's growth and development.

2015 Honorary Alumnus Award Recipients

Ángel Vilalta

SYA Spain Faculty 1964-1998

Ángel was critical to the creation and early success of SYA. He opened the eyes of his students by impressing upon them the fundamental importance of culture in their lives, in all its manifestations. His passionate teaching and compelling lessons have remained in the hearts of SYA Spain alumni throughout the years.

Marie-Cécile Heurtin

SYA France Faculty 1967-2009

SYA's longest-serving faculty member, Marie-Cécile is honored for her extraordinary legacy with SYA France. Through her years of teaching she enlightened hundreds, if not thousands, of students on the art of French literature. Marie-Cécile was always known as a thoughtful, supportive and inspiring teacher.

2015 SYA Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

The 11 members of SYA's inaugural class are the first-ever recipients of this award, given in recognition of outstanding contribution and leadership in the SYA alumni community. In the fall of 1964 these original brave pioneers took a giant leap of faith, left familiar surroundings and led the way for more than 7,500 students to follow.

The Class of SYA Spain 1965



Members of the class celebrating their 50th reunion in Zaragoza in April 2015

*Pictured from left: William R. Sykes, David R. Berz, Mark Pestronk, Stephen M. Foster, Jeffrey T. Eastment, David A. Goldin, Douglass Cassel, Michael Sheehan and Scott Landa
Missing from photo: Paul K. Dezendorf and Bruce S. Yarock*

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Stop by the registration and information tables.

Look for SYA staff and young alumni hosts with yellow nametags who will be happy to help you.

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