



# **MVYLI Mentor Program & Job Shadow Day 2017**

**February 3, 2017**

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# You're Invited

## MVYLI 7<sup>th</sup> Job Shadow Day Reception

Hosted by Martha's Vineyard Hospital

Friday, February 3, 2017

5:30-6:30 p.m.

MVYLI youth and their mentors  
will share their personal experiences.

Come and be inspired as these young people pursue their dreams!

MVYLI Youth Are With Their Mentors  
From 2:30-5:00 pm

### Invited Guests

Families & Friends  
Supporters & MVYLI Advisory Council

PLEASE RSVP to  
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**MVYLI Career Mentor/ Job Shadow Day** is the cornerstone of our yearlong program with Vineyard youth. During the last 6 years MVYLI matched 70 Island businesses and professionals with Vineyard youth. This one-day experience has been eye opening and life changing for Vineyard youth.

Each February, the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, a national campaign gives young people a new perspective on their studies through hands-on learning and a one-day mentoring experience. It is a joint effort of America's Promise - Alliance for Youth, Junior Achievement, and the U.S. Department of Labor. Nationwide, more than one million students, 100,000 businesses, 2,000 restaurants and hotels participate.

MVYLI is a project of the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute**, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded on Martha's Vineyard in 1997.

*MVYLI is very much aligned with my 5-year plan for Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. In the past, our students have greatly benefitted from MVYLI's emphasis on critical thinking, problem solving, expanding their horizons and helping them think about their future. I'm especially pleased to see this year's focus on writing.*

**Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea**



## MVYLI's Career Mentoring Program: 2016-2017

The **Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative** expanded its **successful Job Shadow Day** Program – to a year-round program: **MVYLI's Career Mentoring Program**. During the last six years, MVYLI has matched over 80 Island businesses and professionals with Vineyard youth. This one-day experience is eye opening and life changing (see MVYLI's Case Study). MVYLI's Mentor Program gives Vineyard youth ongoing mentorship opportunities. MVYLI's team hosts weekly workshops to prepare students to maximize these mentoring experiences. As part of their preparation, youth research potential career pathways aligned with their personal and professional dreams. They develop their first bios and headshots to include in their portfolios. MVYLI's team then matches youth with professionals in the Vineyard community who have jobs/careers in these fields. MVYLI's program leads to more motivated students; increased support from Islanders and seasonal residents; MVYLI College Field Trips hosts, scholarships, internships and summer jobs. Supporters and sponsors are invited with mentors to Community Recognition Events.

### Benefits to the Vineyard Community

- **Exposes young minds** to inspiring leaders, opens doors and expands their horizons.
- Helps translate youth passion with practical experience in the job market and the **world of work**.
- Our goal is to give youth a **positive experience of the world of work, promote a good work ethic**, and develop long-lasting relationships that contribute to the island and global economy.
- **Better trained workforce:** MVYLI provides training that prepares young people to contribute to the Island's workforce. **The YMCA of MV** has hired several MVYLI youth for their summer camps and afternoon programs. MVYLI youth serve as interns at **Martha's Vineyard Community Television** documenting town meetings and sports events for the Island community to view.
- **Develop New Leadership:** The Vineyard has so many wonderful leaders on the island who have over the years directed its future. There is general agreement that now is the time to groom a new generation of leaders that will ensure the Island's future for generations to come. The Martha's Vineyard Commission has expressed the need for young people to be involved with the Island Plan 2050.
- Youth receive educational tools and training to prepare them to address key issues and develop projects.
- Youth receive tools to make healthy decisions/choices and build on their strengths, minimize their weaknesses;
- Youth are exposed to inspiring leaders, learn how to develop action plans to implement their vision; troubleshoot challenges, prepare presentations, and develop strategies to engage others in their projects.
- Youth learn to make effective presentations about their experiences and projects and are featured on MVTV;
- Youth are empowered to be representatives of issues and projects affecting their islands;
- Creates a win-win strategy that, by design, teaches collaboration with other non-profit organizations.
- Builds a coalition of youth, business and non-profit organizations working to build a more sustainable island.
- Engages business and non-profit organizations to mentor Vineyard youth, hire and support them.

### MVYLI Job Shadow Day Press

- *MVYLI holds Job Shadow Day for High School Students: MV Times* Feb. 10, 2016
- *MV Youth Leadership Initiative pairs high school students with professionals, MV Times*, Feb. 12, 2014
- *Martha's Vineyard Regional High School students test-drive careers, MV Times*, Feb. 6, 2013
- *When Seeing Your Shadow is a Good Thing, Vineyard Gazette*, February 17, 2012
- *Job Shadow Day Brings Out Some of the Island's Brightest, MV Patch*, February 4, 2012
- *Leadership Key Ingredient for Stone Soup, Vineyard Gazette*, July 19, 2011
- MVYLI Job Shadow Day Newsletters: 2012 & 2013
- MVYLI Job Shadow Day Video: 2013: <http://youtu.be/-SUJ0QwZhhU>

## MVYLI Job Shadow Day

**MVYLI's mission** is to train young people to become leaders in their lives, their community and the world. MVYLI is a project of the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute**, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1997 on Martha's Vineyard. The Institute hosts the **Cronkite Awards Ceremony** to benefit MVYLI. For over a decade, Mr. Cronkite was the Institute's honorary chairperson. MVYLI's year round programs include **Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development, College Prep, Field Trip & Scholarship Program, Career Mentoring Program (Job Shadow Day) and Special Projects. MVYLI youth served as representatives to the Governor's Statewide Youth Council: 2010-2015.** All Vineyard youth (14-21 years) are able to attend programs at no charge. MVYLI partners with national organizations:

The **National Groundhog Job Shadow Day**, a national campaign gives young people a new perspective on their studies through hands-on learning and a one-day mentoring experience. Nationwide, more than one million students and 100,000 businesses participate, 2,000 restaurants and hotels hosted nearly 20,000 students.

During the last four years, MVYLI has matched over 60 Island businesses and professionals with Vineyard youth. This one-day experience has been eye opening and even life changing.

**Julia Cooper** was curious about the world of sustainable architecture. MVYLI matched her with **Ryan Bushey** at the **South Mountain Company**. This one afternoon helped Julia to see that she really wanted a more people-oriented career. For the next year Julia explored the life of a college professor with **John Kennedy** from LaSalle University of Philadelphia. Julia is now pursuing this career at **Colgate University**.

**Jacob Lawrence** first shadowed Brian Billsback at PwC (**PricewaterhouseCoopers**) in Boston. Then after serving as MC for MVYLI's Multicultural Assembly at MVRHS, he wanted to explore the world of public relations. Jacob shadowed then **Senator John Kerry's Communications Director**, Nicole Caravella who worked in both the public and private sectors. "The day was one that I will remember for a long time," says Jacob. By discovering his passion before applying to colleges, Jacob focused his application process. He credits MVYLI's Job Shadow Day with saving he (and his parents) thousands of dollars!

**Maisie Jarrell** is exploring her options for before applying to colleges next year. She has a wide range of interests – from medicine to the Peace Corps. She is also curious about the world of event planning. For her first mentoring experience she wants to explore the world of event planning. Megan Honey, Special Events Manager at **The Harbor View Hotel** will mentor Maisie. As part of her learning process, Maisie will assist with the coordination of **MVYLI Advisory Council's** November meeting with Island leaders. One of the highlights is a skype video session with MVYLI Alumni Isabella El-Deiry, a sophomore at Howard University.

**Benjamin Nadelstein** is a sophomore at MVRHS who aspires to become a media producer. MVYLI is developing a personalized plan for Ben with a wide range of mentors including musical professor and recording producer, **Ed Merck**, music recording business technology developer, **Norman Hall**, video production studio with **MVRHS Librarian Kevin McGrath and MVTV**. Ben is developing a Job Shadow Day video featuring MVYLI youth and their mentors. MVYLI will feature this on its website, Facebook page, YouTube education channel and on MVTV to inspire more youth and members of the Vineyard community to share their time, talents and resources with our youth. This video will be a tremendous asset to Ben's portfolio so he can share with college admissions directors and potential employers.

**MVYLI College Youth** are matched with strategically significant professionals. **Isabella El-Deiry** was first matched with international human rights activist and author, **Rose Styron**, then TV journalist and civil rights leader **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**. She is now an intern with **Bob Schieffer at CBS' Face the Nation** while pursuing her college studies at Howard University in Washington D.C. While a freshman at Wellesley College **Mary Ollen** is volunteering for political campaigns. For her spring semester she serve as an intern at **Senator Elizabeth Warren**. **Lucy Norris**, a freshman at St. Louis University in Madrid is matched with business leader David Brush in Spain.



**MVYLI's Career Mentor Program  
& Job Shadow Day  
2010-2017**

Nancy Aronie  
Al Badger  
Geraldine Brooks  
Grace Sundman-Burton  
Cape Air: Colin Ewing  
Dave Caron, MV Hospital Pharmacy  
Prudy Carter, Island Health Care  
Sgt. Daniel Cassidy, OB Police Dept.  
Molly/Eric Glasgow, Grey Barn Farm  
Pat Gregory, Educomp  
Beka El-Deiry, Island Window Design  
Dr. Mark Hahn, Ph.D.  
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Norman Hall, Hall International LLC  
Tamera Hersh, Conroy Apothecary  
Galen Ho, Galen Enterprises  
Patricia Ho, AAUW  
Charlayne Hunter-Gault  
Leslie Hurd, Hurd Publishing  
John Klein, Polarex  
Karen Krowski, Psychologist  
Dr. Karen Casper, MV Hospital ER  
Dr. David Halsey, Orthopedics Department  
Dr. John Lamb, MV Hospital  
Dr. Melanie Miller, Vineyard Pediatrics  
Dr. Richard Montilla, Dermatology  
Dr. Julia Stunkel, Vineyard Family Medicine  
Lauren Vukota, MV Hospital, Rehab & Wellness  
Dr. Yuki Honjo, McLane Research Laboratory  
Len Morris, Galen Films  
Rebecca McCarthy, Immigration Lawyer  
Ed Merck, Author, college professor  
Edgartown Police Department  
Kevin McGrath, MVRHS Librarian

Jonathan Blum, Yum! Brands  
Drew Conroy  
Jim McKenna, Bears Stearns

Jennifer Neary, CONNECT to End Violence  
MV Community Services  
Megan Honey, The Harbor View Hotel  
Emma Green Beach, MV Shellfish Hatchery  
Barbara MacDonald So. Boston Neighbor Housing  
Wynton Marsalis  
Lincoln Center Performing Arts Center  
Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation  
Martha's Vineyard Commission: Adam Turner  
Martha's Vineyard Fashion Week  
Martha's Vineyard Film Center  
Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Operating Room, Emergency Room, Rehab & Radiology  
Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank  
Martha's Vineyard Magazine  
Market 36: Cody Brewer, Erik Hollenberg  
Nelson Mechanical Engineering Design  
Oracle software writer, Ellen Leverenz  
Pricewaterhouse Cooper: Boston  
Dr. David Rancourt, DO, MPH  
The Cardiovascular Specialists, LLC  
Bret Stearns, Wampanoag Tribe of (Gayhead) Aquin-nah Natural Resources Director  
South Mountain Company  
Spanish Consulate in Boston  
Rose Styron, Amnesty International  
Lt. Timothy Williamson, OB Police Department  
Liz Witham, Film-Truth Productions  
The Farm Institute  
The Harbor View Hotel  
U.S. Senator John Kerry's Communications Director  
U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's Office Manager  
Windemere Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Kate Putnam, Putnam Investments  
Dan Stanton, Goldman Sachs  
Dr. Jim Wolff, Boston University



**Ana Clara Alves**  
**Future Police Officer**

Ana is a hardworking and determined young woman who wants to become a police officer. Ana's dream to become a Police Officer stems from her sensitivity to injustice. She wants to be a positive force and interact with the public and bring her awareness, care and attention towards creating a safer and welcoming community.

When Ana was just fourteen she became the primary caretaker of her Grandmother. Since was bedridden since she lost a lung, and needed around the clock attention. This experience made Ana understand what it means to be a caretaker. She was thankful that she could be there for her Grandmother in her time of need. What she learned most was how to be aware and observant as her Grandmother's condition worsened. Ana cared for her for two whole years until she passed.

Ana then moved to Martha's Vineyard to get a good education. She arrived on the island knowing only three words of English and with a determination to use this opportunity to go to college. Ana has focused nonstop on reading and writing to improve her English. She is now fluent and eagerly growing her social circle. She is a valued employee of Stop & Shop where she works to save money for college. Ana is planning to volunteer with elderly this upcoming school vacation and hopes to work for Oak Bluffs Police Department this summer.

She loves to cook the Brazilian food as her Grandmother taught her. She likes to play songs on the guitar after hearing them and loves to play and sing at music nights with friends and family.

Ana is an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. She served as a delegate to the 13th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. She is participates in MVYLI's Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program.



**Lt. Timothy Williamson**  
**Oak Bluffs Police Department**

Lt. Williamson was born and raised on the Island on Martha's Vineyard where he graduated from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in 1984. He joined U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1988. Shortly after Lt. Williamson attended Northeastern University and graduated in 1993 with a Major in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Political Science.

From 1993-1996 Lt. Williamson worked for the Dukes County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. In 1996 he attended Municipal Police Officer Academy at Canton, MA. Upon his graduation Lt. Williamson began working for the Oak Bluffs Police Department. In 2002 he was promoted to Sergeant and in 2004 he was promoted to Lieutenant.

Lt. Williamson is the member of the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force since 1998. In 2006 he was a founding member of the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council's Tactical Response Team and held position as team commander from 2010-2015.



**Sergeant Daniel Cassidy**  
**Oak Bluffs Police Department**

Sergeant Daniel Cassidy graduated from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in 1997 and later graduated from Westfield State University. In 2000 he worked as a Special Police Officer in Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. In 2003 he attended the Weymouth Police Academy.

In 2005 he was hired as a full-time officer in Oak Bluffs. In November 2016 he was promoted to Sergeant following a Town Selectman approval, written examination, assessment, physical agility testing, and peer evaluation. Sergeant Cassidy is the Department's Firearms and Taser Instructor and Field Training Officer. He formerly served as the School Resource Officer at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.



**Yolani Doddy**  
**Future Nurse**

Yolani is a senior at the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School. Born in the Marshall Islands, Yolani came to the United States three years ago with a dream of becoming a nurse. She saw first-hand how the limited medical services had affected the local people. Yolani's precious grandmother could have lived if only she had had better care. Yolani left her loving family in search of a good education so that she could help her change the situation. One day she hopes to return to her homeland and create a Health Center so that her family and others will have access to good medical services.

Yolani is full of determination to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She has acquired her First Aid and CPR certification. She has taken the EMT training and Anatomy and Physiology classes. She volunteers at Martha's Vineyard Hospital and the Red Stocking Fund. Yolani also helped envision MVYLI's Holiday Volunteer Project at Windemere Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Inspired by her role model, her mother, Yolani learned to love everyone and developed an unconditional desire to help. When she sees someone's happy face it motivates her move forward towards her own dream. During her free time Yolani loves spending time outdoors, especially by the ocean with her dog. She enjoys taking pictures of nature. She plays ukulele and even write her own songs.

She is looking forward MVYLI's Job Shadow Day to have a first-hand experience of her dream profession. Yolani would like to find a mentor who is willing to share the highs and lows of the job while being loving, understanding and helpful. In return, Yolani is ready to share her enthusiasm, curiosity, and loving attitude.

Yolani is an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. She is working hard to prepare for college. She will attend college in September 2017. She hopes to have nursing practice to work with children.





**Prudy Carter-Donovan**  
**Island Health Care**

Prudy Carter-Donovan is a Family Nurse Practitioner at the Island Health Care in Edgartown, MA. She first did her Clinical Training at the Island Health Care and joined full time in 2014 practicing adult primary care. Prior to her role as a primary care provider, Prudy enjoyed a 20-year career as an Emergency Room and Critical Care Nurse.

Prudy has an interest in Functional Medicine, identifying the root cause of illness and promoting wellness through therapeutic life-style interventions designed to assist every individual in meeting their long-term health goals. She is also interested in group patient education via the “Centering model of care which empowers patients and helps them to take responsibility for their health.”

Prudy received her Masters in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati in 2013. She also received training in Functional Medicine, an evidence-based approach that helps patients to have a better understanding of the impact of life-style choices on overall health, while coaching them toward lifelong wellness.

Prudy served as a mentor to Sara Poggi for MVYLI’s Job Shadow Day in 2016.



**Camilla Prata**  
**Future Cardiologist**

Camilla Prata is a hardworking and altruistic young woman who dreams of being a cardiologist. During her sophomore year Camilla was nominated to participate in the prestigious Medical Program National Youth Leadership Initiative: on Medicine in Boston. After completing the course, she was clear that being a doctor was something she truly wanted to do. The experience helped her to see how much work it takes to become a doctor and she realized how hard she must work.

Camilla's dream to become a doctor evolved from a deep desire to have a power to save someone's life. For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day 2016 she was mentored by Dr. Karen Casper, Martha's Vineyard Hospital's Emergency Room. Dr. Henry Nieder, a general practitioner at MV Hospital, was also an important role model for Camilla. As Camilla saw how Dr. Henry Nieder impacted the life of his patients', she realized how big her desire to make a change in other's lives was too.

As the first person in her family to attend college, Camilla has learned to make sacrifices. She has volunteered at Conroy Apothecary, as an assistant to Dr. Lisa Nagy as well as for the Red Stocking Fund, with the animal shelter and at the Island Food Pantry. Camilla's personal experience at the Oak Bluffs library ever since she was a kid allowed her to have limitless access to various resources. This positive experience prompted her to give back to the community through volunteering at the library for the last two years. Camilla is also an active member of MVYLI's Career Mentors Program. She served as a youth delegate to the MVYLI's 2015 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Camilla loves music and has been playing the violin since she was in third grade. She is passionate about tennis and has been to tournaments across New England.

Camilla was inspired by MVYLI's free screening of the film "He Named Me Malala." Camilla described her movie experience as something that "relates to my life because it is about a girl's bravery... if it were not for strong and brave girls who were able to speak up for women's education, I wouldn't be able to go to school today."



### **Dr. David W Rancourt, DO, MPH**

Dr. David W Rancourt is a cardiologist at The Cardiovascular Specialists, LLC in Falmouth, Massachusetts. He has more than 8 years of diverse fields, especially Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Rancourt graduated with honors with the degrees of Doctor of Osteopathy and Masters in Public Health from the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Biddeford, Maine in 2009. He received his undergraduate degree from Holy Cross University. Dr. Rancourt did his Cardiology Fellowship/Residency at Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine.

Dr. Rancourt is affiliated with Brigham And Women's Hospital, Cape Cod Hospital, Falmouth Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Hospital Inc., and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. He is a member of the Member of Cape Cod Preferred Physicians. Dr. Rancourt collaborates with doctors and specialists in medical groups at Southern Maine Health Care and the Stephens Memorial Hospital Association. He is Board Certified from the American Board of Internal Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine.



**Claudia Motta**  
**Future Orthopedic Surgeon**

Claudia is a junior at the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School. She is a very hard worker and highly motivated to fulfill her dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

This year Claudia learned first-hand about the power of orthopedic surgery – having had surgery on her foot to repair a birth-related growth.

This year Claudia has an internship at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Her passion for medicine has deepened thanks to her mentors, who are her role models. Every time they teach her pros and cons of being a doctor. Claudia's internship at the MV hospital has made her a stronger person as she learned how to deal with herself in hard times and never give up on opportunities. Claudia is excited to have discovered early in her life that a hospital is where she would like to work for the rest of her life.

Claudia is fluent in English and Portuguese. She volunteers at the local Catholic church working with younger children. During her free time Claudia loves to watch real-life surgeries on YouTube. She also plays the ukulele. Claudia is also a big supporter of equality issues and is ready to stand up for anyone who is treated unjustly.

Claudia is an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. She served as a delegate to the 13th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. She participates in MVYLI's Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program.

Claudia is eager for an opportunity to have a first-hand experience of her dream profession – orthopedic surgeon. She would like to find a mentor who is ready to talk a lot, sharing their experience – with patience, so she can learn new things. In return, Claudia is ready to share her enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive attitude.



**Karen Trait, Physician's Assistant  
Cape Cod Sports Medicine**

Karen Trait a PA-C is with Cape Cod Sports Medicine. PA-C is a mid-level medical practitioner who works under the supervision of a licensed doctor (an MD) or osteopathic physician (a DO).

Originally from Syracuse, NY, she graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse High School in 1996. An avid athlete, she played women's lacrosse, soccer, and basketball, as well as competed as a Championship Irish Step Dancer, throughout high school.

Karen attended Boston University on a full athletic scholarship for their Division I Women's Lacrosse team and graduated with a B.S. in Human Physiology from Boston University's Sargent College where she worked as a research associate in neuroscience for Dr. Helen Barbas.

Karen attended and graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2005 with a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant studies. Wanting to remain involved in the sports aspect of medicine, Karen decided to pursue a career in sports medicine and joined the Cape Cod Sports Medicine team alongside Dr. Donald O'Malley in September 2005.

Assisting Dr. O'Malley in the office and in surgery has allowed Karen to be a part of a cohesive team of dedicated medical professionals operating in a challenging and rewarding environment, providing the highest quality and technically advanced orthopedic health care to all Cape Cod residents and visitors. Karen is the volunteer coach for the girl's Lacrosse Team at Falmouth Academy.



**Isabel Robertson**  
**Future Scientist**

Isabel is a determined hardworking young woman who wants use her love of biology, her observational skills and her innate curiosity to solve crime. A junior at Martha's Vineyard High Regional School, she is interested in being a DNA analyst, Forensic Pathologist and "pesquisador" which means "researcher" in Portuguese.

Isabel was born in the United States, then traveled to her mother's homeland of Brazil, then returning to Martha's Vineyard to attend high school. She enrolled mid-semester into honors classes and is proud to get excellent grades while learning English and adapting to life in the U.S. Biology is her main interest and she is looking forward to taking AP Biology in her upcoming senior year of high school.

Isabel is quite adept at computers and their inner workings and enjoys technology and wants to figure out how that can be merged with her interest in biology. She recently participated in an Engineering Challenge at school in building machines that can throw confetti the farthest and got second place!

As a budding scientist Isabel has a curiosity about the world and a desire to study and document it. She enjoys long walks through the woods where she collects leaves and insects to observe in her microscope and is sad to have had to leave her insect collection in Brazil. On Martha's Vineyard Isabel enjoys volunteering at the local Animal Shelter, taking care of animals waiting to be adopted and working with feral animals.

Isabel documents her surroundings in many different formats. She takes pictures of the animals at the shelter and of beaches and woods. She loves to paint watercolors of nature and creates abstract oil paintings. She likes to draw funny characters with ink pens and draws people with pencil. She loves reading science and nature magazines, suspense and horror movies and is currently reading a Russian crime novel.

Adapting to new situations has been a consistent challenge in Isabel's life. She is excited at the opportunity to settle down, make long term friends and focus on schoolwork to continue pursuing her dreams in college.



**Yuki Allyson Honjo**

Yuki Allyson Honjo is the COO of McLane Research Laboratories. She is a proud native of Cape Cod, born in Falmouth. She attended Falmouth public schools, Falmouth Academy, and graduated Falmouth High School. She holds an Honors History degree from Harvard University, where she also studied biochemistry. After Harvard, she received a doctorate in Economic History from Oxford University. She also conducted research at Tokyo University. She is fluent in Japanese.

Taking a detour from academia, Yuki then worked for a number of international banks in London, Tokyo and Hong Kong. She has written and published widely for both academic and financial press.

After a successful career in banking, family demands, as well as a draw for a new adventure, brought Yuki back to the Cape. As the head of McLane, a multi million dollar manufacturer of time-series oceanographic profilers, samplers, and flotation she has overseen a number of tech transfers from around the world.

She lives Falmouth with her husband, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, and 2 small daughters.



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**Tiki Greene**

Tiki aspires to a career in ocean conservation to stop ocean pollution and protect ocean animals.

Born on the Vineyard, Tiki was just three months old when she embarked (with her parents) on her first sailing adventure across the ocean to Sweden. She grew up on that sailboat until the age of 7 sailing around the Caribbean and the Bahamas. Tiki learned sailing and her love for the ocean from her father.

Tiki's idyllic dream is to be the captain of a sailboat and sail around the world - her practical dream is to figure out a way to be a Captain of a boat and actively help protect the oceans she grew up on. She wants her unique childhood growing up on the high seas to be available to future generations.

Tiki is proud to have gone through all the first aid training to be a lifeguard (including getting over her fear of sharks). Tiki has worked as a lifeguard for many years. This past summer Tike saved two people, an amazing feat -- one of which was written up in the local papers. Tiki now works at the YMCA of Martha's Vineyard as a lifeguard.

Tiki is a member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. She attended the MVYLI College Field Trip. She also visited Massachusetts Maritime Academy in pursuit of her college dreams.

Tiki plays on varsity softball and this fall bravely tried out and made the hockey team despite having no experience playing hockey. She enjoys spending time with her sisters, is a voracious reader and enjoys talking about world events.

***Oak Bluffs lifeguards come to the rescue of two men overboard***

<http://www.mvtimes.com/2016/08/03/oak-bluffs-lifeguards-come-rescue-two-men-overboard>

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**Dr. Mark Hahn, Ph.D.**  
**Chairman, Biology Department**  
**Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**

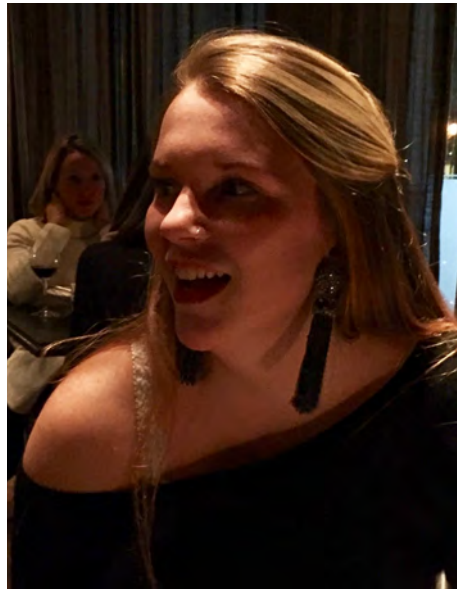
Dr. Mark Hahn is Senior Scientist and Chairman of the Biology Department at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. In 1987 he joined WHOI as Postdoctoral Fellow and worked there ever since. In addition, Dr. Hahn taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1992-2008).

The goal at the Hahn Lab at WHOI is to understand the biochemical and molecular mechanisms that underlie the interactions of animals with their chemical environment. They examine these mechanisms from comparative and evolutionary perspectives to understand the fundamental features of the biochemical systems that control the response of animals to toxic chemicals.

Dr. Hahn and his group have begun investigating NRF2-mediated responses to oxidative stress in the zebrafish embryo model and the role of microRNAs in developmental toxicology. Mark's research includes Comparative biochemistry and molecular mechanisms of chemical-biological interactions in aquatic animals; receptor-mediated mechanisms of gene regulation and toxicity; mechanisms of adaptation and acquired resistance; aquatic animal models in toxicology; molecular evolution of transcription factors involved in environmental sensing; mechanisms of response to oxidative stress; biological effects of marine natural products; comparative genomics; role of microRNAs in developmental toxicity.

In 1988 he received his Ph.D. and M.S. of Toxicology at University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, NY. In 1980 he graduated from Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton with a B.S. of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Hahn serves or has served on editorial boards of several journals: *Toxicological Sciences* (Associate Editor), *Aquatic Toxicology* (Associate Editor), *Chemico-Biological Interactions*, and *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*. He served as Director of the Pilot Project Program for the Woods Hole Center for Oceans and Human Health. Previously, he served as Chair of the Joint Committee on Biological Oceanography of the WHOI/Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Joint Graduate Program in Oceanography and Oceanographic Engineering. Dr. Hahn is author or co-author of over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals.



**Lila Norris**  
**Future Journalist/Creative Writer**

Lila is an outstanding junior at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Lila aspires to become a writer – and is actively exploring her career options in creative writing. She is inspired by how powerful literature, and writing can be as a medium to create change in our society, or to help people. Her favorite writers include JK Rowling and Jon Krakauer.

Lila wrote her first published movie review about **The Queen of Katwe**, *The Importance of Representation*. <http://www.mvyli.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/lilas-essay.pdf>

During this spring semester Lila will be an intern at the Vineyard Gazette. She is especially excited about researching the social justice movement on Martha's Vineyard.

For the past few years Lila successfully accomplished her dream to speak Spanish. She spent her spring semester of her sophomore year studying abroad in Costa Rica and taking Spanish classes.

Lila's after school activities and interests include cross country running team, surfing, traveling, spending time with animals, being on the swim team. She was a lifeguard for the Town of Chilmark.

Lila has been an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. She participated in MVYLI's 2016 Job Shadow Day. She is inspired by the young people finding their path in life.

Lila is seeking for a mentor for a first-hand experience with writing. Lila expects to learn what it means to be a writer and what it takes to become one. Lila is open to different career opportunities in the field of writing. Her passion is social justice and reporting on this subject would be Lila's dream job.



**Nancy Slonim Aronie**  
**Chilmark Writers Workshop**

Nancy Slonim Aronie is a distinguished writer and an author of *Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice*. For over 20 years Nancy has convened the wildly popular Chilmark Writing Workshop on Martha's Vineyard. Many people have gone onto become published authors, journalists and connoisseurs of great writing.

Nancy is a commentator for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. She is a writer for the *Vineyard Gazette*. She was a host of a weekly interactive radio show on Lime Radio called Writing From the Heart Workshop. As a Visiting Writer at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, Nancy wrote a monthly column in *McCall's Magazine*.

Nancy has received awards: The Eye of The Beholder Artist in Residence Award at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and the Derek Bok Teacher of the Year Award at Harvard for two consecutive years. Nancy is the recipient of an honorary Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Award for special recognition from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

In 2015, Nancy inspired Vineyard and other youth delegates from around the world at the Institute's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainability Development. She helped them find their voice before the auspicious Gandhi Youth Forum with Gandhi's grandson. In 2016, Nancy was a mentor to Bella Chimes for MVYLI's Job Shadow Day.



**Rose Styron**  
**Poet, Journalist, Human Rights Activist**

Rose Styron is a poet, journalist and human rights activist. Her articles on human rights and foreign policy have been published in periodicals such as The New York Review of Books, The Nation, and The New Republic, her interviews, book reviews and essays in American Poetry Review, The Paris Review, Ms. Magazine, Vogue, Holiday, Ramparts, The Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Chicago Sun Times, etc. Voice of America produced Writer's World.

In 1970, following an Afro-Asian writers conference in the Soviet Union and Tashkent, Rose Styron joined the founding group of Amnesty International USA and has since served on the boards of NGOs including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, The Reebok Human Rights Foundation, Human Rights First, Equality Now and the Project on Justice, traveling on their behalf in Latin America, the USSR, Central Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia. Her most recent involvements have been South Africa, Cuba, and Northern Ireland. Also, she has chaired PEN's Freedom-to-Write Committee, Amnesty International USA's National Advisory Council, and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial's Human Rights Awards. She is an overseer for New York University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and a long-time member of the Council on Foreign Relations. In 2009 and 2010, Rose Styron was a teaching fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School. Rose Styron holds degrees from Wellesley and Johns Hopkins University. She married novelist William Styron in Rome.



**Marianne Larned**  
**Founding Director of the Institute**

Marianne is the Founding Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and the author of educational series *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*, whose curriculum has been used in 120 communities around the world. The Institute's unique model is impacting young people in island, rural and urban communities to change their lives & their world. This model has been instrumental for 8 youth-community leadership initiatives on 7 islands in 3 countries and inner cities of Oakland, Baltimore and Cincinnati. [www.soup4worldinstitute.com](http://www.soup4worldinstitute.com)

Marianne is curious and a student of Design Thinking, the principles of which are integrated into the Institute's Certificate Program to train people to explore creative ideas, encouraging collaborative thinking that catalyzes partnerships to address local-global challenges. She is now discovering how to utilize the Institute's twenty years experience to create The TouchStone Leaders Global Leadership Platform. Grounded in the Institute's Education Curriculum, empowered by its innovative training and technologically connected, this Global Leadership Community catalyzes projects and start-up social entrepreneurs with major impact. [www.touchstoneleaders.com](http://www.touchstoneleaders.com)

Marianne is a life-long learner whose innovative education allowed her the freedom to design her own undergraduate degree with the Rudolf Steiner International Training Center in Aberdeen, Scotland. She returned to her New England roots to receive her MBA in Organizational Development at Boston University. During her corporate consulting career she lived in the Bay Area while developing national corporate social responsibility initiatives and public-private partnerships education and economic development. Marianne is a world traveler, visiting 40 islands. Working intimately with the next generation of leaders gives her hope for our collective future.



**John Reine**  
**Platform Project Coordinator**

As the Platform Project Coordinator, oversees all aspects of the Institute's Platform – from design to prototyping with users, then integration with developers. Each week John joins with facilitators working with our youth who are prototyping the Institute's TouchStone Leaders Planning Tools. This highly personalized process gives our youth a visual image of their personal dreams for their lives, their island and for the world. It has also helps crystalize the various steps of the Institute's programs: from the Summit, to College Prep Program and Career Mentor & Joh Shadow Day Program. In a very supportive environment with our facilitators and youth, they start seeing themselves becoming their dreams.

John's childhood dream was to be an inventor, an electrical engineer and live the life of a mad scientist. He wanted to build a proper autonomous robot. He dreamed of starting his own company after college. He wanted to design and make video games and toys and was obsessed with remote controls and hifi gear. In high school John started his first company making floor plans and built a proper robot with two friends designed to clean their rooms. After graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he majored in Electrical Engineering John started a company, ReQuest Inc, that is now 20 years old. In a time where phones had cords and computers talked over phone lines John designed and built their first product, AudioReQuest, in his bedroom which became one of the first MP3 players ever sold. After 13 years at ReQuest expanding into high end Audio and Video storage and commercial digital signage John left to work for the Activision studio Vicarious Visions working on the next generation guitar for Guitar Hero and the magnetic toys for Skylanders: Swap Force. Most recently John fulfilled his final childhood dream and spent 1.5 years biking around the US living in a tent while working on another startup: HearGlass, an improved type of hearing aid built into a pair of glasses.

Throughout John's entire career and schooling he has been helped along the way by mentors and he has always loved helping friends and family who are starting a business or navigating technical challenges. In joining the Institute John helps today's youth realize their childhood dreams.



**Kristina Petruityte**  
**Project Coordinator and Graphic Artist**

Kristina is the Project Coordinator of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative where she is the prototyping the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's TouchStone Facilitators Certificate Program.

She also is the Institute's graphic artist, prototyping the Institute's Dream Map™ This highly personalized process gives young people a visual image of their personal dreams for their lives, their island and for the world. It serves as a framework for the facilitator and youth to work together to implement the Institute's transformative programs.

Kristina comes from a small post-Soviet country in Northern Europe, Lithuania and belongs to the generation that saw the transformation of a free country and free mind of people. Working with the Institute, she enjoys non-traditional education that develops free and open minded students.

Kristina previously worked with high school students to develop and run a student-operated radio station. She was part of School of Success, which inspired her to look for a better tomorrow and interested her enough to come back as a university student and organize events with the organization for local high school students. Kristina volunteered with the Global Leadership Summit. As Editor in Chief position at her university's student newspaper, Kristina discovered the power of leadership as a tool to achieve one's goals.

Kristina enjoys the MVYLI team and is happy to share her enthusiasm and unstoppable curiosity for the unknown, knowledge of the 'human mind machine', determination in chasing the dream, motivation to get out of one's comfort zone, and experience of the voyage through the land of multiculturalism.



**Shawna Brown**  
**Project Coordinator**

Shawna Brown is MVYLI Project Coordinator with the Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program. It is especially wonderful to have her on the MVYLI team, since she was a founding member of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. Shawna is among the first alumni to graduate for college: Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Maryland with a Bachelor's of Science in Counseling Psychology. Shawna graduated from the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

In 2011 Shawna first served as a youth delegate to the MVYLI's Youth Summit for Sustainable Development. Shawna was an active member in MVYLI's year-round program – attending College Preparatory Workshops and College Field Trips -- visiting seven colleges. She participated in MVYLI's Job Shadow Day at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital's operating room and radiology departments with Nurse Manager Barbara Morgan. Shawna's community service projects included a beach clean up with AmeriCorps members at the Cape Pogue Wildlife Reservation on Chappaquiddick on Martha's Vineyard. She represented MVYLI at the Bioneers by the Bay Conference in New Bedford with 1,000 youth from New England and the Cape & Islands Youth Congress in Barnstable. In 2012 Shawna served as a MVYLI Visioneer helping to organize the Summit and helping train younger students to reach for their dreams. In 2016, Shawna served as Project Coordinator for the Institute's 12th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development.

Shawna is proud of her Jamaican roots and shares them with island youth at the Summit and MVYLI's programs. Marie Allen sponsored Shawna to attend the Dr. King Dinner and receive a NAACP Junior Membership. For her MVYLI Sustainability-In-Action Project, she helped create the Cultural Health Project that involved a site visit to The Food Project in Boston and an intensive workshop with Marsha Reeves-Jews. In conjunction with First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move program, Shawna inspired seniors at the Tisbury Senior Center with the Cultural Health Project.

While at Washington Adventist University, Shawna Brown participated in "Service Day," a community outreach program in which she provided assistance to the less fortunate members of the community in the Maryland/Washington, DC area. In 2016 Shawna organized MVYLI's Community Service at Windemere.

Shawna interned at Washington Adventist Hospital in the rehabilitation department where she provided counseling to patients facing major challenges due to abuse, addiction, and more. After gaining her Master's in Clinical Psychology, Shawna plans to work at a rehab hospital and eventually create her own practice.



**Claire Ganz**  
**Special Project Coordinator**

Claire Ganz is Institute's Special Project Coordinator who is actively involved in the development of the Platform. Claire is also an independent consultant who delivers strategic solutions that assist individuals, companies and non-profits to achieve their goals. Clair's three-time start up through IPO experience gives her a unique perspective on how to get things done, translate complex ideas into concise, understandable language and network with experts across disciplines. Her ability to nurture and build connection with individuals and organizations allows her clients to achieve their goals efficiently. Clair started her professional career as a research associate at George Washington University and Synergic, Inc., continued as director of Clinical Operations at Cell Pathways, Inc., and finally found the Outdoor Family, Inc. – mail order catalog and website retail/wholesale company.

Clair has now returned to Martha's Vineyard to write her first book "Sternum to the Sun", a collection of photographs and essays that explore collective problem solving. Of special interest to Claire, is problems that engaging the creative, scientific, technological and stakeholder communities.

Claire is excited to share her experience and talents with MVYLI and help MVYLI teach and share its skills and resources with more island youth, their families and community. She lives in Chilmark, Mass with her retired parents and 18-year old son.





## MVYLI Community Involvement



### Importance of Representation By Lila Norris

As a young woman – and with this year’s election -- a movie about strong women, was just what we needed. This past week, the Martha’s Vineyard Film Center in Vineyard Haven offered a showing of Queen of Katwe, free to all Vineyard youth. The movie stars Madina Nalwanga as Phiona, a young Ugandan girl who masters the game of chess, and uses her skill to escape poverty.

Queen of Katwe is especially noteworthy as a Disney movie, starring a young woman in distress who doesn’t have any romantic interests. This is a great example of Disney following in the footsteps of many large companies working to empower young women.

Throughout the movie, Phiona’s mother Nakku played by Lupita Nyong’o continuously refuses romantic advances, and chooses to raise her four children as a single mother, something nearly unheard of in rural Uganda. While this comes with its challenges, Nakku holds her head high, and always finds a way to persevere.

The importance of representing strong women in the media is something that is often unfortunately underestimated. Today, more and more young girls are striving to realize their potential, whether it be academically, artistically, athletically, or things that may seem as small as a game of chess. The fact is, girls are drastically shaking the phrase “it’s a man’s world”.

A study done at the University of Pennsylvania by senior data scientist Dr. Randy Olson showed that the percent of women receiving degrees in majors largely considered male-dominant professions, such as engineering and agriculture has radically increased in the last forty years.

The most important thing that we as a society can do, is continue to nurture the “anything-is-possible” mentality in young girls. In my opinion there is no better way than through movies and books telling the story of strong young girls just like Phiona.

This past week, many island youth took advantage of the opportunity to see Queen of Katwe. Many were positively affected including Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative senior Camilla Prata who said the movie was “Very inspiring” and that “Through determination and hard work [Phiona] was able to push through and overcome obstacles in order to achieve her goal.” A huge thank you to the Martha’s Vineyard Film Center for this great opportunity to be inspired by an amazing story.

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## MVYLI Youth Holiday Service Project 2016

Windemere Nursing Center  
Martha's Vineyard Hospital





## The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Workforce Development Overview 2017

The Institute develops educational tools, trainings, initiatives to prepare young and emerging leaders and provide technical assistance and capacity building for companies, organizations and schools. This multi-faceted, project based learning program strategically builds workforce development. The Institute is a leader in custom designing **workforce development initiatives** in partnership with companies, Chambers of Commerce, schools, and organizations.

From islands in Hawaii, Martha's Vineyard, Vieques, Puerto Rico, Virgin Gorda BVI to the inner cities of Boston, Cincinnati, Oakland we are training young people to address the economic, social, environmental issues of the 21st century. The Institute specializes in working with island youth who too often feel isolated or marginalized, and face high inequities in education, employment and life opportunities. We have a history of developing strategic public-private partnerships that develop healthier communities and benefit thousands of young people over the years.

A small nonprofit, the Institute has leveraged its resources to impact state and national policy. The Institute partners with the National Job Shadow Day, a national campaign gives young people a new perspective on their studies through hands-on learning and a one-day mentoring experience. Nationwide, more than one million students and 100,000 businesses participate, 2,000 restaurants and hotels hosted nearly 20,000 students.

### Holyoke, Massachusetts

**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute** is honored to collaborate with the Holyoke community to support programs in schools, college and organizations. **J'Anthony Smith** served as the first Holyoke youth delegate to the Institute's Youth Leadership Summit. During the Summit J'Anthony worked the Institute's emerging leaders from Vieques, Puerto Rico to create the **Sustainable Holyoke Youth Leadership Initiative**.

#### **Job Shadow Day: February 3, 2017**

**Entrepreneurship Course:** in partnership with **Girls Inc. of Holyoke**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3VwrJDaH2Y>

#### **Martha's Vineyard: Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program: 2010-2017**

**PRESS:** <http://www.mvtimes.com/2016/02/10/mvyli-holds-job-shadow-day-for-high-school-students/>

**Mentors:** <http://www.mvyli.org/job-shadow-day/mvyli-mentors>

**VIDEO:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMLExGnrcu0>

#### **Hawaii: Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program: 2010-2016**

#### **Oceanit hosted the Job Shadow Day Reception**

In 2015 Job Shadow Day was a week, with 3 different locations: Hawaii, Oahu and Washington D.C.

In 2014, Oceanit hosted a joint reception with the University of Hawaii's Hilo Chancellor's Offices.

In 2013, Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce hosted a reception.

<http://shyli.org/job-shadow-day-2016>

## National

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce** on education with Fortune 500 leaders, IBM's CEO John Aikers  
**San Francisco Chamber of Commerce:** year campaign engaging business leaders in schools  
*The Business of Education*, year long journalism project with the **San Francisco Business Times**

**California Chamber of Commerce:** campaign to engage business leaders in schools

**San Diego Chamber of Commerce:** campaign to engage business leaders in schools  
**Business Week Conference on Education Technology:** showcased innovations in 50 states  
**White House Taskforce on Innovative Learning:** national campaign to showcase education

**TECH 2000 Launch Event:** marketing campaign to showcase innovations in educational technology

## Boston Initiative

High-level internship in educational media technology for **TechBoston** students as a **Boston Private Industry Council's** sponsored summer jobs worksite at the University of Massachusetts Boston's Media Lab. Boston youth learned about local heroes from neighborhoods; edited videotapes from the Institute's training programs; enhanced Institute's websites to inspire, train and empower many more youth.

### **San Francisco Chamber of Commerce's School-Business Connection**

Year-round program with schools; volunteers, tutors, mentors, resource exchange; program sponsor

- **Principal for the Day**
- **Job Shadow Day**

### **San Diego Chamber/California Chambers: Business Education Partnerships**

- **Principal for the Day**
- **Job Shadow Day**
- **Take Your Daughter to Work**

**San Francisco Business Times:** *The Business of Education* a yearlong monthly column featured issues and challenges facing employers; acknowledged companies for their involvement in education initiatives and advised corporate decision makers about how to determine cost-effective programs.

**Baltimore Leadership Initiative:** In partnership with **Greater Baltimore County's LEADERship Baltimore.** Organizational partners included **YMCA of Central Maryland** and **Morgan State University.** Funders include: **Annie E. Casey Foundation, United Way of Central Maryland and Leadership Baltimore.**

**Cincinnati Youth-Community Initiative;** Intensive training for youth & adults from 25 community organizations: built bridges, increased collaboration with organizations, schools, companies, state senators, media from diverse races, political, economic backgrounds. **Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Cincinnati.** Funders **Smith Family Foundation, Meyer Company**

**Oakland Youth Leadership Initiative:** In partnership with **CNN Student Media Academy:** program with **Fremont High School's Media Academy** worked with Oakland youth to produce award-winning video: **Oakland: In Search of Heroes**

**Philippine's Foundation for Education Economic Development** developed strategic alliances between business, government, media and community leaders to support their nation rebuilding efforts after People Power; trained with NGO leader Marietta Goco in microfinance. Mrs. Goco received the **Institute's Eleanor Roosevelt Award.** The **Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute** supported Ms. Larned to document the Award's impact on Mrs. Goco to build a national coalition to restructure the Philippines Constitution to provide representation of indigenous leaders.