

Highlights

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Paving the way— unique programs channel students to St. George's

Two St. George's students new to the Hilltop this year came to us by way of special programs that encourage high-performing students to apply to independent schools.

Helen Sun '08, a new fifth former, is the first student to attend SG from mainland China. Her family is from Shanghai and she comes to SG through a program called ASSIST (American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers), a nonprofit educational and cultural exchange organization that sponsors student and teacher exchange among 15 countries and the United States.

Third former **Jesse Pacheco** '10 (on right in photo) from the Bronx, N.Y., comes to us through CitySquash in New York. A Fordham University-based urban youth enrichment program, CitySquash uses organized team-building skills, mentoring and community service to help its participants "fulfill their academic, athletic and personal potential." Needless to say, squash is a vital part of the athletic component. Several SG alums including **Doug Douglass** '80, **Rosie Wiedenmayer** '93, and **Jerry Ouderkirk** '94 are involved with the organization.

Reflecting on her time with CitySquash in a speech delivered at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City last spring, Pacheco said, "Over the past three years, CitySquash has challenged me and helped me reach my goals. One big goal that I set for myself was getting accepted to boarding school. ... I couldn't believe it when I found out that I got



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into St. George's." She went on to emphasize that "CitySquash has given me confidence. My three years on the team have helped me feel more comfortable trying new things and meeting people. Just like being at the starting line of a race, I always know that with the right preparation there is nothing that can keep me from reaching the finish line."

*Paula Pimentel '09
and Jesse Pacheco '10
at the Middlesex games
on Nov. 11.*

Eliza Richartz '09 wins high school sailing championship

The first annual Rhode Island High School Singlehanded Sailing Championship attracted sailors from 10 area schools to Newport Harbor on December 3, 2006, for a day of brisk competition in light to medium air beneath sunny skies. The regatta comprised a total of seven races sailed in Laser Radials against the backdrop of a tawny Newport waterfront buttoned up for the winter. **Eliza Richartz** '09 sailed solidly and consistently, winning the day and placing first overall in a field of 16 sailors.

"I had been struggling with the Laser Radial