

Alumni Speaker Panel Bios

EMCEE:

Devon Emily Thorsell '05 attended SCDS from kindergarten through 8th grade, graduating in 2005. After SCDS, she attended Shorecrest High School for three years before transferring to Lakeside as a senior. Devon studied international affairs at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, and continued to study international studies as well as marine science and policy in graduate school at the University of Washington, graduating in 2015. She now works for the Washington State Academy of Sciences (a science policy non-profit in Seattle), plays ultimate Frisbee, sings with Seattle Women's Chorus, and is a member of the SCDS Alumni Council.

SPEAKERS:

Max Engel '92 ran the entire SCDS gauntlet, attending for nine years from 1983-1992. He then went on to Seattle Prep, where he lettered in baseball and football and graduated in 1996. Max then went to Santa Clara University on a baseball scholarship where he finished his baseball career and returned home to Seattle in 2000 with a business degree. After working for a few internet startups, Max began a career in financial services with MassMutual in 2001. He was named the company's "Rookie of the Year" in 2002 and continued building his business for the next three years. In 2005, Max began coaching baseball at Seattle Prep and decided that it was time for a career change. He then left MassMutual and received his teaching certification from Seattle Pacific University in 2006. He then returned to Seattle Prep where he has taught math and coached baseball for the last twelve years. Max married his wife Elisa in 2009 and has two sons, Reggie (4) and Rollie (2). Max only received one Red Card from Doc "O" during his time at SCDS, but to this day claims that it was not his fault.

Kelley Hall '05 attended SCDS from K-8 and then attended Lakeside School for high school. After which, she attended Whitman College, where she double majored in Geology and Physics. While at Whitman, she played and captained the Ultimate Frisbee team, leading them to College Nationals for the first time. After Whitman, Kelley started a Ph.D. program at the University of Washington, studying slow earthquakes on the Cascadia subduction zone. In her free time, she coaches the UW women's ultimate frisbee team (Element), rides her bicycle everywhere, and skis whenever possible.

Cole Graham '14 is a senior at Raisbeck Aviation High School, where he has developed a passion for aviation and global travel. He has interned at various aerospace companies around North America—His most recent internship was creating a First Nations youth aviation outreach program for Wasaya Airways in Ontario, Canada. In addition, Cole rowed crew for seven years with Seattle Rowing Center. In December 2016, Cole and a team of six others broke the world record for the Men's Million Meter Small Team Erg, and in June 2017, Cole won a junior national championship in the Men's Lightweight Double Category. As for next year, Cole has enrolled in the World Bachelor in Business program, where he will attend the University of Southern California, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, each for a year, and graduate with a degree from each school.

Jessica Chin '14 is a senior at Holy Names Academy, where she is on both the varsity swim team and the varsity gymnastics team. This year, she served as the dive team captain. In November 2017 she was named the Seahawks CenturyLink High School Athlete of the Week. She is the founder and president of Food 4 Fido and

Friends, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit pet food bank that has distributed 10,000 pounds of pet food to food banks and low-income service organizations. Additionally, she has volunteered at the Seattle Humane Society for over nine years as a foster parent, fostering both dogs and cats. Jessica has accepted an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy next year.