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Former Pingry English teacher **Dean Sluyter P '90, '98**, **Todd Eisenbud '80**, and **Michael Ames '98**.

1980

TODD EISENBUD writes, "Spent a great afternoon meditating with [former Pingry English teacher] Dean Sluyter and Michael Ames '98."

1981

DR. ELIZABETH H. SIMMONS is the new Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of California San Diego, overseeing all academic programs and recruitment and professional development of faculty. According to a news release, she is "a highly-distinguished physicist who focuses on particle theory and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement

of Science." Since 2003, she was a member of the Michigan State University Department of Physics and Astronomy and, since 2013, held the rank of University Distinguished Professor. She also held two leadership roles at the university—Dean of Lyman Briggs College (since 2007) and Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development (since 2016). For the 2014-15 school year, she also served as Acting Dean of the College of Arts & Letters.

1982

JONATHAN KARP, President and Publisher of Simon & Schuster, oversaw the September release of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's book *The TB12 Method: How to Achieve a Lifetime of Sustained Peak Performance*.



Jimmy Gensch '83, P '13, **Miller Bugliari '52, P '86, '90, '97, GP '20, '24**, **Sander Friedman '83**, and **Dr. Mark McLaughlin '83**.



Lisa duBusc Miller '87, **Chuck Patterson**, and **Russ Scully '87**.

From Pingry Days at the Jersey Shore to Tanker Waves in Texas: Surfing Reunites Pingry Alumni

By **Lisa duBusc Miller '87**

On May 21, Russ Scully '87 and I met up in Galveston, TX. This is not on most people's surf destination "short lists." The plan was to surf some unusual waves with legendary waterman Chuck Patterson.

Chuck flew in from surfing the world's longest lefts (waves that surfers ride in the left direction) on Namibia's Skeleton Coast and in Peru's Chicama to join forces with Russ, who owns a stand-up paddleboard (SUP) and surf shop in Burlington, VT with his wife Roxanne. They also own several other surf-themed entities, including two restaurants in Burlington and a stunning resort in the most primo surf spot in Rincon, Puerto Rico, called Villa Playa Marla.

Russ and Chuck arrived in Texas in "full stoke mode," sporting shortboards, paddleboards, and two- to three-foot foils, to pioneer a few variations of this burgeoning sport of foil surfing, in a setting made famous by the 2003 surf documentary *Step Into Liquid*.

They ventured into the choppy waters of Galveston Bay with expert surfer and surf charter Captain James Fulbright (tankersurfcharters.com), who helps surfers catch waves that are produced by tanker ships crossing the Houston Ship Channel. The day was a wild one, and, in the end, they successfully shortboarded and SUPsurfing some epic, endless waves—produced as container ships and oil tankers create wakes that grow as they cross over the shallow shoals of the Texas Oil Refinery channel.

As a freelance travel writer, I was along on the trip to write the story for *Whalebone* magazine, along with talented surf photographer Erik Schwab. Both writer and photographer surfed the epic Texan waves as well.

The group also spent time surfing some intense freshwater waves in a wave park that opened in 2016 in Austin. They were fortunate enough to have some one-on-one time with Doug Coors (yes, the beer guy), who built the park NLand (Nlandsurfpark.com) as a passion project.

So, to sum up, yes, the adventurous and pioneering spirit is alive and well among Pingry alumni.