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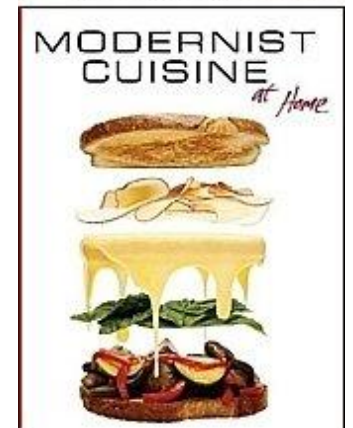
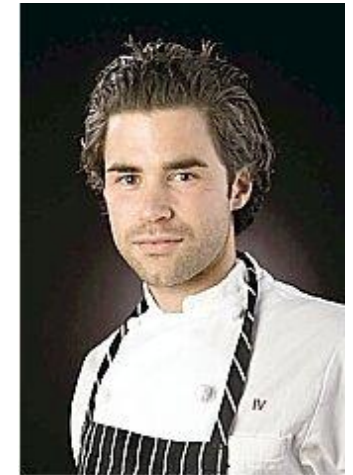
----- From December 2015 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Walid Hachani** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) is the founder of El Tounsi Foods. “Born in Tunisia, Walid grew-up living in many countries (U.A.E., Senegal and U.S.A.) and travelling to many others. As a global nomad and a third culture kid, moving around exposed him to a plethora of foods and cultures. From an early age, Walid would spend hours in the kitchen observing Omi (Mom in Arabic), helping her prep dinner and watching patiently as mouth watering foods simmered on the stove. Omi would challenge him to guess the missing spices as he would taste, taste and taste some more. Food is how home was remembered, food is how each new country was explored and food is how commonalities between people were found. Ever since moving to Canada in the year 2000, his infinite quest for the best Harissa he could find outside of Tunisia carried on, until he decided to make his own. A few years and a couple of dozen batches later, Walid’s homemade Harissa is what inspired the creation of El Tounsi Foods.” (<http://www.eltounsifoods.com/about-us.html>)



TOP: Walid Hachani ('00);  
BOTTOM: Claire Brunel ('00)

● **Maxime Bilet** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) “earned his BA from Skidmore College in Creative Writing and Fine Arts before venturing out to explore his lifelong passion for food and cooking. He completed a brief stint at the Institute of Culinary Education and soon after became the head chef of Jack’s Luxury Oyster Bar in New York City at the age of 22. He moved to London the following year, and worked with Heston Blumenthal in the development kitchen at The Fat Duck. Maxime Bilet was more recently the Director of Culinary Arts and Sciences at the Cooking Lab, housed at the Intellectual Ventures Lab in Bellevue, Washington, where he co-authored “*Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking*” (March 2011) and “*Modernist Cuisine at Home*” (October 2012). Maxime led the research and development for all projects related to the Cooking Lab, conceptualized the photography and aesthetic of both books, and is the co-inventor on 16 pending patents that resulted from his experiments. In 2012, Forbes included Bilet on their top “30 under 30” list in the food and wine industry. He is currently working on ways to cultivate a better understanding of the ways food connects with the arts and sciences through the events and interactive food exhibits at his culinary arts think tank, *Imagine Food*, on the Seattle Waterfront.” ([http://maximebilet.com/?page\\_id=5](http://maximebilet.com/?page_id=5))



Maxime Bilet ('00) and book  
he co-authored



TOP: Thu-Nhi Nguyen-Petit ('00); BOTTOM: Regina Valdés Montalvá DePaola ('00)

● **Claire Brunel** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) is an Assistant Professor at the School of International Service of the American University in Washington D.C. Her “research focuses on policy-relevant issues at the intersection of international trade and environmental economics. She is particularly interested in providing empirical evidence of the links between environmental policies and international competitiveness. Her work includes a study of whether policies of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), encouraging the use and the development of renewable energies, led to an increase in domestic innovation and manufacturing, or rather to a rise in the licensing and importing of foreign technologies ..... Previously, she worked at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, the Research Department of the World Bank, and as trade policy attaché at the Embassy of France. She obtained an M.Phil from Oxford University and a BSc from Georgetown University. Brunel completed her PhD in economics at Georgetown University.” (<https://www.american.edu/sis/news/20150903-SIS-Welcomes-New-Faculty.cfm>)

● **Thu-Nhi Nguyen-Petit** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) is a 2011 graduate of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (Executive Master in Public Administration, International Economic Policy & Management) and is currently working as the Deputy Director of TREAT TB (International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease). Her spouse **Frederic Petit** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) is Vice President (Energy & Infrastructure Group) at Credit Agricole CIB.

● **Regina Valdés Montalvá DePaola** (*LSY: 4eme in 1996*) : "Born in the coastal city of Valencia, Spain, Regina moved with her parents to Manhattan at an early age. In 2004, she graduated from The Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University with a B.A. in International Affairs and Political Science. In 2009, she graduated from New York Law School in New York with a J.D. While in law school, Regina advocated on behalf of low-income elderly New Yorkers at Legal Services for the Elderly. She then went on to work at the Litigation Support Unit of Legal Services NYC ..... Before she joined the Law Office of Joseph P. DePaola, she worked as a private tutor teaching law students and preparing them for law school exams ..... At the Law Office of Joseph P. DePaola, Regina is responsible for the intake of all new matters. Regina also assists with the litigation of all cases with an emphasis on legal research, the drafting of legal memoranda and briefs, and the drafting of discovery demands and responses. Out of the office, Regina is an avid fisherwoman and a boxing enthusiast. She lives in Manhattan with her husband Joseph P. DePaola and their two rescued dogs Gia and Chloe. In her spare time, she is teaching Joe Spanish and he’s teaching her how to drive." (<http://www.jpdlawoffice.com/>)

● **Harold Cunningham** (*LSY: 10eme in 1990*) “was raised in Geneva, Switzerland [and] went to London to complete a degree in Editorial Communication [at University of the Arts] . He was offered directly after his studies a full-time position with the world leading picture agency, Getty Images. During the five years he spent at Getty Images, he played successfully different roles from photographer to picture editor and has worked on [major] events, such as the Cannes Film Festival, the Paris Fashion Week or the World Economic Forum .....



TOP: Harold Cunningham ('00); BOTTOM: Lucas Magasweran ('00) and spouse Rachel



[He] founded in 2010 The Image Gate ..... His experience of over 1500 events sets him at ease with protocols in place during political meetings with world leaders, celebrities or during major sporting events ..... Harold Cunningham with The Image Gate has been the in-house photography solution for several high profile organizations or brands such as UEFA and IWC for now many years .....

<http://www.haroldcunningham.ch/#!/about>

- **Lucas Rangit Magasweran** (*LSY: 1ere in 1999*) married Rachel Kilgore in June 2015. Lucas is a Linux Device Driver Developer at WD (a Western Digital company) and Rachel is a Sr. Solutions Architect at General Networks Corporation.



- **Nora Lowinsky** (*LSY: 5eme in 1995*) "is a visual artist, aq self-taught photographer and a darkroom printmaker currently based in the California Bay area. She was born in San Francisco and raised in New York City. She returned to California in her twenties and received two B.A.'s from the University of California at Berkeley. Since graduating from Berkeley in 2014, she has studied traditional darkroom printmaking at Rayko Center for Photography in San Francisco. In 2015, she exhibited at the Format International Photography Festival in Derby, U.K. Her work has been featured in a variety of international publications."

<http://www.noralowinsky.com/about>

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- **Violetta Donini** (*LSY: Terminale in 2000*) talks about her composition in the context of the *Films de Rêve* project: She creates musical themes to accompany paintings about imagined movies.

----- From December 2014 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Amandine Goy** wrote: "I relocated to NYC last year, as director of marketing for Givenchy. And, I am expecting a baby girl for December 15th."

- **Stéphane Gallet** shared this with us: "I am currently located on three continents, running Halcyon Tours, dedicated to active holidays and adventures in Europe, Asia, and South America. Halcyon is based in Brasilia, Brasil, with operations in France and the US. We design private tours and family tours, and our motto is *Halcyon Tours: Active Body, Peaceful Mind*. Come cycling the vineyards of Provence with us, or enjoy a cooking/fashion tour of Paris or Milan.....To all alumni, connect with me on LinkedIn for alumni deals: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sgallet> or visit [www.halcyontours.com](http://www.halcyontours.com).....Pedal on"

- **Basil Agrocostea** told us that he: "attended the Lycee Francais de New York from 1989 to 1996. To his chagrin, he didn't complete his studies at the Lycée alongside his dear classmates. Nonetheless, he credits the beloved institution for developing his intellectual agility and grueling work ethic. He moved his Accounting and Tax office ([www.agroaccounting.com](http://www.agroaccounting.com)) at 49th Street and Madison Avenue this year. Ever the hard worker, he



TOP: Nora Lowinsky ('00);  
BOTTOM: Violetta Donini ('00)

TOP: Anthony Sandrik ('00);  
BOTTOM: Aliénor Schricke Régis ('00)

is in the process of starting a real estate investment firm with profits made on a deal in his personal name."

- **Evelyne White** wrote that she "is happy to be back in NYC after 10 years of moving around Europe and various cities on the East Coast. She's even happier to have taken the entrepreneurial plunge and launched a startup for food-loving globe-trotters.....[www.BookaLokal.com](http://www.BookaLokal.com), a network that connects [people] to private culinary events hosted by local food entrepreneurs - chefs, local restaurants, supper club hosts - all around the world. Born in Brussels, the network has grown to over 10,000 members in 43 countries.....Evelyne would love to connect with other food lovers and entrepreneurs or old classmates in the NY area. Just email her at [evelynecwhite@gmail.com](mailto:evelynecwhite@gmail.com)."



TOP: Mar Urrestarazu ('00);  
BOTTOM: Laura Lehmann ('00)

- **Laura Lehmann** "is the founder of website 20to30 [<http://20to30.com/>], a collection of interactive video interviews of global thinkers and shapers speaking about their professional and personal journeys. She seeks to aid our generation's difficulties in forging a life path and balancing one's true passion with a professional vocation, in order to become a go-to resource for wrestling with these existential and universal issues." (<http://spiderwebmebloq.com/2014/03/12/laura-lehmann-on-asking-the-right-questions/>)

- "Born in New York City, **Mar Urrestarazu** is a Scenic and Production Designer holding an MFA from NYU/Tisch School of the Arts. With a background in architectural design, Mar has developed her interest in space and its relationship with the characters that inhabit it, as well as their emotional attachment to their environment." ([www.linkedin.com/pub/mar-urrestarazu/29/8b5/a86](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/mar-urrestarazu/29/8b5/a86))

- **Anthony Sandrik** is Vice President for Executive Recruitment at WPP

- **Alienor Schricke Régis** est infirmière a l'Hôpital Robert Debré

- **Kalygan Poletto** est assistante parlementaire à *Assembleia Legislativa do Paraná* (Brazil)

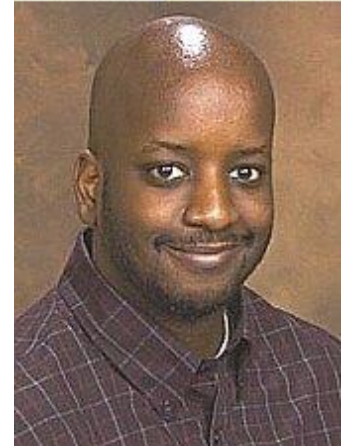
- **Pierre Julien Tritsch** est rédacteur scientifique chez Alma Consulting Group

- **Eric Seburyamo** is a senior consultant at Veeva Systems

- **Laurence Harvey** est Conseillère senior en vérification d'optimisation des ressources, au Vérificateur général du Québec

----- From December 2012 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Basil Agrocoste** wrote: "It has been many, many years since I have been in touch with anyone from LFNY. Though I did not attend LFNY through premiere/ terminale, I attended it for my first 8 years of schooling --



TOP: Laurence Harvey ('00);  
BOTTOM: Eric Seburyamo ('00)

onzieme through quatrieme. LFNY has had a Profound, with a capital P, impact on my life: I attended it through my young, formative years. I went on to an American, middle-class high school and to a private college in Westchester, and I can tell you the way I think, talk and carry myself is a reflection of my French background to this day. It is a bittersweet thing, truly. Through the years, I have thought much about LFNY and my old classmates. I have Googled LFNY before, and I have seen the school's alumni page..... Many times I wish I had maintained some -- any -- contact with the school and my old friends. To keep things short, my family and I -- my sisters **Anne (Anne Helen) ['02]** and **Gabrielle ['02]** were students there too, and my mom **Gabriella [Prof. de Sciences Naturelles, 1991-1996]** worked at the school....I would love to be in touch with people from LFNY, particularly my old classmates. Perhaps it's too late, as it's been many years and some may view those years as "only grammar school." Yet, it would bring me happiness to connect with LFNY again."



TOP: Pierre-Julien Tritsch ('00); BOTTOM: Kalygan Poletto ('00)

- **Christopher Dulac** "is a Managing Director of Red Stone Partners, where he is responsible for sourcing, underwriting, structuring, and closing tax-exempt bond, mezzanine and equity investments. [He] is a member of the firm's acquisition and investment management teams. Mr. Dulac received a B.A. in Economics from McGill University. He is based in Red Stone's New York office." ([redstoneco.com/](http://redstoneco.com/))

- **Guillaume Xavier-Bender** "joined the German Marshall Fund of the USA (GMF) in November 2010. Based in Brussels, he is a Program Officer coordinating programming related to trade, development, and the transatlantic economy. Mr. Xavier-Bender monitors EU policies and politics in relation to the program, and liaises with the economic policy community in Brussels. Prior to joining GMF, he worked for the French Prime Minister's Services in Paris. His range of experience includes EU economic affairs, international trade negotiations, and global and national security. He holds a master's degree in international economic policy from Sciences Po in Paris, a master's degree in diplomacy and strategic negotiations from the Université Paris-Sud XI, and a bachelor's in International Law from the Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas." ([http://www.gmfus.org/expert/experts\\_dirc/quillaume-xavier-bender/](http://www.gmfus.org/expert/experts_dirc/quillaume-xavier-bender/))

- **Maya Landau** est Directrice de clientèle chez Vogue/Condénast.

- **Stéphane Gamard** is Chief Technology Officer for Searchbox. "After his M.S. in Cognitive Science at the Institut National Polytechnic of Grenoble (INPG), Stéphane was a PhD candidate at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY). He is an acknowledged and published expert in the fields of cognitive modeling, language acquisition and algorithmic development." ([searchbox.com](http://searchbox.com))

----- From December 2011 AALFNY Newsletter -----

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Pictures of [Vlad De Brancovan](#) performing in various shows



TOP: Caroline (Vikati) Shields ('00) and husband Gavin; BOTTOM: Frederic Soustra ('00)



● Emilie Rosanvallon ('99) wrote: "We had a little **thanksgiving reunion** [for classes 1999 and 2000] at a bar in the East Village on Friday Nov 25th." (To view photos of the event, [click here](#))

● **Séverine Martin** (PhD, Columbia, 2011) "specializes in 19th century poetry and visual arts culture, the history and theory of poetry, genre studies, avant-garde art and modernism. She has taught French language and literature courses at Columbia University."

([http://columbiaprograms.reidhall.com/undergraduate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=132&Itemid=248](http://columbiaprograms.reidhall.com/undergraduate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=132&Itemid=248))

● "Global private equity firm The Riverside Company is expanding its targeted efforts to invest in clean technology and energy efficiency companies ("cleantech")....with the addition of Associate **Evelyne White**, whose role is to explore opportunities within cleantech and develop Riverside's specialisation in the sector.....White has a MBA from Harvard Business School, where she focused on wind development finance through independent projects with cleantech-focused professors and entrepreneurs. She also completed her BA in politics with a minor in environmental studies from Oberlin College." (*riversideeurope.com*)

● "The head chef at 66 Bistro, **Thomas Troisgros**, recently picked up the title of best newcomer on the city's dining scene. Given his culinary heritage, the 25-year-old's success is hardly surprising. Thomas is the son of Claude Troisgros, Rio's most celebrated chef and the man behind the helm of uber-chic French restaurant Olympe.....66 Bistro offers classic, sophisticated French dishes at prices that won't have you weeping into your bank statement. Classic Duck A l'Orange is prepared to perfection here, and roast chicken with Dijon mustard is another popular choice. The bistro-style restaurant sits in the leafy, upper-class Jardim Botânico neighborhood, and 66 Bistro is a great spot for lunch or dinner after a visit to the famous botanical gardens." (<http://www.nileguide.com/destination/rio-de-janeiro/restaurants/66-bistro/401883>)

----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Albert Sara** told us that he "completed his M.B.A. at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in May 2010. Following graduation, he joined a global management rotational program at Nissan, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to work in Nissan's Americas Headquarters. Currently, Albert holds the position of Program Manager in the Corporate Planning division. Please contact him if you happen to be in the Nashville area!"

● "**Tamara Kummer** is currently the spokesperson for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in France. She holds a B.A. from Boston University and a Master of Science from the London School of Economics, both in International Political Economy. Early in her career, Tamara focused on information and communication technologies and their application to international development efforts - particularly for women's empowerment and education in Sub-Sahara Africa.



TOP: Guillaume Xavier-Bender ('00); BOTTOM: Maya Landau ('00)



TOP: Alexandre Frattini ('00);  
BOTTOM: Bijoux Altamirano ('00)



Stéphane Gallet ('00)



TOP: Basil Agrocostea ('00);  
BOTTOM: Caroline (Vikati) Shields ('00)



Mayssoun (Chakir) Akhabbar ('00)

At the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Tamara headed the philanthropic foundation's "Virtual Library Initiative" supporting African university libraries in eight countries. After completing her MSc, she went on to work as the Africa-Middle East analyst for a telecoms consulting firm in London. Later, in Dakar, Tamara joined Courants de Femmes, a French NGO supporting the computer literacy and web visibility of women's associations in West Africa.

Previous to joining WFP, Tamara worked as a programme officer in a British NGO, EAP, promoting the corporate social responsibility of gas and mining companies in the developing world." (*pimun.eu*)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Videos directed by **Bijoux Altamirano**: [Click here](#) and [here](#)
- **Albert Sara** (wearing a red shirt) performs a Michael Jackson tribute

----- From December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• **Caroline (Vikati) Shields** married Gavin Shields in Dublin on August 24th 2008. The couple is currently living in London.

• "The video artists **Bijoux Altamirano** and Camille Vivier are among a new breed of multihyphenate women blazing a path in the art world. Altamirano, based in New York, also performs with the band the Voluptuous Horror of Karen Black. She is currently part of the "Inferno" show at the Yautepc gallery in Mexico City, and in December her music video for the band Jessica 6 will premiere at New York's Deitch Projects....." (<http://themoment.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/11/18/ones-to-watch-bijoux-altamirano-and-camille-vivier/>)

----- From January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

• **WEDDINGS/MARIAGES**

"**Frédéric Petit** et **Thu-Nhi Nguyen** (promo de 2000), mariés le 26 juillet 2008 à Paris. Camarades de classe au LFNY, nous nous sommes retrouvés à Montréal où nous avons tous les deux poursuivi nos études de premier cycle (Fred à McGill et Thu-Nhi à Concordia). Tout commence lors de notre dernière année... Après Montréal, Fred s'installe à Lyon afin d'obtenir son Master en business, tandis que Thu-Nhi revient sur New York où elle se joint à IBM. Nous sommes de retour à Manhattan depuis 2006 et habitons dans le Upper West Side. Fred travaille actuellement chez Calyon en gestion du risque. Après s'être essayée au secteur des ONGs chez Doctors of the World-USA, Thu-Nhi a récemment été embauchée chez ICAP (International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs) à l'université Columbia en contrôle de gestion. Nous vous souhaitons à tous et à toutes une très bonne année 2009!"



TOP: Thu-Nhi Nguyen-Petit ('00);  
BOTTOM: Marc Attiyeh ('00)



----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Albert Sara** wrote: "I thought I'd give you a quick update on myself: I will be starting a full-time MBA at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania) this fall. The program is two years, which means I'm part of the MBA Class of 2010. In the past few years, alongside my regular full-time jobs, I have developed an event planning business, Mobius Events, which focuses on nightlife entertainment and charitable fundraising. Voila!"



----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● "Despite the fact that Oberlin alumni have fared splendidly in the corporate world, some liberal arts students and recent grads are convinced that the business world is off limits; they assume recruiters will bypass a job applicant without some type of business major.....Among them was graduating senior **Evelyne White-D'Amico**, who planned initially to major in environmental studies and harp performance, but then developed an interest in public policy that led her to David Cleeton's class in financial management. (She'd heard it was a practical class that taught about calculating a mortgage and handling student loans.) After connecting with an alum at one of the New York networking events, she successfully pursued a job as an analyst at Bear Stearns. Although some of her friends don't quite understand her attraction to investment banking—or know what it is—most applaud both her ambition and the fact that a program was developed to help her succeed." (*Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, [http://www.oberlin.edu/alummag/summer2004/feat\\_wallstreet\\_05.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/alummag/summer2004/feat_wallstreet_05.html))



TOP: Albert Sara ('00);  
BOTTOM: Francesca Schavran Haniquet ('00)

----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **BIRTHS/NAISSANCES: Martine (Gren) Ureña** wrote: "My husband, Alex Ureña, and I are the proud parents of a baby girl, named Giselle, born November 3rd, 2006."

● **Martine (Gren) Ureña** also wrote that she and her husband, Alex Ureña, are "very proud to announce the opening of our restaurant *Ureña* at 37 east 28th street."

● [Click here](#) for news of **Albert Sara**

-----From Winter 2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

● **Laura Gerchik** writes: "After spending a year studying abroad at the Universite de Paris IX- Dauphine in 2002, I graduated in December 2003 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with a B.A in Integrated Marketing Communications. I'm currently working as an Investment Advisor for the Invest in France Agency - the French government agency for international investments. I'm happy to say that I am still in touch with several LFNY alum, and retain a wonderful memory of my time at the lycee."



TOP: Vlad de Brancovan ('00);  
BOTTOM: Thomas Troisgros ('00)



-----From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Eric Jabart** writes: "I am a senior at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Spanish."
- **Edouard Langlois** étudie le droit à la faculté de Rouen.
- **Stephanie LeBlanc** wrote, in response to our Networking-reunion invitation of October, 2003: "Je suis toujours très touchée de recevoir des nouvelles du lycée par les newsletters et les emails, et je voulais remercier les organisateurs de l'association. Je ne peux malheureusement pas assister aux cocktails, puisque j'habite désormais en France. Mais je trouve l'idée d'une coopération entre anciens très bien et qui s'avèrera certainement être très profitable pour chacun d'entre nous. Je suis encore étudiante (Sciences Po) et je ne travaille donc pas...."



-----From March/April 2002 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Edouard Langlois** étudie le droit à la faculté de Rouen.

-----From November/December 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Stephanie Gout-Arjona** is currently at the University of Pennsylvania studying International Relations.

-----From July/August 2001 AALFNY Newsletter-----

- **Alexandre Boutebel**, like his brother Sébastien '99, is at Concordia University, Canada. He is majoring in English Literature with a Minor in French Literature

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TOP: Tamara Kummer ('00);  
BOTTOM: Pierre Parisot ('00)



TOP: Asma Rezgui ('00);  
BOTTOM: Fred Petit ('00)

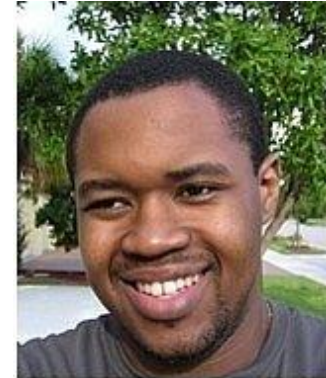


**TOP: Maysoun Chakir ('00);  
BOTTOM: Evelyne White ('00)**

**TOP: Kloe Korby ('00) ; MIDDLE:  
Gerard Ouedraogo ('00); BOTTOM:  
Bastien Chenaux-Repond ('00)**



**TOP: Laura Gerchik ('00); MIDDLE:  
Amelie Cesar ('00); BOTTOM:  
Amandine Goy ('00)**



**TOP: Alain Lemithe ('00); BOTTOM:  
Guillaume Fillebeen ('00)**



**TOP: Alexandra Breitenstein ('00); MIDDLE: Sandra Hamai ('00); BOTTOM: Guillaume Fournier ('00)**





**TOP: Camille Mauger ('00);  
MIDDLE: Edouard Langlois ('00) :  
BOTTOM: Frédéric Petit ('00) & Thu-Nhi Nguyen ('00)**