



Rosencrantz & Guildenstern



Prom



Forum cast



Awards day



Graduation

Dear Family and Friends,

2008 has been a year of transition. We've been able to enjoy some great family time, but are now adjusting to life as empty nesters.

The year began on a sad note with the passing of Steve's dad. We had visited him last Thanksgiving, and his health was failing, but we had a nice time together. Then, in February, he succumbed to a stroke. His long time caregiver and friend Pat was at his side.

Over spring break we repeated our cruise to Panama. Two years ago Dani was sick for much of the cruise, so this time she got to do all the things she missed, including riding a rainforest skyway and kissing a stingray!

The first half of the year was incredibly busy for Dani, as she starred in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, and *The Seagull*, and acted in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *Hamlet*. She also made her professional debut, directing the highly successful new musical, *Alice in Wonderland*, at the Orlando Fringe Festival. The show won a Patron's Pick award. In May she graduated from Trinity Prep with a better than 4.0 GPA.

Linda was promoted to Technical Director and is enjoying the "gold football" on her windshield, which has suddenly made parking on Disney property a pleasure. She has been very busy with Disney projects, including the new Prince Caspian show and major updates of Spaceship Earth, Tinker Bell Toy Shop, Dinosaur, and Hall of Presidents.

Alcorn McBride has had a pretty good year, considering the economy, and has introduced two major new products, a network version of their V16 show controller, and an eight channel high definition video player. Steve is still teaching writing classes through about 1400 colleges via ed2go.com. He's also done a couple of signings for his book about Epcot. And he continues to judge wines at the Florida State Fair (about 1500 this year, from all over the world).

This summer Dani finished her first novel, *The Last Telepath*, which she'd been working on for three years. It's a great story she describes as a science fiction/fantasy/paranormal/mystery/romance. She's got the bases covered!

In July Dani traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland to stage *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* for the Edinburgh Fringe festival, the world's largest, with over 2000 shows. The production was extremely successful, and was awarded four stars in the Scotsman, unheard of for a student show. Linda and Steve met her in Edinburgh and we spent August touring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It was the rainiest August ever, so we felt a bit like ducks, but we saw some great scenery.

In September Dani headed to Evanston Illinois to begin her college career at Northwestern University, where she was accepted into their very exclusive theatre program. She was also one of thirteen freshmen named as Century Scholars. The group helps students obtain funding and resources for special projects, and is helping her promote her novel.

Have a great 2009!
Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn



Kissing a stingray



July 4th cake



Kissing the Blarney Stone



Shakespeare's house



Northwestern University