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## WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Anthony and I celebrated our anniversary on May 3 at J. Alexander's, and our sweet Ryan turned 9 on May 26.

We are looking forward to a quick but special visit from our son and his family, as well as my dad and stepmom this month.

Landree earned the Principal's Honor Roll, is starting a dog-walking business, and is loving summer break!

Hadlee finished track, started summer volleyball and cheer, and is beginning a new job at Katy Plex (the largest outdoor pro-go-kart course in the U.S.!).

More birthdays: Megan turned 7 on June 3, and I will be celebrating my birthday later this month as well.

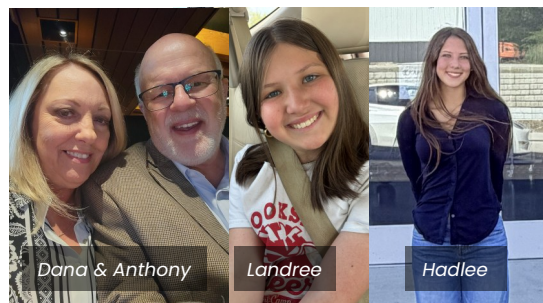
Ryan is crushing it with multiple home runs this season! His team finished with an impressive 10-4 record, making it to the

second round of their tournament.

Evie got her driver's license! And her volleyball team had an amazing 6-1 season and won their championship tournament!

Natalea wrapped up a strong 4-3 volleyball season, fighting all the way to the final round of the tournament.

Will moved to a different league with a bigger field this year. Though his team is still looking for their first win, he's making great plays and building fantastic confidence!



Dana & Anthony

Landree

Hadlee



Evie, sans braces!

Megan

Natalea

Ryan

Will

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## JILL HALL

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jill

I love highlighting our adult students because their journeys are a beautiful reminder that it is

never too late to start or return to the piano!

This month, you will thoroughly enjoy reading about Jill Hall (formerly known to many as Jill Hall Rose). Jill brings so much wonderful energy to the studio, showing up to every single lesson with a bright smile and an inspiring readiness to learn! Here's her story:

Proudly, I am a born and bred Kentuckian, who has lived, worked, and played in Lexington for over 40 years! My husband, Austin Mehr and I (along with our kitty Donut) live downtown in a home built in 1840! We love downtown living and can regularly be seen walking to dinner, the movies or in our new Gatton Park. In fact, I recently started taking Tai Chi in the Park! It's such fun!

We have a wonderfully blended family, but, much to my chagrin, none of our children live in Lexington. Let's just say we

travel A-LOT! My daughter Alexa Rose is in medical school in Madison WI. My adult stepdaughter, Stephanie, lives in Nashville, and my adult stepson Kevin Mehr and his wife live in Colorado. They have two very cute little boys, who call me Gigi. :)

As for my career life, I am happy to report that I am officially "retired and rewired"! Yay! Prior to retirement, I was a very busy hardworking gal! I founded a boutique law firm where I practiced for over 30 yrs. Also, I owned and operated automotive franchises, including Chevy, Cadillac, GMC and Buick. It was all a lot of work, but also very fulfilling. While being a lawyer was often serious and adversarial, the car business was finance-based and high-energy. Looking back, I think I enjoyed the car business the most. Everyone is happy when they are buying a new car!

Since my retirement, I have tried to say "yes to life" in big and small ways! For example, while we are in FL for the winter, I regularly jump into all types of beach activities, including everything from snorkeling to surfing (sorta) to sunset beach yoga! Twice a week, I also go to Latin-inspired dance classes, which I love! Evenings in FL are

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## COMMUNITY Studio Happenings



### WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

MARGARET DAVIS  
DUSTY HYTINEN  
AVA OVERTON  
SKYLAR OVERTON



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MEGAN CAREY JUNE 3  
VANESSA DUECK JUNE 9  
CRYSTAL MONTGOMERY JUNE 10  
JAMES GAMBRELL JUNE 18  
DANA MARTIN JUNE 21  
DAVID COVINGTON JUNE 24



### IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE LESSONS WEEKS/  
BOOK BLASTS JUNE 15, 22  
MUSIC QUEST PIANO CAMP  
JULY 6-9  
JULY LESSONS WEEKS/  
BOOK BLASTS JULY 13, 20

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## FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We are excited to announce that fall registration has been streamlined this year through our new student portal! To ensure your preferred lesson time is secured for the upcoming season, please complete your registration **by June 30th.**

Thank you for being a part of our studio family—we can't wait to see what the fall semester brings!

Visit [danamartinstudio.com/studentenrollment](https://danamartinstudio.com/studentenrollment) or click the QR code.



Fall Registration

## JILL HALL (continued from p. 1)

often spent at the symphony or the theater! Year round, I love to read and discuss interesting books. In fact, I am part of two book clubs, one in Lexington, and one which I started in FI! It seems like there are so many good books, but so little time! One of my favorite books this year has been "Culpability" by Bruce Holzinger. I liked it because the story combines family drama with legal and class issues. Check it out!

Of course, one of the most satisfying activities I do in retirement is playing the piano. Its a respite from the world. I loved playing the piano as a child and in

## MUSIC QUEST PIANO CAMP

There's still time to register your student for Music Quest Piano Camp.

### Details:

**When?** July 6-9 (Mon-Thurs) 9a - 12p

**Who?** Students 1st-5th grades (no experience necessary – a great way to introduce piano to a younger sibling!)

**Class Size:** Limited to 8 students

**Price:** \$295 – less than the cost of 2 month's lessons for 12 hours of instruction!

**Register:** Click: [bit.ly/dmscamp2026](https://bit.ly/dmscamp2026) or scan code.



Piano Camp 2026

## FUNNY CAT MEMES



## HAVE A CONFLICT WITH YOUR LESSON?

**PX Students** USE OUR NEW STUDENT PORTAL to reschedule your lesson here: [danamartinstudio.com/studentportal](https://danamartinstudio.com/studentportal).

**Private Students** contact Dana to schedule an online or video feedback lesson.



## PRACTICE TIPS

Stay music-ready this summer

**2** Choose 1-2 recent favorites that you want to repolish or memorize. It's always nice to have a piece ready when someone asks, "Play something for me!" Plus since it's already a fave, it will be easy polishing it up this summer.

**3** Chord along with your favorite pop piece. Playing chords is much easier than playing the melody, and it's fun to play along with a song you enjoy listening to and singing along with. Let your teacher know a favorite song you'd like to learn to chord this summer.

**1** I get it. It's summer break. Time to sleep late, play outside, go on vacation, attend summer camps, go to grandma's... There's so much to do and so little time! But that doesn't mean your piano practice has to suffer. Here are 3 ways to stay music ready even though you may not get as much practice as usual.

## A NIGHT OF MUSIC: SPRING RECITAL HIGHLIGHTS

**What a truly wonderful Spring Recital** we shared last month! Almost 40 of our talented students took the stage to share their music with us. We were treated to a delightful variety of genres—spanning everything from energetic 70s rock to uplifting hymns, and absolutely everything in between.

**Celebrating Major Milestones & Achievements.** Beyond the beautiful performances, we also had the pleasure of recognizing our students' fantastic achievements and dedication in both the 30-Piece Challenge and our recent Practice Competition. A huge congratulations again to everyone who participated and pushed themselves to hit those goals! We also honored our graduating seniors, Ethan Abrams and Johana Mendoza. We are so incredibly proud of them and can't wait to see where their next chapters lead!

**Heartfelt Thanks to Our Studio Community.** A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our students who worked so diligently over the past few months to prepare such lovely music. We are also immensely grateful to the parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends who came out to support our performers. Your presence, applause, and constant encouragement mean the absolute world to these young musicians, and you made for a truly wonderful audience!

**Shoutout to Our Behind-the-Scenes All-Stars.** Finally, a massive thank you to our incredible team—Mr. Carmen, Ethan, and Emily—for all of their amazing help behind the scenes! You are such an invaluable part of our studio team, and we truly could not have made this recital happen smoothly without your dedication and support. We appreciate you all so much!



PIZZA PARTY FUN!

