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In addition to high spirits of class, school, and community pride, this weekend contained another spirit that reminded me of its official name: Homecoming Weekend. Though for my 32 years at the Academy we have always called this LI Weekend, our Alumni Office has always marketed it as Homecoming and has often invited special groups of alumni to return as honored guests. This year I had three encounters that highlighted what this weekend also celebrates.

First, while watching our boys soccer team prove they are one of the best in the state, I stood next to Nerma Macedoni who had come home to watch her brother Amer play in his last regular season home game. I had taught Nerma in 2007, when she was a junior, and we reminisced about class and stories about classmates, many of whom still stay in touch. Her parents Adnan and Admira, who immigrated to Vermont from Bosnia to escape the war, have always expressed a deep love for the school, our community, and for America (hence Amer’s name). This love of community has been transferred to their children, and Nerma clearly loved her classmates and the spirit they shared. She said, “That’s the best thing about this school—the people.” I agree.

Then, while watching the parade, I was approached by Les Drent, who lived in Brantview as a student when I was a proctor there. Though my years in Brantview were my first at the Academy, I remembered Les well. He had returned to Vermont from Hawaii where he has become a successful coffee farmer, and he had his two children and his wife with him. We shared stories of Brantview escapades, my exceptional ability to sense when some young man was doing something he shouldn’t be, and cold walks to Chapel. Les loves Hawaii and has been successful there, but when given the chance, he came back to Vermont to show his family his school. Though probably not convinced that the chilly hills of the Kingdom are worth trading Hawaiian beaches for, his family definitely got a sense of the bond that Les and I formed decades ago.

Finally, while visiting with alumni, faculty, and staff at the Elks Club after the pizza party, I was approached by Jeff Handy, whose father Sam ran the Spanish Villa years ago in St. Johnsbury. I had spoken earlier in the evening at the football team’s annual pre-game dinner, reminding the team that they are part of a great tradition. I reminded them that the dinner they now enjoy is due to the generosity of NVRH, community members, and the parents of the players (who serve the meal), and I told them that the dinner started as a continuation of pre-game breakfasts that Mr. Handy served the team at his restaurant before every home game. Jeff, who was the dishwasher during those steak-and-egg mornings, said his dad would be proud to know that the tradition continues and that his generosity is still remembered.

I left Friday night reflecting on the enormity of what I had experienced in less than six hours. Amidst the cheering teens and music and pageantry, among the thousands who came out for the parade and pizza party, there were people who were coming home. Some, like Nerma, come to visit family. Some, like Les, for the first time in decades, to introduce his family to what had been his home away from home. And some, like Jeff, who have stayed in the area and carry on traditions that have stood for generations, come retelling stories and reliving memories that surround The Game and Spirit Week.

Coach Alercio told his team at the end of the Friday night dinner that The Game is about making memories—that one play will be talked about decades later. He encouraged the team to be conscious of just how special these days are. As I talked with Nerma, Les, and Jeff, I was reminded of other memories made this weekend: memories of going hoarse from cheering with your friends, memories of dressing up in green and white as a family, memories of older generations celebrating the spirit and accomplishments of younger generations, and memories of belonging to something bigger than yourself. These memories are kept alive as we continue this long tradition of community celebration and will continue as long as we never forget that Homecoming is just one of the ways we make this place our home.
Good morning! I'll start by extending a warm welcome to the Members of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Wright, Ms. Chambers, Mr. Lovett, members of the faculty and staff, parents, family, and friends, and most of all, fellow members of the Class of 2015. I, and every single one of you, have created, accomplished, and discovered so much here. Naturally I wondered, “how much?” Those of you who know me know that I love to quantify things; my brain is attracted to ideas in the form of numbers and statistics. So I’ve attempted to measure our high school experience.

First I examined time spent on homework. Let’s say that our class averaged one hour of homework per night for the last four years. Obviously some of you totaled much more than that—quite an impressive feat. For anyone out there that averaged 0 hours a night and still made it to graduation today, I’m equally impressed. Anyway, with 180 days in a school year and a class size of about 200, we’ve spent around 150,000 hours on high school homework combined. That’s approximately as long as I’ve been living, and the outcome is a wealth of invaluable learning and production. A few of those assignments might have seemed pretty useless, but I’m willing to bet that at least

In the past couple of weeks, I realized that I have a real knack for writing bad speeches. I became so efficient in writing bad speeches, I conjured up five miserable drafts of entirely distinct and entirely awful valedictory addresses in the past 20 days alone. Many factors contributed to the tragic nature of those speeches, but I now realize that they failed completely because of a common rotten core, a fundamental flaw that could be summed up in the misguided proclamation, “we did it!”

In all these drafts, I gave us students all the credit when discussing graduation, even though this credit was due elsewhere. So, I would like to address the class of 2015 specifically in saying that I am so proud of everything we have done: our community service initiatives, academic and extracurricular accomplishments that have adorned our glittering class, but I would also like to take this opportunity to say with confidence that we did not really do it. This graduation is not so much the fruit of the students’ labor as much as the labor of the adults in our lives.

Yes, we have worked hard during high school, but what else contributed to the high school experience? Who, for example, spoon-fed us information about the world when all we could give in return was a high-pitched squeal of dissatisfaction? Who kept us safe and nourished and out of trouble when we found ourselves incapacitated by worries and insecurities? It wasn’t we—we weren’t it at all—it was in fact the adults in our lives who did these things.

At the beginning of high school, we did not have the capacity to express sincere gratitude to these people—we wouldn’t have even known what to be grateful for. However, years of emotional and intellectual cultivation now allow us to transcend our egocentrism and see that almost everything in our lives has been a gift. Now, we can see that teachers did much more than assign homework; librarians did much more than check out books; our parents did much more than set curfews. Far greater than performing these seemingly insignificant tasks, we now realize that the adults in our lives gave themselves entirely to us in their daily actions. They partook in acts of devotion behind desks, behind cafeteria counters, on the sidelines, backstage, over the phone; they devoted themselves from the dimly lit corners, beyond the blinding spotlight that focused uniquely on the luminous student. The adults in our lives were the humble, almost invisible source of a voice that boomed, “Look what the student can do.”

Much more than the print in our textbooks and the interactive online videos, these adults gave us a sense of the real world through the reality of their kindness and their service. For four years, we devoured this support, we consumed and subsisted on the selfless generosity of such adults, and now, it is finally time for us to become agents, active participants in our own lives. It is time for us to pursue the knowledge and experiences we need to become creators and not just consumers of good things. We must begin to propel ourselves forward into life, converting the energy of our gratitude into our own forms of active service. So, when we go outside today, throw our caps into the air and even scream, “We did it!” just remember to think about the meek adults waiting all around us, smiling and taking pictures and letting us have this moment, even though it’s rightfully theirs.

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Luke Jackmauh
Valedictorian

Callum Hening
Salutatorian
Excerpts from Commencement Address

I am so honored to be back on campus, with such incredible faculty, parents and most importantly, students. Hello Class of 2015!

It makes me feel good to know that however nervous I might be right now, Mr. Lovett has got to be five times as nervous. He’s seen it all, matured since my Sheepcote days, but you can’t ever really be too sure. So it’s a bit of a gamble. I was giving him Flashbacks at dinner last night by complaining about how unfair it is that commencement speakers have to wear a cap and gown. “But I want to wear J. Crew!”

I also feel the pressure because my husband gave an awesome talk at his high school—and when I asked him for advice, he began with, “well, what’s your theme?” I told him that I didn’t have a “theme” but that I was going to talk about my school in East Africa. He burst out laughing and said, “They haven’t given you airtime to just pitch your organization. You are supposed to inspire the students. You need a theme.”

Yikes. From my work in the non-profit sector, I know that you guys are already pretty inspired. You work overtime for causes that matter to you. Thinking that I could inspire you was frankly intimidating, so I thought long and hard about it, and I did what I’ve always done in the face of fear, self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy: I plagiarized.

You see, originally I’d planned to talk about passion – but then I read this article by David Brooks in the New York Times that said, “Commencement speakers are always telling students to follow their passion, but that is a very self-centered way of seeing the world” ... and when I read that sentence I felt a sort of embarrassed, a bit ashamed. My natural instincts have always been pretty self-centered, so it seemed obvious that that would have been the message I’d originally chosen for you today.

It’s something that I’ve been working on for a while, and I think it’s a struggle that a lot of us face. Society often tells us to focus on what Brooks calls resume virtues – the things you’d be proud to see on your resume: success, wealth, recognition (self, ego, the need for approval) - but this often comes at the expense of what Brooks calls our “eulogy” virtues: the stuff that really matters; what we ultimately want people to say about the life we lived; the traits we’d want to see in our eulogy: compassion, humility, selflessness, generosity.

Most importantly Brooks warns us that if you live your life driven by a desire to acquire those resume virtues eventually you become separated from life’s deepest joys and you live with an unconscious boredom.

And that sounds awful.

But, thankfully, there is still hope for us. According to this article there are a few ways to cultivate those eulogy virtues, and since you guys have parties to get to, I will give you the cliff notes.

I want to focus on one, because it’s the easiest – you just kinda copy other people. You identify people who are ‘lit from within’, people who have the qualities that you want, or perhaps that you fear you lack, and you calibrate your moral compass with theirs. Plagiarize their ethics.

I want to tell you about two people I...
know who are lit from within, two people who inspire me to be better than I really am. One was my teacher and the other is my student. Maybe they can inspire you, as they have me, on my somewhat clumsy and haphazard career path.

And I want to start by saying that I know my ability to align myself with the right people was first ignited here, at St. J. I couldn’t have asked for better people to help me get on track. Murph, I really appreciate your getting me into college.

My second semester of my freshmen year, I found myself in a cultural anthropology class reading the work of Dr. Paul Farmer, a professor who altered the course of my life. Every college student is entitled to one superstar who blows your mind. Someone who opens to you up the world of ideas. It’s the foundation of a good liberal arts education.

Paul Farmer was moved by the suffering of the poor. He used phrases like, “the suffering of the poor.” He wrote extensively about children and families enduring structural violence — those who live in places where drinking water kills and where ambulances don’t go.

The more I learned about global inequalities, the more I too felt passionate about these issues. But truth be told, if Dr. Farmer had been writing about algebra, I would have wanted to major in math. He seemed positively lit from within; he was definitely not separated from life’s deepest joys or living with an unconscious boredom. I decided I wanted to become an anthropologist, like him. I wasn’t really clear what that entailed, but I packed my best Angelina Jolie outfit and I traveled to East Africa.

I wasn’t really planning to serve the poor. I didn’t want to serve the poor, but my trip was rooted in a desire to legitimize myself. As I said, I have a tendency to be seduced by those resume virtues; I wanted the recognition of my professors, the admiration of my peers.

In Kenya, I met children who had suffered in ways I couldn’t imagine. Hundreds of kids squeezed into a crumbling concrete buildings. AIDS, TB, hunger, there was sadness for sure. But there was also something else, something I recognized. Yes, the orphaned children I met wanted food and shelter, but I was surprised to find that they wanted to fall in love with life too. They wanted to be pilots and journalists and nurses and doctors. I met a kid who told me he wanted to be a dinosaur trainer (that was sort of a sad conversation), but my point is, I realized that these kids wanted to meet inspiring people and have inspiring experiences. They wanted to live a life lit from within.

A few of them already were.

Dr. Paul Farmer taught me that the world’s poorest people have the same dreams as everyone else. We’ve tried to build a school that he would be proud to send his kids to. My students push me everyday to go bigger.

Which brings me to my last shepherd of inspiration, one of my students, Francis. His story keeps me going on days when I would rather look at your cousin’s wedding album on Instagram than do my work.

I first met Francis when he was living in the overcrowded orphanage in the slums of Nairobi, but by the time I had finished college, Francis was 17 years old and he was off and on the streets. There, he’d collect discarded pieces of rubber and sell it to a cobbler for about 25 cents, earnings that he would spend at a local internet cafe, where he would log onto Facebook and write to us. This kid was relentless. You’d wake up in the morning to a notification - “Francis has tagged himself in 20 photos of you,” and he literally did just that - your profile picture, of just you - the individual, (the ego, the self), would now say there were two people in it – you and him.

To this day, I’m not sure if he knows how profound that really is – this invisible child asserting his presence and your responsibility to notice him. He wrote us message after message asking for help — it went beyond desperate and I asked my colleague Brian to meet with him. I told him not to make any promises, but maybe see if we could help get Francis into a public school or a shelter. Because the last thing I could do is adopt a teenage boy who has been surviving on the streets of Nairobi. My mother would abso-
The good news is, as I said, Brooks assures us that we can make our own path to the doorway of humanity. I’m inclined to believe him, and I really think that’s where we want to hang out – around people who want to think about inequality, suffering, privilege, pain, and joy and around people who are doing the work – on themselves, and on the world.

Let those moments – when you wake up in the middle of the night fearing that you are not enough, or that you don’t have enough, or that you haven’t done enough – push you towards your eulogy virtues, not your resume ones. Let your deepest flaws move you in the direction of morality everyday.

A life that is about an impressive resume is built by focusing on our strengths, by comparing ourselves to others and through external achievements. A life dedicated to cultivating the qualities you want to see in your eulogy is built by fighting your weaknesses, the parts of your soul that are trying to pull you to shallow waters, the parts of you that you want to improve on tomorrow.

So, in closing and with that in mind, I wish you a lifetime of deep fears of inadequacy. I know you will do great things.
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This award is presented annually to an alumnus/a who has shown distinguished, loyal service to the Alumni Association, his or her community, state or nation, and who has exceptional achievement in his or her chosen field of endeavor. One of this year’s recipients was Jim Farmer ’65. Jim has held various positions over the years, but most recently sits as the Chief of the Anti-Terrorism and National Security Unit at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the District of Massachusetts. In his spare time he volunteers with a number of organizations, spends time with his family, and enjoys music and travel. Even though he is a busy man, Jim found time to spearhead the Class of 1965 50th Reunion. Congratulations, Jim, on an award well deserved.

The Dwayne B. Sherrer Distinguished Alumni Award was also presented to John Crane ’65. John graduated from Dartmouth College in 1969 and later finished his career there after 30 years of service working at the Library at Dartmouth. Even though he spent much of his working career at Dartmouth College, he still finds time to give back to St. Johnsbury. He has been a critical and key person in helping to make the History and Heritage Center a reality and has spent numerous hours volunteering at the Academy, most recently working on the Class of 1965’s 50th reunion planning committee. Congratulations, John!

Victoria Izzyderczak ’10 returned for her 5th year reunion all the way from Germany. Congratulations, Victoria, for receiving one of the awards for traveling the farthest.

Returning to celebrate her 45th Class Reunion, Lisbeth Lund ’70, from Norway, received one of the awards for traveling the farthest.

The reunion class gathering the largest number of donors, logging the highest percentage of participation, and raising the most money went to the class celebrating their 50th reunion. Accepting the awards on behalf of the Class of 1965 were David Scott*, Jim Farmer, John Crane, and Diane Moulton Rolfe.

The Class of 1942 Challenge Cup is awarded each year to the non-reunion class with the greatest number of donors to the gift program. It must be getting old since they win it so often, but Past Trustee President Lee Hackett ’57 thoroughly enjoys being able to present this award to his classmate and class agent, Bruce Scott ’57, on behalf of the Class of 1957.

*Deceased
During the Alumni Banquet, Rachel Carr Norway ‘65, celebrating her 50th class reunion, was honored for her 35 years of service to the Academy. Rachel will be remembered as an excellent example of determination, caring, and devotion. She was always willing to go the extra mile whether it was for the Academy or for one of her coworkers. Her tenacity and loyalty to the Academy have made her a stalwart in the custodial and maintenance department. Congratulations, Rachel.

Denyse Lanctot Daly ‘65, escorted by classmate Paul Simpson ‘65, was recognized during the Alumni Banquet for her retirement. Returning to the campus of St. Johnsbury Academy over 29 years ago, Denyse, joined the library staff in providing guidance and wisdom to hundreds of Academy students. Denyse also celebrated her 50th class reunion the same weekend.

Mike Bugbee, Class of 1969, was honored for his 33 years of service to the Academy during the Alumni Banquet. He spent the majority of his time teaching electricity in the Technical Education Department, but Mike’s dedication went well beyond the classroom, spilling over onto the athletic fields and into the worksites and living rooms of his students. He will forever be known, recognized, and admired for his dedication to young people.

President of the Alumni Council, Brent Beck ‘62, voted in the new slate of alumni council members during the Alumni Banquet.

Lee Hackett addressed 500 alumni and friends at the Alumni banquet for the last time as president of the board of trustees. It has been six amazing years, Lee. Thank you for you generous and loyal service.

Thanks to Avis Hoyt-O’Conner ’80 for preparing the convocation at the 2015 Alumni Banquet. Avis was back celebrating her 35th reunion.
Arriving from Florida, Frank Towers and wife, Mary, joined St. Johnsbury resident Pauline Williams Hawkins and friend, Romeo Garand, at the Alumni Banquet to celebrate their 80th Reunion. L-R: Frank Towers, Mary Towers, Romeo Garand, Pauline Williams Hawkins.

Attending the Alumni Banquet from Massachusetts, St. Johnsbury, Connecticut, and Nevada were Irene Dolgin Goldstein, Pauline Kidder Potter, Richard Cook, Luella Drown Demers.

Not wanting to miss their 70th Reunion, Norman Madore, Nicci Hayward White ‘49, Duffy Dodge, Gloria MaGill Russell, and Herm Hoyt gathered first at the Straszko Center and then attended the Alumni Banquet.
The Class of 1960 has always enjoyed Reunion Weekend. This year they were hosted on Friday evening by Sharon Oliver Heidemann, Saturday afternoon by Loren Phelps, and ‘after the banquet’ by Linda Barnett Garey. Those attending the banquet, L-R beginning in the front row: Jeanette Pike Mayo, Kit Brown Doyle, Marjory Brown, Sandy Ballam Lavallee, Jackie Bijolle Couture, Merrie Sanborn Dyer, Nancy Daley Bedard; second: Kae Lobdell Allen, Sharon Oliver Heidemann, Pat Brunelle Veilleux, Linda Barnett Garey, Sherry Peters Hevey, Dorothy Mathews Willson, Brenda Sargent, Mary Ann Bain LaHaise; back: Wayne Bedor, Tom Hill, Charlie Boisvert, Dan Mahoney, Les Moore, Tom LaHaise.
The Class of 1965

Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1965 started initial planning for their 50th only a few months after their 45th reunion. And, with all that planning, came a very successful weekend. After arriving at the Straszko Center at Graham’s House, the class toured the campus ending at Brantview for the Golden Reunion Reception hosted by Tom and Ann Lovett. The group then enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Lawrence Home which included the traditional and highly anticipated hay rides. On Saturday at Joe’s Pond Pavilion, they enjoyed a wonderful lunch and memorial tribute to those classmates who have passed. The All-Class Wine and Cheese was next on the agenda before making their grand entrance into the banquet to “Let’s Hang On to What We’ve Got” by Frankie Valley and Four Seasons. The fun-filled weekend was completed by a post-banquet dance and social at the Elks Home.
1965  ▶  50th


1970  ▶  45th

Celebrating their 45th Reunion at the St. Johnsbury Country Club, the Class of ’70 had a great turnout for their evening. Many happy, smiling faces returned for Saturday’s picnic at Harvey’s Lake. A big Thank You to the organizing committee! Gathering for the Reunion Banquet Saturday evening, the following classmates were assembled for the group photo: (row 1 L–R) Bobby Humphrey, Joe Swainbank, Lisbeth Lund, Suzy Zeller-Kent, Christine Scott, Jeanne Desrochers, Joanna Kennedy Easter*, Vicki True Hill, Bill Graves, (row 2 L–R) Joan Barney D’Angelo, Nola Brown Forbes, Susan Lowrey, Kathy Snow Hartmann, Carol Cornish Bouchard, Jo-Ann Sherrer Reed, Melissa Finney-Stachaz, Mercy Russell, Bob Smith, (row 3 L–R) Richard Morley, Richard Paulin, Kyle Brown, Jim Havers, Crosby Sherman, Mark Ellingwood, Michael Chase, Ken Stowe.
The Class of ’80 kick started their 35th Reunion by meeting at Goodfella’s Restaurant in Danville Friday evening. The following day, many classmates enjoyed a picnic at the Rotary Pavilion before getting together again for the Reunion Banquet. Classmates joining in the group photo (row 1 L-R) Lori Nelson Craig, Darlene Simpson Nunn, Sheila Weston, Maurice Bouffard, Linda Brooks, Alison Lote Monell, (row 2 L-R) Avis Hoyt-O’Connor, Louise Mold Krieger, Julie Maher Long, Cindy Fitchett Lessard, John Gingue, David Henderson, Paula Churchill Bystrzycki, (row 3 L-R) Sandy Murray, Craig Repasz, Scott Frey, Chip Langmaid, Kathy Haynes Church, Rich Black.

The Class of ’75 had a great turnout Friday evening at the Gold Crown Lanes and Lamplighter Lounge. Sandi Armstrong Day welcomed everyone to her home for Saturday afternoon and before the group gathered for the Reunion Banquet. Joining together for the group photo (row 1 L-R) Laurie Racenet, Yvonne Lote Parcell, Kim Hensel, Marcia Morris Marcotte, Chris Soucy Tackett, (row 2 L-R) Dennis Brown, Damian Ryan, Donna Driscoll Brancheau, Carol Dodge Michaels, Joanne Vancour Conor, Tina Letourneau Drake.
Friday Night + Good Friends = 30th Reunion Party! The Class of ’85 enjoyed the evening at the home of Dan and Debbie Hayes Dudas watching videos from high school. On Saturday afternoon, Sugar Ridge Campground was the site of their afternoon picnic and festivities. Joining us at the Reunion Banquet for the group photo: (row 1 L–R) Sherry MacLean, Holly Russell Rouelle, Terri Labounty Rodriguez, Michele Warren Taylor, Anita Cushman Mathews, Debbie Hayes Dudas, Erin Kelly, (row 2 L–R) Jonathan McAuley, Jonathan Stolfi, Samuel Hendrick, Michael Farmer, Michael Hemond, Dan Dussault.

Following the Friday afternoon Faculty and Staff gathering at the Kingdom Taproom, the Class of ’90 remained to celebrate their 25th reunion. On Saturday afternoon, everyone got together at the Caplan home on Rocky Ridge before making their way to the Reunion Banquet. Joining us for the group photo: (row 1 L–R) Vicki Richner Scopa, Rita Goyette, Carol Collins, (row 2 L–R) Jeremy Roberts, Josh Gagilardi, Matt Lowther, Brian McQuade.
The Kingdom Taproom also hosted the Class of ’95 on Friday afternoon and evening, as they celebrated their 20th Reunion. On Saturday, the Noble family hosted the class for an afternoon picnic and fun and games. Gathering later in the evening for the group photo (row 1L-R) Jennifer Noble Norton, Brandi Casey Hoenig, Jillian Dargie, Carolyn Ely, Sarah Leach Clark; (row 2 L-R) Jennifer Kennedy, Ken Glidden, Scott Hussey, Michael Priest, Chrissie McChesney.

Overlooking the Passumpsic River, the Class of ’00 returned for their 15th reunion, starting the weekend on the deck at Bailiwick’s on Mill Street. Hosts Tony and Bridget Ferrin Smith welcomed everyone to their newly constructed home for Saturday afternoon.
The Class of ’10 enjoyed their first reunion, starting the weekend by getting together with former teachers at the Kingdom Taproom. Everyone enjoyed Saturday afternoon at Sugar Ridge Campground. Pictured from the Class of 2005 and 2010, left to right: Victoria Izyderczak ’10, Alexander Duerre ’05, Graeme Hall ’10, Ashley Barron ’05, and Eli Barrett ’10

Bailiwick’s was also the rendezvous point for the Class of ’05 and their 10th Reunion. The Gingue Farm was the site of their Saturday get together with a bon fire, music, and good friends.
Faculty & Staff
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(row 1 L-R) Ashley Barron, Deynse Lancot Daly, Rachel Carr Norway, Mike Bugbee, Dianne Moulton Rolfe, Shari Austin Ross, Jeanne Desrochers; (row 2 L-R) Sandy Murray, Patti Albee Coburn, Tom Lovett, Nola Brown Forbes, Crystal Chandler Prevost, Jerry Prevost; (row 3 L-R) Jeremy Roberts, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc, John Robillard, Beth Choiniere, Sarah Garey, Marianne Handy Hraibi.

Non-Reunion
(row 1 L-R) Roxanne Persons Roberts ’92, Anne Leclerc Jenks ’51, Jean Cormier Hale ’51, Shirley Pike Beck ’71, Phyllis Pigula Benoit ’59, Joyce Atherton Dumas ’49, Bob Dumas ’49; (row 2 L-R) Pam Burns Kocher ’64, Roy Heath ’04, Leilani Provencal ’04, Patti Albee Coburn ’67, Dave Coburn ’59, Jerry Prevost ’77, Crystal Chandler Prevost ’78, Cindy Hayes Robillard ’83, Sarah Garey ’92; (row 3 L-R) Steve Finner ’56, Kelly Westover Ruggles ’81, Troy Ruggles ’84, Hazen McLaren ’51, Brent Beck ’62, Anita Wood Bedor ’62, Dick Bedor ’59, Tim Rolfe ’63; (row 4 L-R) Bruce Scott ’57, Carmen Desrochers Repasz ’57, Joanne Moulton Bugbee ’71, Mike Bugbee ’69, Bryan LeBlanc ’84, John Robillard ’83, Dick Paddleford ’57, Andy Dussault ’57.

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(row 1 L-R) Dick Bedor ’59, Leigh Larocque ’50, Bob Lawrence ’55; (row 2 L-R) Phil Gross ’50, Andy Dussault ’57, Richard Clark ’55

(row 1 L-R) Fred Keenan, Charles Bell, Theron Wright, Robert Frizzell, George Colgrove; (row 2 L-R) Edward Boulay, Fernando Noel, guest Lt. Gov. Phil Scott, Calvin Colby, George Cobb.
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Thank you to all of our sponsors and players for making the 13th Annual St. Johnsbury Academy Golf Benefit a continued success. We appreciate your support through the years and hope you can join us again next year!
Several changes to the Board of Trustees were passed during the October meeting. Jay Wright ’87 of Potomac, Maryland, was elected Board President. Lee Hackett ’57 stepped down as President, Jamie Murphy ’90 was elected to the Board, and Dale Wells was named Trustee Emeritus.

Jay Wright grew up in St. Johnsbury, the son of Perley and Carolyn Wright. He attended Lincoln, Arlington and the St. Johnsbury Middle School. Along with fellow trustee Garth Moulton (’88), Jay played on St. Johnsbury’s State Championship winning Babe Ruth teams in 1983 and 1985. At the Academy, he earned seven varsity sports letters, was captain of the basketball team and was valedictorian of the class of 1987. He attended Georgetown University where he received a BS in Business Administration summa cum laude with a major in finance and a minor in economics. He later received a JD from The University of Chicago. Jay serves as Chairman of Nutroganics, Inc., a publicly traded natural and nutritional foods manufacturer, President of Bayberry Capital, Inc., a private equity firm, and as an Adjunct Professor of Finance at Georgetown. Previously, he served as CEO or CFO of three telecommunications companies, two of which were publicly traded. He started his career as a mergers and acquisitions attorney before working as an investment banker for Merrill Lynch. Jay resides in Potomac, Maryland, with his wife Janelle and their two teenage children Corinne and Teddy.

Jay joined the Academy Board of Trustees in 2003 and chaired the Investment Committee from 2010 until 2013. He served as Treasurer of the Board from 2010 to 2015; from 2011 to 2015 he was both Vice President and Treasurer. Notably, Jay was Treasurer when the school’s endowment hit an all time high and during many well-managed capital improvements.

The Board also elected a new member: Jamie Murphy ’90 of St. Johnsbury. Jamie has been a Major League Baseball Players Association certified agent for the last twelve years. Jamie’s firm, TWC Sports Management, represents some of the top Major League Baseball players in the game including Troy Tulowitzki, Evan Longoria,
Nick Markakis and Tim Hudson. Jamie began his career at Woolf Associates, a Boston-based sports management firm in 1999. In 2000, Woolf was purchased by Octagon, a large multi-national sports management and marketing firm. Jamie worked at Octagon eight years before joining TWC in 2008. In 2009, Jamie negotiated a six-year, $66.1 million deal for Baltimore Orioles OF Nick Markakis, the largest contract extension in the history of the Orioles franchise at that time. Jamie has directly negotiated over $150M in player contracts in his career and has been involved with the negotiation of over $500M in contracts. Jamie is also an owner of the Kingdom Taproom located in downtown St. Johnsbury and serves as a town selectman.

Jamie received a BA in Economics from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, where he played college football and was named an Academic All-Canadian in 1992. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Boston College Law School and is a Member of the Massachusetts Bar. In the past, Jamie has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Arizona State University’s College of Law. Jamie and his wife, Melissa, have two young boys, Howie, age 7, and Harry, age 5. Melissa recently joined the Academy Admissions office as an Assistant Director of Admission.

Finally, longtime Board member Dale Wells was named Trustee Emeritus upon his recent resignation. Dale Wells ’64T was named an Academy Trustee in 1997. At that time he also became a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
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This afternoon, thanks to the US Commercial Service, and one of our diplomatic families, I addressed a group of 15 Russian education advisors, members of our diplomatic mission, a parent of one of our students, and the principal of her son’s former school.

As is often the case, those in attendance were astounded by the breadth of our programs, the uniqueness of our mission, and our commitment to serve such a wide range of learners. Following the formal presentation, I spoke of the three promises that Tom Lovett makes to every Academy family.

It was then that things got interesting as our parent reinforced my comments by speaking of the transformation in her son’s attitude toward school that took place in just a few weeks. This was followed by a variety of questions from the Russian advisors, most familiar with Russian and British education, wondering how this kind of approach could be possible. One of the keys, of course is the Academy’s independence, which allows us to tailor our programming to meets the needs of each student.

Then, Ron Gleason, Principal and noted education reformer, asked how such a school came to exist. Having spent nearly 40 years at the Academy, I know a bit about our history, and spoke of the Fairbanks family philanthropy making education broadly accessible by keeping tuition low; the focus from day one on the heart and hand, as well as the mind; the re-chartering in 1873, expanding the mission beyond the “college course,” while retaining the same commitment to developing the whole person, and putting character first.

Then I spoke of the introduction of technical education in the late 1960’s, when Streeter Hall replaced the Trade School, and special education in the early 1970’s. These decisions, controversial and challenging at the time, established the Academy as a true community school, able and committed to serving all students, regardless of ability, interests, or circumstances. This breadth of programming made us a full partner with our local communities and, contrary to conventional thought, made us a very attractive option for both domestic and international families seeking a boarding school committed to individual student success.

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Bill, a member of the class of 1963, spent his career teaching and educating young people. His wish was for all students to get the education they deserve. With that in mind, Bill’s legacy to the Academy established a need-based scholarship providing tuition assistance for one or more undergraduate students, preferably from a small town, to attend St. Johnsbury Academy.

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Advancement
Eaton University in North Carolina is where Monica Steffey ’15 will be spending her first year of college. Monica, a four-year dorm student from Lyme, NH, addressed those in attendance at the Thaddeus Fairbanks Luncheon held during Reunion Weekend. Monica spent her extra time at the Academy doing dance, gymnastics, and being a school leader.
Senior Tristan Ross ’15 addressed the crowd during the Thaddeus Fairbanks Luncheon held during Reunion Weekend. Even though he was known for being a standout on the basketball court, Tristan was always a quiet and humble leader. Tristan returned to Canada and is currently attending St. Francis Xavier University.

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1956
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Nelson S. Bailey
Harvey M. Caplan
Richard S. Clark
Gordon V. DeWitt
Lorraine Fauteux
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Richard S. Clark
Harvey M. Caplan
Nelson S. Bailey
Class Participation 16%

1957
Class Participation 25%
Isaiah Baker
William G. Brunelle
Lorraine Giguere Brunelle
Delbert J. Coté
Andrew J. Dussault
John P. Garey
Lee P. Hackett
Jenny Marcotte Harlow
Raymond H. Johnson
Bradford H. King
Duanu D. Locklyn
Patricia Martin Magee
David R. Martin
Marjorie Hoar McNeice
Cecile Dubois Merchant
Carmen Desrochers Repasz
Maureen Finn Robillard
Bruce A. Scott
M. Gail Whitehill Smith
Coriene Merchant White
Stanley Wilkins
Merle G. Wright

1958
Class Participation 8%
Sidney N. Achilles
Lawrence W. Darrell
J. Pauly Dalphin
Madeleine Prevost Ducham
Virginia Johnson McMains
James A. Nelson
Ernest F. Thurston

1959
Class Participation 11%
R. Bradley Beaupré
Richard W. Bedor
Phyllis Pigula Benoit
David W. Coburn
Gerald B. Collins
Kathleen Pena Drown
Ellen Lawrence Hankins
C. Nick McCuen
Arthur R. Menut
Maureen Oliver Mintz
William B. Murray
Mary Carter Wilkins

1960
Class Participation 25%
Karen Lobdell Allen
Nancy Daley Bedard
Wayne M. Bedor
Charles E. Boisvert
Marjory Brown
Elwood F. Cohen
Jacqueline Bijolle Couture
Preston D. Crandall
Catherine Brown Doyle
Linda Barnett Garey
Thomas L. Glines
James G. Grimes
Sharon Olliver Heidemann
Sherry Peters Hevey
Tom Hill
Sandra MacPherson Jacon
Florence Steele Kidd
Mary Ann Bain LaHaise
Thomas F. LaHaise
Sandra Ballam Lavallee
Lois Cuthbertson Lenton
C. James Liberty
Daniel F. Mahoney
Jeanette Pike Mayo
Leslie C. Moore
Lynda Perkins Morgan
Virginia Martin Pasternak
Brenda Sargent
Benjamin K. Tilden
Patricia Brunelle Veilleux
Dorothy Mathews Willson

1961
Class Participation 7%
Marjorie Ailes Achilles
Sam Ball
Arthur S. Brooks
Nancy Chouinard Cohen
Gene Dionne
Gertrude Sylvain Dussault
Maxine Hodgdon Hadlock

1962
Class Participation 12%
Brent W. Beck
Sandra Burrington Beck
Douglas R. Bedar
Anita Wood Bedor
Robert A. Bisaccia
Norman Giffin
Leanna Coons Harper
Katherine Butterfield Hinds
Linda Rowe Kaley
Frank Lawrence
Terry MacPherson
Richard K. Mott
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Class Giving
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1968
Class Participation 9%
Jan Scott Adamiec
Donald T. Bergeron
Michael Bergeron
Ann Cormier Bessette
Karen Snow Buzzell
Pamela Calderwood
Herbert W. Conly
Peter F. Crosby
Susan Adams Garber
Jo Anna Garvin Hall
Elizabeth Groom Havers
Ralph Mold
Rose Cormier Noble
Clayton C. Robinson
Jerry S. Rowe
Jo-An Hall Sullivan
William Vear

1969
Class Participation 7%
Rachel Bedard
Michael D. Bugbee
Rocky W. Bunnell
Francine Paquin Costa
Marcia DeRosia
Theresa Emmons Jackman
Wesley P. Marsceill
Ronald A. Noble
Delmar J. Paye
Mark E. Robbins
John E. Rowe
Steven G. Somers
Philip L. Soucy
Peggy O’Neil Soucy
Carol Bohlen Tremble

1970
Class Participation 22%
Carol Cornish Bouchard
Mercy Burton Russell
Kathleen Herrmann Camp
Michael R. Chase
William Crosby
Jeanne Desrochers
Craig L. Dezell
Michael R. Douglas
Joanna Kennedy Easter
Mark Ellingwood
Dale Fillion
Nola Brown Forbes
Elaine Fournier
William J. Graves
Judith Bugbee Harbaugh
Kathryn Snow Hartmann
James Havers
Vicki True Hill
Robert D. Humphrey
Diane Williams Lamont
Alan L. Langmaid
Susan Lowrey
Lisbeth Lund
Kathryn Vear McGill
Susan Hovey Mercia
Richard B. Morley
Mary Morrison
Stephen Murphy
William Nye
John Payne
Richard Poulin
Terry R. Powers
Jo-An Sherrer Reed
Christine Scott
Crosby L. Sherman
Melissa Finney Stachacz
Kenneth H. Stowe
Linda Turner Vear
Barbara Jurkoic Wagner
Susan Zeller-Kent
Paul J. Pike
Gail Rossier
Diane Villeneuve Rousseau
Brian A. Soucy
Cynthia Hoyt Stanton
Peter G. Stanton
Cynthia Fortier Wheeler

1971
Class Participation 7%
Van-George Belanger
Joanne Moulton Bugbee
Dale Clark
Nora Keen Close
Steven Dolgin
William S. Harris
Wilson R. Jackson
Merle V. Jones
Thomas M. Jordan
Cheryl Maynard
Susan Desrochers
McLaughlin
Carol Skinner Perkins
Norma Fox Racine
Dennis R. Smith

1972
Class Participation 5%
Thomas K. Handy
Debra Root Hazen
Howard E. Jones
Debra Winot Priest
Gregory E. Reed
Alan H. Rowe
Thomas J. Sherrer
Kathleen Goodwin Sjolander
Charles Sjolander
Deborah Douglas Smith
Carrie Moran Wobbley
Edwin P. Wobbley

1973
Class Participation 7%
Cary R. Aiken
James C. Fish
Susan Byrne Havers
Koleen Goodwin Jones
Pamela Lyon Lamont
Stephen R. Payne

1974
Class Participation 5%
Rachel Gray Demers
Susan Ely
Michael Hale
Robert K. Jeffrey
Douglas S. Labare
Allison Dionne Letourneau
Wayne Letourneau
Victor W. Quinn
Kathleen Brock Rankhorn
Susan Frasier Stetson

1975
Class Participation 13%
Gregory E. Boardman
Dennis M. Brown
Karen Ash Cate
Sandra Armstrong Day
Donna Holloway Degree
James T. Desrochers
Tina Letourneau Drake
Rosemary Wheeler Ginge
Paul J. Greenan
Margaret Vear Hale
Kimberly Leach Hensel
Arne D. Johnson
David Lee
Carol Dodge Michaels
Peter J. Osborne
Yvonne Lote Parcell
Laurel Racenot
Kathie Potvin Russell
Christine Soucy Tackett

1976
Class Participation 4%
David G. Chase
James F. Lee
Donna Eastman Liddle
Thomas R. Pulsifer
Katherine Silloway

1977
Class Participation 2%
Donna Vear Coker
Bernadete Dumas Johnson
Susan Perry LaBrie
Gerard A. Prevost

1978
Class Participation 4%
Noble F. Allen

1979
Class Participation 5%
Keith Borgstrom
Dennis A. Daniels
Bryan Dunells
Vincent W. Duran
Marc Ginge
Robin Brown Legendre
Gordon D. Quinn
Michael S. Rossof
Karen Westover

1980
Class Participation 12%
Kevin L. Armstrong
John T. Benoit
Richard A. Black
Maurice P. Boulard
Paula Churchill Bystrzycki
Karol Hammer
Patricia Letourneau
Henderson
David C. Henderson
Pamela Reganall Hoyt
Avis Hoyt-O’Connor
Louise Mold Krieger
Marguerite Lafierre
Cindy Fitchett Lessard
Julie Maher-Long
Darlene Simpson Nunn
Victoria Cakes O’Leary
Craig A. Repasz
James D. Vear
Sharon Gendron Ward
Keith Weathers

1981
Class Participation 3%
Philhanne Noyes Armstrong
Glen F. Davis
Susan Cotter LeCraw
Richard C. Nagle
Amy Stetson Rebollo
Mary Ellen McCarthy Reis
Kelly Westover Ruggles
Ray Walker

1982
Class Participation 4%
Rick P. Garey
James R. Hutchins
Reinette Ginge Hutchins
Tammy MacLean
Todd Pacifico
Rodney Reis
Kimberly Silloway

1983
Class Participation 3%
Timothy C. Ayer
Frank A. Empsall
Roy G. Kohne
John Robillard
Cynthia Hayes Robillard
Robert D. Ward

1984
Class Participation 5%
Jacqueline Martin Carolan
Peter F. Hammer
Linda Donna Hartwell
Richard Lyon
Roseanna Lemieux Prevost
Troy Ruggles
Alan Ruggles
Gina Russo
Sean E. Sawyer
Peter J. Wright

1985
Class Participation 8%
Mathew J. Ash
Daniel D. Dussault
Michael K. Farmer
Gretchen Hammer
Kenneth F. Hammer
Terry J. Howard
Glenn Kohnke
Sherry MacLean
Holly Russell Rouelle
Kelley Benoit Shimansky
Michele Warren Taylor

1986
Class Participation 7%
Christopher A. Abadi
Aimee Bergeron Bean
Timothy A. Clouatre

St. Johnsbury Academy 41
The Straszko Center at Graham’s House is benefitting from a gift from Paul Chouinard ’63. The 12 framed photos and accompanying written histories are sparking many conversations and peaking student curiosity, while alumni viewing the display tend to reminisce. Come see us at the Straszko Center and take a look.
Eric Locke ‘98 is the head painter at BK Racing (fields the No. 23, 26, and 83 entries in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series) in Charlotte, NC. A key sponsor, Anest Iwata USA, Inc., provides lightweight, easy to handle spray guns for the race team. With Eric’s help, he was able to get approximately $5,000 worth of equipment donated to the Academy’s autobody class. Teacher Bryan Dunnells ’79 was very pleased about the donation, “SJA students in my class will now be using state-of-art spray equipment. It is very exciting.” Eric’s two children, Sam ’18 and Brandon ’15, were happy to help their dad make the delivery. Missing from the photo is Eric’s younger daughter, Kelsey.
Michaela Smith ’16 will be traveling on the service trip to India this coming spring with assistance from the SJA Travel Scholarship. The scholarship was initiated by the generosity of the Rona Jaffe Foundation. Michaela applied for the scholarship last spring and was very happy to be selected as a recipient. “I have always been interested in helping kids. Now I get to help kids in India while seeing parts of the world I might never have had the opportunity to visit.” For more information about the scholarship, please contact Glenn Ehrean by email at gehrean@stjacademy.org or by phone at (802) 751-2499.

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- Bailiwicks on Mill
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- Dayao Huang
- Linzong-Jiang
- Kennametal
- Kingdom Taproom
- John McIlaughry
- Ralph Mold
- John Prentiss
- Virginia B. Reed
- Albert and Susan Salt
- St. Johnsbury Country Club
- Gary and Deborah Thornton
- Wallaceford
- Edwin and Carrie Webley
- Michael and De-Ann Welch
- Jean Fleming Williams
- Alicia Woods
- Keith and Linda Wooster
- Peter Wright
- Other Gifts
“I love eggs. I eat them almost every day.” This is good news for Jesse Laflamme ’96, CEO and owner of Pete and Gerry’s Organic Eggs. Jesse is poised to expand the family’s 60-year-old business nationwide. His network of family farmers already produces eggs for Costco, Trader Joe’s, and Whole Foods’ in-house brands, and Pete and Gerry’s Organic Eggs are stocked in most supermarkets on the east coast.
them access to the outdoors. Hens are never given antibiotics or hormones. They are fed 100% organic feed containing no pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or GMOs, or animal by-products (no slaughterhouse waste). The farms are inspected at least once a year by a third-party certifier with USDA accreditation. Certified Humane is a program of Humane Farm Animal Care, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve animal welfare. It is widely known as the “gold standard” of farm animal care certification. To earn the label, hens must have ample space and shelter, in clean, well-ventilated barns; gentle handling to limit stress; freedom to do what comes naturally, like roosting, scratching, and “dust bathing;” ready access to safe-from-predators fenced in pasture, nutritious, high-quality feed free of antibiotics or hormones; and fresh, pure water whenever they want it. Finally, Pete and Gerry’s hens are cage free. They live in spacious barns, with pasture access, where they can move around as they please, lay their eggs in a nest, scratch and roost. As Jesse said, “Family farms are healthier farms!”

Over the last 15 years, Pete and Gerry’s has enjoyed an average 39% growth, year over year. The company has built a distinct business model as it has grown that sets it apart from
competitors and avoids, as Jesse puts it, “the factory farm trap.” Pete and Gerry’s partners with small family farms which, with the support of the company, raise chicks and produce eggs. Currently, the company partners with over 100 farms in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. The farms manage anywhere from a few thousand to 40,000 hens, with the average being about 20,000. Depending on their age, chickens can produce nearly one egg per day; an average farm would produce nearly 120,000 eggs per week. Locally, these partnerships include three dairy farms that have converted to egg production. The newest partner farm is located in Lyndonville, VT, and is run by a former Pete and Gerry’s employee.

The farm partnerships vary somewhat in approach – on some farms Pete and Gerry’s own the chickens and not the barn; on others, the whole undertaking is a “shared investment.” All farms must adhere to the standards and certifications required for the eggs to be USDA Certified Organic, Certified Humane, and Free Range.

In general, Pete and Gerry’s is looking for experienced farmers, and they can be small-scale farmers, who run, “a neat, tidy, organized, and well-run farm.” The company follows what Jesse calls, “a formal but informal vetting process.” Growing chickens doesn’t require significant acreage – 5-6 acres is sufficient – and a standard chicken barn is 24,000 square feet. Raising hens and producing eggs using this model has resulted in a steady income stream for over 100 family farms. It has also raised the bar for organic egg producers that still use a factory-farm model. Jesse said, “Our eggs come from small family farms – farmers who care about the hens and care about the environment on their farms. We want to partner with other family farms that have similar values to ourselves.”

Jesse says the company is moving quickly forward with its national roll-out. Pete and Gerry’s now runs an additional processing plant and warehouse in Pennsylvania, a more convenient location for egg deliveries from the surrounding area. Although nation-wide expansion is important to the company, local expansion is also very much a priority. Any small family farmers from northern Vermont and New Hampshire with an interest in raising organic eggs should contact Jesse Laflamme at 1-603-EGG-FARM.
HOME
HOMECOMING 2015

Photo by Romtrairut "Teak" Worabun '19
All-Class Social

Bruce Scott ’57 and Jim Hayes ’83

Bruce Scott ’57, Bill Reiken, and Jean Stables ’64

Jeff Handy ’70 and Andi Handy ’77

Johnna Hall Kendall ’96 and Jay Handy ’96
Looking Ahead

Former Broadway Standout

Ray Walker 81’

Benefit Show
Thursday, May 26, 2016. Fuller Hall

Read more about Ray at: nctheatre.com/page/about-conservatory
Looking Ahead

2016 ALUMNI EVENTS | Come and say hello!

JANUARY

2 ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME
6:30 P.M.
Game will start immediately after the Varsity Hockey vs. U-32 game. Alumni Social to follow.
Fenton Chester Arena

23 BOSTON
7:00 P.M.
Bruins vs. Carolina Blue Jackets
For tickets, contact Alan Ruggles
802-748-7725

FEBRUARY

1 NEW YORK CITY
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Pepe Rosso Social

18 TAMPA, FL (INFORMAL SOCIAL)
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Hardrock Cafe

19 TAMPA, FL
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon hosted by
Tim Drown ’81
Tampa Club

20 NAPLES, FL
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon hosted by
Diane and Gareth Caldbeck ’67
The Remington

22 VERO BEACH, FL
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon hosted by
Jean McGregor Rogers ’56
Vero Beach Country Club

23 OCALA, FL
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon hosted by
Steve ’52 and Nate ’50 Gilman
Ocala National Country Club

25 STANFORD, CA
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon hosted by
Steve ’52 and Nate ’50 Gilman
Ocala National Country Club

27 LAGUNA BEACH, CA
TBD

MAY

26 RAY WALKER ’81 BENEFIT SHOW
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
Faculty, Staff and Alumni Social
St. Johnsbury Country Club

JUNE

3-5 REUNION WEEKEND
For Classes ending with “1” or “6”
All Alumni are invited to join in the festivities.

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