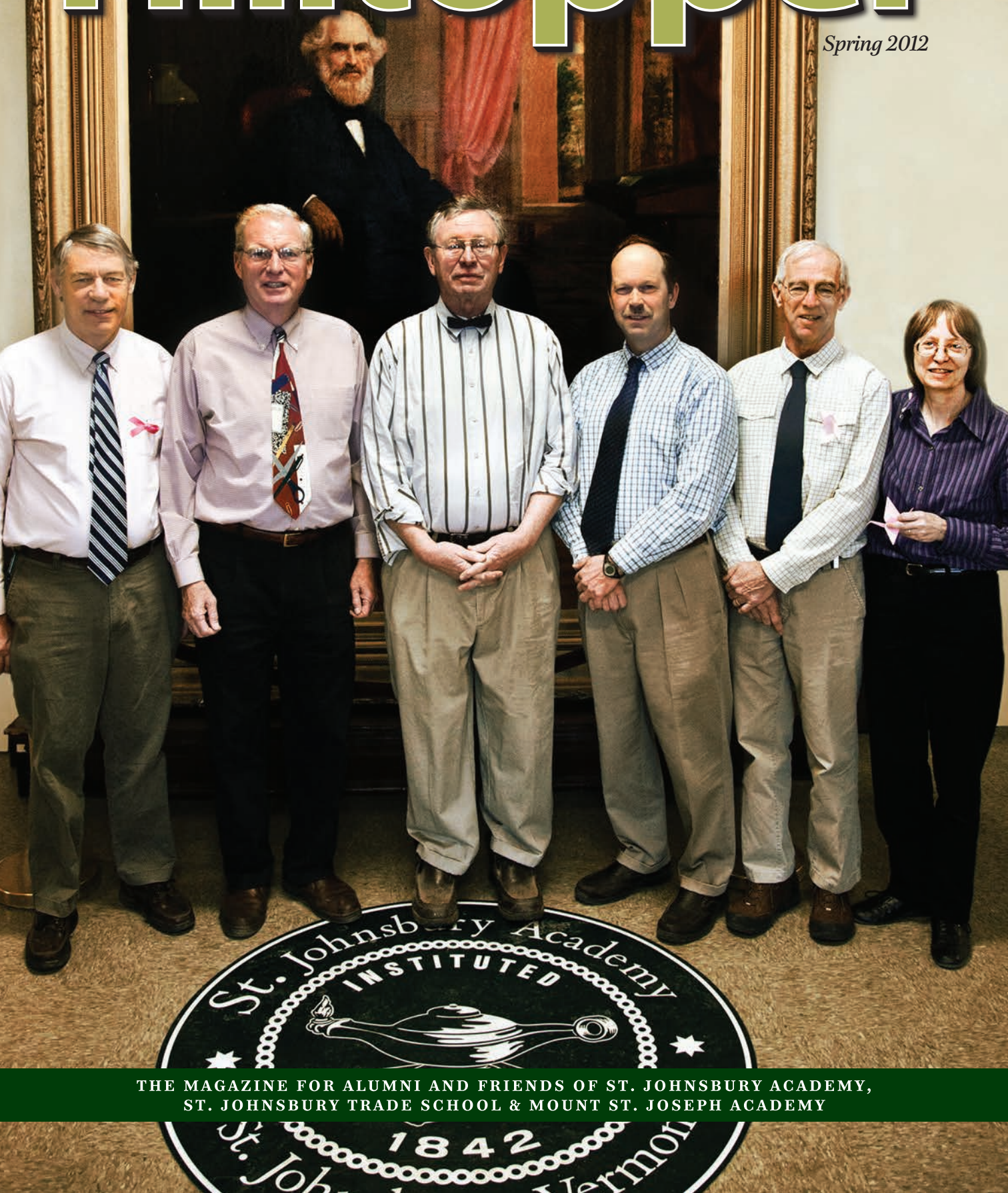


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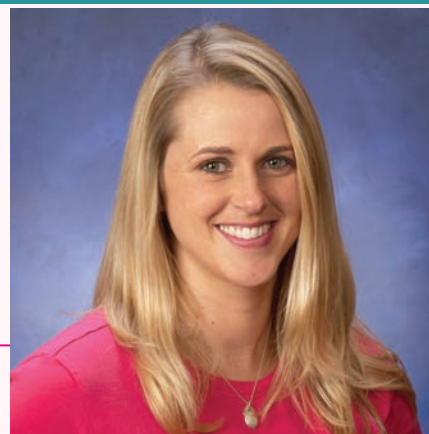


Reunion Weekend is just around the corner, June 1 to 3, followed by Commencement on June 4. As we go to press with this issue in early May, we already feel the momentum and excitement building as students prepare for the end of the semester, and seniors prepare for their push to graduation—and new horizons. Senior Breakfast is May 17, the first touch-point for the Class of 2012 on their way to becoming alumni! If you're considering attending Reunion Weekend this year, please keep your calendars marked for the special social on Friday, June 1, for the retiring faculty featured on the cover of this issue. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Cover image: The Academy is wishing the best to retiring faculty this year. From left: Tom Manges, Howard Crawford, Larry Golden, Craig Weston, Richard Boisseau, Nola Forbes '70.

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MESSAGE *from the* HEADMASTER

THOMAS LOVETT

Many of you know the recent events surrounding three-year Academy student and senior Chen Lin. Chen remains in Fletcher Allen Medical Center where he continues to recover from a traumatic brain injury suffered in a skiing accident. While he has shown some promising signs of recovery recently, we know the road back will be long and hard, and we continue to keep Chen and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Message *from the* Headmaster

What most of you probably do not know is Chen's story. When Chen arrived in St. Johnsbury from Beijing, he was an accomplished bassoon player with an outgoing personality and a desire to learn as much as he could while he was here. An excellent student and athlete, he not only competed at the state level musically; but he took the most challenging courses he could and joined three sports in which he had never competed before—football, skiing, and lacrosse. Within two years, Chen had become a starting linebacker, one of our most beautiful skiers, and a starter on the lacrosse team. More importantly, he had become one of the most popular students in Brantview dorm; in fact, he became well-known and well-loved around campus.

The entire Academy community has rallied around Chen and his family. Recognizing that his mother had to quickly rush across the Pacific and an entire continent, without taking time to pack Vermont-appropriate clothing, the school community raised about \$1,000 in two raffles at home basketball games and planned to raise another \$1,000 through a Variety Day after February Break. This money will help Chen's family stay warm and well-fed while they tend to his recovery.

What was surprising was the power of symbols in the midst of these acts of generosity and compassion. First, math teacher Josh Seamon stood in front of Chapel and said the following words as he folded a piece of gold foil (the video is available on Youtube):

"I believe in this place. I believe in this community. I believe in faith; I believe in love. I believe that we all love Chen Lin so very much because he represents absolutely everything we hope to be. I believe in Chen.

"Over the past 70 years, a thousand paper cranes have come to symbolize peace, love, hope, healing, and a wish. All of us need all of those things right now. Chen needs all of those things right now. At 10 a.m. on Friday, I'm going to sit down in Severance 21, and I'm going to start folding cranes, and with your help, we're going to fold 1000 cranes for Chen...."

That Friday, in the midst of Winter Carnival, students and faculty folded thousands of paper cranes for Chen, stringing 1098 of them into a mobile to be presented to Chen and his family at the hospital and placing hundreds of others around school as a reminder of our solidarity with Chen and his family, as well as the values he lives out so beautifully.

At the same time, Chen's ski teammates and even

opposing teams began wearing purple tape on their helmets as a further sign of solidarity with Chen, whose ski helmet was purple. Purple ribbons began to appear on campus—on the columns of Fuller Hall and on shirts and ties and jackets—and the basketball teams wore purple ribbons on their shoes, inspiring even opposing teams and fans from across the state to do the same. Chen's Brantview dorm brothers redesigned their dorm t-shirts to read "We Love Chen" on the front and put his football number (42) on the back—all in purple. The seniors changed their class color for Winter Carnival competitions from green and white to purple. When I spoke of all these things on a recent alumni swing through Florida, more than a few alums from the '40s, '50s, and '60s shed tears.

Folded paper cranes and folded purple ribbons, signs that our community has folded itself around Chen and his family, loving those most who need us the most. The transition from a community symbol of green and white to a community symbol of purple—a sign that despite the fact that we are a more diverse and complex school than ever before, we are one in simple acts of love and generosity.

Some pundits have written that the Netgeneration, the students in school today, have lost the empathy and compassion that marked previous generations. While I can't speak for other schools, I can speak about ours and about the schools who have been inspired to join us in loving and praying for Chen. I can say with certainty that we embrace empathy and compassion, and we share them on a very deep level with those who have gone before us. It is this shared goodness that has come to mark the people of the Academy and ensures that wherever they go, they will leave that place better than they found it. SJA

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 48 AND THE INSIDE BACK COVER
FOR MORE FROM HEADMASTER LOVETT IN MEMORY
OF ACADEMY FACULTY MELISSA JENKINS.**

2012 Commencement Speaker

Rick Cochran

Local business leader to share insights on realizing dreams

Rick Cochran, owner of Mobile Medical International Corporation (MMIC) in St. Johnsbury, received nationwide recognition last year when he was named the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 2011 National SBA Person of the Year. He will give the Academy's Commencement address this year during the Monday, June 4, ceremony.

"I am always honored when a parent of a graduate agrees to address the graduating class; parental involvement at the high-school level is extremely important and becoming increasingly rare. Rick's local connections (being a Danville grad and St. Johnsbury businessman) and worldwide influence through Mobile Medical make him a perfect fit for our graduating class. He shares our commitment to community and global citizenship, and his entrepreneurial spirit is a model our graduates would do well to follow," said Headmaster Tom Lovett.

Cochran's son Zach, Class of 2012, has a love of sports and is considering studying sports medicine after graduation. Cochran's children Mandy ('03) and Lindsey ('08) are also Academy graduates; son Casey attended the Cabot School in Vermont.

National Small Business Association Administrator Karen Mills said of Cochran, "The innovation, inspiration, and determination shown by Rick Cochran and his employees have elevated his company, Mobile Medical International, to a level that is above and beyond the norm. These are the qualities that make small businesses such a powerful force for job creation in the American economy and in their local communities. Rick had a dream and he persisted—creating jobs, winning the loyalty of his team, and filling a need in the marketplace that has taken Mobile Medical from his basement to a worldwide stage."

Cochran said he'll center his Commencement talk on realizing dreams: "I'll stress to Academy students that they should follow their dreams, as I have. I want to relate some experiences I had growing up, as a student at Danville High School, that helped me achieve dreams and that Academy students should seize their dreams and go out and make a difference.

"I also want to convey a little about where we live. As I travel the world, I see that everybody has the same mission: They want their kids to be happy, healthy, productive members of society," said Cochran. "When I look at this, in the context

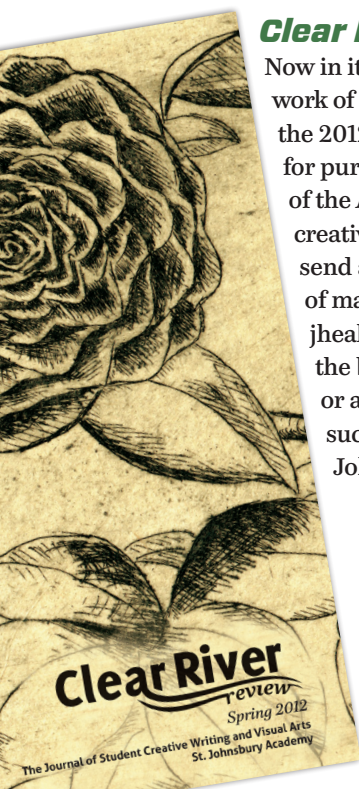
of the area we're in, the Northeast Kingdom, I think we're really fortunate and blessed to be in a small community where we can achieve these things. I want the kids to really believe in themselves, to go after those dreams."

MMIC manufactures state-of-the-art mobile healthcare units and military shelter systems for commercial, military, and emergency-response applications worldwide. Additionally, MMIC is supporting U.S. and international military agencies around the world with rapidly deployable shelters for medical and command missions.

Cochran started MMIC from the basement of his home in Walden, Vermont. In 1996, he relocated the business to a 1,500 square-foot space in the Fairbanks Scales Building in St. Johnsbury. With an SBA-backed loan in 1997, MMIC built a technologically advanced Mobile Breast Care Center, which provides state-of-the-art care for the Indian Health Services Hospital in Tuba City, AZ. MMIC continued to grow and expanded in 2004 to more than 37,000 square feet of space at the Fairbanks Scales Building. Two successive SBA-guaranteed loans, one for \$1,100,000 in 2005 and one for \$1,463,000 in 2008, both of which have been paid in full, allowed the company to initiate further expansion plans and continue delivering medical units to customers on time. MMIC presently operates with a staff of 54 employees and has expanded to more than 78,000 sq. ft. of office and manufacturing space at the company's St. Johnsbury location. ■

Clear River Review 2012

Now in its fifth year of celebrating the work of student writers and fine artists, the 2012 *Clear River Review* is available for purchase for \$7. To order a copy of the Academy's journal of student creative writing and visual arts, please send an email to Joe Healy, director of marketing and communications, jhealy@stjacademy.org. Or purchase the book through Amazon.com or any independent bookstore, such as Boxcar and Caboose in St. Johnsbury, boxcarandcaboose.com.



2012 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced

The Class of 2012 Valedictorian is Felicia Hammer, from Monroe, New Hampshire; Salutatorian is Cyrus Ready-Campbell, from St. Johnsbury.

The daughter of Drs. Charles and Elizabeth Hammer, Felicia is committing to The College of William & Mary in Virginia at which to continue her studies, with a possible pre-med focus and an interest in English and History. She created the artwork for this year's edition of *Clear River Review* (left), titled "Roses of Florence."

Cyrus, son of R. Scott Campbell and Dr. Mary Ready, gained early acceptance from Stanford University; his major is undecided, though he has an interest in exploring computer science. A member of the Indoor Track State Champion team and a four-year member of the Ultimate Frisbee team, he looks forward to continuing playing for the Cardinal.



Felicia Hammer



Cyrus Ready-Campbell

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Long-time Faculty Retiring

With combined tenure at the Academy of more than 170 years, six faculty members are bidding *adieu* to daily Academy life. At the end of the Spring 2012 semester (L-R) Howard Crawford, Tom Manges, Larry Golden, Craig Weston, Richard Boisseau, and Nola Forbes, '70, will embark on retirement. A special reception for these teachers is planned for June 1 at 6 p.m. at the St. Johnsbury Country Club during Reunion Weekend. Please join us in wishing them well!

Academy Students Earn Medals at State SkillsUSA Competition

Seventeen St. Johnsbury Academy students, including seven event winners, were among the medalists at this year's Vermont SkillsUSA® Leadership and Skills Competition, held April 4-5 in Colchester.

Academy Gold Medalists include seniors Michael Leclerc of Waterford in the Residential Wiring event (first among 14 contestants); Jonathan Duncan from Barnet, Commercial Baking; Faith Phillips of Peacham, Food and Beverage Service; Zachary Klunder of Piermont, N.H., and Lucas Wilkins from Waterford, Team Works; Kurtis Klough of St. Johnsbury, Automotive Refinishing (first among 18 contestants); and Tyler Barnes, also a St. Johnsbury resident, Collision Repair (first among 18 contestants).

Gold Medalists earn the opportunity to compete at the 48th annual national-level SkillsUSA Competition and Conference, scheduled for late June in Kansas City, Missouri. The Vermont championships attract more than 1,000 students from high schools throughout the state with more than 50 hands-on skills and leadership contests, according to the program's Website, www.skillsusavermont.org.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high-school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. The organization's programs also

help to establish industry standards for job-skill training in the lab and classroom, and promote community service.

Earning silver medals for the Academy were juniors Drew Hovey from Essex Junction in Drafting; Cody Jones of St. Johnsbury in Cabinet Making; and senior St. Johnsbury residents Christian Garcia, Criminal Justice, and Tyler Newell, Food and Beverage Service; Ross Labounty, also a senior from St. Johnsbury and classmate Daniel Broome of Concord, Team Works; and seniors Steven Haselton from Groton, Collision Repair, and Brittany Berwick from Barnet, Culinary Arts.

Bronze medalists include juniors Lucas Robillard of St. Johnsbury in Residential Wiring; and Nicholas Cantin from Guildhall, Commercial Baking.

"They're all winners, some just placed higher than others," said Mike Bugbee, '69, Academy Electricity faculty and SkillsUSA Advisor. New this year was the Academy's participation in TeamWorks, which features a carpenter, electrician, mason, and plumber working together on a project. The Academy joined with Rutland to field the four-student teams, one of which took the Gold Medal. About the overall performance of Academy students, Bugbee said: "There's always a distinct difference in the character and approach of Academy students in these competitions, we're always complimented around the state in the way our students conduct themselves."

The national event in Kanas City will be held on June 24. "We're going out there to win," said Roo Mold, '68, Academy Built Environment faculty.

"We'll be competing against full-time tech schools who study trades for eight hours a day," said Bugbee. "I tell the kids, 'Now we're headed to the Super Bowl.'" ■



Academy Vermont SkillsUSA Gold Medal Winners: (L to R, back row): Lucas Wilkins, Mike Leclerc, Zach Kunder, Tyler Barnes; (Front row): Kurtis Clough, Faith Phillips, Johnathan Duncan



Boys Indoor Track 2012 State Champions

Academy boys indoor track raced to 1st place at the State Championship meet in early February. James Fitzhugh repeated as state champion in the 300 and 600m runs, setting a school record in the former and winning the latter by more than 3 seconds, and Dage Minors notched his second consecutive Vermont crown in the 1,000m event. Event winners also included the members of all three Hilltopper relay teams. The 4x200 combination of Fitzhugh, Shosun Durham, Sullivan Kiley, and Brian Fubler won the event by nearly 2 seconds, setting an Academy record. Fitzhugh, Cyrus Ready- Campbell, Durham, and Minors teamed for the 4x400, capturing SJA's second indoor state title in a row and breaking a tie with South Burlington in the team standings heading into that race. "It was an incredible race right to the line with Essex," Hilltopper head coach Chip Langmaid said. Ready- Campbell, Marquis Burgess, Skylar Lobdell, and Kory Powers earned SJA its second consecutive crown in the 4x800. Fubler also earned 2nd place in the triple jump and tied for 2nd in the 55m dash, and Ben Bunnell was runnerup in the 1,600 and 3,200m runs, setting personal bests in both.



Painting Donation

This oil painting by New Mexico artist Frank Howell, now hanging in the Library in the Mayo Center, was donated to the Academy by Regina Rogers Doi, grandmother of Julia Doi, Class of 2012. Pictured are Jack Cummings, associate headmaster of advancement and admission, and Regina and Julia Doi.



Academy Theatre One-Act Play Is Best in State

The award-winning St. Johnsbury Academy Theatre hosted the 2012 Vermont State Drama festival in March. Ten schools, which were selected from five regional festivals, performed plays on Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 at the Academy's Fuller Hall auditorium. St. Johnsbury Academy's production of "The Laramie Project" was one of two plays chosen to represent the State of Vermont at the New England Drama Festival, held at Gilford (NH) High School on April 26, 27, and 28. Academy Theatre also held a special performance of the play on April 25 in Fuller Hall as a benefit for the Melissa Jenkins Memorial Trust.

Students Participate in State Music Festivals

The Northeast District Music Festival was March 29-31 at North Country Union High School in Newport, Vermont, and 25 students from the Academy participated in a District chorus and two concert bands that were held that Friday and Saturday.

Senior Perry Emerson was one of three students who received a Dick Croudin scholarship. This is given to a student who has participated throughout high school in the festival and who is planning to pursue music.

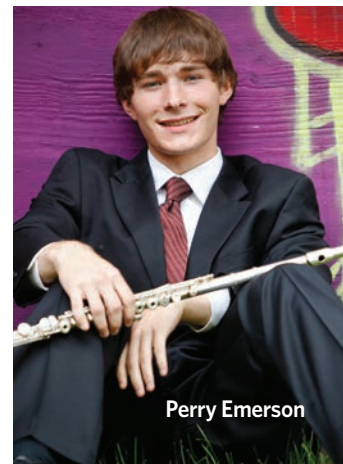
Academy students who participated included Deanna Emery, Lily Jarrett, Missy Lopez, Minsoo Choo, Julia

Fickes, Dimitrios Kapoukranidis, Norah Gair, Christian Dekett, Thomas Keon, Clare Neal, Cassie Jones, Jennifer Hastings, Caroline Lawlor, Matt Nolan, Greg Piper, Will Morse, Perry Emerson, Andy Hoang, Liz Stevens, Andrew McFaul, Ye In Choi, Morgan Magoon, Tyler Emerson, and Conner Hinsley.

Nineteen students participated in the All-State Music Festival May 10-12 in Burlington. Concerts for that event focused on Scholarship, jazz, and chorus, band, and orchestra.

In the scholarship competition, Perry Emerson was selected as the top woodwind and performed a solo at the concert. David Fickes was second in the strings category and will receive a scholarship. Molly McNally received an Honorable Mention on piano.

Students participating included David Fickes, Molly McNally, Eamon Roosa, Jordan Dekett, Perry Emerson, Tyler Emerson, Deanna Emery, Julia Fickes, Jennifer Hastings, Dimitrios Kapoukranidis, Caroline Lawlor, Will Morse, Andrew McFaul, Charlotte Morse, Matthew Nolan, Greg Piper, Lucas Prevost, Jon Reis, and Joshua Rosenfeld. ■



Perry Emerson

Academy Announces Representatives to Vermont Boys and Girls State

Eleven St. Johnsbury Academy juniors have been selected to represent the school at this summer's Boys and Girls State gatherings. Sponsored nationally by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, the programs are designed to help participants build upon already identified leadership skills and gain knowledge about the role of government. Representatives elect mock state officials, including a governor and other major posts, as well as pass bills in a manner similar to the way their state legislature operates.

Selected for the Boys State gathering, scheduled June 17-22 at Lyndon State College, were Griffin Commerci from Barnet, Lucas Robillard and William Morse from St. Johnsbury, and Drew Hovey from Essex Junction; alternates are Aren Kellogg from St. Johnsbury and Daniel Sattelberger from Waterford.

Picked from Academy students for the Girls State session June 17-22 at Vermont Technical College were Claire Van Der Eems from Waterford, Charlotte Morse and Camille LeBlanc from St. Johnsbury, and Caroline Lawlor from West Glover; Reilly Dufresne from Barnet is the alternate.

Academy Boys and Girls State representatives are nominated by the school's Social Studies teachers, subject to headmaster approval, based on student interest in politics and current events, and demonstrated leadership ability. ■



Academy students selected to Boys and Girls State this year are (L-R) Charlotte Morse, Drew Hovey, Claire Van Der Eems, William Morse, Camille LeBlanc, Lucas Robillard, and Caroline Lawlor; not pictured are Griffin Commerci, Aren Kellogg, Daniel Sattelberger, and Reilly Dufresne.

Two Alums Elected to Board of Trustees

Passumpsic Savings Bank president Peter Crosby and nationally recognized entrepreneur Garth Moulton were elected to the St. Johnsbury Academy Board of Trustees last autumn. "We are fortunate that two men with such outstanding experience have agreed to serve on our Board. Peter's financial expertise and Garth's entrepreneurial vision will help guide us through these tough economic times. Beyond their principal areas of expertise, both men have a commitment to education, particularly in the Northeast Kingdom, and I look forward to working with them as we chart our strategic course forward," said Headmaster Tom Lovett.

A member of the Academy's Class of 1968, Crosby joined Passumpsic Bank in 1973 after graduating from Colby College, in Waterville, Maine, and has served as its president and chief executive officer since 1999.

Moulton, a 1988 Academy graduate, is co-founder of OtherScreen, a Charlotte, NC, technology and media firm launched earlier this year. After graduating from Brown University, in Providence, RI, in 1992, he served 11 years in technology-sales positions, and then co-founded Jigsaw.com, a California-based firm that represented the first on-line marketplace for sharing business contact information in 2004. Sold to Salesforce.com, Jigsaw offers the world's largest database of up-to-date, downloadable and complete contact information, providing more than one million users a directory of more than 25 million business contacts, including e-mail addresses and current phone numbers, with 36,000 new contacts added daily. His mother, Lucille (Pickles) Haworth, was an Academy English teacher from 1962-1969.

"Peter and Garth bring proven success in the areas of finance and strategic vision to the Academy Board, both essential needs as we address the strategic thinking and planning required to face the ever-changing challenges in delivering effective and cost-efficient independent private secondary education," said Lee Hackett, board of trustees president. ■



left
Peter Crosby
right
Garth Moulton

Thaddeus Visits Colby Hall

Thaddeus Fairbanks, one of the founders of St. Johnsbury Academy (with brothers Joseph and Erastus) in 1842, paid a visit to the Academy's Colby Hall this spring. Actually, faculty member and Academy Theatre director Bill Vinton played the role of Thaddeus as part of a video project underway by the Academy's Alumni and Development office.



A Message from

Jack Cummings

Associate Headmaster, Advancement and Admission

Mentors

The last thing he said to me was “call again.” Bruno Schiefer, the last of my early mentors in boarding-school admission management, died the next day. In the time since then, I have thought of him often. Bruno, Paul Sanderson, and Dr. Howard Jones were my earliest mentors; it was they, back in those very early days, who led me, and subsequently St. Johnsbury Academy, to international student recruitment.

During my first week as Director of Admission at the Academy, Lloyd Jones, our Director of Alumni and Development at the time, recommended that I call his father, Dr. Howard Jones, for advice on boarding-school admission. This may be the best single piece of advice I have ever received. Howard, longtime president of Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) School in Massachusetts, was a pioneer of international recruitment and was one of the first people I know to recognize the coming globalization, and the need for American schools to embrace internationalization if our students were to be prepared for this new age.

Howard generously shared his knowledge, vision, and contacts with me and the Academy. Howard believed that Asia was the greatest potential international market for American students and the area we and our students knew the least about. Taking his advice, within the year, I had made my first trip to Asia with stops in Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Jakarta. Six months later, Headmaster Bernier Mayo joined me on our next trip when we added Tokyo to our schedule. I will always be indebted to Howard for his willingness to share so generously with us.

About the same time, I met Paul Sanderson, Founder and President of ASSIST, at the time a Vermont organization dedicated to bringing talented foreign students to American boarding schools. Paul shared Howard’s vision and belief that all students, American and international, would benefit from the opportunity to live and learn together. (In fact, it is my understanding that the foundation for ASSIST was laid during a dinner for



likeminded headmasters at the home of Howard Jones on the NMH campus.)

Most of ASSIST’s students were from Europe with the majority coming from Germany, thanks in large part to the leadership of Bruno Schiefer, who was one of Paul’s earliest partners.

Each of these men had wonderful vision and a belief that internationalizing our campuses would be good for students, faculty, and families; but, most important, that these efforts had the potential to resonate far beyond our campuses through increased understanding among people from very different cultural backgrounds.

I believe Bruno’s mission was the most personal. He was just 10 years old at the end of World War II, and with his mother and two sisters fled Eastern Germany pushing everything they owned in a cart—an experience that shaped much of his life and work. Bruno believed that bringing young people together was the single most important thing we can do to promote world peace and global understanding.

During the past 30 years, the Academy has become a leader in Global Education, having embraced global understanding and diversity in its mission statement. Our students this year come from 50 towns in Vermont and New Hampshire as well as 19 other states and 23 countries. In an increasingly flat and interdependent world, it is imperative that all of us work to make sure that our community embraces these global opportunities in ways that are enriching for all of our students, families, and community. **SJA**

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LOOKING BACK

Boston, MA

Headmaster Tom Lovett joined host **Len Milligan '96** at West End Johnnie's in Boston, MA, for an informal Alumni social. The group celebrated the coming Holiday season with great conversation and lots of laughs.



Carolyn Ely '95 and Marta Magnus '98



Chris Lutes, Astrid Lium '97, and Headmaster Tom Lovett



Onie Mollica '59, Kathleen Delorey Brown '87, Sally Blanchard '61, Doris Laperle Mollica '61, and Bruce Ell



Event host Len Milligan '96, Andy Howard '92, and Steven Salo '91

Dallas, TX

Former faculty and alumna **Erin Mayo '87** hosted a gathering at Cantina Laredo on November 11. Assistant Headmaster for Academic Affairs Jeff Burroughs, Acting Director of the Colwell Center for Global Understanding Melissa Burroughs, and Admissions Associate **Rand McKellar '03** all joined Erin to welcome the alumni, parents, and friends.



Erin Mayo '87, Former Faculty Member Peter Gurnis, and Timiny Rankin Braemer '88



Marc Casteel '79, Karen Casteel, Linda Fogg, and Donald Fogg



Elaine Martel Walker '91, Kathy Ranney, John Ranney '84, and David Walker

Brooklyn, NY

After 40 years of service, Larry Golden will retire at the end of the school year. His son, **Larry Golden '94**, hosted an event at P. J. Hanley's Irish Pub in Brooklyn on March 10. More than 150 people attended the event. For all the photos and video tribute, be sure to log onto the St. Johnsbury Academy Website at www.stjacademy.org.



Charlie Dolgin '73, Molly Stewart '02,
Riley Bouffard '05, and Denelle Noyes '07



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Jess Paik '08, RumYee Oh '05, HanNa Oh '04, Julie Song '08,
Steve Kim '04, Bonnie Jenks, Jung Hyun Lee '08, Jane Cho
'06, and in the back Eun Young Lee '05



Craig Douglas '90, Jennifer Lambert '90, Hector
Petterson, Charlotte Holden '99, Erin Holden Rua '91

Bethesda, MD

The Congressional Country Club was once again a wonderful location to host the 8th Annual Alumni and Friends Dinner that Trustee **Jay Wright '87** and his wife, Janelle, hosted on November 5. Headmaster Tom Lovett and Jay both addressed the crowd and shared information about things happening on the Academy campus.



Janelle and Trustee Jay Wright '87



Phil Soucy '69 and Chris Soucy Tackett '75

Charlie Rollins '98, Ethan Hall, and Rachel Wynn '08



Tod Schill '88, Lissa Williams Modesitt '88, Katy Kasprzak Mazingo '88, Danielle Schill, Julie Kelley, and Mac Mire

Howard Crawford, Craig Batchelder '86, Tabitha DaPonte Marcotte '85, Michael McGinnis '81, David Cady, and Rachel Crawford '94



Denver, CO

In honor of her dad, **Rachel Crawford '94** hosted an alumni and friends social in Denver, CO, on February 4, to recognize Howard Crawford for his 40 years of service to SJA. Only half of the expected guests were able to attend due to a snowstorm that dumped more than three feet of snow on and around the city of Denver the day before. It was nice to see those who braved the weather.



Jamie Wallace Light '93, Rachel Crawford '94, and Richard Light



Dean Kimball '63, Peggy Dionne, and Gene Dionne '61



Thorpe Nickerson '51 and his wife, Jocelyn Nickerson



Matt Bruckner '07 and his guest, Heather

Stanford, CA

Academy Trustee **Greg Boardman '75** hosted an informal social at his home on the campus of Stanford University on Thursday, February 2. Associate Headmaster for Advancement Jack Cummings presented to the group and gave the guests an opportunity to ask questions about the school and the town.



Elisabeth Christensen-Calvin '10, Evan Dugan '84, and Rachel Little '05



Bill Reiken, Jean Stables '64, Wilson Jackson '71, and Trustee and host Greg Boardman '75



Rhodora Stearns Leyse '43 and her daughter, Karen Leyse

Chuck Woods '56 and Dick Willey '52

Homecoming Weekend, 2011

Although the Hilltopper football team was not victorious in the 107th Game against Lyndon Institute, the students, alumni, and families enjoyed an action-packed weekend full of events. Special honor was given to those alumni who came back to represent alumni band members.



Jim Kellogg '76, Lori Parsons, and Jerry Prevost '77



Serena Bucknam Varley '89, Nola Brown Forbes '70,
Christina Fearon '85, and Valerie Gieselma '85



Nola Brown Forbes '70, Deborah Douglas Smith '72,
and Jan Wharton Oliver '72



Elaine Reed Magnan '67, Sharon Hall Tyler '64, Martha Reed '71,
Chris Desilets Douglas '67, and Nola Brown Forbes '70



Alumni band members gathered in the Morse Center for the Arts prior to being escorted in the Pep Rally by a truck donated by A.D. Rossi. Those alumni who gathered together include: (row 1 L-R) Gail Rossier '73, Cindy Finney Davidson '73, Martha Reed '71, Christina Fearon '85, Elaine Reed Magnan '67, Serena Bucknam Varley '89 and her children, (row 2 L-R) Steve Finner '56, Trish Morrison Norsworthy '89, Cindy Fortier Wheeler '73, Nola Brown Forbes '70, Sharon Hall Tyler '64, Chris Desilets Douglas '67, Linda Wheeler Whitehill '68, Valerie Gieselma '85, Jan Wharton Oliver '72, and Deborah Douglas Smith '72

Winter Sports Alumni Weekend

A good time was had by those attending our first Winter Sports Alumni Weekend. Events were planned for wrestlers, basketball players, and hockey players. Ski passes were available for those who wanted to hit the slopes at Burke Mountain. During halftime of the Academy boys basketball game, the Boys and Girls Championship Basketball teams were honored. See a complete story about the historic teams in a future issue of *The Hilltopper*.



Championship Basketball Coaches Dan Thurston '50 and Layne Higgs



David Baker '01, Former Coach Craig Weston, Marshall Daly '03, Kevin Daly '04, and Bill Goodhue '02



Former basketball coach Tom Conte, Tammy MacLean '82, Cathy Ward Conte '69, and Jennifer Bean '83



Members from the championship teams: (row 1 L-R) Paula Willey Gillander '81, Tammy Armour Rainville '84, Former Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Ernie Racenet, Former Girls Basketball Coach Dan Thurston, Former Boys Basketball Coach Layne Higgs, Tina Rodd Stetson '82, Jennifer Bean '83, Jeff Lax '81, (row 2 L-R) Deb Magoon Roelle '81, Bill Brink '84, Kevin Powers '92, Ted Marcotte '83, Jim Hutchins '82, and Tammy MacLean '82

LOOKINGBACK

Ocala, FL

Another successful luncheon, hosted by **Nate Gilman '50** and **Steve Gilman '52**, was held at the Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club in Ocala, FL, on February 28. Headmaster Lovett shared stories about Academy kids, and brought some of the members in the audience to tears. Academy pride was certainly the theme of this luncheon.



Event hosts Nate '50 and Steve '52 Gilman



Ann Lovett, Former Faculty Member Gerry Parent and Travis Scott '08



Betty Hoar McCarthy '50, Beverly Thurston Blake '52, and Donna Lobdell Bronson '52



Frank '35 and Mary Towers



Terry Howard '62 and Don Crandall '60

Tampa, FL

Once again, **Julia Marrs** and **Tim Drown '81**, hosted a wonderful event at the Tampa Club on February 24. The group enjoyed the beautiful view, the food, and especially the company.



Bill Keach '67, Jo-Ann Hall Sullivan '68, and Bo Keach

Bernie Whitcomb '55, Janet Whitcomb Fenoff '56, Judy Whitcomb Lamont '67, and Jean Whitcomb Peck '61



If you would like more information on any event, contact the Alumni Office by phone at (802) 751-2011 or by e-mail at stjaalumni@stjacademy.org



Louise Landry Plouffe '49, Deborah Prevost, Fran Landry Gingue '50, Rita Prevost Airoidi '54, and Rachel Daigneault



Cathy and Ed Venner

Fort Myers, FL

It has been a while since we have done an alumni luncheon in Fort Myers, FL, but with the help and assistance of **Marjorie Hoar McNeice '56** it's fair to say that the event was a big success. Marjorie hosted the event at the Colonial Country Club on February 25. It was a beautiful location.



Headmaster Tom Lovett presents Marjorie Hoar McNeice '56 with a small gift for hosting the event while her husband, Marv, looks on.



Pat Neary '61 smiles for the camera as he heads out the door to hit the links and enjoy the beautiful day.



Tom and Ann Lovett stayed for a while after the luncheon and enjoyed the company of Gareth Caldbeck '67.

Vero Beach, FL

A record number of people joined host, **Jean McGregor Rogers '56**, at the Vero Beach Country Club on February 27. Headmaster Tom Lovett delivered the latest news happening on the campus of St. Johnsbury Academy.



Hazel Simpson Billheimer '52 and David Billheimer



Greg Moss '60 and Peter Weiss '60



Peter Barrett '54, Sandy Murphy Cirone '54, and Ralph Cirone



Kaye Coburn Dyer '56, Jean McGregor Rogers '56, and Marvourine Macie Burgoyne '56



85

HOME

in the Center

The newly
refurbished
Straszko Center at
Graham's House
will be "a home for
alumni when they
visit campus."





The former living room of Graham's house(left) will be a meeting/conference area for alumni; (right) Career & Technical Education students did much of the site work; the Alumni department's Gail Rossier and Bonnie Jenks tour the bare-bones Newell house; Academy forestry students helped clear the lot.

This summer, the Alumni & Development office is moving to Fairbanks Drive, so named as one of the many remembrances of the Academy's founding Fairbanks family. But even more fitting is that the offices will be located in the former house of beloved Academy teacher Graham S. Newell, who helped to shape the interests of so many Academy alums, with extensive renovations made possible through a generous alumni gift.

At the end of this school year, thanks to the efforts of students enrolled in the Academy's Built Environment, Drafting, and Industrial Electricity classes, the building will be the new energy-efficient home of the school's Alumni & Development and Marketing & Communications offices, now located in Colby Hall and Fairbanks Cottage respectively. A gift from Esther Beck Straszko, Class of 1935, formerly of Agawam, MA, has made the renovations possible.

The two-story white building was the family home of the late Graham S. Newell, '33, who died in June 2008 after teaching Latin at the Academy for several decades. Newell conducted classes in the home's living room in the final few years of his life, and died while preparing for the following school year. Newell had previously gifted the house to the Academy; after his passing, the house sat vacant for two years, after which it was decided in 2011 that the Straszko gift would be put toward converting the house into office space and establishing a home for alumni when they return to campus.

"Esther was a loyal alum and very proud of her

alma mater. She was a marvelous woman who always fondly remembered St. Johnsbury and the Academy," said Tammi Cady, director of development and alumni relations. "I am a better person for having known Esther," Cady said. "Not only did she educate me about her days in St. Johnsbury and at the Academy; but she gave me insight to so much more about life. She would be pleased to know that her money is providing the opportunity for our own Academy CTE students to complete what we expect to be a wonderful addition to our campus."

"She always had a very special place (in her heart) for St. Johnsbury and spoke of her roots often," said Esther's niece, Karen Nicholson. "She spoke highly of her childhood in St. Johnsbury and the huge impact her school had on her. Even though she lived in Agawam, MA, for the second part of her life, her heart was always for St. Jays—she always referred to the school as 'St. Jays'."

Cady indicated that the Center will have space for alumni to visit and review yearbooks and historic displays, and provide a location for special alumni functions. "It will give alumni a home when they visit campus," she said. There will be plaques inside the building honoring both Graham Newell and Esther Straszko. Newell Hall, the northernmost academic building on Main Street owned by the Academy, was named in 1996 to honor the life and long teaching career of Graham Newell.

Preparatory work, including interior demolition, began during the summer of 2011 and full-scale renovation work is expected to be complete by the end of May 2012, Academy Electricity teacher Michael Bugbee said. The new floor plan, which features a conference area in the former living room and six offices on the upper floor, includes renovations that "change the way we get power to the building by going underground and trying to eliminate some power poles," Bugbee added.

All three Academy classes involved in the project "want to make this building as energy-efficient as possible," he stressed, noting that concern has extended to choices of construction materials, lighting packages, and heating.

"The building will be heated with a heat exchanger with no fossil fuel used at all," Bugbee continued, calling that choice "an all-Green first step" in the Academy's previously announced plan to convert to a campus-wide biomass heating system.



Led by instructor Roo Mold, students in the Built Environment class, formerly called Construction Trades, were responsible for building new interior partitions, installing sheetrock, and constructing a new deck on the south side of the building. Bugbee's students researched, designed, and installed the building's electrical and data systems. Design & Drafting students, taught by Scott Legendre, helped develop the architectural blueprints and plans.

All three teachers are "committed to making this project as real life as we can, and that includes strict adherence to deadlines," Bugbee stressed. "We know that Tammi Cady and the alumni team need to be in there in early June." The building will be showcased with a ribbon-cutting on June 2 at 9 a.m., during the school's annual Reunion Weekend activities.


Student participation in the renovation is part of the Academy's recurring "event-driven curriculum," first implemented at the school more than 20 years ago as a way to merge student skills from several academic and trades-related disciplines in pursuit of a common goal through a large project.

The approach was exemplified in the early 2000s when an Academy team representing a mixture of Science and Technical Education students competed against college entrants in the American Tour de Sol solar powered vehicle race, finishing near the top of the standings. More recently, students have used the approach to construct and renovate several municipal and non-profit organization buildings, including the Caledonia-Essex (CALEX) ambulance service headquarters, Northeast Kingdom Community Action office space, and Catamount Film & Arts Center, all in St. Johnsbury; Barnet fire station, Danville Town Hall, and the Academy's newly opened Green Dormitory, which houses more than 40 students and four faculty families.

The multi-class approach to the Straszko

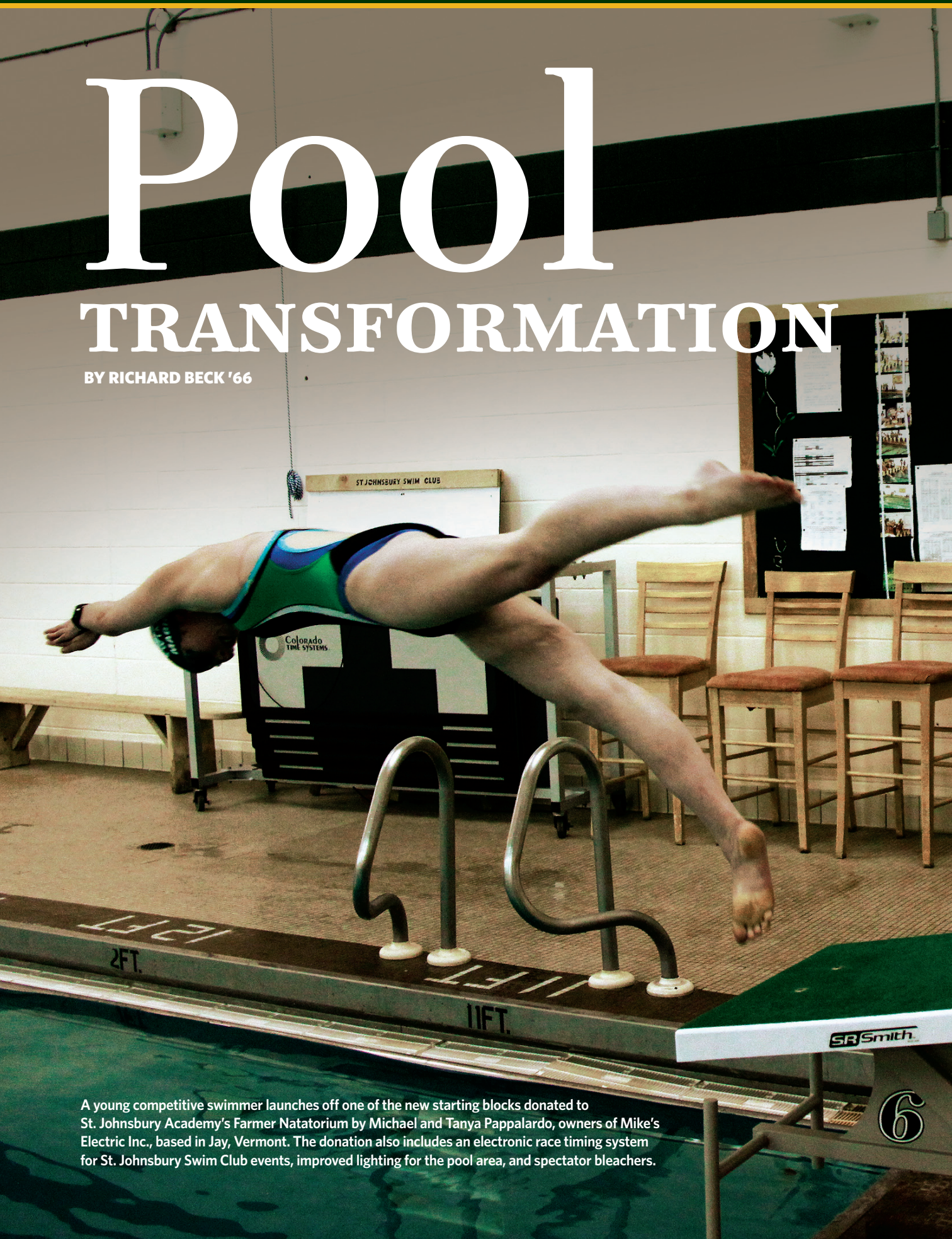


Center project also incorporates the Academy Career & Technical Education Department's "Cluster" approach to curriculum organization and development, which groups courses in related disciplines and skills. Classes taking part in the renovation project make up the Architecture Construction Cluster.

Other career-cluster groupings include Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources;; Business and Management; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Additional information about Academy Career and Technical Education courses and programs is available by visiting the school's Website, www.stjohnsburyacademy.org/academics. 

Pool TRANSFORMATION

BY RICHARD BECK '66



A young competitive swimmer launches off one of the new starting blocks donated to St. Johnsbury Academy's Farmer Natatorium by Michael and Tanya Pappalardo, owners of Mike's Electric Inc., based in Jay, Vermont. The donation also includes an electronic race timing system for St. Johnsbury Swim Club events, improved lighting for the pool area, and spectator bleachers.

Although Michael Pappalardo is new to the St. Johnsbury Academy community, when he recognized that the pool in the Academy Field House needed upgrades, he stepped forward.

Pappalardo and his wife Tanya, owners of Mike's Electric Inc., based in Jay, Vermont, donated approximately \$80,000 in equipment so that the Farmer Natatorium would receive improvements that facilitate competitive swimming. The additions include brighter lighting over the pool, new starting blocks, an electronic timing system for swim meets, and bleachers for spectators.

"I have always admired the St. Johnsbury Academy students Mike's Electric has hired in the past as electrician apprentices," Mike said. "I've found these graduates well-mannered, focused, and goal-oriented with a deep pride in their school. I felt that the Academy would be the right recipient to not only educate my own children, but also deserving of a donation that would benefit students now and in the years to come."

The Academy bond grows stronger each year for the Pappalardo family. Two of their daughters compete on the St. Johnsbury Swim Club, which rents the pool for practices and meets; and their son, Casey, is a member of the Academy's Class of 2014. The Pappalardos are also members of the Thaddeus Fairbanks Society.

The donation has "transformed the pool into a bona-fide venue for swimming competitions, and the energy and excitement around the swim club is palpable," Academy Headmaster Tom Lovett said. "This donation is one more example of how parents and local businesses support our programs and our students, leaving this school better than they found it. The Pappalardos have improved the facility so that all who use the pool have a much more enjoyable experience. The new lights,

in particular, make a world of difference. The whole atmosphere is brightened."

Tammi Cady, director of Development and Alumni Relations, added, "Working with Mike and Tanya has been wonderful. Their family has been very generous to the Academy and to the St. Johnsbury Swim Club. It is wonderful to have supporters like them, and we appreciate all they have done to improve the facility and help improve the visibility of competitive swimming in our local area."

The St. Johnsbury Swim Club was formed six years ago and is open to swimmers age 6 to 19 and there are no residency requirements. Children under age 9 are part of the club's "Learn to Swim" group and the older members are classified as "Competitors."

The current season is the non-profit organization's second as a full member of USA Swimming, the national governing body for the sport of swimming, comprised of about 300,000 swimmers from youth up through the Olympic team, as well as coaches and volunteers. Additional information about the club is available through the Websites stjswim.com and vermontswim.com. For information on St. Johnsbury Academy Community Recreation programs in the Field House and beyond, go to stjrec.com. 



Tanya and Michael Pappalardo with Headmaster Lovett



Class News

1951

BERNIER MAYO '56 (left) and **DAN THURSTON '50** (right) joined **ROD VITTY** (center) at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, on September 27, 2011, to celebrate the Hall of Fame Room Renovation dedicated to the memory of Clarence 'Doc' Vitty. Dr. Vitty was a 1922 graduate of Norwich, and Rod a 1956 Norwich grad. Earlier in the summer, Rod and his wife, Pat, were joined by **JAY** and **JANELLE WRIGHT '87** on a river boat on the Seine River in Paris.



1952

◀ REUNION 2012

BETTY HOAR and **JIM MCCARTHY '50**, **RON COWAN** (whose wife, Rita, was the photographer), **MARILYN HOAR BIXBY** and **RAY** and **BEV THURSTON BLAKE** enjoying lunch in Ocala, Florida, in April 2011. The '52ers were getting in the spirit for their 60th Reunion this June!

1953

Thanks to **TED (T)** and **FRAN BROWN MERCHANT**, the Food Shelf in St. Johnsbury stays in good operating order. The Merchants have spent much of their retirement stocking,

distributing, and restocking the food shelves. With economic times such as we're in, the Merchants are extremely busy.

1955

CAROL LOWREY and **LEN SWATKIEWICZ** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011. Len continues to teach driver's education, and is active as president of the board for the Lakepointe of the Shores Condo Association. Carol and Len live in Saint Claire Shores, Michigan.

1956

STEPHEN FINNER, minister of music at the Universalist Unitarian Congregation of St. Johnsbury, is the recipient of a Congregational Leadership Award from the Northern New England District of Unitarian Universalist Congregations. He was cited for a variety of leadership roles in his congregation and the district, including serving nine years as his congregation's music minister, serving as president of the Vermont Quebec Universalist Unitarian Convention, and his infectious enthusiasm and sense of humor in his many activities on behalf of his congregation and the district. A resident of Barre, Vermont, Steve earned his Ph.D. at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

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1966

The Class of 1966 is thinking of celebrating turning 66 in 2014 by taking a road trip on a section of Route 66. They also think it would be fun to plan this trip to coincide with an alumni gathering somewhere on or near this route. Any thoughts you have about this could be directed to one of the above, left to right: **BRIAN QUATRINI**, **RICHARD GAGNE**, Carmen Gagne, **DONNA POWERS HOVEY**, **JOHN HALL**, **JOANNA GARVIN HALL '68**, **PAUL EMMONS**, and Donna Emmons.

1969



Members of the Class of 1969 are pictured outside the Big Meadow Lodge after enjoying an afternoon in the Shenandoah (Virginia) National Park. The group got together in July 2011 at the home of **PHIL** and **PEG O'NEIL SOUCY** in Massanutten, Virginia. Left to right: **LILLIAN TONEY SWAINBANK**, **MELISSA DEAS**, **LISA LINEHAN**, **THERESA EMMONS JACKMAN**; **PEG O'NEIL SOUCY**, **PAULA SWETT**, and **CAROL BOHLEN TREMBLE**.

Once again in the spotlight, his least favorite place to be, **MICHAEL BUGBEE** was selected as the Vermont SkillsUSA program Advisor of the Year. "Mike epitomizes what it means to be a SkillsUSA advisor," Jane Donahue-Holt, the Vermont program's executive director, said. "I have witnessed the rapport that he has with the Academy students, and it is clear that they love and appreciate what he does." Michael and his wife, **JOANNE MOULTON BUGBEE '71**, live in West Danville, Vermont.

Having rubbed shoulders with boxing greats such as Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns, Angelo Dundee, and Ray Leonard, **VICTOR GAMMELL (TRADE)** has many friends in the boxing world. Victor himself has been involved with the fight game for over 30 years, the last 15 as a referee. He is a three-time referee for "Fight to Educate." FTE combines a love of sports with the vision of assisting children, and seniors, in need. Victor lives in St. Johnsbury.

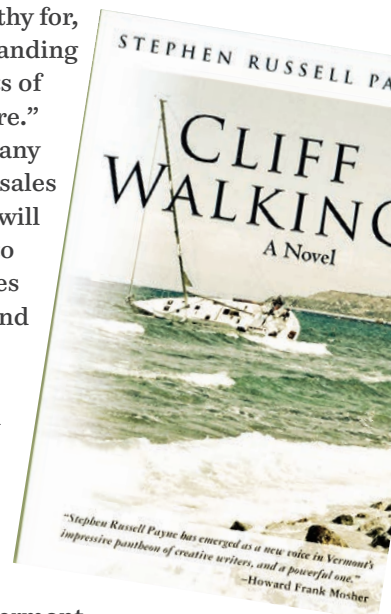
1972 ◀ REUNION 2012

Longtime NVRH employee **JOHN SLEEPER** retired after 41 years. His career began with mowing lawns at the old Brightlook Hospital and concluded as manager of the Lifeline Program at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. John and his wife, Elaine, live in the town of Lyndon, Vermont.

The Vermont Principals' Association chose Vergennes (Vermont) Union High School Principal **ED WEBBLEY** as the Robert F. Pierce Secondary Principal of the Year. Ed said he believed his award came because of the collective efforts of all the VUHS staff members and administrators, including his co-principal, who have worked hard to improve the school's academics and atmosphere. Ed and wife, **CARRIE MORAN**, live in Bristol, Vermont.

1973

At long last, **STEPHEN PAYNE**'s debut novel *Cliff Walking* has been released and is available. The book, and Steve, have garnered excellent endorsements, including from Vermont's celebrated novelist, Howard Frank Mosher, who said: "Stephen Russell Payne has emerged as a new voice in Vermont's impressive pantheon of creative writers, and a powerful one. With his first novel, he has written a dramatic story of suspense, love, and redemption. *Cliff Walking* is written with clarity, passion, and great sympathy for, and understanding of, all aspects of human nature." A portion of any profits from sales of this book will be donated to worthy causes working to end spousal and child abuse. Stephen and his wife, Marietta, practicing physicians, live in St. Albans, Vermont.



Class News

DIANE VILLENEUVE ROUSSEAU is the Florida state president of the American Auxiliary Legion—quite something when it's for the entire state! As president, she travels throughout the state of Florida meeting and assisting members, veterans, and many others. Diane and her husband, Charles, are living in Fruitland Park, Florida.

1975

In the spring of 2011, **ROSEMARY WHEELER GINGUE** joined the St. Johnsbury Advisory Board of Union Bank. Rosemary, sole proprietor of Begin and Donna Realty Inc., specializes in all aspects of real estate throughout the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. She also co-owns the Gingue Dairy Farm with her husband, **PAUL '72**.

1976

The 2011 Dental Assistant of the Year, **DIXIE GONYAW VALLIE**, CDA, COA, EFDA, exemplifies many of the changes that her profession has undergone during her 35 years in dentistry. Cross-trained in a variety of areas, she has worked in pediatrics, general dentistry, orthodontics, and in a supervisory capacity. She has also made a priority of giving back to her profession, serving as president of the Vermont Dental Assistants Association (VDAA), presenting continuing education courses and occasionally teaching in the dental assisting program at the Center for Technology, Essex in Essex Junction, Vermont. Dixie and her husband, Robert, live in Jonesville, Vermont.

1977 ◀ REUNION 2012

NANCY POULOS, executive vice president of Poulos Insurance,



Inc., in St. Johnsbury, has been appointed to Union Bank's St. Johnsbury Advisory Board. Nancy is a member of the Society of Certified Insurance Service Representatives and holds the Accredited Customer Service Representative designation, and serves on agent advisory boards for several insurance companies. A resident of St. Johnsbury, Nancy has three daughters and two grandsons.

Retiring football coach **CRAIG RACENET** is presented a congratulatory football by **HANK VAN ORMAN** and **TOM CONTE**.

Craig has been both an assistant and head coach in the Academy football program.

1980

DIANE CARON is presently promoting her book, *Clams in Cups: Legends of the Heart*. This book is a unique collection of short stories that inspire hope, and delve into the experiences that touch our hearts as we journey through life. *Clams* is the first book in a trilogy. *Legends of Angels* will be published in 2012, with *Legends of Heroes* to follow. Diane currently resides in Sunapee, New Hampshire, where she is a freelance writer and personal assistant. Her work can be viewed on the following sites: www.dianecaronlegendre.blogspot.com or www.authorsden.com/dianclegendre. Diane is available for contact at dianecaron@liv.com.

1981



ERIC KNUTSEN and his sister, **BETTY KNUTSEN PERREAULT '70**, brought their dad, Hans Knutsen, to the last home game of the Hilltoppers' season. They enjoyed the game from the Stetson Great Room located in the new Green Dorm.

1983

After 18 years in the athletic department at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, **MARK BROWN** accepted the position of Director of Athletics and Recreation at Pace University in Pleasantville, New York. While at Old Dominion, Mark served as an associate athletic director of business and finance the past four years, and as assistant athletic director for the previous 14 years. He received a bachelor of science in management degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and later earned a master's degree of science in education from Old Dominion University. Mark is living in Ossining, New York.

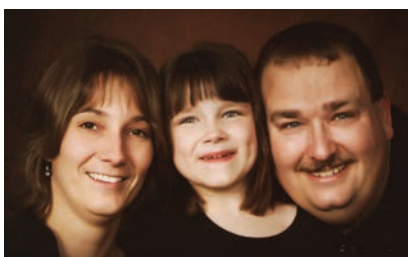
VICKI GONYAW-LANGONE,

NCMT, has recently completed national certification in medical compliance. Her certification, MCS-P, has promoted her to chief medical compliance and HIPAA officer for the Enfield Pain Clinic of Enfield, Connecticut. Vicki hopes to work with doctors, billing companies, and nursing homes to help them keep up-to-date with the federal regulations. She is living in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

1987 ◀ **REUNION 2012**

As physical therapy director of the Alpine Clinic, an orthopaedic and physical therapy practice based in Franconia, New Hampshire, **JESSICA THORNTON SHERMAN** has played an integral part in the coordination of the Olympic training for the USA Ski Jumping Team. At the University of Vermont, Jessica received degrees in physical therapy and sports medicine. She is in the process of applying for her Olympic Certification with the U.S. Olympic Committee. In 2010, Jessica accompanied the U.S. Ski Jumping Team to Iron Mountain, Michigan, for an international Continental Cup competition. During her time there, she was rehabilitating the team members, and has helped to refine their training regimen. Jessica, her husband Dan, and their five children live in Waterford, Vermont.

1988



Sarah and **CHRIS DESPINS** formally welcomed their daughter, Shamrah Marie, into their family on May 3, 2011. Sarah is a second grade teacher at Blue Mountain Union School in Wells River, where Shamrah is a second grader. Chris is the athletic trainer and a sports medicine instructor at St. Johnsbury Academy. The Despins live in Groton, Vermont.

1990

Here's another small world story for the St. Johnsbury Academy community. **DEB FOWLER**, Academy French teacher from 1983 to 1997, is currently a science instructor at Buckeye Valley High School in Delaware, Ohio. One of her former students, **CARY FOSTER**, is also on the faculty at Buckeye Valley. Cary earned a B.A. in biology from Berea College in 1998, and an M.Ed. from the University of Cincinnati in 2009. Deb and John Fowler are living in Delaware, Ohio. Cary lives in Newark, Ohio.

Almost always knowing he wanted to be a professional sports agent, **JAMIE MURPHY** went about it by first earning an undergraduate degree from McGill University in Montreal in 1994, followed by law school at Boston College specifically to be a sports agent. It was not his intent to practice law. Now an agent, and friend, to his player-clients, Jamie remains

loyal to all. Included in his players list are Mark Ellis of the Colorado Rockies, David Aardsma of the Seattle Mariners, and Nick Markakis of the Baltimore Orioles. Jamie and his wife, **MELISSA HEMOND '91**, and their sons, Howie and Harry, will soon be fulltime residents of St. Johnsbury.

1991

CYNDIE MATHEWS PAYEUR graduated in June 2011 from the Vermont Technical College's Practical Nursing Program. She was part of the Northeast Kingdom Extended Campus program located at Lyndon State College. Cyndie, her husband, **JASON PAYEUR**, and their four children live in Waterford, Vermont.

1994

Now of Danville, Vermont, **MATTHEW PAYEUR** has become an award winning photographer. He earned a Fuji Masterpiece award, a Vermont Court of Excellence Award, and Judges' Choice and Creativity Plus awards from the Vermont Professional Photographers annual convention in 2011.

1995

Losing your best friend to brain cancer is a devastating event. For **LANCE HORNE**, it had a galvanizing effect. When **STEVE MANNING** died on January 13, 2011, he left behind a loving wife, and two beautiful daughters. Lance did a ride in May to raise funds and awareness for the National Brain Tumor Society. NBTS is a leader in the brain tumor community, bringing together the best of research, patient services, and advocacy to be a comprehensive resource for patients, families, caregivers, researchers, and

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medical professionals. Lance and his wife, **ALLISON LOWREY '94**, live with their children in Lowell, Massachusetts.

1996

HILLARY SELLE GRAMLICH

graduated from Yale University in 2011 with a Ph.D. in cell biology. Her dissertation is "The Nuclear Localization of the Mutating Genes in Germinal Center B Cells." After graduating from Brandeis University in 2000, she served in the Peace Corps in Tanzania. She resides in Bethesda, Maryland, with her husband, Dr. Jake Gramlich, and their daughter, Hazel.

1998

ELIZABETH MORRISON BROWN

received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in May 2011. Elizabeth's thesis started with the history of Jersey City including its zenith as a center of industrial power and railroad hub, its decline, and subsequent renewal and gentrification. Over the years there have been changes in the demographic makeup of the area creating opportunities for more racially and economically balanced public schools. Elizabeth studied charter schools, centered on a case study of a diverse charter school. It is hoped that her studies will contribute to future development and planning of schools in the area. Elizabeth is an associate professor at William Patterson University in New Jersey. She lives in Jersey City with her husband, Gareth Brown.

VIENGSA MAY KEOMANYVANH

EMERY, of Lyndonville, Vermont, graduated in June 2011 from the practical nursing program

at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont.

1999

It's been a busy year for **CHARLIE MARTIN BROOKS** (see New Arrivals). His short story *Eight-Bit Heaven* won the New Millennium Writings Fiction Award. The story can be read online at www.newmillenniumwritings.com, and will be included in the annual *New Millennium Writings* journal. Charlie and family live in St. Albans, Vermont.

Born and raised in the Northeast Kingdom, **CHRISTINA PATOINE DERUZZA** took her love of the mountains and outdoors and accepted a company challenge to climb to Lunag basecamp in the Himalayas (Nepal). The company, Informa, sponsored Christina and seven of her UK colleagues for the adventure. In return for this opportunity, she gave back by raising money for the Red Cross. The trek took place in October 2011, but it's never too late to support Christina. Go to: <http://lunag.informa.com>. Christina is a resident of Cabot, Vermont.

2000

On October 28, 2011, **BECKY BLAIS** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, completing her pre-doctoral internship at VA Puget Sound in Seattle. She will formally graduate in August 2012.



Crediting **JERRY PREVOST '77** and **BILL VINTON (SCIENCE)** with her passion for performing, **TESSA ADAMSON-KLEIN HARBER** is playing the role of 'Paulette' in the Tony Award winning Broadway show *War Horse*. She will be in this part into January 2013. Tessa makes her home in both New York City and Washington, D.C.

In Spring 2011, **JUSTIN LAVELY** was appointed to the St. Johnsbury Advisory Board of the Union Bank. Justin is the owner of Northstar Publishing, publishers of *The Northstar Monthly*. Justin earned a B.A. in English from Lyndon State College, and worked in the newspaper world over the years. He lives in Danville with his wife and two daughters.

2001

A 2005 graduate of West Point, **BEN MARCH** is a helicopter pilot, graduating second in his class from the Army's flight school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. While at West Point, Ben had a double major in international relations and military arts and science.

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DANIEL MOULTON graduated from Syracuse University, Class of 2011, with a master of arts in international relations from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and a master of science in public relations from the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. During the course of the two-year program, Dan completed internships with the U.S. Department of State, Foreign Press Center, in Washington, D.C., and with the U.S. Embassy in Belize, Central America. He is a current Presidential Management Fellow employed with the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, D.C., and living in Virginia. Dan served with the U.S. Army's 501st Airborne Infantry based at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, and was deployed for a ten-month tour of duty in Afghanistan. He is a 2008 graduate of Indiana State University with a bachelor of science degree in political science.

2002 ◀ REUNION 2012

Having completed medical school, **ALEXANDRA JABLONKA** is working at the university hospital in Hannover, Germany. She is a doctor in rheumatology and immunology, meaning she deals mainly with rheuma and HIV patients. She is also getting more involved with public disaster management. Axi is living in Hannover, Germany.



Married to Hannah Turgeon for eight years now, **TYSON STOCKWELL** has two children, Brett, born in 2006, and Halli, born in 2007. After working in the chimney business for a few years, Tyson established "Chimney Pro" in February of 2007. Thier growing business not only cleans existing chimneys, but builds new chimneys, restores, rebuilds, and relines older chimneys. They also do much general masonry, including walkways, walls, etc. Tyson and his family are living in Groveton, New Hampshire.

2003

CLAUDIUS JABLONKA is working as a Ph.D. candidate and teaching assistant at the Institute of Technology Management at the University of Munich, after receiving his diploma in business administration and mechanical engineering from Munich University of Technology. Claudi and his colleagues are 11 Ph.D. candidates with no professor directly around. Instead, there are 10 different professors from two

universities who are observing their Ph.D. projects, and otherwise letting them design the technology management curriculum, teach, recruit students, and get projects and funding from companies. Claudi says it's very entrepreneurial! He is living in Munich, Germany.

Currently attending veterinary school at University of California-Davis, **SARAH HYMAN REARDON** married in 2008, shortly before moving to Sacramento, California, and buying a house. She's doing GREAT!

2004

Rookie elite level biathlete **SUSAN DUNKLEE** scored the highest finish ever by a U.S. woman at the World Biathlon Championships on March 7th in Ruhpolding, Germany. Susan placed fifth, missing a medal by just seven seconds after 9.3 miles of shooting and skiing that lasted nearly 44 minutes. Susan lives in Barton, Vermont.

EMILY ASKREN FRAZIER in many ways keeps the memory of her husband, **RYAN FRAZIER**, alive for her two young children. One of the ways she has done this over the past three years is by donating to St. Johnsbury Academy's annual fund in Ryan's memory. We in the Alumni Office feel her commitment to Ryan and his memory. Thank you, Emily.

2005

HOLLY BOYLE, of St. Johnsbury, graduated from Mount Holyoke College in Northampton, Massachusetts, May 22, 2011, receiving a degree of master of arts in psychology. Holly has done much research in recent years in

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neuroscience and psychology, with her work being published in the *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* in 2010, as well as in *Brain and Cognition*, a journal of clinical, experimental, and theoretical research. She is currently attending McGill University in Montreal where she is in a Ph.D. program in neuroscience.

PAUL CONNELLY is teaching music and musical theater in the Hamilton Community School, Hamilton, Michigan.

KINSLEY GIBSON joined the Bretton Woods Real Estate market as administrative assistant for sales and rentals with Peabody & Smith Realty. A 2009 graduate of Mount Ida College with a bachelor of science in interior design, Kinsley is a long-time resident of Monroe, New Hampshire.

CAITLIN HUGHES, of St. Johnsbury, accepted the position of promotion planning manager at Celtic Marketing in St. Johnsbury. She graduated from Endicott College with a bachelor of science degree in business event planning. Most recently, she was working with Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. Caitlin also coaches girls' varsity lacrosse at St. Johnsbury Academy.

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KEVIN STANTON, of Monroe, New Hampshire, completed his physical therapy studies at the University of Vermont. On May 21, 2011, he received his doctor of physical therapy, and was awarded the Isola Braun Award for excellence in professional competency and leadership.

2006



IAN BELL was back at St. Johnsbury Academy in November 2011 as a guest presenter in Dr. John Sayarath's forensics class. Ian is completing his master of science in applied science – forensic anthropology at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is an assistant to the Nova Scotia Medical Examiners Service. Prior to graduate work, Ian worked as a forensic anthropology consultant for the Chief Medical Examiner of Nova Scotia, and has been an intern for U.S. Department of Defense Central Identification Laboratory. Ian lives

in Halifax. Ian is pictured here with his parents, Scott Melvin and **GRACIE BELL-MELVIN** (SJA school nurse), and **JOHN SAYARETH**.



In Boulder, Colorado, to celebrate the graduation of **ELIZABETH** (Bonnie) **CROSBY** are (left to right) **PHILLIP CROSBY '08**, **ELIZABETH**, **PAIGE CROSBY** (Guidance), and **PETER CROSBY '68**. Elizabeth earned a bachelor of science degree in evolutionary biology. Currently a middle school teacher, she is also a ski racing coach at Eldora Mountain in Colorado, taking her CNA certification, and applying to grad school to pursue physician's assistant.

COURTNEY KOZLOWSKI is working as a study coordinator in dermatology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. She is also a research assistant for a gastroenterologist. In case she isn't quite busy enough, Courtney puts in a couple of days a week as a dental assistant for her dad in St. Johnsbury.

MEGAN TRENHOLM received her bachelor of science in nursing, cum laude, from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in June 2011. She is also a 2010 graduate of Skidmore College.

2007 ◀ REUNION 2012

ZACHARY ABRAMSON, of Barnet, Vermont, graduated with a bachelor of arts in computer science, cum laude, and Judaic Studies, cum laude, from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, in May 2011. He is a graduate of the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering.

VAN-RYAN BELANGER, of Monroe, New Hampshire, graduated in May 2011 from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned a bachelor's degree in systems engineering management and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He reported to Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi in January 2012 for undergraduate pilot training.

CARRIE BUNNELL, of Barnet, Vermont, graduated from the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, earning a bachelor's degree in applied exercise science. She graduated with magna cum laude honors, and received the Female Senior Athlete of the Year Award. Carrie is now a certified personal trainer and strength and conditioning specialist at The Club at Old Mill in St. Johnsbury.

ADAM COMERCI, of Barnet, Vermont, earned a bachelor of science degree in biological science from the University of Vermont in December, 2011.

MELISSA CROTEAU of Barnet, Vermont, was honored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of

Vermont with the Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award in the spring of 2011. This high honor recognizes students that have demonstrated superior achievement in original research. A senior in the dietetics program at UVM, her research was entitled, "The Feasibility of Using the Facebook Social Networking Program for Delivering Nutrition and Health Information."

Lots of changes for **KAYA FAYEN**, (now **Menagh**). She's working on her bachelor of science in botany at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii; was married in June 2010; is waitressing part-time; and may have already moved from Kaneohe to Honolulu. And . . . she's very happy!

ANDREW GRASSO, of St. Johnsbury, received a bachelor of science degree in computer networking and information security from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, in May 2011.

ANDREW HYMAN, of Barnet, Vermont, received a bachelor of arts from Emory College of Emory University, in May 2011. In May 2011, **JEFFREY IMPEY** graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from Boston College's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, majoring in finance and marketing.

TIMOTHY O'HARE received a bachelor of arts in criminal justice from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, in May 2011.

GEOFFREY PENAR, of Shelburne, Vermont, graduated from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, in May

Geoffrey Penar



2011, with a bachelor of arts in music (vocal performance) with high distinction. He was recognized with the Ornest Award for excellence in academic and musical study. He performed in Eastman's spring opera *Manon* as the baritone lead, Lescault, and was a finalist in the Kneisel German Lieder Competition. In the summer of 2011, he performed with the Ohio Light Opera Company in Wooster, Ohio, and was featured as Lancelot in *Camelot*. Geoffrey is currently enrolled in a master's degree program for vocal performance/opera at McGill University in Montreal, and appeared as Leporello in *Don Giovanni* in January 2012.

EMIL POLLAK, of Barnet, Vermont, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from Boston College's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, majoring in finance, in May 2011.

KYLIE RIVERS, of St. Johnsbury, earned a bachelor of arts degree in community business applications from the University of New Hampshire, in May 2011.

CLAIRE STODOLA, of Waterford, earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental conservation studies, summa cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire, in May 2011.

Class News

2008

Summer training for the U.S. Naval Academy's cross-country team happened in and around St. Johnsbury. All familiar terrain for **KEN BUNNELL**, he brought his teammates to appreciate what he's always known. The top 15 from the Middies team of 22-24 runners made the trip. The team was looking for hilly and not-so-hilly routes. The Northeast Kingdom of Vermont provided it all. The Midshipman team was welcomed by the Bunnell family, including Ken's parents, **GARY '77** and **WENDY MARCOTTE '80 BUNNELL**, and siblings, **CARRIE '07**, **HAYDEN '11**, and **BEN '12**.

CRYSTAL CONNELLY is a member of the security team at Lancaster General Hospital, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

KATIE LEVASSEUR, selected as the 2011 Miss Vermont, recently competed in the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **KAYLA RUFFNER** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

2009

After meeting at SJA, **RAHEL BECKER** (Germany), **GABRIEL WAGENSTETTER** (Germany), **DANI KLAILE** (Germany), **MARION LESCURE '08** (France), and **PABLO ORDONEZ FLORES '10** (Mexico) continue to get together in a variety of European cities. They credit their continued friendship with SJA Magic. One of these years we hope they pick St. Johnsbury as their place to meet!

2010



LAWUO DOLO earned a second place prize for her entry in Champlain College's public speaking competition, Elevator Pitch. The challenge is to get your message across in two minutes. Best of all, Lawuo garnered Audience Favorite. She is a sophomore at Champlain College.



MARK SIMMER, of Barnet, Vermont, graduated in July 2011 from Universal Technical Institute in Norwood, Massachusetts. He received his certificate in diesel and industrial technology. He achieved Director's List recognition with a grade point average of 4.0, and received the Student of the Course Award.

2011

ALYSSA DOLGIN won the USCSA National Collegiate Snowboarding Boardercross Championships, held at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine. Alyssa, a freshman at Westminster College, in Salt Lake City, Utah, competed against 41 others, in capturing her first National Title. The next day, the slopestyle event was held with Alyssa finishing in 6th place. The following day, Alyssa, captured 3d place in the Womens Halfpipe, leading the Westminster Ladies Snowboard team to their 4th consecutive Overall National Championship title. In winning the Boardercross event, Alyssa was named to the 1st team All American. Alyssa is the daughter of **STEVE '71** and **DEBBIE DOLGIN**.

CORRECTION: Unfortunately, the Alumni Office is not mistake-proof! An oversight in the Summer 2011 edition of *The Hilltopper* was the omission of **JAMES STONE** receiving the Passumpsic Lodge #27 Masons Prize at Class Day. A much deserved award, James. Congratulations!

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Marriages

1975

Sena Friesen and **KEVIN MEILLEUR**, August 7, 2011, at Mount Philo State Park in Charlotte, Vermont. Sena is an account executive at Hackett Valine & MacDonald in South Burlington, Vermont. Kevin is an account executive at Rathbone & Company in South Burlington, Vermont. They reside in Essex Junction, Vermont.

1985

****Jamie Bechtold** and **JOHN FLIGHT**, June 11, 2011, in Palo Alto, California. Jamie is an occupational therapist. John is a software engineer. They are living in Menlo Park, California.

1991

NIKKI HOUGHTON and Wayne Arnold, September 24, 2010, at The Oakland Manor in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Nikki is a registered nurse at Deaconess Health Systems in Evansville, Indiana. Jason is an electrician at the Big Rivers Power Plant in Sebree, Kentucky. They are living in Madisonville, Kentucky.

1992 ◀ REUNION 2012

ANNE KNIGHTS and Scott Corey, June 17, 2011, at the bride's mother's home on Miles Pond in Concord, Vermont. Anne is employed by Waterford (Vermont)

School. Scott works at L and T Auto in St. Johnsbury. They are living in Waterford, Vermont.

1994

Sheri Ashford and **JASON CROWN**, February 20, 2011, at the South Ryegate (Vermont) home of the groom's grandparents. Sheri is employed by St. Johnsbury Dental Associates. Jason works for Gandin Brothers Stone Shed. The couple reside in South Ryegate, Vermont.



Rebecca Roy and **ETHAN PHELPS**, August 16, 2010, in Carabassett Valley, Maine. They reside just outside of Killington, Vermont.

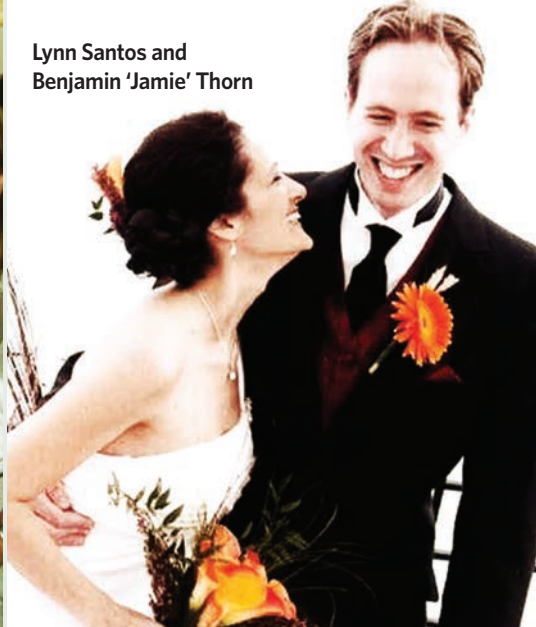
1995

DIANA CHALOUX and Micah LaCerte, July 16, 2011, at Jacob's Well Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Diana is a 2000 graduate of Lyndon State College with a degree in business administration. She is a certified personal

trainer and wellness/nutrition consultant, as well as a WBFF Pro Fitness Model. Micah is a 2002 graduate of Pittsburg (Kentucky) State University with a degree in business marketing. He is a certified personal trainer and a life coach, as well as a WBFF Pro Fitness Model. The LaCertes own and operate Hitch Fit Gym based in Kansas City, Missouri, where they live.

MEGAN REYNOLDS and **JEREMY GOYET '98**, May 21, 2011, at South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury. Megan is a 1999 graduate of Western New England College with a B.A. in psychology, and 2002 graduate of Smith College School of Social Work with her MSW. She is employed by the Milton (Vermont) School District as the elementary school behavioral specialist. Jeremy is employed by Munson Earth Moving. They are living in South Burlington, Vermont.

Rachel Blair and **GABRIEL WINKLER**, September 4, 2011. Rachel is a Princeton grad and works as a marketing director at Trimbel in Coravllis, Oregon. Gabe has been the assistant rowing coach at Oregon State University for three years, concluding his own rowing career after the Olympic trials in 2008. He made seven US



Lynn Santos and Benjamin 'Jamie' Thorn

national teams for rowing, and won a World Championship and a Pan-Am gold medal and silver medal during that time (from 1998-2008). Rachel and Gabe are living in Corvallis, Oregon.

1997 ◀ REUNION 2012

REBECCA GILDING and Javier Castillo, July 23, 2011, at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury. Rebecca earned a bachelor of arts from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts in 2001, a master's in business administration from Suffolk University in Boston in 2006, and will earn her Juris Doctor from New England School of Law in Boston in 2012. She works as an assistant vice president in the regulatory administration department at Citi in Boston, Massachusetts. Javier earned his bachelor of science from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston in 2003. He currently works as a technical lead at Verndale Corporation in Boston. They reside in Boston.

1998

KENDRA LEIVISKA and Christopher Fuller, June 25, 2011, at the home of the groom's parents in St. Johnsbury. The Fullers reside in St. Johnsbury. Fellow '98ers celebrating the August 27, 2011, wedding of

Melissa Bedell and **KEVIN MERROW**, left to right: Christie Chaloux Konieczny, Althea Goff Bugbee '01, Ethan Bugbee, Andy Ruggles, Nate Cloutier, Brian Black, Amy Perkins, and Kate Meierdiercks. The Merrows are living in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

1999

MEAGHAN LAFERRIERE and Nicholas Rowe, April 2, 2011, at The Oaks Golf Links in Sommersworth, New Hampshire. Meaghan is a 2005 graduate of Lyndon State College, and is currently employed as an executive assistant for the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Nicholas is a 2006 graduate of Lyndon State College, and a 2010 graduate of a Utica College graduate program. He is currently employed as an occupational therapist at Maplewood Care & Rehab Center in Amesbury, Massachusetts. The couple reside in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Lynn Santos and **BENJAMIN 'JAMIE' THORN**, October 30, 2010, on the Odyssey Cruise Ship, Boston, Massachusetts. Lynn is a 1999 graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, and is employed by North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Massachusetts. She is

also a freelance illustrator. Jamie is a 2005 graduate of Suffolk University, Boston, and is currently obtaining his master of physician assistant studies (MPAS) at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston. They are living in Quincy, Massachusetts.

2000

JENNIFER ROBIE and Harry Warren, May 4, 2011, in Saco, Maine. Jennifer is pursuing her bachelor's degree in nursing. She works at Borderline Fuels as a service manager. Harry is owner of Keep U Warm Heating & A/C, LLC.

2001

Candace Sutton and **NICHOLAS BACON**, July 10, 2011, in St. Johnsbury. Candace and Nicholas live in St. Johnsbury with their sons, Hayden and Cameron.

EMMA DESROCHERS and Bruce Rowe II, July 30, 2011, at Foster Pond in Peacham, Vermont. They are living near Dallas, Texas.

2002 ◀ REUNION 2012

LILLIAN MCFARLAND and **CHRISTOPHER PATTON '02**, June 28, 2011, in St. Johnsbury. They are living in St. Johnsbury with her daughter, Kennedy.



GILLIAN VINTON and Geoffrey Sewake, August 20, 2011, at Lakeview Inn in Greensboro, Vermont. Gillian graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a concentration in dance. She works in Brooklyn, New York, for Freelancers Union. Geoffrey earned his undergraduate degree Colorado University in geography, and masters and Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School. They are living in Brooklyn, New York. Left to right: **CORDELIA JOHNSON**, **LAUREN PARRISH**, **KRISTA MILLER**, **GILLIAN VINTON SEWAKE**, **LAUREN AJAMIE**, **EILEEN WITTE**, and **JOANNA VINTON '04**.

2003

ELIZABETH KOELNYCH and Miguel Angel Rios Espinal, November 11, 2011, at El Pond Park in Melrose, Massachusetts. Elizabeth is a 2007 graduate of St. Michael's College. She served three years as a public health educator with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. She is a bilingual case manager and legal coordinator for the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program in Worcester, Massachusetts. Miguel is a 2010 graduate of UPONIC in Chinandega, Nicaragua, with a degree in agricultural engineering.

HEATHER TAYLOR and Vladislav Petkov, August 6, 2011, on Oakes Field on the campus of the University of California, Santa Cruz, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Heather earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Vermont, and a master of science degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is currently working as an engineer at Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, California. Vladislav holds both a bachelor and master of science degrees

from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he is currently completing his doctoral degree in computer engineering. The couple reside in Campbell, California.

2004

JESSE PROIA and Brett Lord, September 16, 2011, at City Hall in New York City, New York. Brett is a performance artist and stylist. Jesse is a designer and artist. The Lord Proias are living in Hollywood, California.





2005

ELEANOR CUMMINGS and Shawn Bourbeau, August 13, 2011, at Lyndonville (Vermont) Methodist Church. They are living Lyndonville.

Front, Left to right: **ISAAC VARS '03**, **PAOLO UNGER DVORCHIK '03**, **SEAN BISHOP '05**, **ANNIE GUEST '03**, **ROBIN MASSEY '04**; second, **JULIA ROWE '05**, **JENNIFER GOODHUE '05**, **EMILY CUMMINGS DAVIS '98**, **ELEANOR CUMMINGS BOURBEAU**, **ELIZABETH CUMMINGS '95**; third, **DENISE GOODHUE SCAVITTO '99**, **ELISSA POLLOK '05**, **ETHAN CUMMINGS '00**, **LAWOU DOLO '10**; back, **ANN CUSHING '05**, **ANDY ZICKLER '03**, **REBECCA ALDRIDGE '04**, **BLAKE UNGER DVORCHIK '03**, and **PAUL SCAVITTO '96**.

2006

Ann Descoteaux and **DAVID TAYLOR JR.**, May 21, 2011, at the VFW in Lyndonville, Vermont. They are living in Lyndonville.

Brittany LaCoss and Gerald Schartner Jr., October 22, 2011, at the First Congregational Church in Lyndonville, Vermont. Brittany is employed at Riverside Life Enrichment Center in Lyndonville, Vermont. Gerald is employed at Lyndon Truck Center in Lyndonville.

2010

KELSEY CARR and Kevin O'Donnell Jr., March 20, 2011, in St. Johnsbury. Kelsey is attending Lyndon State College majoring in math for secondary education. Kevin is employed by Bryan's Custom Cutting in Barnet, Vermont. Kelsey and Kevin are living in St. Johnsbury.

ASHLEY PRAY and Bryant Leonard, August 5, 2011, at Pleasant Street Baptist Church in St. Johnsbury.

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Laurent Slutzky

Births

1989

A son, Walden John, March 13, 2011, to **DAVID NELSON** and Rebecca Pickens, of St. Lawrence County, New York.

1990



A daughter, Savannah Jewell, May 21, 2010, in Herrsching, Germany, to Christopher and **CAROLINE NEYLON LODER**, of Brunswick, Maine. She joins brothers, Thaddeus and Alexander.

A son, Carter Michael, March 9, 2011, to Jeffrey and **LYDIA WINOT- PRIEST NORWAY**, of McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. He joins siblings Caris, Carsyn, and Clark.

1992 ◀ REUNION 2012

A daughter, Sadie Snow, to **CAROLYN BROWN** and Brad Usatch, of Lyndon, Vermont. She joins siblings, Sarah and Phoebe.

A daughter, Katie Raylene, September 21, 2011, to Tara and **JON PRUE**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. She joins siblings, Colby and Casey.

1993

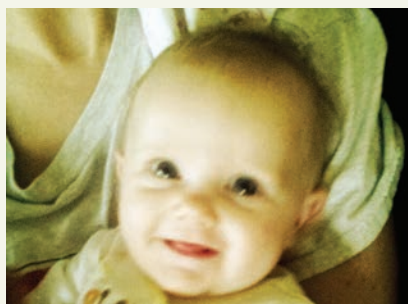
A son, Jack Arthur, June 13, 2011, to Rebecca and **LAURENT SLUTZKY**, of Tarzana, California.

A son, Harvey, September 22, 2011, to Ashley and **CAITLIN SMITH WALLINGFORD**, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He joins a sister, Elinor.

1994

A son, Max Charles, August 3, 2011, to **TRAVIS '92** and **AMANDA HALPIN BUGBEE**, of St. Johnsbury.

1995



A daughter, Madelaine, June 11, 2011, to Christine and **MATTHEW LABOUNTY**, of Middletown, Rhode Island.

1996

A son, Desmond Nolan, June 10, 2011, to Scott and **MARJORIE YERBURGH BLAKE**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins a sister, Iona.



A daughter, Madelyn Faye, November 18, 2010, to Megan and **SAMUEL HANDY**, of Escondido, California. She joins a brother, Samuel Mark.



A son, Micah Aaron, July 17, 2010, to Nate and **AMANDA WILLIAMS KILLAM**, of St. Johnsbury.



1997 ◀ REUNION 2012

A son, Alexander TJ, September 27, 2011, to Christopher and **CAROLYN HAGAN HAGGETT**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. He joins sisters, Caitlin and Brooke.

A daughter, Madilyn Lucille, May 30, 2011, to Terry and **JAKE LAVELY**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a brother, Dalton.

1998

A daughter, Amela Marie, September 19, 2011, to Dave and **BRYNN REYNOLDS EVANS**, of Barnet, Vermont. She joins a brother, David.

A daughter, Jocelyn Maya, September 26, 2011, to **MARK** and **DAWN REGIS-COTA GESSNER**, of Brooklyn, New York. She joins brothers, Jack and Evan.

A son, Connor Ryan, June 14, 2011, to Bronwyn and **RICHARD HALE**, of St. Johnsbury.



A son, Callum George, March 31, 2011, to **ANDREW '93** and **REBECCA SMITH MCGREGOR**, of St. Johnsbury.

1999

A son, Hudson Jeffrey, March 29, 2011, to **JUSTIN** and **HILARY AREMBURG BRADSHAW**, of Monroe, New Hampshire. He joins a sister, Hollyn.

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A son, Quentin Richard, June 1, 2011, to Sarah and **CHARLIE MARTIN BROOKS**, of St. Albans.

A daughter, Anna Rose, July 10, 2011, to Luke and **BROOKE GADAPÉE BURY**, of Derby, Vermont. She joins a sister, Eva.

A son, Jaxson Tyler, June 24, 2011, to Jill and **TYLER CAHOON**, of Danville, Vermont. He joins a brother, Travis.

A son, Conor James, April 20, 2011, to Sara and **JEFF KELLY**, of Sherman, Texas.

A daughter, Adele Rose, March 28, 2011, to James and **SARA WYAND STINSON**, of Danville, Vermont.

A daughter, Isabelle Linnae, to Ashley Camber and **TADD WHEELER**, of Colchester, Vermont.

2000

A son, Evan Michael, November 10, 2011, to Heather Powers and **JOEY LAPIERRE**, of St. Johnsbury.

A son, Caleb Joseph, May 8, 2011, to **NATE '96** and **AMANDA AVERY LOWREY**, of Lyndonville, Vermont.

A daughter, Morrighan Rose, September 15, 2011, to Laura and **NATHANIEL WAYNE**, of St. Johnsbury.



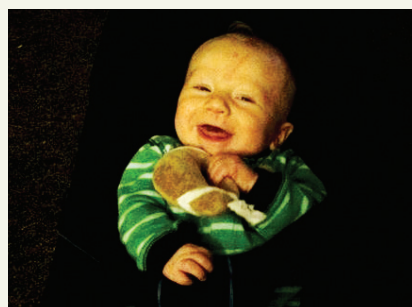
2001

A son, Collin Benjamin, April 3, 2011, to **BENJAMIN '00** and **LINDSEY PALMIERI**

CLASSEN, of East St. Johnsbury. He joins a sister, Jenna.



A daughter, Olivia Nancy, March 23, 2011, to **GREG '99** and **RACHEL PATOINE LEPINE**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a sister, Aubry.



A son, Liam Thomas, July 19, 2011, to Katie and **JOHN LOVETT**, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, July 20, 2011, to Steve and **CAROLYN CHERRY TOWSLEY**, of Danville, Vermont. She joins a brother, Samuel.

A son, Quinten Ryan, August 12, 2011, to Kendra Therrien and **RYAN WHITCOMB**, of North Danville, Vermont. He joins siblings, Carter and Lexi.

2002 ◀ REUNION 2012

A daughter, Riley Elizabeth, August 11, 2011, to Paige Edmunds and **TROY BARRETT**, of Lyndonville, Vermont.

A daughter, Kenzi Sue, March 28, 2011, to Jonathan and **TIFFANY ALDRICH LASNIER**, of Waterford, Vermont. She joins a sister, Angelina.



A daughter, Clare Teresa, to John and **MARY LOVETT SCHWAB**, of St. James, Maryland.

A daughter, Abilene Parer, November 28, 2011, to **PHILO '99 and **ANA GOYET MARCOTTE**, of Barnet, Vermont. She joins brothers, Aden and Owen.

A son, Damian Jermaine, to **HEATHER PAGE** of St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings, Amora and Ryland.

2003

*A son, Owen Christopher, December 13, 2011, to **CHRIS '01** and **KRISTIN MONTMINY CROTEAU**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins a sister, Hannah.

2004

A son, Jayvon Modesto, April 25, 2011, to Jaison Badillo and **MEREDITH CLASSEN**.

A daughter, Natalie Ann, to Matt and Kim Ridley Davis, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

A daughter, Josephine Ann, May 25, 2011, to **JOSHUA '03** and **DESIREE DEMERS RICE**, of St. Johnsbury.

2005

A son, Nickolas Paul, October 13, 2011, to Tara Baillargeon and **DAN CROTEAU**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. He joins a sister, Jasmin.

A daughter, Azkadelia Kymberie Russell, July 27, 2011, to Brandon Tessier and **TRISHA RUSSELL**, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

2006

A daughter, Anna Isabella, August 1, 2011, to Jeffrey Stevens and **BETHANY BRILL**.

A son, Trenton Christopher Kenneth, April 4, 2011, to Christopher Ainsworth and **ELYSIA ROSE BROWN**.

A son, Ezra James, May 29, 2011, to Marianne and **JONAH HAHR**, of Wells River, Vermont.

A son, Liam Ashin, July 12, 2011, to Ryan Mathews and **LEA-ANNE SETTERGREN**, of McIndoe Falls, Vermont. He joins a brother, Riley.

A son, Kaleb Daniels, June 9, 2011, to Ann and **DAVID TAYLOR**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. He joins brothers, Isaiah and Damien.

2008

A son, Landon Michael, May 14, 2011, to **FELICIA STAIB** and **MICHAEL MINSHULL '05**, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

2009

A son, Hunter Austin, July 9, 2011, to JT and **BRITTANY PHILLIPS DESCOTEAUX**, of Concord, Vermont.

A son, Derek Mitchel, December 12, 2011, to **KACI CHASE and Benjamin Mayberry III, of Monroe, New Hampshire.

A son, Owen Ward, December 14, 2011, to **BRIDGET VANTOUR and Nick Degree, of Greensboro Bend, Vermont. He joins a brother, Peyton.



2010

A daughter, Macie Dee, October 14, 2011, to Timothy Colby and **SAMANTHA CATES**, of East Burke, Vermont. She joins a sister, Mariah.

A son, Eian Patrick, July 22, 2011, to Stephanie Dawson, of St. Johnsbury.

Faculty

A son, Elijah Jason, May 24, 2011, to Erika and **JAY SCHERER (Fine Arts/Media)**, of East Haven, Vermont. He joins sister, Victoria and Ashley.



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In Memoriam

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1927

RICHARD SPRAGUE, 101, August 27, 2011, in Willoughby, Ohio. Survivors include his wife, A. Marjorie Sprague; a son, Charles (Rosanna) Sprague; and a granddaughter.

SYBIL BECK KITCHEL, 97, January 8, 2012, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Robert (Jane) Kitchel, **FREDERICK (Rita) KITCHEL '59**, and **ALICE KITCHEL '66**; eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

1933

PAUL BROWN, 96, May 20, 2011, of Lawrenceville, Georgia. Survivors include his wife, **ALTA SWETT BROWN '31**; children, Russell Brown, Robert Brown, and Cynthia (Scott) Morris; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

BARBARA TWOMBLY REDINGTON, May 2001, in Dover, New Hampshire. Survivors include a daughter, Kay Morgan.

1934

BARBARA BABCOCK, 94, October 24, 2011, of East St. Johnsbury. Survivors include two sisters, **RUTH BABCOCK BROWN '44**, and **ALICE BABCOCK STEINMULLER '48**.

MARION WILLIAMS MORENCY, 93, of Montpelier, Vermont. Survivors include her daughter, Susan (Duane) Gibson; and two grandsons and their families.

1935

Marjorie Peake Converse, 93, May 12, 2011, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include a son, Clay (Jane) Converse; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Lilla Peake Watson '37.

1937

ARLENE SOMERS DESROCHERS, 91, September 3, 2011, formerly of Passumpsic, Vermont. Survivors include her daughters, Mary (David) White, and Rose (Richard) Mahoney; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

E. ROGER MILLER, 86, October 10, 2005, of Morrisville, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Jeffrey (Brenda) Miller, and Janice Sawtell; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1938

ROBERT INGERSOLL (TRADE), 92, July 24, 2011, of East Haven, Vermont.

KATHERINE WARD JENNESS, 91, June 9, 2011, of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Survivors include her sons, Douglas (Marea), Ian (Margreet), and David (Kay); six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

N. RAYMOND ST. LAURENT, 91, July 5, 2011, of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; and his children, Yolanda Beauman, Christopher St. Laurent, and Noel St. Laurent.

1939

ANDREW DEMERS, 91, April 18, 2011, of Santa Clara, California. Survivors include his children, Andrea Bruna, Bernard Demers,

Maurice Demers, and Marc Demers; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, **LARRY DEMERS '42T**, **ALINE DEMERS '44**, **THERESA DEMERS CHIASSON '45 MSJ**, and **JEANNE DEMERS BROWN '46 MSJ**.

ELEANOR BELVILLE EMRICK, 89, April 10, 2011, of Barre, Vermont.

1940

NORMA BREWER, 89, September 6, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her sisters, **BARBARA BREWER '48**, and **MARILYN BREWER SIMONS '50**.

BETTY CROSS QUINN, September 20, 2011, of Keene, New Hampshire. Survivors include her son, Bryce Massie.

1941

GEORGE CUNAVELIS, 88, January 21, 2012, of Burlington, Vermont. Survivors include his brother, **JOHN CUNAVELIS '45**.

1942

EARL RODGER, 86, September 13, 2011, of Harstine Island, Washington. Survivors include his children, Robert (Joni) Rodger, Richard (Kelly) Rodger, Susan (Jeff) Watkins, Carolyn (Larry) Stegall; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and a sister, **MARILYN RODGER GUY '51**.

1943

VIRGINIA SHASTANY DANIELS, 87, January 24, 2012, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, **DEBORAH DANIELS (MYRON '67 T) BROE '67**, **MICHAEL (Brenda) DANIELS '73**, and **DENNIS (BARBARA DANIELS, FIELD HOUSE) DANIELS '79**; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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GUY 'BUSTER' ROSS (TRADE), 86, October 8, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **DAVID ROSS '65**, and **BONNIE ROSS '66**; a grandson; and a great-grandchild.

ROBERT SMITH, 86, August 8, 2011, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Etta Smith; children, Steven (Traci) Smith, Dennis Smith, and Shirley (Michael) Bilger; and seven grandchildren.

1944

MEDORA BOUCHER BOYLE, 86, June 12, 2011, of Woodsville, New Hampshire. Survivors include her son, Darryl (Deborah); and siblings, **ANITA BOUCHER COLEMAN '56**, and **PAUL BOUCHER '54**.

MARY JANE DAUPHIN DONNA (MSJ), 87, March 31, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, **CLAUDE DONNA '45 T**.

JOYCE LORD PHILLIPS, 82, February 13, 2010, of Hopedale, Massachusetts. Survivors include her sons, Robert Phillips and Michael Phillips.

1945

NEAL AYER, 83, June 4, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **SHAWN** (Shannon) **AYER '78**, **JAN AYER '81**, **TYLER (PATTI DUCHAM '82) AYER '83**, and **TIMOTHY AYER '83**; and eight grandchildren.

BETTY SHEPARD BRYER, 84, December 31, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, **DIANE BRYER** (Martin) **VAN BUREN '68**, and **DENNIS (Donna) BRYER '71**; and two grandchildren.

DORIS MORSE BONA, 83, March 24, 2011, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Dennis Bona, Brenda (Eric) Stenson, Lawrence (Paula) Bona, and Patricia (Dana) Emery; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister, **RITA MORSE** (Paul) **CHRISTOFOLETTI '47**.

THERESA CHALOUX (MSJ), 83, May 8, 2011, in Wilton, Connecticut. Survivors include her brothers, Gerard Chaloux, and Bill Chaloux. **CLARENCE 'PEP' DANA**, 84, June 21, 2011, of Monroe, New Hampshire. Survivors include his children **KATHLEEN DANA '75**, and **STEPHEN (Jannette) DANA '80**; and five grandchildren.

REGINALD ROLFE, 84, October 12, 2010, of Danvers, Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, **ELAINE METEVIER ROLFE '50**; a daughter, Denise Rolfe; and a granddaughter.

1946

DOROTHY POOLE CASSADY, 83, September 6, 2011, of Lyndon, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Wendell Cassady; children, Linda (Robert) Sylvester, Bonnie (Kenneth Miles) Cassady, Brenda (Earl) McFayden, and Mary (Roland) Duprey; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and brothers, **JOHN POOLE '42**, and Philip (Margaret) Poole.

KENNETH CHAMBERLIN (T), 83, June 29, 2011, of Plainfield, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Scott (Diann) Chamberlin, Rick Chamberlin, Mark (Cheryl) Chamberlin, and Linda (Russell) Wells; and nine grandchildren.

EVERETTE FILGATE (T), 83, April 20, 2011, in Sun City West, Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, **BETTY RASH FILGATE '48**; children **BRUCE (Nancy) FILGATE '67**, **WILLIAM FILGATE '68**, and **LYNDA FILGATE (Michael) LEAVITT '70**; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JOAN COOK JOHNSON, 83, November 18, 2011, of Lake Wales, Florida. Survivors include her husband, William Johnson.

LAWRENCE NELSON, 82, August 2011, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

1947

NELSON LAY, 85, February 6, 2011, of Sutton, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Lay; children, Douglas (Kathy) Lay, Maureen Russell, Theresa (Ron) Lay-Sleeper, Daniel (Staci) Lay, and David Lay; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Sherwood (Douglas) Riddel.

1948

CLIFFORD GREENWOOD (T), 81, April 20, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **SUSAN GREENWOOD MOLD '70**, and **BRUCE GREENWOOD '72**; and two grandchildren.

1949

ROSEMARY MARGUERITE COLLINS AYER, 79, May 7, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, **SHAWN** (Shannon) **AYER '78**, **JAN AYER '81**, **TYLER (PATTI DUCHAM '82) AYER '83**, and **TIMOTHY AYER '83**; and eight grandchildren.

LORRAINE GOSSELIN LETOURNEAU, 81, July 3, 2011, of Hooksett, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, **ANDREW LETOURNEAU '45 T**; a daughter, Lisa Towne; and

brothers, Robert Gosselin, and Michael Gosselin.

DONALD WOOD, 80, November 1, 2011, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Sunny Wood; children, **SANDRA WOOD** (David) **DELUDE '74**, **BETSY WOOD (MARTIN '76) FORTIN '76**, and Kenneth (Lisa) Wood; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, **PAT WOOD (DUFFY '45) DODGE '45**.

1950

MARCEL 'MIKE' DUTIL (T), 80, September 8, 2011, of Standish, Maine. Survivors include his children, Catherine Spencer, Patricia Dutil, Cynthia Pettersen, Laurette Dutil, Thomas Dutil, Adam Dutil, and Alan Dutil; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and siblings, **GERALDINE DUTIL HULS '38 M**, and Gloria Comeau.

LAURENT OUELLETE (T), 79, August 2, 2011, of Bristol, Connecticut. Survivors include his children, Lorraine Ouellette, Richard (Lynne) Ouellette, and Karen Ouellette; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and siblings, **JOSEPH OUELLETTE '46 T**, and **BETH OUELLETTE CHOQUETTE '45 M**.

PATRICIA SILSBY PACITTI, 79, in 2010, of West Springfield, Massachusetts. Survivors include her children, Ruth Pacitti-Boido, Rebecca (John) Bryant, Andrea (Donald) Patruno, Robert Pacitti, and Jay Pacitti; and 11 grandchildren.

DORIS DUPERRON WINCHESTER, 81, of September 17, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, **DONALD WINCHESTER**

'49 T; **SANDY WINCHESTER (LES '69) BLODGETT '72**, **DEBBIE WINCHESTER (JON '74) CONOVER '73**, and **JEFF (Kim) WINCHESTER '85**; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sisters, **RITA DUPERRON** (Ray Hall) **BLANKENHORN '51 M**, and **LORRAINE DUPERRON** (Richard) **CHARRON '53 M**.

1951

ROBERT CORLISS, 79, June 25, 2011, of North Concord, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Gary (**SHARLENE NOYES '71**) Corliss, and Greg Corliss.

1952

WARNER 'DALE' MCCUTCHEON (T), 77, June 26, 2010, of Haverhill, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Christine Roberts; children, Christopher Freeman, and Nicole (Joseph) Devlyn; a granddaughter; and a sister, **SALLY MCCUTCHEON** (Walter) **GOODRICH '49**.

IRMA RYDER MCGILL, 79, August 28, 2011, of North Danville, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, **ROBERT MCGILL '47 T**; children, Melinda (Robert) Warren, Robert (**KATHRYN VEAR '70**) McGill, and Douglas (Patricia) McGill; seven grandchildren; and a brother, Dale Ryder.

WILLIAM 'BILL' NAATZ, 77, August 13, 2011, of Morgan, Vermont.

1953

ALDEN AIKEN (T), 76, July 8, 2011, of Apple Valley, California. Survivors include his wife, Sheryl; sons, Timothy, Stanley, and Todd; and a sister, **FRANCES AIKEN** (Michael) **GOODWIN '51**.

ELIZABETH 'BETTY' STANLEY FINN, 76, January 10, 2012, of Concord,

Vermont. Survivors include her husband, **ALBAN FINN '53 T**; a son, Michael Finn; and siblings, **JOHN** (Arlene) **STANLEY '51**, **GEORGE STANLEY '49 T**, and **ELLEN STANLEY BROWN '47**.

1954

ARTHUR ROBERT 'BOB' MESERVE, 74, May 10, 2011, of Monroe, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Janet Meserve; his mother, Marguerite Chamberlin; children, Christine (Douglas) Bowen, and Richard (Jennifer) Meserve; and six grandchildren.

1955

PATRICIA KITTREDGE ASH, 73, April 7, 2011, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, **RODNEY ASH '54 T**; children **KAREN ASH** (Christopher) **CATE '75**, Wendy Ash (Michael) Donahue '78, and Mathew (Krista MacPherson '88) Ash '85; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, **GARY KITTREDGE '61 T**, and **JOYCE KITTREDGE** (Robert) **NIELSEN '57**.

AHSLEY 'HAP' LAPOINT, 75, November 28, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **LORI LAPOINT (MICHAEL '79) FLEURIE '79**, and Fred (Deborah) LaPoint '81; a brother, **ARTHUR (ELLIE CARROLL '48) LAPOINT '48**; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

CORNELIUS 'NEIL' LOYSEN, 74, April 7, 2011, of Craftsbury, Vermont. Survivors include his brothers, Peter, Jon, and David (Carol).

JOHN 'TIM' MAHONEY, 74, December 6, 2011, of Jacksonville, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Carol Mahoney; and siblings, **DAN** (Rosalie) **MAHONEY '60**, and

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LYNNE MAHONEY (Tom)
SIMMONDS '56.

1956

ROBERT BURKE, 73, December 15, 2011, of Glover, Vermont, and Winter Haven, Florida. Survivors include his wife, **BRENDA EMERY BURKE '58**, children, **ROBYN BURKE BAILLARGEON '79**, and **DAVID** (Judy) **BURKE '85**; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

ROGER HEVEY, 72, October 23, 2011, of Ocala, Florida. Survivors include his wife, **CLAIRE BEGIN HEVEY '57 M**; children, **LOUISE HEVEY**, and **JOANNE PRICER**; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and siblings, **PAULINE HEVEY GIGUERE '54 M**, **HELEN HEVEY BASAL '55 M**, **PAUL (SHERRY PETERS '60) HEVEY '57**, **MAURICE (JAN) HEVEY '62**, **LORRAINE HEVEY (RALPH '54 T) HEVEY '66**, and **LINDA HEVEY (Stan) DAUPHIN '70**.

1957

FRANK BRUNELLE, 72, May 10, 2011, of Barton, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, **LORRAINE GIGUERE BRUNELLE '57 M**, children, Frances (William) Sargent, and Michael Brunelle; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1958

ROGER PINARD, 71, September 24, 2011, of Narragansett, Rhode Island. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Pinard; children, Kelly (Peter) Hany, Michael (Deana) Pinard, and Richard (Jenna) Newcombe; nine grandchildren, and sisters, **RHONDA PINARD MURRAY '68**, and **RITA PINARD '69**.

SUSAN RANSOM, 71, November 13, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, **CORTLAND**

STANYON '79, **TIMOTHY STANYON '80**, and **JEFFREY** (JoAnn) **STANYON '82**; two grandsons; and a sister, **JANE RANSOM '62**.

1959

LESTER CLEARY JR. (T), 71, September 16, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Jean Cleary; children, **LESTER** (Laurie) **CLEARY III '83**, and **LORI CLEARY** (Michael) **GRAY '84**; two grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a sister, Anne Martin.

DANIEL GILCHRIST, 70, January 10, 2012, of Mystic, Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, Constance Gilchrist.

EDWARD VERGE (T), 69, July 3, 2011, of Island Pond, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; children, Edward, Todd (Gloria), Daniel, Aaron (Billie), Kimberly, Adam (Michele), and Angelina (George); 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings, **DAVID '63 (DORIS GUYER '61)**, **POLY '82** (Cheryl), **JACQUE '64**, and **DONNA '66 (FRED KEENAN '65 T)**, and **PAULA '73**.

1960

LINDA LORD FILIE (M), 68, June 11, 2011, of Greenville, New York. Survivors include her husband, Robert Filie; children, Mark (Marian), and Mary Beth (Kenneth); and sisters, **KAREN LORD** (Tom) **SWEENEY '65**, and **DENISE LORD '68 FORTIER**.

N. JACK PERRY, 71, September 22, 2011, of Manchester Center, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Perry; and siblings, **CARLTINA PERRY** (Oie) **HALL '56**, and Carlton Perry.

PETER SILLOWAY, 70, January 14, 2011, of Tampa, Florida. Survivors include his brothers, **CARROLL SILLOWAY '63**, and **DAVID SILLOWAY '66**.

1961

YVONNE BROSSAU COOLBETH, 68, November 9, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Jay (Jennifer Dunham) Matthews, and **SCOTT** (Erica) **MATTHEWS '95**; six grandchildren; and siblings, Theresa Reed, Carol Goodrich, and **WAYNE BROSSAU '66 T**.

DAVID EATON, April 27, 2010, of Montpelier, Vermont.

MICHAEL KENNEDY, 68, January 18, 2012, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **ADAM KENNEDY '92**, and **SARAH KIENNEDY '94**; a grandson; and siblings, **JAMES KENNEDY '64**, and **JOANNA KENNEDY EASTER '70**.

1963

NICK DOHERTY, Mary 15, 2011, of Hollywood, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; and several children and grandchildren.

1965

WILLIAM 'BILL' MCDONALD, 64, October 29, 2011, of Salisbury, North Carolina. Survivors include his wife, Linda McDonald; a son, **CHRISTOPHER** (Dawn) **MCDONALD**; 2 grandchildren; siblings, **PATTY MCDONALD** (Jack) **WASATONIC '64**, **JANET MCDONALD** (Cliff) **GUNSOLUS '68**, and **DAVID (MICHELE LOTE '84) MCDONALD '73**.

GEORGE 'CHET' MOULTON, 63, July 28, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **GARTH** (Jessica) **MOULTON '88**, and **CHAVA** (Matthew Therrien) **MOULTON '92**; and four grandchildren.

BLAINE PASSUT, 63, May 5, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, **PAMELA LACROIX PASSUT '67**; children, Tracey (Terry Wright) Billings, and **JEREMY** (Tamara) **PASSUT**; five grandchildren; his father, **ROBERT (BENITA MILLER '48) PASSUT '42**; and siblings, **BRENT (PATRICIA DAVIO '70) PASSUT '69**, and **BARRYPASSUT '77**.

1970

WALLACE BENGSTON, 59, June 14, 2011, in Tavares, Florida. Survivors include his children, Christina (Bill) Lacount, Rebecca (James) Phillips, Andrew Bengston; four grandchildren; and siblings, Debbie Bengston, **DOUG** (Jane) **BENGSTON '76**, **SHARON BENGSTON '78**, and **GINA BENGSTON PAYETTE '83**.

CAROL CLARK BISS, 58, August 5, 2011, of Ormond Beach, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Biss; sons, Justin Biss, Joshua Biss, and Kyle Biss; three granddaughters; her mother, **FREDA NOYES CLARK '42**; and siblings, **NORMAN CLARK '72**, and **NORMA CLARK LEACH '66**.

1971

JACK DEKOEYER, 57, May 24, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his mother, Mary DeKoeyer; father, Jack (Inga Gray) DeKoeyer; siblings, Carol DeKoeyer Keys '65, Susan DeKoeyer '74, Mike DeKoeyer '75, Michelle DeKoeyer (Las) Moen '76, Patricia DeKoeyer '77, Mark DeKoeyer '79, Lisa (Joe) DeKoeyer '81, and Cindy DeKoeyer (Casey '78) Rodd '82. Betty Jane Gray, 57, March 6, 2011, of Vancleave, Mississippi. Survivors include a sister, Nita (Richard) Terwilliger.

1972

RONALD KING, 56, December 11, 2010, of Cohoes, New York. Survivors include his life partner, Tony Kusaywa; and a brother, **BRAD KING '57**.

GUY TAPLIN, 56, April 24, 2011, of Newark, Vermont. Survivors include a stepson, Shawn (Nicole) Morton; three grandchildren; and siblings, **ROBERT TAPLIN '68**, and **CAROLINE TAPLIN '65**.

1975

CAROL ANN ZITER, 56, July 17, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her brother, **ALAN** (Winnie) **ZITER '69**.

1978

KIRK BRISSON, 51, July 26, 2011, of Morrisville, Vermont. Survivors include his brothers, Steven (**NANCY ADAMS '66) BRISSON '64**, **THOMAS BRISSON '65**, **DAVID** (Carol) **BRISSON '68**, and **KEVIN BRISSON '75**.

1979

RICKY DILLON, 50, January 5, 2012, of Chesapeake, Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Dillon; children Linda Dillon, and Scott Dillon; and siblings, Traci (Michael) Hibner, and Todd (Sylvia) Dillon.

1981

LORI GRENIER BERGE, 47, May 28, 2011, of Sebago, Maine. Survivors include her husband, Vic; daughter, Lauren; siblings, **ROBERT GRENIER II '73**, Greg Grenier, **MARTIN** (Veronica) **GRENIER '83**, and Kathleen Grenier. Michael Stebelus, 47, May 27, 2011, of Peacham, Vermont. Survivors

include his wife, Darleen; stepson, Sean (Jennifer) Surat '94; a grandson; his mother, Freddie Harbaugh Stebelus '60; and a sister, Turie Stebelus (Mike) Sorrell '86.

1984

RUSSELL WEBBER, 46, July 13, 2011, of Antrim, New Hampshire.

1985

FRED GILMOUR, 44, August 19, 2011, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Desiree Gilmour; his children, Amelia, John, Joseph, James, and Jack; three grandchildren; his father, Doug Gilmour; his mother, Kathryne Gilmour; his grandmother, Edna Souvigney; and brothers, **JOHN** (Jacqueline) **GILMOUR '89**, and **DOUGLAS** (Joelle) **GILMOUR '96**.

1987

JOHN GOSLANT JR., 43, October 8, 2011, of Groveton, New Hampshire. Survivors include his mother, Nancy Goslant; and siblings, Wendy Ruprechat, Cindy Goslant, Donald (Dawn) LeClair, and **TIM** (Cindy) **GOSLANT '91**.

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TAKING UP Melissa's *challenge*

A new poster hangs on Fuller Balcony. On the other side of the Rachel's Challenge banner from the "We Love Chen" poster (through which we express our hopes for injured senior Chen Lin's recovery), we now proclaim "We Will Miss You, Ms. Jenkins"—a sign of our love for Melissa Jenkins. Rachel's Challenge was to start a chain reaction of kindness, Chen's challenge is for him to join us at graduation, and today I want to invite you all to join me in taking up what I am calling "Melissa's Challenge," which was inspired by my last meeting with her at the end of the week of March 23.

Throughout the meeting, Melissa and I were talking about how her year had gone and how much she was looking forward to next year. I first praised her for her ability to reach students who didn't particularly like science or who weren't necessarily good at science. I thanked her for reaching out to those in need, including colleagues, and including my own daughter. Then she said what I have taken up as her challenge; she said, "I just love those the most who need it the most." Love those the most who need it the most: that's Melissa's Challenge.


She went on to talk about her Capstone for her Master's program and how she wanted to find a way that families and communities could wrap themselves around the neediest students, how parents could get more involved in helping their children succeed in high school. Again, she wanted to find a way through which those who needed us the most could feel the most love.

If we are to take up Melissa's Challenge, if we are to help Love win today, we need each other. So if you are still experiencing numbness, let yourself feel heartbreak, and let that be your love today. If you are still confused by what you are feeling, have faith in something greater, and let that be Love. If you

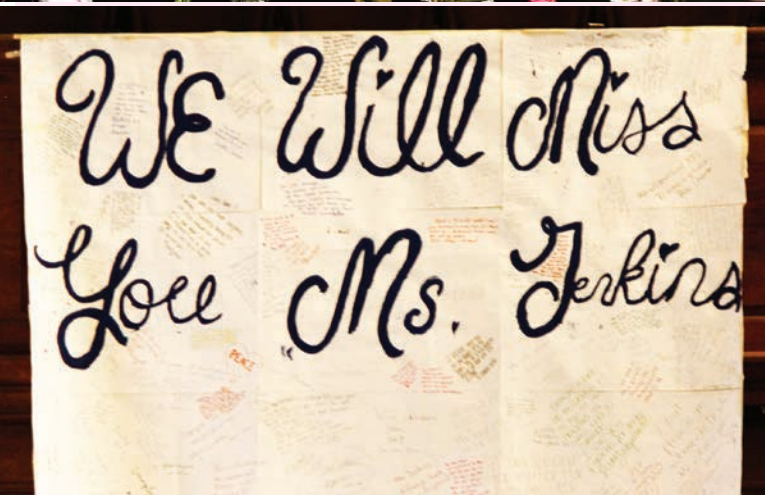


are still sad, like I am, let your heart be filled with compassion, sharing what's in your heart with Ms. Jenkins' friends and family, and let that be Love. And if you are angry at this horrifying injustice, like I am, commit yourself to serving something greater, and today let that be Love.

Many of us, in grappling with this tragic loss, will be tempted to put our lives on hold, to stop living, to stop moving forward. But that's not what Melissa Jenkins would do. She would love people through this. So like her, let us take all of these various emotions and move them forward in the same direction—and let that be love.

Next time you go into the Library in the Mayo Center, I want you to notice once again what is written there: Emerson's quote "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." And today—as we continue to remember the life and grieve the loss of Melissa Jenkins—let that be Love. 

—Tom Lovett, Headmaster



(Clockwise from left) A banner on Fuller Hall; the Academy community at Chapel in Alumni Memorial Gym, March 30; the banner inside Fuller Hall, mentioned by Headmaster Lovett in the text on page 48; a tribute painting by Fine Arts faculty Larry Golden; Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin at the Academy's March 30 Memorial Service; students, faculty, and staff made thousands of paper cranes in remembrance of Melissa.

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MELISSA

St. Johnsbury and the surrounding community joined forces with the Academy in celebrating the life of beloved SJA teacher Melissa Jenkins. Businesses, organizations, friends, and families showed their support by wearing pink, decorating their homes and offices, and donating proceeds from fund-raisers to a special fund designated for Melissa's two-year old son, Ty. Donations to support Ty through the Melissa Jenkins Memorial Trust can be made online by going to the Beyond the Academy tab at www.stjacademy.org, by donating at any Passumpsic Savings Bank branch in Vermont and New Hampshire, or by sending a check c/o Passumpsic Savings Bank, P.O. Box 38, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

In addition, the Academy Faculty and Staff have established the Melissa Jenkins Citizenship Prize, which will be awarded annually at Commencement to a male and female graduating senior. The students will be selected by the faculty and will need to possess similar qualities as those of Melissa—kind, hard-working, and always willing to help. If you are interested in supporting the Melissa Jenkins Citizenship Prize, please go to the Academy Website at www.stjacademy.org and select Make Your Annual Fund Gift Today. Under the allocation portion of the online giving form you can select the Melissa Jenkins Citizenship Prize.

Thank you to all those who sent gifts directly to the Melissa Jenkins Memorial Trust in support of her son, Ty. As contributions for Ty continue to come in, we are all reminded of the goodness that resides in our greater community. (Please be aware that gifts made to the Melissa Jenkins Memorial Trust are not gifts to St. Johnsbury Academy and are not tax-deductible.)



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