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## Headmaster THOMAS LOVETT

When I heard that Susan Dunklee '04 and Jessica Thornton Sherman '87 were heading to the Olympics, I felt a degree of pride, which on reflection, was wholly undeserved. Sure, I taught Jessica in English, I was Susan's headmaster, and I cheered both of them on from track-side, but I really had no claim to their success. Nevertheless, I felt buoyed by their rise to Olympic status. So did hundreds of others, and why not? They are part of us!

This message is at the heart of this issue of the *Hilltopper*. Whether cheering on Olympians, saving Brantview, collaborating with the History and Heritage Center, or moving back to the St. Johnsbury area to give back to one's hometown, we members of the Academy community are constantly engaged in lifting each other up. By always seeking to improve our surroundings—and ourselves—we find inspirations and aspirations beyond our imaginings. We feel part of a winning team, part of something good, and that inspires even greater efforts.

This issue highlights several other topics that support this message:

- In January, Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Jay Wright '87, took the Fuller Hall stage to introduce fellow alum Phil Soucy '69 for a Chapel talk. Phil talked at length about not only his passion for aeronautics and engineering, but also the history of flight in the United States. He hoped that some of the students listening in the audience would share his passion and embark on careers in aeronautics or engineering, making our country's future in those areas even brighter. There was such a positive response among students that Phil will be returning to campus to give a second talk to a smaller group.
- This February, a group of students traveled to rural India to work among the children of Untouchables (India's lowest social caste). They were chaperoned by two alums who have returned to teach at the Academy—Sarah Garey '92 and Rod Reis '82. Over the course of the two-week service trip, they undertook a smokeless stove project, worked with women in a sewing center, and kicked off a community gardening project at a children's center. They continued to build on earlier trips during which Academy faculty and students helped establish a health center and water purification system.
- Throughout the spring semester, Academy faculty have taught courses to all of the eighth-grade students from the St. Johnsbury School in culinary arts, small engine repair, drafting, and woodworking through Project Rediscovery. As a part of this effort, alums Bret Bourgeois '92 and Gerry Prevost '77, among many others, have helped reinvigorate career and technical education for local

youth. Gerry, Matt Stark '96, and Buffy Fortin '90, are part of the team continuing this work in the summer through the Summer Youth Corps, during which eighth-grade graduates experience the rewards and responsibilities of the workplace while serving the local community.

 Also this spring, we hosted students from the Kaijo Gakuen school in Tokyo for the 25th time. Our longstanding partnership with Kaijo can be seen as an example for the rest of the world: we speak different languages, yet find ways to understand each other; we enjoy only a very short visit, yet establish long lasting friendships; we have both endured tragedies, but remain a sign of hope, peace and understanding. All of this would not be possible without sacrifice and trust on the part of numerous Academy families who receive these students into their homes, and the Kaijo families' trust in us to take good care of them. This year marked the beginning of a new tradition as Ryuichiro "Long" Okada, a resident student from Osaka, Japan planned a cultural festival involving the Kaijo students as part of his Senior Capstone. Every year I am heartened by the genuine and heartfelt good will this program generates.

Together as a school community alums and current students—alongside the teachers who inspired them—are working to build stronger communities here and around the world. As headmaster, I am filled with pride as I look around and see all that generations of Hilltoppers have accomplished or—like Susan and Jessica—are accomplishing. I hope when you are done reading this magazine, you are too. Even more powerful than our treasured memories are the dreams they inspire.



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OUR ACADEMY The Headmaster's Weekly Message Thoughts inspired by morning Chapel stjacademy.org/ouracademy

## TOP OF THE **NEWS**



The Academy has welcomed a group of 30 competitively selected students from the Kaijo Gakuen boys' school in Tokyo since 1989. The boys stay with host families and follow host students through their daily schedules during the 10-day trip; they also visit tourist attractions in the Northeast Kingdom and Boston. Several traditions have developed over the course of the 25-year program: the boys participate in a Welcome and Farewell Chapel each year, perform for host families and faculty members at a Farewell Banquet, bowl, and swim at the Academy's Farmer Natatorium.

This year marked the inception of another event that is likely to become a tradition of the Kaijo boys' visit. As Ryuichiro "Long" Okada, a resident student from Osaka, Japan, thought about his Senior Capstone project, he decided that he wanted to increase interest in the Japanese language program at the Academy. He saw an opportunity to expand students' knowledge about Japanese language and culture as part of the Kaijo students' visit. He planned a Japanese Culture Festival to be put on by the boys from Kaijo as part of their visit highlighting many important aspects of Japanese culture by the fireside in Mayo Center.

Once the Kaijo boys arrive in Vermont, they meet the host families with whom they stay for the duration of their trip. Each year, they spend the first weekend with them, taking part in activities ranging from shopping to skiing. This year, they also visited The Pump House at Jay Peak, and Goodrich's Maple A New Friendship: Chaperones and students from the Kaijo Gakuen school in Tokyo, Japan and students from St. Johnsbury Academy enjoy themselves at the annual Farewell Banquet

Farm, went bowling and had an opportunity to tour Boston for a day at the end of their trip. Daiki Ajiro, one of the Kaijo students, expressed disappointment at having to take time away from his host family for activities such as bowling or the Boston trip because he wanted to talk with native English speakers and continue to improve his English. He had lived in Utah for two years, moving back to Japan when he was in fourth grade. Five years later, after having finished ninth grade, he was pleasantly surprised at how quickly he regained his English skills. "People told me that I speak unaccented English," he said happily. Daiki's favorite things about visiting the Academy were talking with people and making new friends. He hopes to return to the US for college and expressed how thrilled he was to have been able to make the journey to Vermont.

The Kaijo boys' trip to St. Johnsbury is an exceptional experience for both the boys and for the students who host and befriend them. When the group heads back to Japan after visiting the Academy, the boys are in school for only a short time before students from the Academy arrive at Kaijo Gakuen—the Kaijo program has also functioned as an exchange since 1994. The students are always warmly welcomed by their friends from Kaijo whom they met in Vermont only weeks before.

## St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center

ver the last three years, a new nonprofit has been making a place for itself in St. Johnsbury. Spearheaded by Peggy Pearl '65, the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center was formed in 2010 in order to find a home for St. Johnsbury's historic objects. It received non-profit 501(c) (3) status and established a temporary office space at Summer Street School, donated by Lorraine and Jim Impey '64, as volunteers searched for a permanent home.

Peggy Pearl explained the significance of the Center, "We believe in the preservation of the pictures, the papers, the audio tapes of interviews and talks and the objects that tell the story of the history of our town. We are committed to exhibiting these things and teaching the young and sometimes the old the lessons that can be learned from these collections. In doing this, we hope to create a sense of place that can only benefit ourselves and the town that we call home."

After an extensive search by Pearl and other board members, the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center recently found its permanent home at 421 Summer Street in St. Johnsbury, at the former law office of Primmer and Piper. The lot is large, and the house is a good fit for exhibits, classrooms, storage, and archives. The carriage barn will be used as a ground floor exhibit area for large items and second floor storage for some of the collections. The approximately 5,000 artifacts that make up St. Johnsbury's history, ranging in size from a thimble to a horsedrawn water wagon, had been stored at the Fairbanks Museum.

As the History and Heritage Center works toward finalizing the purchase of its new home on Summer Street, a number of collaborative projects have been undertaken between it and the Academy. The Center is now included, along with the Fairbanks Museum, the Athenaeum, and Catamount Arts, as an option for historical Freshman Capstone study. Students worked on several comparative historic photograph projects this spring, including studying photos of the old St. Johnsbury Music Hall, views looking down from Boynton Avenue to the Passumpsic River, ice harvesting and the old YMCA building. They photographed the same views today and then compared and learned about the missing and/or new buildings. Students have participated in preparing biographies for the annual Ghost Walk held each year at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. A student also helped to craft an exhibit at the Center on his relative, gunsmith John Belknap. Additionally, the History and Heritage Facebook page was put together and is maintained by two Academy faculty, Denise Goodhue Scavitto '99 and Angela Drew '00. Finally, the Academy Building Trades and Wiring programs with faculty members Roo Mold '68 and Michael Bugbee '69 will be participating in various aspects of retrofitting the building at 421 Summer Street for its future use as the History and Heritage Center.

Freshman Capstone Advisor Denise Scavitto said, "As we tromped through frozen sludge to the old Summer Street School, another group of my students chatted nervously about their topics. At the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, director Peggy Pearl greeted us with a stack of fascinating resources. My students asked questions about St. Johnsbury during the Civil War, and made plans to tell the story of Civil War soldiers and their families through artifacts, letters, and tombstones. We followed tangents to increasingly interesting discussions from Thaddeus Fairbanks to steeplejacks to mansions and beyond. We



poured over historic photographs from *Streets*, *Public Buildings and General Views of St. Johnsbury, Vermont*, published by F.O. Clark in 1884. They were fascinated by the changes in town over the last 130 years. They clamored to point out familiar buildings and spot even the slightest changes in these landmarks. The walk back to campus was magical: they looked at Main Street in a whole new light, pointing out churches and where buildings like the Y.M.C.A. and the Musical Hall once stood."

The law firm, Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer, PC, the current owner of 421 Summer Street, is generously allowing the History and Heritage Center to use the building while money for its purchase is raised. To date, \$176,000 of the \$250,000 goal has been raised through several fundraisers. For example, the Center began a "250 Club" (an idea from volunteer, Jennifer Peters Paine '68), which has encouraged 250 individuals or groups to become members at \$1,000 each. Also, an open house was held in December orchestrated by Liz Pearl Sargent '67 and Beth Reed Wechsler '67. The deadline for raising funds toward the purchase of the Summer Street building is mid-June. Peggy Pearl said, "We hope Academy alumni will visit our web site and Facebook page to follow our progress and projects and to participate in that progress. Together, we will make this dream a reality and we believe the founders of the St. Johnsbury Academy would be proud of this community partnership."



Standing (L-R) Bob Desrochers '71, Liz Pearl Sargent '67, Susan Crosby Gallagher '65, Jim Impey '64 and Brenda Wilkins '77. Seated (L-R) Peg Pearl '65, Reg Wakeham '65, Jen Peters Paine '68, Angela Drew '00 and Denise Goodhue Scavitto '99



## Growing Hope in Ir

**S** enior Felix Raynor spent his winter break in India on an Academy-sponsored service trip, during which he completed his Senior Capstone project, Sustainable Agriculture for Indian 'Untouchables.' Raynor conceived of his Capstone in response to the recent strife in Syria. He wanted to help children there by planting sustainable gardens in the vast refugee camps. However, it soon became clear that travel to Syria would be out of the question. Instead of giving up on his project, he switched his sights to India. Felix said, "I have never traveled out of this time zone." He continued, "I've been to Canada a couple of times." He was, therefore, understandably excited to be embarking on a school trip to India.

Felix Raynor traveled with other Academy students on the service trip, the idea for which originated five years ago through another Senior Capstone research project undertaken by Caitlin Culver and Heidi Young, both members of the Class of 2009. This was the third Academy trip to the Tamil Nadu region of India. Twenty students traveled there this year, the largest group yet. The trip was again coordinated by the Academy's Colwell Center for Global Understanding and focused on a smokeless stove project in the village of Periyar, working with the women in the village of Kodiakanal in their sewing center, and the implementation of Felix's Capstone project.

Although he knew that he wanted to undertake a "sustainable agricultural program for children," the opportunity to make a meaningful difference became clear as Felix considered the India trip. Since it was service-based, there would be time to plan and execute the gardens he had envisioned. In preparation for the trip and the upcoming work that he would complete there, Felix researched India, including its geography, climate, people, and especially the Indian caste system. He was drawn to the idea of trying to help the dalit or "untouchable" people, the lowest caste in Indian society.

The sustainable agriculture project dovetailed nicely with the ongoing efforts of Help-Kids-India, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Topsham, Vermont, which was formed to provide childcare and education for children of the dalit caste in rural Indian villages by starting small schools known as crèches. Ann Peck, director of Help-Kids-India, Inc., has worked with the Academy on the India service trips since their inception, and helped plan Felix's project. She also assisted with its implementation in India.

In India, Felix hoped to build and plant raised-bed gardens with the children in the crèches, ages 3-5, and their teachers. Based on many factors including climate, nutritional value, and ease of replanting from prior harvests, he planned for the beds to primarily contain tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and peppers. Felix mentioned that he hopes the gardens will be manageable for the children and their teachers to replant year after year. The vegetables that will be harvested, however, are secondary. He said, "Training in experience in gardening is my main goal." Through this, he wanted the Indian children to grow up with the skills to continue to help provide for their families. Felix's Capstone advisor, Academy faculty member Hank Eaton, commented, "Felix's project represents what we hope for in the Capstone program. He pursued his academic passion-foreign policy in the contemporary world-and used his research to create a practical application that helps solve a marketplace problem. In its design and execution, the project reflects our mission of character, inquiry, and community."



Once Felix arrived in India, however, his plans changed. As it turned out, the school where he and the other Academy students worked during their stay already had raised-bed gardens. Felix didn't see this as a negative development although he had not considered this while planning, researching and raising money. Instead of spending time building the gardens, he suddenly had ample opportunity to work with the children on soil management and planting. He was also able to purchase small plant pots in the market and teach the children about planting using them. He donated money that he had raised for building the garden beds to the crèche so that they could continue working with sustainable agriculture.

Academy Headmaster Tom Lovett called Felix, "a very thoughtful and compassionate young man with an outstanding work ethic." He continued, "These traits have made him an outstanding citizen here at the Academy, but this project sets him on the path to becoming an outstanding citizen of the world—something we hope for all of our students."

Felix Raynor's India trip and its benefit to the children of Periyar would not have been possible without the generosity of others. Felix traveled to India with the help of the Academy's new International Travel Fund, a scholarship fund recently established by a foundation, which pays for a student to take an Academy international trip each year. Application for the scholarship is competitive and also based partly on a family's income. An essay describing, in Felix's words, "where you want to go and why" was required. With something as concrete and worthwhile as building sustainable gardens for children in India, it is easy to see why Felix won.

The Academy is currently accepting donations for the International Travel Fund. If you would like to donate, please visit the donations section of our website at www.stjacademy. org/giving or contact Director of Development and Alumni Relations Tammi Sullivan Cady '88 by phone at (802) 751-2011 or by email at tcady@stjacademy.org.

### Project Rediscovery

A ll eighth grade students at St. Johnsbury School attended hands-on classes in the Academy's Career and Technical Education program this Spring semester in a unique co-curricular partnership called Project Rediscovery. Classes were offered in Small Engine Maintenance, Drafting/ Design and Woodworking, and Culinary Arts.

"It's an opportunity for the St. Johnsbury School students to learn what it's like to be in a real hands-on Career and Technical Education program," said Gerard Prevost, Culinary Arts Faculty Member and coordinator of the program. The class offerings at the Academy are interesting and diverse, culminating in a final project; all emphasized safety and equipment training, Prevost said. All eighth grade students received an introduction to the broad range of Career and Technical Educational options available at the Academy, and learned some valuable realworld lessons through participating in these challenging introductory classes. Jeff Burroughs, Assistant Headmaster for Academics, commented, "Learning is a multi-faceted process and encouraging all eighth grade students to experiment with project-oriented hands-on learning is an important recognition of the various student learning styles that are present in a class or school. I am very pleased that we share the common belief with St. Johnsbury School that exposing students to all types of learning is essential in preparing them to lead fulfilling lives."

This partnership between the St. Johnsbury School and St. Johnsbury Academy will continue annually going forward. The Academy hopes to roll the program out to other area schools in the coming years.



Eighth grade students from St. Johnsbury School learning the basics of auto mechanics' tools and tool safety from their Small Engine Mechanics teacher, Bret Bourgeois '92

### CLEAR RIVER REVIEW 2014

Now in its seventh year of celebrating the work of student writers and fine artists, the 2014 *Clear River Review* is available for purchase for \$10. To order a copy of the Academy's journal of student creative writing and visual arts, please send an email to Jenny Mackenzie, jmackenzie@stjacademy.org.



## New Faculty & Staff

The Academy community welcomed the newest members of the faculty and staff in 2013-2014, a remarkable group of educators recruited to enhance the academic and extracurricular life of the school.



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Para-Educator



**GRACE CUNNINGHAM** Special Services

**ELIZABETH LAVERTY** 

Math



English



Custodian



Secretary, Fine Arts & Math





## Fashion Classes Inspire Future Designers

Each year, the Academy holds a fashion show featuring the work of students from Dyan Wallace's Fashion II and Advanced Art in Design classes. This year's show highlighted a total of 15 designers. Academy students and children from the community acted as models. This year's theme was *Wings of Desire 2014*. According to Wallace, "Students used birds, butterflies, even a duck as inspirations for their designs." Wallace said, "The students from Fashion Design II and Advanced Art in Fashion have created their own collections. One special design was selected from each of the student's collections and models were chosen to accompany the designs and their creators through the process of pattern-making, fitting and sewing to the finished 'runway' product. In addition, our Advanced Fashion Art students created children's wear outfits to complement the theme, experimenting with textile print design."

Photography by Lance Jiang '15 and Diego Melendez











To see all of the photos visit : stjacademy.smugmug.com/20132014/Fashion2014

# Retiring Faculty and Staff

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to members of our faculty and staff, and wish them all the best in retirement. Thank you from the entire Academy Community.



### **DONNA HOVEY**

graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1966. I was the first in my family to graduate from the Academy; my brother and three sisters followed. Including husbands, wives, nieces, nephews and now children of nephews, number 23 in our extended family will graduate next year.

My '66 graduating class has been planning a reunion trip this year, traveling on Route 66. We are starting the trip in Albuquerque, NM on September 14 and ending up in Las Vegas at the Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino on September 20. This could be the trip of a lifetime!

After graduating from the Academy, I attended Lyndon State College. I owned a business in St. Johnsbury and worked for 16 years at St. Johnsbury Middle School. I returned to the Academy in 2002 and have been the substitute teacher coordinator since then.

After I retire, I hope to spend time with my daughter and grand-daughter in Florida and my grandchildren in Shelburne, VT.

I hope to still sell tickets on Brantview Drive for home football games!

I will not be working Sunday evenings or receiving 6 a.m. calls!!!

I have so enjoyed my time at the Academy and will always remember it fondly.



### **PAIGE CROSBY**

began in the world of college admissions while an undergraduate at Franklin and Marshall College. I was the first student to sit on the admissions committee and read applications. Perhaps I entered this field of work because my own worry and frustration and confusion in applying to college was so great. My SAT scores were a disappointment to all and I felt less than powerful. Over the years of working with students as they navigate their lives, make choices for the future and find their voice and talent, I reflect on my own feelings at this time of life. I have a long memory and somehow feel that I can empathize and understand as I counsel—I feel their pain. My years in college admissions were most educational as I learned about different colleges and traveled throughout the country.

I was delighted to be approached by Bernier Mayo at a cocktail party (where he unofficially hired me) to work with SJA's international students. My mentor was Mary Ann King. I began as a parttime consultant and eventually joined the guidance office full time and worked with a full range of Academy students. I am most grateful to have had the opportunity to grow in my Master's program at LSC and use the counseling skills I learned there every day. I have since obtained my CPC (Certified Professional Coach) certificate and am a certified Life Coach. These skills have helped me in my work and will be my new career.

I love kids. I love to watch their "bloom" into adulthood. I have great respect for their journey. It has been my privilege to share in their lives all these years. This faculty and staff are family to me. I love them dearly and will hold them dear all the days of my life. I leave the Academy with a grateful and melancholy heart and with excitement for the future—these are the gifts and lessons of my students.

## HOME AGAIN



his fall, an article from my wife's college magazine caught my attention, as it reminded

me of so many Academy alumni. Eliza Borne wrote in her article, *Home Again*, of "the siren call of home," and long resisting a return to Arkansas, "a place where many people are from and most of them come back

sooner or later." She wrote of growing up with grandparents and cousins nearby, of an innate pride for a home where people are kind and hardworking, and also how her education was designed to move her beyond her hometown to bigger and better things.

After returning to Little Rock and buying a house two miles from her childhood home, she speaks of her deep love for a beautiful place, of the pleasure in cultivating old relationships, of running into people she has known her whole life, and of having the ability to respond to family crises in person. She goes on to say, "There's something poignant in choosing the community that raised you, and it makes me feel abundantly, satisfyingly full. After all, Little Rock needs strong minds educated at liberal arts colleges, free thinkers who are eager to do good work."

If you grew up in the Northeast Kingdom, I think you know why I felt such a connection to Eliza's article. While I can't claim to be a local, Janice and I have been here for nearly forty years, my children and grandchildren were born here, and this place has become home. Each year, we hear from so many of you who wish you could return so that your children would experience life in a community full of kind, hardworking people. Alums often express a strong desire to raise their children in a place where they are known and where family and long-time friends surround them. They wish their children could attend St. Johnsbury Academy and share the quality of education that they experienced during their time here.

The Academy and this area have long been blessed by those who, like Eliza, return here to raise their families, do good work, and become part of the fabric of the Northeast Kingdom. We, especially, would not be the school we are if it weren't for those talented graduates who return home to join our faculty. Throughout this magazine, you will see references to the impact those who return are making, as well as hear first-hand of their experiences in returning home again.

Despite the many challenges being faced by rural communities throughout the country, as well as some of those unique to St. Johnsbury and the surrounding area, this remains a wonderful place to live and to raise a family, or even to retire. The energy brought by some of those you will hear about, along with so many others, including those who have never left, continue to make this a better place. We enjoy clean air, beautiful scenery, wonderful recreational opportunities, many excellent schools, a community of people who remain kind and hardworking, and an expanding economy, especially tied to investment in Burke Mountain and Jay Peak. If you've ever thought of returning home this might be a great time to explore the opportunities available. After all, the Northeast Kingdom needs strong minds, free thinkers, and those eager to do good work.

JACK CUMMINGS Associate Headmaster, Advancement & Admission

John J. Carning

### Alumni Professional Network Launched

The Academy has launched a new alumni professional network through LinkedIn. This tool will enable alumni from across the world to take advantage of the vast experience and expertise of our many alumni, parents, and friends. Find out who lives in your area, post job openings, and most of all, learn from and utilize our many alumni experts in their chosen fields.

Join the St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Network on LinkedIn today!















#### **Coming Home to the Kingdom**



very year St. Johnsbury Academy graduates matriculate into some of the best colleges and universities in the country. Many of them, believing that there are no jobs, that cities are more compelling, or that opportunities seem better elsewhere, never return to the Northeast Kingdom. This local situation reflects an issue in Vermont, and the Kingdom specifically, that has been commented on for years - the dreaded brain drain. Brain drain, or human capital flight, can be geographic or related to a specific professional field or economic sector. When educated or professional people depart from an area, usually for better pay or living conditions, they take energy for economic growth with them. Communities invest in their young people, and when those young people leave, the rewards for those investments are reaped elsewhere, at no benefit to our local economy. And the pattern repeats itself.

Quietly, though, over the last few years, there has been a change afoot. High demand in the healthcare sector and the strong reputations of our local small hospitals have opened competitive opportunities for doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers. Enabled by technology, professionals in other fields have found that they are able to give their families the benefits of a rural or small-town lifestyle while still maintaining their out-oftown employment if they so choose. With these appealing forces pushing them along, a steady flow of mid-career professionals has been returning to the area. This article will feature a few of them, who happen to be Academy alumni: Dr. Deane Rankin '86 and Jamie '90 and Melissa Hemond '91 Murphy. I will also tell my own story, because my family moved back too. Our reasons for returning are as varied as our experiences away. We have also chosen surprisingly different lifestyles now that we are here. But we are united in our belief, reinforced by our time elsewhere, that the Northeast Kingdom truly is home.

Deane Rankin and his wife, Sandra, visited the Northeast Kingdom as often as possible when Deane was studying medicine in Indiana and completing his otolaryngology residency in Burlington. When Deane was ready to go into practice, the choice to settle in St. Johnsbury was obvious. Deane says, "The NEK and in particular the region around St. Johnsbury is unique in that it is a small town with large connections (Interstates 91 and 93), affording easy access to the outdoors, outdoor activities, and expansive spaces while enabling easy travel to major metropolitan areas in New England and Canada. Combine that with the academics and diversity of the Academy and the small but ever expanding art and music scene and we have never found a place which could provide us a better place to call home."

Professionally, Deane has experienced great success, selling a practice, adding a partner, and expanding beyond his original location at Littleton Regional Healthcare to a second practice site at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. He and his

WE ARE UNITED IN OUR BELIEF, REINFORCED By our time elsewhere, that the Northeast Kingdom truly is home. family have also been part of the revitalization of Main Street in St. Johnsbury, where young families have flocked in recent years to purchase and restore stately old homes. The neighborhood is beautiful and vibrant again, with house tours, neighborhood gatherings, dinner clubs, children's groups and a great deal of community involvement. Deane celebrates the revitalization and hopes that it continues and spreads. He says, "We need to find a way to bring more industry and innovative investing to the area to afford people the quality of life they desire and to hopefully continue the renewal back into the surrounding neighborhoods." He adds that he hopes that residents will eagerly seek involvement in their communities when they realize the impact they can have through participating.

Deane and Sandra Rankin "feel lucky to live and raise our children where so many people come to be on vacation," and add, "While nothing is certain in life, we anticipate calling St. Johnsbury home for as long as we can and hopefully forever. We anticipate continuing to support the Academy, the community, the Northeast Kingdom and all the people we are lucky enough to know here as long as we can."

In contrast to Deane's experience of moving back to his childhood home to establish his private medical practice, Jamie and Melissa Murphy followed professional opportunity across the country as Jamie worked toward his goal of becoming a sports agent. Describing his field as "highly competitive and extremely difficult to break into," Jamie says, "We made a lot of financial and lifestyle sacrifices, including moving to places that we didn't choose but were chosen for us. I had to ask Melissa twice to leave a great job and friends to move somewhere new." Jamie and Melissa always missed being away from the Northeast Kingdom, and especially from friends and family. They managed to visit often but struggled with travel after the birth of their first child. They had been living in Arizona for ten years at that point and yet had never quite adjusted to the difference in lifestyle between St. Johnsbury and Phoenix. Melissa says, "It was very difficult to think about raising our family in such a different environment than we were used to."

When their two boys grew close to school age, Jamie and Melissa took the plunge and moved north, and like Deane and Sandra Rankin, settled on Main Street in St. Johnsbury. At first, they felt that the town had not changed a great deal from when they grew up here, but soon learned that "St. Johnsbury is a much more socially vibrant area than we thought." They were surprised with the number of "non-natives" who now live in town and by "how many social activities we could find for our children and ourselves every weekend." They add, "That aspect of moving has far exceeded our expectations." Melissa and Jamie have also engaged with the community in a public service direction. Melissa is an active volunteer with the boys' school and serves on the Catamount Arts Board of Directors; Jamie has recently begun serving on the St. Johnsbury Selectboard. Jamie also has engaged in local entrepreneurship with the co-purchase of a commercial building on Railroad Street and the establishment of multiple businesses, activities he finds "both fun and rewarding."

The Murphys are delighting in their reconnection to St. Johnsbury and the Northeast Kingdom. "We couldn't be enjoying it more," they say, and add, "Our boys are thriving in their new school and we love our new home and lifestyle. We look forward to getting up every day and living and working in this town." As for the future, they see themselves staying in the NEK for a very long time, raising their family and becoming even more civically involved. They envision great things for their little town, saying, "We really think that St. Johnsbury has the potential to grow into a better version of itself and we hope to be a part of that."

Unlike Deane, Jamie or Melissa, when I graduated from the Academy in 1991 I had no plans to return. As a young adult I preferred city life and found that Boston was the right place for my husband, Ed, and me to live and work after college. When our two kids reached school-age, we moved a short distance outside the city to be closer to their school. Meanwhile, Ed cofounded a strategic consulting firm, and his business required him to live in close proximity to a major airport. We had a long-term plan for our family, but we became unsure with the passage of time whether it was the right plan. In 2011, our daughter, Avery, who was 11 at the time, was showing promise in both alpine skiing and swimming, and her school seemed reluctant to work with us to allow her to reach her highest potential in both sports or either one. At the same time, our son, Nevin, two years younger and also an alpine skier, was less happy and engaged at school than we liked. We were reasonably satisfied with our choices, but traveling for sports and advocating for our kids was taking up more and more of our time and attention. It seemed that when we asked the school or the swim team or the ski program to work with us, the answer was usually "no."

During a vacation week at the end of that summer, we decided to check out options for schools and sports in the



Northeast Kingdom. We were thrilled with what we found. Put simply, "no" became "yes." When we asked the school if it was acceptable to miss some afternoons to ski, they said "yes." When we asked the swim coach if she would accommodate a skier/swimmer, she replied, "We love multi-sport athletes." When we saw an opportunity to place our children in academic classes so small they resembled individual instruction, we jumped at it. Our kids were enrolled at their new school before they were withdrawn from the old one.

Almost three years later, we are still discovering all of the great things this region has to offer. Through extended programs at home and summer camps in the West, alpine skiing continues to offer our kids great opportunities to travel, work hard, challenge themselves and pursue their passions. They are also thriving at school, where their academics are sufficiently rigorous yet the environment is less pressure-packed than in the Boston suburbs. We chose to live out of town when we moved and our property in Peacham affords us the space to have horses. We have discovered winter hiking and summer boating. We have jumped on to the mountain biking bandwagon. There is truly no shortage of activity in all seasons.

The isolation of a small northern town was an important aspect of my desire as a young person to live somewhere else. Technology has changed that dynamic for those of us who live here now, creating connectedness with the larger world that enriches our lives. While our mobile phone coverage at home in Peacham is not as robust as in more populous areas, our cable modem connection offers us the best internet service we have ever had. My son studies guitar with his teacher in Massachusetts via Skype. My husband uses video conferencing in place of face-to-face meetings with no loss of effectiveness. And when we really need to go somewhere, there is almost never any traffic.

No place is perfect to live, but we are fortunate that we have been able to transition seamlessly, with no sacrifices, to an area where our quality of life is greatly improved. Giving back is important to us and we try to contribute to our community as much as we can, volunteering at school, sitting on boards and working to start a new business in town. Civic engagement feels important here, and we believe that individuals with diverse ideas and experiences can make a significant impact.

Whether we planned our return to the Northeast Kingdom for a long time or reacted spontaneously to serendipitous circumstances, my fellow returnees and I are laying the groundwork for a long-term relationship with the area. It is an area that offers combinations of elements that can sometimes seem too good to be true: a residential neighborhood intimate and friendly enough for house-tour fundraisers and impromptu block parties, that is also within walking distance of the business and restaurant district; technology and high-bandwidth internet connectivity sufficient to maintain big-city professional competitiveness, existing in a village so tiny, with such low light pollution, that it can host an astronomical observatory; a school with fewer than ten children in a classroom located minutes from a world-class ski academy; an opportunity to receive a first-tier secondary education in a town so small and walkable there are fewer than five stop-lights. It may not work for everyone, but it is working for us. <sup>SJA</sup>



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BY SEAN E. SAWYER, PhD, '84



grew up in East Burke in the shadow of Burklyn Hall, Elmer Darling's grand neo-Georgian mansion, and I've been captivated by historic houses for as long as I can remember. My interest in architecture and design is certainly an important part of this, but it is the stories of people—of individuals, families and communities—that they contain that I find most fascinating. By the time I arrived at the Academy I was enthralled by the story of the Fairbanks family and their rise to wealth and international fame from—as it seemed to me as a teenager the extreme isolation of northern Vermont.

In last spring's issue of *The Hilltopper*, I read of the Academy's plans to restore Brantview, the grand, Chateau-Style mansion designed by local architect Lambert Packard for William and Rebecca Fairbanks in 1883, and was eager to learn more. Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, graciously offered to arrange a tour when I next came up from New York. So a bright cold February morning saw me and my family exploring the nooks and crannies of the great old house and hearing from Tammi and Associate Headmaster Jack Cummings about the restoration project—all while its current residents were in class. It was great, curiosity-satisfying fun—as poking around other people's houses generally is—but for someone whose work revolves around historic buildings and landscapes it was also deeply inspiring.

From 2001 to 2007, I was Director of a historic Dutch farmhouse in Brooklyn, and since 2010 I have been the Executive Director of The Royal Oak Foundation, the American partner of the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In both positions, I have seen how great old houses



can engage a wide range of visitors with important historical issues, and also how they can inspire communities to take ownership of their past and build upon it to provide significantly enhanced educational and cultural opportunities in the present.

On the most fundamental level, my tour of Brantview revealed that the Academy has been an excellent steward of this important landmark of regional architecture since William and Rebecca's son, Colonel Joseph Fairbanks, gifted it to the Academy in 1931. The house is a striking example of the translation of high-style design from the homes of America's plutocrats, such as the Vanderbilts, to regional centers like St. Johnsbury. Packard, the Fairbanks' company architect, was a talented and prolific designer, who was inspired by the work of Henry Hobson Richardson and Richard Morris Hunt, the latter a fellow Vermonter who was the first American to attend the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris and became the preeminent architect of his day. Brantview's principal historic interiors are remarkably intact given the house's service as a dorm all these years. Packard's and the Fairbanks' familiarity with the most fashionable interiors of the period is apparent throughout. The elaborate oak and mahogany woodwork was all fabricated in the Fairbanks foundry's carpentry shops, where Packard had begun his career as foreman, and testify to the excellence of local craftsmanship. The main floor parlors were restored some years back and remain in excellent condition, and I was impressed by the generally good condition of the woodwork and floors in these high-traffic areas. Also, many of the student rooms on the upper floors have distinctive architectural features, which are clearly points of pride for both the administration and residents.

Jack and Tammi explained the ambitious restoration project to us, and I was pleased and impressed to hear that the Academy will tackle critical but unglamorous work, such as replacing the current roofing material with historically correct slate, upgrading wiring and heating systems, and taking on significant energy efficiency work. This is a major commitment within the context of a historic structure, where the most straightforward project can quickly and unexpectedly become complicated and costly.

I believe that Brantview's restoration holds the potential to significantly enhance the Academy's educational mission and encourage the administration to see the project as an opportunity to engage both students and the community. Most practically, students from the technical education program might learn and work in a range of conservation trades, such as: woodwork restoration, ornamental plastering and painting, and historic glass and metalwork restoration. I also see opportunities for academic classes to incorporate aspects of the project into their curricula, from fine art and architecture to social and economic history and science-based studies. I would think that students undertaking Capstone projects especially might find many interesting opportunities in Brantview's restoration.

When completed, the restored Brantview will be an enhanced asset for the Academy, the town of St. Johnsbury and the whole Northeast Kingdom. I see Brantview and its donation to the Academy as emblematic of the Fairbanks family's world-ly wealth, their belief in the spiritual enrichment to be found in great art and architecture, and their philanthropic commitment to give back to their community. Now, fellow alumni, it is our turn to ensure that this legacy endures.

Thanksgiving 1928–Guests of Caretakers. Photograph courtesy of Bob Jenks

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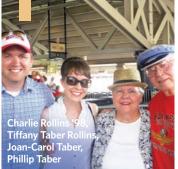
### LOMPOC. CA

Brent Melville '87 hosted an alumni event at his family owned vineyard in Lompoc, CA, last spring. Brent gave the group a personal tour followed by a wine tasting seminar. The evening concluded with a nice dinner at the Firestone Restaurant.













### NAPLES. FL

The Remington was the home of the Naples, FL, luncheon hosted by **Diane** and Gareth '67 Caldbeck on Saturday, February 22. The second annual luncheon turned out to be just as popular as the first.



WASHINGTON, DC

Trustee Jay Wright '87 and his wife, Janelle, hosted an alumni







Attending the luncheon, *seated* (L-R) Jo-Ann Hall Sullivan '68, Diane and Gareth Caldbeck '67, Tom and Ann Lovett, Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, second row, (L-R) Wendy Brown '80, Sharon Brown, Monica Johnson '02, Janet Dionne Quatrini '67, Barbara Cutting Thurston '61, Su-san Sherrer Quatrini ' 67, Steven Quatrini '63, Francine Paquin Costa '69, Orlando Costa '53, Richard '66 and Carmen Gagne, David Coburn '59, and Alan Ruggles '84, *back row*, (L-R) Dennis Brown '75, Allyn May '47, Luke Johnson '01, Missy and Nick McCuen '59, Bryon Quatrini '66, Charlie Page '55, Bill Keach '67, Russ '67 and Dawn Sherburne Lowrey '67, Bo Keach, Patti Albee Coburn '67, Ernie Thurston '58, Julie Leonard '91, and Jason Baum.

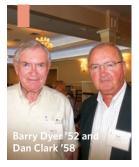
#### **Alumni Events**

### OCALA, FL

The Ocala National Golf Club has been home to the Academy luncheons hosted by **Steve '52** and **Nate '50 Gilman** for the past eight years. Held on Tuesday, February 25, the group enjoyed the company of each other while having the opportunity to hear about the state of the school by Headmaster Tom Lovett.







### VERO BEACH, FL

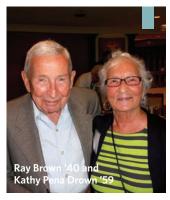
Thanks to **Jean McGregor Rogers '56** who once again graciously hosted the luncheon at the Vero Beach Country Club which was held on Monday, February 24. A nice time was had by all.



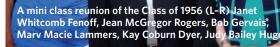


### TAMPA, FL

The Tampa luncheon continues to be a special event. **Tim Drown '81** with the help of his dad, **Doug Drown '57** began hosting the event 16 years ago. This year's event was held on Friday, February 21, at the Tampa Club located on the top floor of the Bank of America building. The harbor view was stunning, the food was amazing, and the company couldn't have been better.







### MARIETTA, GA

On a beautiful evening, a small group gathered at the home of **Todd '82** and **Vivian Pacifico** in Marietta, GA, on April 10, 2014.

(L-R) Bruno Guillemette '71, Garett Backman (parent), Jack Cummings, Vivian Pacifico, Todd Pacifico '82, Jason Naylor '90, Cary Aiken '73, Diane Aiken, Brian Soucy '73, and Sherry Soucy



Over 20 alums attended the St. Johnsbury Academy Bermuda Alumni Event on October 8, 2013 at The Heritage Court Restaurant in The Fairmont Hamilton Princess. The gathering gave alumni living in Bermuda a chance to reconnect, reminisce and renew old friendships.

Row 1 (L-R) Leniko Lightbourne '10, Daneika Bean '94, Sarafina Woohidge-Burns '13, Shondelle Paynter '94, Steven Lambert '07, Jack Cummings, Mateo Frazzoni '11, George Peets '95, Cameron Rowling-Bridgewater '04, *Row 2* (L-R) Daymon Bean '92, Tiago Sousa, Nylan Richardson, Nathan Richardson '94, Brian Fubler '12

### **ALUMNI HOCKEY REUNION**

St. Johnsbury Academy alumni, parents, and friends enjoyed an evening of hockey in Fenton Chester Arena. While the players raced up and down the ice, parents and friends cheered them on from behind the glass. Following the reunion game, everyone reconvened at Valley View Restaurant to enjoy the rest of the evening hosted by **Cathy Hanks '94** and **Rick Hanks '87**.

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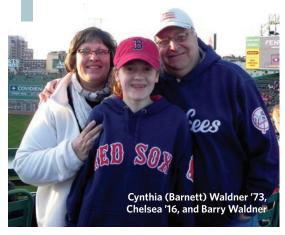
Kneeling (L-R): Don Swain, Bill Hannon '86, Guy Demers '67, Jonathan Brown '89, Bill Goodhue '02, David Baker '01, Matthew Clarke '13, Back Row: Ethan Swain '01, Ryan Robinson '02, Craig Weston, Garrett Grant '11, Christian Henault '08, Tim Clouatre '86, Ben Price '11, Ben Clarke '11, Devon Biggie '12, Jeff Nummelin '81, Marc Nummelin '08, Jeff Tirey, Evan Tirey '13, Mike Strauch, Nathan Smith '11, Ford Davis '04, Dylan Rutledge '11, Chris Brown '08, and Michael Guidosh '11

### Alumni Events

### **RED SOX GAME**

The fourth annual Academy Red Sox Outing took place at Fenway Park with the Red Sox taking on the Houston Astros. From our private deck we game while still walking around and mingling with our 75 guests. This annual event continues to be a popular one.









### **SKI DAY AT BURKE MOUNTAIN**

Following a day on the slopes at Burke Mountain, gathered in the Tamarac Lounge for the evening.

Terry Powers '70, Donna Powers Hovey '66, Karen Snow Buzzell '68, and Ken Buzzell





and Emily and Jonathan Brown '89

BOSTON BRUINS GAME St. Patrick's Day and Boston Bruin's Hockey, what a combination! Throw in 40 SJA Alumni and you have a great gathering in Boston. Prior to the game, a number of alumni gathered at West End Johnnie's and then made their way to TD

Garden. The night was capped off with a Bruins' win!



### HONG KONG

A St. Johnsbury Academy alumni, parents, and friends reunion was held in Hong Kong on November 15, 2013.

There were many laughs, story-telling, and friendships renewed. A series of international reunions are planned for next year. Stay tuned for more details.





### TOKYO, JAPAN

An informal alumni gathering was held around an Admissions Fair in Toyko, Japan, this past fall. Thank you to our alumni and parents who assisted with the fair. Stay tuned for a full alumni gathering this fall.

(L-R) Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, Roger Yim '92, Trustee Lee Hackett '57, Aaron Bull '02, Rainbow Tang '01, Janet Wong '03, Jack Cummings, Victor Chan '03, Jason Chan '03, Derek Fong '92, Kelvin Leung '90, Peter Lu '03, KC Sun '90





(L-R) Margaret Leung, Edmund Leung, Joan Yau, Timothy Fong, Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, Rainbow Tang '01, Sarita Lee, Lawrence Lee, Stephanie Ko '09, Trustee Alex Ko, Alistair Lee, Trustee Lee Hackett '57, Kelvin Leung '90, Frankie Tam '94, Jack Cummings, Tommy Lee '95, KC Sun '90, Kam Tak Cheung, Derek Fong '92, Tak Piu Lou, Peter Lu '03, Thoy Nhung Nguyen Le, Yuk Sang Lo, Aaron Bull '02, Tony Yue, and Jason Lee







Susan Dunklee '04, FOLLOWS PATH TO OLYMPIC SUCCESS By Phoebe Cavanaugh Cobb '90 

Susan Dunklee '04 ended her 2004 Salutatory speech at her graduation with the words, "As long as we submerge ourselves in enthusiasm for the things we love, I believe we shall succeed." Ten years later, Susan is still doing what she loves with unfettered enthusiasm and achieving unbelievable levels of success. Coming full circle ten years later, Susan will be Commencement Speaker at the 2014 Academy graduation.

During the Winter Olympics this February, Susan made US biathlon history in Sochi, Russia. On February third, she finished 14th in the 7.5 kilometer sprint with a time of 21:48.3, for the top Olympic sprint finish ever by a US woman. On February 17th, Susan placed 12th in the 12.5 kilometer mass start event with a time of 36:57.9. She had the 6th fastest skiing time overall and was the first US woman to qualify for an Olympic mass start event.

Susan also finished her 2014 biathlon season on a spectacular note in late March. As Lynda Jager wrote on the Team USA website, "Susan Dunklee finished third in the women's World Cup 7.5-kilometer sprint in Oslo. With clean shooting and a time of 22:51.8, today's performance marked Dunklee's first career podium and the third individual women's podium finish in US Biathlon history." Susan proclaimed on her Facebook profile, "PODIUM!!! third today in Holmenkollen. Proud to be part of the US Biathlon community whose professionalism and support has paved the way." She also said during a press conference following the race, "This is an overwhelming and new experience for me. It's something that I've been thinking about for a long time and it's exciting to be sitting here with two role models I've been watching on TV for years. It's kind of surreal actually."

Susan spoke to the Academy community during a 2012 Chapel Talk in Fuller Hall, sharing her ideas about doing the things she loves and following her dreams. She said, "My favorite things to do when I was here at St. J. were skiing and running." She competed as a three-season athlete in crosscountry running, Nordic skiing and track. Over her high-school sports career, she set school records in three track events, was the cross-country state champion in 2003 and the runnerup the two years prior, and track state champion five times in three events. Susan continued doing what she liked best at Dartmouth. She said, "I kept following that passion into college; I didn't know exactly where it would take me." At Dartmouth, Susan was an NCAA All-American in Nordic skiing several times. She also was an All-Ivy selection in cross-country running and was named a Scholar-Athlete.

After college, Susan became part of the US biathlon team. According to an article by freelancer Peggy Shinn on the Team USA website, "Senior year, while trying to decide what to do with her ecology degree, Dunklee received an email from James Upham, then U.S. Biathlon development coach, inviting her to a biathlon camp. Dunklee told her dad about the offer. He once considered biathlon as cross-country's 'poor cousin.' But he encouraged her to attend, advising that if she didn't try it, she would always wonder 'what if.' Although she had never shot a rifle, Dunklee was soon hooked. Shooting gave skiing a 'new dimension.'"

Susan also spoke about her next goal back in 2012, making the Olympic Biathlon Team. She said, "My goal is not simply to go to the Olympics; I don't want to be a warm body on the starting line. I want to be in Sochi and I want to be competing at the top of the results list."She talked about what she feels it takes to achieve goals. She believes that to reach any goal, one must: 1) work hard; 2) look for help from other people; 3) keep things fun and interesting; and 4) believe in oneself.

In terms of hard work, Susan puts in three to four hours of physical training each day. She attempts to increase her aerobic capacity and her strength, perfect the details of her skiing and takes 15-20,000 shots each year at practice targets. She crosstrains, participating in biking, rowing, weight training, hiking and running. She is outside training every day, all year long, regardless of the weather.

Susan has learned to depend on others for help. She credits her parents, coaches, wax technicians, friends, and especially

## I DON'T WANT TO BE A WARM BODY ON THE STARTING LINE.



her biathlon peers as her inspiration and the main drivers of her success. She said, "Out of all the people in the world, they understand what I'm doing better than anyone else because they're doing the same thing. They're sharing the experience with me."

As she trains, Susan also tries to keep things fun. She spoke of skiing in bikinis in the first snow of the season, skiing off jumps, and the whole team dying their hair bright pink. She said, "You're not going to keep putting in the work if you're not getting anything out of it or if it's not enjoyable." She tries to keep things fresh, exciting and interesting.

Susan knows first-hand the value of believing in herself to reach her goals. "Goals by nature are uncertain. You set a high goal for yourself, you don't know if you're going to achieve it. You don't know if you can achieve it even if you put in all the work." She advised students, "Set goals that are a little higher than you might be capable of."

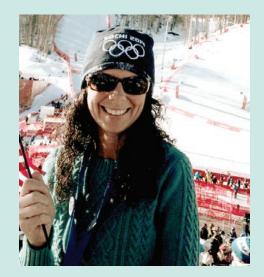
Susan Dunklee is the Academy's first Olympian. As a teenager, she realized that "work lends itself to enjoyment and success when one cares deeply about one's subject matter." She told her class at graduation, "Hold on to your passions; don't let them drown in a bog of workplace boredom and meaningless complacency. Why not choose a career path that matches your hobbies and interests?" Susan held on to her passions and ended up setting records at the Olympics. In her words, "I just kept doing what I loved and watched to see where it would take me."

## In Good Hands

essica Thornton Sherman '87, was also at the Olympics in Sochi this winter, working as a physical therapist for the US Men's Ski Jumping team. Jess described her trip to the Olympics as "a career goal that I've had for 20 years."

A physical therapist with the Alpine Ski Clinic, in Franconia, NH, Jessica graduated from the Academy and the University of Vermont, where she received degrees in both physical therapy and athletic training. Her years of professional experience have encompassed all areas of orthopedics and sports medicine, with emphasis on returning patients to sports and recreation.

Jessica lives in Waterford, VT with her husband and five sons, including five-year-old twins. She spends all of her limited spare time with her boys, who participate in gymnastics, track and skiing, among other sports. She hopes that her experience in Sochi will inspire her boys to follow their dreams. She said in an interview with WCAX weekend host Julie Kelley, '92, "My work ethic will hopefully also be fostered in them as well. They will know that you have to work and have responsibilities and dreams and goals and that you should be able to achieve them if you work hard." With a role model like Jess, we can't wait to see what her boys achieve!





It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else – ERMA BOMBECK



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## Alex spoke on Capstone Day about the value of goal-setting and persistance.

### ESTATE PLANNING, RECURRING GIFTS AND DEFERRED GIFT ANNUITIES

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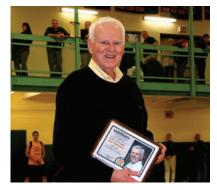
**28** *Pictured Above:* Family and friends of **Helen Byers Johnson** gathered to officially dedicate

the Johnson Archive Center located in the Mayo Center. Family in attendance for the event included (L-R) Susan Tsokalas, Conor Maxwell, Megan Maxwell, Michael Maxwell, Lisa Johnson Maxwell, Mona Johnson, and **Dick Johnson '54**.

**46** Class members attending a gettogether at the home of Lucille Jones Oakes in July 2013, (L-R) Stewart Gibson, Richard Hovey, Rosemary Traynor Meyer, Consuela Johnson Corliss, Kathryn Mears Trupin, Lucille Jones Oakes, and Florence Buxton Meigs. Several family members attended or stopped by for the gathering.

**48** The Eccentric English Text is a compilation by retired English teacher **Robert Heon** of works from different authors, mainly designed for those 60, 70, 80, and possibly 90-year-old teen agers. Available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and from XLibris.com directly, the book will fill any gaps in the poetry education of senior citizens. Bob lives in Springfield, Massachusetts.





**50** Another honor for **Dan Thurston** of St. Johnsbury. He was inducted into the Vermont Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2013 to honor his many years of coaching girls' basketball at St. Johnsbury Academy. The motto of the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association is "Making Basketball Better." Congratulations, Dan.

**51** Rod Vitty became an honorary alumnus of Norwich University of Northfield, Vermont, at their homecoming football game in October 2013. Honorary alumnus status is presented to a faculty, staff, parent, or friend of the University who has demonstrated a great love for Norwich and reflected the ideals of a Norwich graduate, while making a lasting impact on its students, graduates, and the institution. Rod and his wife, Pat, live in Quechee, Vermont.



**555** Who wins a car? In this case, it's **Beulah Darrell McGinnis** of St. Johnsbury. She sat in the studio audience of 'The Price Is Right' on December 3, 2013, with her husband, **Richard '53 T**, during a vacation trip to visit their daughter, **Linda McGinnis Stellpflue '79**, in California. She won the game show's 'Lucky Seven' game, and earned a 2014 Mazda CX5 Sport Utility Vehicle.



**Bob Renaud '55**, along with brother **Norman Renaud '56** and his wife, Catherine, were in St. Johnsbury on May 26, 2013, for their mother's (Gertrude Renauld) 100th birthday.



**56** Enjoying time with classmates in Florida: Jen Renaud, **Norman Renaud '56, Ginger Kumpf Magoon '58,** and **Bob Gervais '56**.



A while back, **Bernier** and **Jeanette Pike '60 Mayo** visited dear friends, **Florence Kidd '60** (far left) and **Carol Schmickel Gimmel '59** (far right) while on a trip to Nashville, Tennessee.



**57** Almost 60 years after leaving SJA, **Isaiah Baker** and his wife, Joyce, stopped by to visit the Academy campus. He shared stories, talked about old friends and teachers, and toured the campus. Isaiah attended SJA for his junior year, later graduating from Harvard Law School. The Bakers live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

On August 23, 2013, **Gary Ely** celebrated 60 years of loving going to work at Caplan's Army Store on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury. "I love this place more than ever," he said. "I can hardly wait to get here ... if you like what you do, it isn't even work." For many of his 60 years, his boss has been **Dave Caplan '53**.

As part-time coordinator of the Franklin County Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program, **Bruce Scott** has four main duties: recruit, coach, train, and organize the volunteers who act as 'court appointed special advocates' (CASA) for abused and neglected children or incompetent persons involved in a court case or proceeding. The terms CASA and GAL are interchangeable. A St. Johnsbury native and Lyndon State College graduate, Bruce and his wife, Mary Jo, moved to Franklin County (St. Albans, Vermont, area) in 1980. Their children, Christopher, Tonya, and Gregory, will help Bruce and Mary Jo (Ikeler) celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 22, 2014, returning the love their parents so willingly gave them.

**58** *Correction:* The Autumn *Hilltopper* misidentified an alumna in the reunion picture. Third person from the left in the front row is NOT **Pat Stratton Labounty-Harrington**, but **Laurie Sanborn Wheeler**. Our apologies to both of you for this error.



60 When vacationing in Phoenix, Arizona, in late January 2013, Gary and Marian (Gladding) Winch organized a mini-reunion with others in the area. (L-R) Cile (Lucille Hamel) Gillette, Claire (Gagne) Wheeler, Bruce Wheeler, Gary Winch, Marian (Gladding) Winch, and Kae (Karen Lobdell) Allen.

### Tarantulas Fudge<sup>and</sup> Altered Reality



A collection of raw, funny and loving reflections on life Karen Banfield

**64** \* In early February 2014, **Karen Banfield**'s book, *Tarantulas Fudge and Altered Reality*, came out in paperback. Check it out! Karen is living in Ojai, California.



65 Pictured here with his daughter, Ashley Lee '10, Michael Lee, T, has his own business: 'Mike the Cleaner.' Michael lives in Lyndonville, Vermont, and likes to 'hit lawn sales' as a hobby.

69\* After 29 years as a teacher at Gilman (Vermont) Middle School, **Theresa Duguay** has retired. At the June 14, 2013, celebration of her teaching years, it was said, "As the teacher of language arts and social studies, Theresa's love of reading, writing, and culture has left a huge impression upon the Lunenburg schools." Theresa lives in St. Johnsbury.

**70** St. Johnsbury-native **Crosby** Sherman became a deputy commissioner in the insurance division of Vermont's Department of Financial Regulation. It was noted by the Financial Regulation Commissioner Susan Donegan that Crosby has extensive experience in all aspects of the insurance regulatory process.

In the spring of 2013, Jerry Bisson headed to Afghanistan to serve a third year with the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is the Deputy Mission Director for USAID Afghanistan, the largest USAID mission ever. Their goal is to help Afghanistan become a stable, self-reliant country. The development programs aim to ensure that the Afghan government and people can maintain the process. From August 2008 to August 2010, Jerry led USAID Afghanistan's Infrastructure Office, responsible for a portfolio to expand electricity, roads, potable water, schools, and clinics. Jerry remains a resident of Vienna, Virginia.

Heading into his 35th year as owner of the Danville (Vermont) Restaurant and Inn, **Steve Cobb**, has been changing things up a bit. In the past year he's added a bar and entertainment, and business has been booming. The restaurant remains, however, an affordable family restaurant. His love of culinary arts began right here at SJA with instructor **John Carroll '53**. If you're traveling on Route 2 through Danville, stop in and say hi.

74 \* Lyndon Institute promoted Mathematics Department Chair Michelle Pepin Ralston to the position of Dean of Faculty, effective July 1, 2013. She now supervises academic faculty teaching on Lyndon Institute's campuses in Vermont and in China. In addition, she leads teacher recruiting, development, evaluation, assignment and support efforts, and assists department chairs and other administrators in planning student and faculty programs. Michelle earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of Hartford in Connecticut and her master's in education at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Her three decades of teaching and administrative duties have prepared her well for this position. Michelle lives in Waterford, Vermont.

St. Johnsbury native **Dick Therrien** has been appointed general manager, as well as promotional and marketing manager, at Oxford Plains, (Maine) Speedway. Dick headed that way after several years of running the now-closed Canaan Fair (New Hampshire) Speedways and leasing and managing Riverside Speedway in Groveton, New Hampshire. Dick's duties include helping out in the daily operations of the speedway, plus returning to one of his passions: announcing regularly at the weekly shows. He lives in the Enfield, New Hampshire area.

75 Along with her husband, Bill, and three adopted canine children, Kim Leach Hensel has relocated to Playa Hermosa, Costa Rica. Bill is employed as an aircraft inspector for American Airlines. They love Costa Rica. Kim says she wishes she'd taken Spanish in high school!

### STEVE LEWIS '67 INDUCTED INTO THE VPA HALL OF FAME



Supporting Tom Conte (far left) and Rory Grimes '81 (second from the left) at the 2013 VPA HOF Induction Ceremony held last spring were Rory's daughter, Rorie, 2008 Inductee Layne Higgs and 2012 Inductee Dan Thurston '50 (far right). Well-known Academy athlete, **Steve Lewis '67**, is the newest SJA representative inducted into the Vermont Principals Association Athletic Hall of Fame. On Friday, May 2, 2014, Steve joined 2013 inductees, long-time athletic director, Tom Conte, and basketball, soccer, and track standout, Rory Grimes '81, as the newest Academy honoree.

A three-sport athlete, Steve excelled in football, basketball, and track. During the 1966-1967 basketball season, Steve Lewis led the team to a 15-8 record, advancing to the Class L semi-final

playoff round-farther than any other Academy team at that time. Steve finished that season with an impressive 420 points and averaged 19 points a game. Steve ended his Academy basketball career scoring 1,153 points over his four years as a Hilltopper.

Steve was also a stand-out football player and a track star. He was voted most valuable player, outstanding back, and athlete of the month during the 1966 football season, and broke records in track.

Steve makes the eleventh Academy representative to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

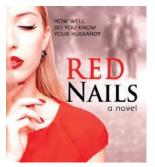


#### 78 Deborah Wilkins

Daniels has earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology (Psy.D.) from the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University,



Washington, D.C. Since the conferral of her degree in March of 2013, Deborah has been working as a postdoctoral intern at New Hartford Psychological Services, PC in Upstate New York providing assessment and evidence-based treatment to adolescents and adults. During her academic journey, she logged over 5,000 hours in clinical experience, including both assessment and psychotherapy while on doctoral externships in Virginia and Maryland, as well as an advanced externship in the eating disorder unit at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. Her dissertation focused on 'The Impact of Peer Influences, Negative Family Communication, and Emotional Invalidation on the Development of Bulimia Nervosa: Implications for the Treatment of Adolescents.' Upon completion of her postdoctoral internship, Deborah will be joining NHPS permanently as a clinical psychologist specializing in the treatment of eating disorders, anxiety disorders, and depression. Deborah and her husband, Brian Daniels '77, reside in Rome, New York.



80 A Valentine's Day release seemed perfect timing for a new book by Diane Caron. *Red Nails*, a novel, is Diane's second book. She is living in the Sunapee, New Hampshire area.

With 30 years of service in the U.S. Army, Colonel **Pamela Reganall Hoyt** retired in December having completed tours of duty in Germany, Egypt, Kuwait, and Afghanistan as well as West Point and various U.S. bases. Pam graduated from the University



of Vermont and completed a doctorate in systems engineering at George Mason University. She is married to **Bruce Hoyt '54**; they have three sons currently serving in the U.S. Military.

The fall of 2013 brought lots of good news to **Joe Kasprzak**. He was named the 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Burke (Vermont) Chamber – its first ever honoree. He was recognized for "30 years of exemplary dedication, volunteerism and support for the Community of Burke, Vermont." Joe has lived in Burke for 30 years. Soon after that, Joe 'hit the ground running' in his new position as Orleans County business resource coordinator for Northeastern Vermont Development Association and its efforts with Northern Community Investment Corporation to reach out to business owners across the county.

#### 81 In the spring of 2013, Mary Ellen 'Mel' McCarthy Reis was ap-

pointed Assistant Head for External Affairs at Lyndon Institute. She is directing all admissions and advancement functions at LI, including communications, development, enrollment management, marketing, related information services, special events, and outreach to constituencies ranging from alumni to colleges and employers. She arrived at Lyndon with a magna cum laude B.A. in business from Fordham University's Marymount College along with experience in marketing and branding services in several Fortune 500 companies, and stints in the non-profit world at St. Johnsbury Academy, King George School, and St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Mel and husband, Rod '82, live in Peacham with their children, Jonathan '12 and Rachel '15.

83 Lora Johnson Dean, of St. Johnsbury, earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire, in the spring of 2013.

84\* After marrying in Arizona in 2012, Elizabeth Edney Rollins and husband Richard moved to Littleton, New Hampshire. Richard is now employed as a family assistance analyst for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. Elizabeth is an information center attendant for the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development's Division of Parks and Recreation. They are very happy to be back in 'the North Country.'

A longtime St. Johnsbury resident now living in Passumpsic, Sam Roberts '66 started his electric business 30 years ago. Three years ago, he retired and passed the business to his son, Jeremy **Roberts**, who had worked with him since 1990. The company handles residential and commercial work throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In addition, Jeremy serves as an electricity teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy (alongside his former electricity teacher, Mike Bugbee '69), and is also known as a youth sports coach, family man, and town father in Barnet, Vermont, where he lives with his wife, Roxanne Persons Roberts '92, and two children.

**92** *Pictured Above:* Under the tutelage of his father, **Bret Bourgeois**, young **Colby Bourgeois '17** earned rookie of the year in his class at White Mountain Motor Sports Park. For the whole season, Colby battled it out with much older competitors. Bret and his wife, **Melissa Ball Bourgeois '93**, live in St. Johnsbury with Colby and his younger sister, Isabel.

**93** Union Bank appointed **Michael Barrett** to the bank's St. Johnsbury Advisory Board. Michael, an agent with the Barrett Insurance Agency, is licensed in Vermont and New Hampshire. He has an extensive background in broadcasting, and is active with Relay for Life of Caledonia County, having been a



co-chair and emcee for the event. Mike lives in Waterford, Vermont, with his wife, Jen, and their young son, Ethan.

**96** Nathan Barrett, of St. Johnsbury, earned a master of physician assistant studies from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire, in the spring of 2013.

The 2013 NBCC Foundation Human Services - Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP) Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Amidon Altieri, of Littleton, New Hampshire, after a nationwide competition. The goal of this scholarship program is to increase the number of available counselors with the HS-BCP credential. Jennifer is a graduate of Lyndon State College and is enrolled in the clinical mental health counseling program at Plymouth State University while working as the program director for a residential school and community-based organization for emotionally disturbed adolescents. She has a passion for helping those suffering from mental illness.

**99**\**Pictured Above:* The issue of carbon monoxide poisoning was brought to the forefront when Jeff Rodliff died from it in 2005. Jeff has not been forgotten. The Rodliff Raiders is a youth football team named in his honor and coached by **Tony Palmieri '03**. Last August, the Raiders met the CSSU Buccaneers in Milton, Vermont, at an annual football jamboree. The relevance is that the quarterback for the Bucs was Tre Diemer (Jeff's nephew), the son of Mike Diemer '86, Jeff's brother. It was an emotional time for all involved.

**OO** Early last summer, SJA and UVM basketball standout **Taylor Coppenrath** was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Ever humble, Taylor commented, "It is a great honor to be inducted. I enjoy every aspect of New England. I was glad to play for UVM and have such a successful four seasons there. It's nice to give local kids the opportunity to improve. My coach always said that if you can give back, you should." To that end, Taylor comes back to St. Johnsbury in the summer for the Taylor Coppenrath Summer Slam Basketball Camp, a staple in the Northeast Kingdom, bringing in children to learn the game from arguably one of the best players in Vermont history.

Tickets to the Super Bowl game? Sure thing! **Betsy Gilding Legendre** was able to make a birthday gift of them to her husband, Ted, after winning the tickets through her employment with Auto Saver's Group GMC dealership in Berlin, Vermont. The Legendre family lives in North Danville, Vermont.

An update for **Caitie Conant** included a new address in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the news that she is in her second year of an ob-gyn residency at Pennsylvania Hospital (University of Pennsylvania Health System). Look for more updates on Caitie next year!

**O2** In 2006, **Sara Bechtold** earned a double B.A. from Brandeis University in political studies and environmental studies. She followed that in 2008 with a master's of studies in Environmental Law. These credentials, and her love for travel, led to her teaching exploits in Costa Rica (The New Learning Academy), Saudi Arabia (King Saud University), and Kuwait (American University of the Middle East) and most recently being a Facilitator of Engineering English at the Australian College of Kuwait. Her permanent address remains in Jefferson, New Hampshire.

Pictured Above: In her eighth year as a teacher at Soar Learning Center for Northwestern Counseling and Support Services (St. Albans, Vermont), Jordan Smith Cota was presented with the Partner



in Excellence Award. The award includes this quote, "This award is intended to be the highest honor the organization can give to one of its employees, for it recognizes those staff who are in the top 1% of the organization. These employees exemplify the NCSS values of safety, responsiveness, compassion, and integrity. In addition, they have made a major contribution to a client, to the organization, or to the community at large." Family members able to attend the ceremony: Deborah Douglas Smith '72, Rebecca Smith McGregor '98, Jordan, Patricia Collins Douglas '47, and Dennis Smith '71. Jordan and her husband, Drew Cota'05, live in the St. Albans area.



An update from **Jen Kennedy Kenney** tells us she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration & accounting in 2007, the same year her daughter, Elana Jade (September 22, 2007), was born. Daughter Eryn Jade was born June 3, 2011. Jen received an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University in June 2012; and on September 29, 2013, Jen married Krys Kennedy after a seven-year engagement. She is currently a senior financial analyst for Burndy LLC in Manchester, New Hampshire.

During the summer of 2013, **Maxwell Stinehour** participated in a 16-day mission to Peru as a team member of Richmond Global Health Alliance (RGHA). RGHA is a group of health care professionals and medical school students who deliver much needed health services and supplies to remote Pampas Grande, Peru. Max is a third-year medical student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. Prior to medical school, Max graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and served five years as a surface warfare officer (SWO) in the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant.

After graduating from SJA, **David To** attended college in Worcester, Massachusetts, then grad school in Boston. Most recently he has been a software engineer for Microsoft in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In January of 2011, **Jodi-Lynn Reichert** received her associate's degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix. On March 26 of that same year, Jodi-Lynn married David Wade at Lake Hall in Hollis Oklahoma. The Wades are living in Gould, Oklahoma, with their young daughter, Leah.

**03** After receiving a B.A. in social thought and political economy, **Merrill Bent** earned her law degree from Vermont Law School. Admitted to practice law in all state courts of Vermont and New York, she is currently an associate attorney with Witten, Woolmington & Campbell, P.C. in Manchester Center, Vermont.

**04** \* A local hero's status is no longer just local. In November, 2nd Lieutenant Joey Fortin, a 2008 graduate of Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, was posthumously enshrined at the University of Rhode Island ROTC Hall of Fame in Kingston, Rhode Island. "He was honored for his courage, patriotism, devotion to duty, and his accomplishments in Iraq."

At 28 years old, 6'3" tall, and 210 pounds, **Rich Wilkins** did everything he could to merge his career and fitness goals. And, he's done it. Check out his story on Bodybuilding.com.

**05** A new home owner, **Nate Bell** is living in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. He is presently working with kids, helping them to find their way in life.

Aileen Ruel, of McIndoe Falls, Vermont, received a degree in graphic design from Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts, on January 28, 2013.



## THE SEVEN ARTISTS EXHIBITION

The Fine Arts faculty of St. Johnsbury Academy, Dyan Wallace, Kreg Owens, **Rodney Reis '82**, **Rosie Prevost '84**, **Florence Darling '05**, Bill Darling and Kim Darling, held an exhibition of their work at Catamount Arts, called Seven Artists.

Along with their teaching careers, all of the artists involved in the show maintain professional studio practices. Their studio experiences form a foundation upon which they build their teaching. Although this group of artists has largely been working together for many years, this is the first time they all participated together in a show.

Each artist displayed original work from his or her particular area of expertise. Wallace, who teaches fashion and digital design, showed a gown of her own design and construction. Owens, who teaches ceramics and sculpture, showed ceramic sculpture and vessels. Reis '82, who teaches drawing, painting, and AP Art, exhibited landscape oil paintings. Rosie Prevost '84, the chair of the Academy's Fine Arts Department and teacher of photography, showed silver gelatin images. Florence Darling '05, new to the Academy art faculty this year teaching drawing and printmaking, exhibited etchings and copper relief prints. Bill Darling, teacher of printmaking and drawing, exhibited large format etchings. Finally, Kim Darling, who teaches oil painting, drawing, and Fine Arts Capstone, showed oil paintings and intaglio prints.



**O 6 1 Ian Bell** graduated in the summer of 2013 with his master's in applied forensic science. He has recently moved to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to take a position with the University of Toronto. His job title is anatomy technician. He will be working on cadavers, readying them to use for teaching. Ian will also be doing lectures.

**O7** Liv Erhard received the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D,) degree from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, on May 11, 2013. Her research thesis was *The Effect of Atorvastatin on Habitual Physical Activity Levels Among Healthy Adults Across the Lifespan*. Liv was honored with the TEVA Pharmaceutical USA Outstanding Student Award in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement. She is now a licensed pharmacist in New Hampshire where she has begun a pharmacy residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.



*Correction:* In an attempt to correct mistakes in the Spring 2013 Hilltopper, we're including a picture of the 'real' Barrett Bedor with his parents, **Amy Reed Bedor '07** and **Tim Bedor '07**.



In addition, we have a current picture of the 'actual' Shelby Noella Boyle, daughter of **Jason '08** and **Deborah Mudge Boyle '08**. The Bedors, of St. Johnsbury, and the Boyles, of Danville, Vermont, both forgave us for our error.



**O**8 Runway and magazine modeling on the West Coast brought **Rain Dove Dubilewski** (going by the name of Danielle Rupert while at SJA) to the attention of Major Model Management of New York City, where she is now living. They recently signed her to a modeling contract. In addition, Rain currently writes a blog called 'On Being A Woman.'



"Live entertainment is my passion," states **Nathaniel Hill**. He is in the process of developing a new musical. An assistant account executive at Serino/Coyne, an advertising agency specializing in Broadway shows, Nate advertises and raises capital for Broadway and Off-Broadway productions. He graduated from Duke with a B.A. in theater studies and focused his undergrad work on learning how to be a Broadway producer. He has developed his own website where he lists as his career objective to "foster innovative new work and expand the market for live entertainment across the world."

**Brendan Mulligan**, of Waterford, Vermont, received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts, in May 2013.

Another good year for **Kyle Powers** as he represented Lyndon State College in the NCAA Division III cross-country nationals in Hanover, Indiana. A wellknown local runner, Kyle broke the halfmarathon course record by 10 minutes at last summer's Kingdom Run in Irasburg, Vermont. He remains a resident of Waterford, Vermont.

Adrienne Jacobs earned a bachelor's degree in international relations and diplomacy from Schiller International University in Heidelberg, Germany, in the spring of 2013.

Zach Ummer is working to make his way in this world as a singer, songwriter, and artist while living in Nashville, Tennessee. It's easy to check him out at www. facebook.com/zachummermusic. Appropriately, he earned his bachelor of science degree in entertainment industry studies from Belmont University in December 2013. His minor was music business. **09**\*lan Erhard received a bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, in May 2013 with a dual major of international relations and German studies and a minor in economics. He spent his junior year at the Eberhard Karls University in Tuebingen, Germany. As a recipient of a Fulbright Grant, he is currently teaching English language and culture to secondary school students in Bregenz, Austria.

**Emily Faucher**, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, earned a BBA from Belmont University in May 2013.

**Christopher Hatch**, a firefighter with the 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington, was named one of "Fairchild's Finest" for his service in the U.S. Air Force.

Luke Meierdiercks, of St. Johnsbury, earned a bachelor of arts in theatre arts from Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire in May 2013.

Zachary Racenet, now an instructor at St. Johnsbury Academy, earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Castleton State College, Vermont in May 2013.

Laura Turek, of Waterford, Vermont, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in public policy and administration from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in May 2013.

**10** Kyle Berge, of Barnet, Vermont, has been inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society at the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. Beta Gamma Sigma is the premier honor society for students majoring in business administration in the United States and internationally.



In one of her first flights after receiving her private pilot's license, **Morgan Hill** flew over St. Johnsbury Academy! Morgan's home base is Lancaster, New Hampshire.



**Brittany Lane** of Waterbury, Vermont, has finished her fourth season playing college ball for the Raiders of Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Dartmouth College senior **Hannah Rowe**, of St. Johnsbury, was part of the Big Green team running in the NCAA Division I nationals in Terre Haute, Indiana, in November. Dartmouth qualified as a team for the first time since 2001.

**11** "When the Clock Strikes Midnight:…" in *Prom Guide* 2014 is the first published piece for **Caleigh Cross** of Waterford, Vermont. We're sure it won't be her last!

Zach Gray, of East Burke, Vermont, transferred last fall from Lyndon State College to University of North Carolina, and earned a spot on the Tar Heels' track and field team throwing the javelin. "He walked on to the team last fall – he had to prove his grades first, they wouldn't let him on the team without the grades," his mother said.

Heading to Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2011, **Ben Price**, of St. Johnsbury intended to play hockey as his main sport, and so he did, briefly. In the fall of 2012, he switched to football where he played his way into the starting lineup for the 2013 season. Bethel U. is looking for good things from Ben in the 2014 season as well.

A junior at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, **Claire Simons** of Barnet, Vermont, is ranked in the top 15 pole vaulters in the nation in Division III competition, qualifying for the Indoor Track and Field Nationals.

In October 2013, Private **Nolan Trottier**, of St. Johnsbury, graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina. After completing additional training at the Marine Corps School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, North Carolina, Nolan began training in his military occupational specialty of aviation support.

**12** Air Force Airman **Raymond couture**, of St. Johnsbury, graduated from basic military training at Joint Base, San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Completing this basic training earns Raymond four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Richard Emery successfully completed Technical Training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas before being stationed at Elgin Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida, for his training for explosives ordinance disposal (EOD). He is now an EOD Technician stationed in Montana. Richard's career tasks include, but are not limited to, handling live explosives on a daily basis; detecting, identifying, rendering safe, recovering, and disposing of explosives and ordnance that are unsafe; working on the flight line during aircraft emergencies, on bombing ranges during range clearances, in munitions storage areas, in accident areas, and in any other area or climate where an explosive hazard exists; and maintaining equipment, technical data, and vehicles.

*Pictured Above:* Exciting news for **Lincoln Lemieux** of St. Johnsbury. In addition to finishing in the top 10 at the ISOC National Pro-Open, Lincoln has been picked up by Scheuring Speed Sports, a national team. He will soon be running National Pro-Open, the highest level of sno-cross racing in the world. Congratulations, Lincoln.

Now a sophomore at Plymouth (New Hampshire) State University, **Chris Per**reault earned a fifth-place national ranking in NCAA Division III at 184 pounds in college wrestling. Chris is a resident of St. Johnsbury.



**Deanna Emery** was the first of the student presenters to address members of the Thaddeus Fairbanks Society at the annual luncheon last spring. Deanna, who is currently attending Harvard University, took a minute to pose for a picture with her parents, Armine and Peter.

## **Faculty and Staff**

**Barb Worth Daniels** was named a Lifetime Member of the St. Johnsbury Band in November 2013. Although Barb plays the trumpet, she has mostly served the band as the music librarian. Barb and her husband, **Dennis Daniels '79**, are living in their new home in St. Johnsbury.

After three years as director of marketing and communications, **Joe Healy** has moved on. Joe, wife Robin, and son Teagan are not leaving the area. They are currently living in Waterford, Vermont, where Joe is working from home on several exciting projects.

Gary W. Moore, chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, received the New England Board of Higher Education 2014 David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship. Gary has been a member of the VSC Board of Trustees since 1991 and was elected chair in 2006. Gary and his wife, Linda Pelow Moore '66, reside in the Bradford, Vermont area.

Former SJA assistant athletic director Hank Van Orman began his duties as the athletic director at Oxbow Union High School in Bradford, Vermont, in late October 2013. After several months away from high school athletics, Hank was happy to be back. "It feels good. I've been missing being involved with the young student-athlete. I'm very excited to be back involved with students."

## Marriages



85 Ann Bissonnette and Kevin Darrell, March 29, 2013, on the beach on the coast of Maine. Ann and Kevin are employed by St. Johnsbury Academy. They reside in St. Johnsbury with their family of five children.

**92** Kate Porter and **Justin Crocker**, September 13, 2013, at the Alerin Barn in St. Johnsbury. Kate is a 1998 graduate of Syracuse University and works for Ibex Outdoor Clothing. Justin graduated from the University of Maine – Orono in 1998 and works for Weidmann Electrical. They reside in St. Johnsbury.





**96** Leesa Jones and Scott McKeough, September 14, 2013, in Falmouth, Maine. Leesa earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Tufts University and an MBA from Bentley University. She is a consultant for the software company Quantrix based in Portland, Maine. Scott received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Maine in political science. He is the assistant director of residential services for Woodfords Family Services in Westbrook, Maine. They reside in South Portland, Maine.

**97** *Pictured Above:* **Rebecca Morse** and Shane Clarke, September 21, 2013, at the Clarke family lake house on the shore of Birch Point, in Island Pond, Vermont. Rebecca is a clinical nurse-educator operating room at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Shane is an electrical engineer at L.E.D. Dynamics in Randolph, Vermont. The couple reside in Randolph and Island Pond, Vermont.

Rebecca Morse and Shane Clarke

**O O Bunnell**, February 14, 2013, at their home in South Kirby, Vermont. Kimberly works as an emergency dispatcher for the Town of St. Johnsbury. Branden is a deputy with the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department. They live in South Kirby with their family of four children.



**Suzie Doyon** and Matt Delaney, officiated by **Bernier Mayo '56**, September 25, 2010, in Bradford, Vermont. Suzie is owner/operator of Avenue Styles Hair Salon in St. Johnsbury. Matt is a senior systems technician for HB Communications of Waterford, Vermont. They reside in St. Johnsbury with their young son, Noah.

**D1** Beth Black and Emre Gulbay, August 31, 2013, in a garden ceremony at the Lanam Club in Andover, Massachusetts. Beth is a nurse employed



by Massachusetts General Hospital in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Emre is a systems engineer working in Lexington, Massachusetts. They make their home in Reading, Massachusetts.

Pictured Above: Many Academy folks attended the wedding of Jordan and Drew Cota including: front, Linda Lyon Veilleux '74, Mark Veilleux '06, Ashley Gonyaw '02, Josh Douglas '99, Andrew McGregor '93, Paul Scavitto '96, Brian Douglas '95, Madeline Douglas Easter '51; back, Rebecca Smith McGregor '98, Bonnie Jenks, FF, Dawn Regis Gessner '98, Mark Gessner '98, Drew Cota '05, Jordan Smith Cota '02, **Deb Douglas Smith '72, Dennis Smith** '71, FF, Pat Collins Douglas '47, Dick Collins '48, Chris Desilets Douglas '67, Diane Dawson Collins '63, Gary Smith '73, Michael Douglas '70, Jerry Collins '59. Jordan Smith and Drew Cota '05, July 14, 2012, at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury. Jordan earned a double bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education from St. Michael's College and a master's degree in education from Capella University. She is a middle school teacher in St. Albans, Vermont. Drew earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Roger William's University, He is now with the Vermont State Police. They reside in Sheldon, Vermont.

**O3** Elysia Gingue and Stephen Dancho Jr., July 13, 2013, in Drums, Pennsylvania. Elysia is a 2009 graduate of Lyndon State College and is enrolled in The Wellness Massage Center & Institute in St. Albans, Vermont. Stephen is a 2009 graduate of Paul Smith College and is enrolled in New York Chiropractic College.



Angeline Eng and **Peter Lu**, in July 2013. Angeline from Malaysia and Peter from Taiwan met at Ohio State Univeristy-Columbus. They have both earned master's degrees, Peter in finance/accounting, Angeline in engineering. Angeline is now a R&D engineer for Apple, Inc. Peter is a panelist for a Canadian manufacturing company. They are living in China. **05** Ceeg Johnson and Miguel Angel Garcia Martinez, May 11, 2013, on Sarah Constant Shrine Beach in Ocean View, Virginia. They reside in Newport News, Virginia, with their three children.



Jeff Nummelin '08, Elias Primoff, Nicole Nummelin Primoff, Jeanne Desrochers Nummelin '82, Jeff Nummelin '81.) Nicole Nummelin and Elias Primoff, October 26, 2013, at the home of the groom's grandparents in Roxbury, New York. Nicole graduated from Bard College in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in human rights and political studies. She works as a policy researcher for Doctors Without Borders in New York, New York. Elias graduated from Bard College in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in literature. He is publications editor for Doctors Without Borders in New York. They are living in Brooklyn, New York.

Pictured Below: Attending were Nicole Primoff, Katherine Siner '05, Julie Desrochers '05, Nicole, Hillary Gerardi '04, Jackie Vassilowitch Kempton '05 holding flower girl Chloe Kempton, and Morgan Willey '04.





Miranda Croteau and Eric Becker, August 17, 2013, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski, Vermont. Miranda graduated from St. Michael's College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in English literature and licensure in secondary education. She is an English teacher at Missisquoi Valley Union High School in Swanton, Vermont. Eric graduated from Castleton State College in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and certification as an elementary and secondary teacher. He is assistant principal and physical education teacher at Saint Francis Xavier School. They reside in St. Albans, Vermont.

Samantha Meek and Jared Sylvain, May 24, 2013, beachside at the Grand Plaza Hotel on St. Pete Beach, Florida. Samantha is a graduate of the University of Tampa and is a registered nurse at Tampa General Hospital. Jared is a foreman at Smith Fence. They reside in Tampa, Florida.

**O7** *Pictured Left:* Jacquelyn Patridge and **Bradley Greaves**, September 15, 2012, in Walden, Vermont. Jackie earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont in 2010 and is employed by the Passumpsic Savings Bank in Danville, Vermont. Bradley earned a bachelor's degree from Norwich University in 2011 and is employed by Weidmann in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. They reside in Lyndonville, Vermont.

Ashley Davidson and Peren Mountfort, January 5, 2013, at Alma First Church of God in Alma, Michigan. Ahsley is a 2012 graduate of Alma College with a bachelor's degree in athletic training and is a certified athletic trainer and Highland Dance teacher. She has also completed an internship in cardiac rehabilitation. Peren is a 2008 graduate of Cromwell College, New Zealand, and a 2012 graduate of Univeristy of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He is working in elementary education. The couple reside in Dunedin, New Zealand.

**13** Hannah South and Dakota Barrett, June 8, 2013, at Pleasant Street Baptist Church in St. Johnsbury. Dakota is a graduate of Vermont Technical College and is employed at Don-Sim Farm in Sutton, Vermont. The Chesnut Triple Conton Thomas, Markus Easton, and Clay on Reed, with older brother John



87 A son, Henry Campbell, April 29, 2013, to Andrew and Jennifer Bucknam Black, of Stoneham, Massachusetts. He joins siblings, Charles, James, Madaliene, Meredith, and Susan.

**92** A son, Ian Daniel, March 12, 2013, to Chris and **Betsy Mc-Donough Brown**, of Monkton, Vermont. He joins a sister, Alison.

A daughter, River Anne, December 9, 2013, to Rosemond and John Wallstrom, of St. Johnsbury. She joins siblings, LJ and Rara.

**93** A son, Ethan Chamberlin, September 19, 2013, to Jennifer and **Michael Barrett**, of Waterford, Vermont.

**96** A daughter, Leah May, November 15, 2013, to Michelle and **Jonathan Black**, of Waterbury Center, Vermont. She joins a sister, Paige.



A son, Emrick Matthew, February 16, 2013, to Roy and **Jenn Hampton Klember**, of Manchester, New Hampshire. He joins siblings, Isabelle and Teagan.



A son, Marcus James, February 5, 2013, to Joshua and **Stephanie McElroy Shover**, of Burlington, Vermont. He joins a sister, Ruthanne.



**Births** 

**97** A son, Boone Alexander, November 26, 2013, to Aaron and Alexa Tomlinson Airoldi, of St. Johnsbury. He joins a sister, Piper.



**99**\* A son, Skylar, June 27, 2013, to Steven and **Rebecca Lamothe Crittenden**, of Underhill, Vermont. He joins a brother, Wyatt. A son, Elliott Foster, April 4, 2013, to **Benjamin** and **Caroline Roy Adams**, of Barnet, Vermont.

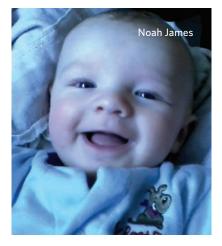
A son, Cameron Robert, to Courtney Bradley and **Chris Beattie**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings, Kasey and Leah.

A son, Gunnarson Hayes, January 6, 2014, to Darren and **Erin Tomlinson Pritchard**, of Bozeman, Montana.

A daughter, Ja'Liyah Gabrielle, July 18, 2013, to Deailo and **Kim Smith Brown**, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Ava Rose, April 1, 2013, to Alyssa Chamberlin and **Cory Bunnell**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a brother, Julian.

A daughter, Harper Jeanne, June 29, 2013, to **Daniel '05** and **Chelsea Brown Darling**, of Waterford, Vermont.



A son, Noah James, October 18, 2013, to Matt and **Suzie Doyon Delaney**, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

A son, Asa Jeffrey, December 11, 2012, to Beth and **Zachary Drown**, of Barnet, Vermont.

A son, Mason Alexander, February 20, 2013, to Danielle and **Keith Gingue**, of Essex Junction, Vermont.

**O2** A daughter, Taryn Laura, February 27, 2013, to Paige Edmunds and **Troy Barrett**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. She joins a sister, Riley.

Page 37 Photo Triplet sons, Trenton Thomas, Markus Easton, and Clayton Reed, October 18, 2012, to Cory and **Carly Showalter Chesnut**, of Santo, Texas. They join a brother, John.



A daughter, Leah Layklin, August 27, 2013, to David and **Jodi-Lynn Reichert Wade**, of Gould, Oklahoma.

A daughter, Gracie Mae, March 16, 2013, to Jennifer and Jeffrey Cadorette, of St. Johnsbury. She joins siblings, Sydney '16 and Jakob.

A daughter, Aubree Taylor, October 1, 2013, to Heather Fletcher and **Christopher Chandler**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins a sister, Kylee.



A son, Sheldon Russell, January 10, 2014, to Nate Laflamme and **Ashley Reed**, of East Ryegate, Vermont.



• A daughter, Scarlett Ann, August 23, 2013, to Michael '03 and Celia Tremblay Deterling, of St. Johnsbury.



A daughter, Drea Sophia, May 28, 2013, to Elizabeth and Jason Bedor, of St. Johnsbury.

**06** A son, Eugene Francis, September 15, 2013, to Marianne and **Jonah Hahr**, of Newbury, Vermont. He joins a brother, Ezra.

A daughter, Skyler Annabelle, November 20, 2013, to **Chelsea Mathews** and **Timo-thy Colgrove '02**, of St. Johnsbury.

A son, Damian Zachary Herbert, January 17, 2014, to **Elysia Brown** and **James Gingras '09**, of Lyndonville, Vermont. He joins siblings, Harper, Audrianna, Logan, and Trenton.



A son, Hunter Ray, December 28, 2013, to Tom and Amanda Dunnells Vigeant, of Waterford, Vermont.

#### **Faculty/Former Faculty**



Twin daughters, Ella Mae and Lena Marie, January 27, 2014, to Nick Casey and **llene Dickinson** (Math Department), of Waterbury, Vermont. They join brothers, Hugh and Liam.



**31** Alta Roberts Brown, 98, February 8, 2013, of Lawrenceville, Georgia. Survivors include children, Russell Brown, Robert Brown, and Cynthia Brown Morris; and six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**34** Maurice Drown, Sr., 97, June 12, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **Nathan** (Sally) **Drown** '60, Mick (Charla Oliver '63) **Drown** '63, **Cheryl Drown Guinan** '61, and **Janet Drown (Bruce '63) Benoit '66**; and 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Virginia Caldbeck Hogan, 97, January 29, 2014, of Cohasset, Massachusetts. Survivors include her children, Sheila Donofrio, Jerry Hogan, Billy Hogan, Mary Hogan, Matthew Hogan, Martha Ogrodnick and Ann Brophy, and their partners, Victor Donofrio, Elly Urquhart, Cynthia Goff, Karen McDermott, Faye Cochrane, Glenn Ogrodnik, and Christopher Brophy; and 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**36** Ralph F. Chase, 94, April 13, 2013, of East St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **David** (Pamela) Chase '76 and Michael Chase '70; and seven grandchildren.

Arnold Langmaid T, 94, January 3, 2014, of North Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Blodgett Langmaid; children, Dwayne (Diantha Peters '64) Langmaid, Dean (Beverly) Langmaid, Dave (Marie) Langmaid, FF, and Don (Diane) Langmaid; nine grandchildren and

eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Hugh Langmaid '52 T, Betty Langmaid Hawkins '40, and Joyce Langmaid Bennett '47.

**37** Louis 'Fred' Albiser, 92, January 21, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Brian (Judy) Albiser '61 and Susan Albiser '64; two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren; and a sister, Helen Albiser Lee Kopf '44.

**Dorothy Drummond Collins**, 94, August 30, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

**38** Beverly Bradley Guyer, 93, January 3, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Ernest (Linda Whipple '67) Guyer '62, Kathleen Guyer (Perley '64 T) Sparrow '66, and Marie Guyer (Gary '64) Maurice '69; and four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**39** Yvonne Langlois Bedard, 93, March 14, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, George (Janis) Bedard '62, Joanne Bedard (Darwin) Jurentkuff '64, Marie Bedard (John '65 T) Hagan '67, Rachel (Carl Perry) Bedard '69, Elizabeth Bedard '72, and John Bedard '74; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Edward (Pauline) Langlois '48 and Cecile Langlois (Bernard '42) Rancour '53 M. William Mollica, February 8, 2013, of Manawa, Wisconsin. Survivors include siblings, Joanne Mollica Babic '43 and Nancy Mollica Ihnat '46.

**40** Mary-Frances Lindsley MacKie, October 17, 2012, of Farmington, Connecticut. Survivors include her children, Donald (Caryl Niek) MacKie, Alexander (Michelle) MacKie, Elizabeth (Joseph Venturato) MacKie, and Jane (Joseph Farrell) MacKie; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Gayla Lindsley Rivard '38.

**41** Marjorie Camp Chase, 91, December 24, 2013, of East St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, David (Pamela) Chase '76 and Michael Chase '70; and seven grandchildren.

**Lowell Letourneau**, 90, June 1, 2013, of Burlington, Vermont. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

**Theresa Begin**, 89, September 18, 2011, of Lagrangeville, New York.

**42** Jacqueline Begin DePalma, 88, of Lagrangeville, New York. Survivors include a son, Charles DePalma.

**Colleen Dunn Easterbrooks**, 88, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Elsie (Bob) Lawrence, Eileen (Dean) Coulter, and Robert (Lawrie) Easterbrooks; and nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. **Rosemary Jones Frazier**, November 2, 2013, of Scottsdale, Arizona. Survivors include a son, G. S. Frazier.

Charles Moulton T, 89, August 26, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Dianne Moulton (Tim '63) Rolfe '65 and Joanne Moulton (Mike '69) Bugbee '71; and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**43** Leah Kelsey Davis, 87, March 24, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Bruce (Cathy) Davis '66, Lynn Davis (Maurice) Paradis '69, and Steven (Mary Ellen) Davis '72; six grandchildren; and siblings, Dean (Darlene) Kelsey '54 and Anita Kelsey Clement '47.

**Joseph Fillion**, 88, May 20, 2013, of Tampa, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Molly; children, Mark (Patti) Fillion, Tom (June) Fillion, and Dan (Lori) Fillion; a granddaughter; and a brother, **Leon Fillion '49**.

**Doris Hooker**, 87, February 4, 2013, of California, Maryland. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Madeline Rash Moulton, 88, October 15, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Dianne Moulton (Tim '63) Rolfe '65 and Joanne Moulton (Mike '69) Bugbee '71; and five grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

Bernard Murphy, 88, September 19, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, **Stephen Murphy** '70, Michael Murphy '74, and Peter (Julie) Murphy; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother, **Raymond Murphy** '38.

Albert Salt, 88, February 2, 2014, of West Burke, Vermont. Survivors include his sister, Joyce Salt (Ernest, FF) Racenet '48, FF.

**44** Harold Coakley, 87, November 3, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, William Coakley and Katherine (Dennis) Harrell; three grandchildren; and step-children, Robin (Kathy) Carpenter, Tracy Carpenter, Tim (Gail) Carpenter, and Eric (Stacy) Carpenter. George Dezell, 86, September 14, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Craig Dezzell '70 and Eric Dezzell '82; and three grandchildren.

Priscilla Osgood Ross, 86, September 6, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her daughter, Susan Ross (John '62) Laferriere '64; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Melvin (Bernice Crepeault '52) Ash '51 and Rodney Ash '54 T.

**45** Phyllis Yake Lowe, 87, January 18, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Donna Liberty Norway '70, Patrick (Louise) Liberty, and Cynthia (Rick Hanks '68) Liberty '74; two step-children, Patricia (Peter) Kwaitkowski and Debra (Barry) Nadler; and five grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Beryl Webb Prive, 86, June 17, 2013, of Newport, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Gary Prive and Judy (Francis) Gilman; and a sister, Blendine Webb Vance '43.

Patricia Page Ricker, 86, September 27, 2013, of Naples, Florida. Survivors include her children, Philip Ricker and Paula House; two grandchildren; and a brother, Charles Page '55.

Edgar Royer T, 87, August 15, 2013, of St. Albans, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Royer, four children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Ernest (Christine) Royer '53 T, Marielle Royer Shepard '43 M, Cecile Royer Albiser '44 M, and Georgette Royer Wilkins '48.

**46** Armand Desrochers, 86, October 31, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Theresa Desrochers (Matt) Goldrick '66, Annette Desrochers (Richard '72) May '68, Rachel Desrochers '70, Francis Desrochers '73, Robin Desrochers (Steve) Heath '78, and Jeanne Desrochers (Jeff '81) Nummelin '81; 11 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren; and siblings, John (Sheila) Desrochers, Bernadette Desrochers, and Helen Desrochers (Leo) Ducharme '53 M.

Kenneth Stew Gibson, 85, October 1, 2013, of Waterbury, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Mary (Jeff Holden) Truax, William (Martha) Gibson, and Lucia (Sam) Burke; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother, **Charles** (Joanne) **Gibson '44**.

**47** Barbara Lewis Morency, 82, February 26, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Bob Morency '50; a daughter, Susan Morency (Kendell) Legendre '76; and two grandchildren.

**48** Arlene Pollock Cleland, 82, April 12, 2013, of Los Alamitos, California. Survivors include children, Robert (Rhonda) Cleland and James (Jeanette) Cleland; nine grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren; and a brother, J. Michael (Mary Blanchard '62) Pollock '62.

Robert Johnson, 83, December 23, 2013, of Venice, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; a daughter, Sandra (Tim Aiken) Johnson-Long; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Connie Johnson Corliss '46 and Dawn Johnson Chandler '59.

**49** Janet Bailey, 82, September 26, 2013, of Hanover, New Hampshire. Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

**Gisele Laliberte Royer**, 82, February 14, 2013, of Burlington, Vermont.

George Stanley T, 82, January 8, 2014, of Victory, Vermont. Survivors include a daughter, Katie; and siblings, Ellen Stanley Brown '47 and John Stanley '51.

**50** Gene Boivin, October 16, 2013, of Morrisville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Anne Handy Boivin '50; his children, Sherry Rivard and James (Janine) Boivin; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Robert Hall**, 81, March 3, 2013, of Tucson, Arizona. Survivors include his wife, **Margaret Bosworth Hall '49**.

**53** John Carroll, 78, November 10, 2013, of Palm Bay, Florida. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth Harbaugh** Carroll '54; children, **Tom** (Carolyn) Carroll '75, Gregory Carroll '78, Celinda Carroll (Keith) Kitchens '79, and Charles (Torill) Carroll '83; 11 grandchildren; and siblings, Eleanor Carroll (Arthur '48) LaPoint '48, and James Carroll '50. Alban Finn T, 79, September 10, 2013, of Concord, Vermont. Survivors include his son, Michael Finn; and siblings, Maureen Finn Robillard '57, Ernie Finn, and Jack Finn '54 T.

Mary Goss Ide, 79, December 12, 2013, of Keene, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Frederick Ide; children, Stephen Ide, Geoffrey (Geraldine) Ide, and Dawn Ide; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and siblings, **David** Goss '55, Henry Goss '46, Patricia Goss (Theron '44) Blodgett '44, and Joyce Goss '48.

**54** Arthur Donley, 77, October 14, 2013, of Yarmouthport, Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Donley; children, Linda (Rick) Donley-Hosking and Peter (Lisa) Donley, and three grandchildren.

**Roger Evans**, 77, June 19, 2013, of Hamilton, New Jersey. Survivors include his wife, Marie Evans; a daughter, Janet Evans; and siblings, **Anne Evans '60** and **William** (**Elaine Lamothe '66**) **Evans '66**.

Pauline Hevey Giguere M, 76, April 12, 2013, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Diane Giguere (Dennis '74) Fillion '75 and Sandra Giguere (Jeffrey) Boone '80; two granddaughters; and siblings, Paul (Sherry Peters '60) Hevey '57, Maurice (Jan) Hevey '62, Linda Hevey (Stan) Dauphin '70, Lorraine Hevey (Ralph '54 T) Perkins '66, and Helen Basal.

Luther Hussey, 78, October 1, 2013, of Ventura, California. Survivors include his wife, Toni Hussey; children, Deborah (James) Grantham, Michael Hussey, and Dennis Hussey; four grandchildren; stepchildren, Lauren Visser, Leslie Knapp, Hunter Knapp, and Andrea Nolan; and 10 step-grandchildren.

William Lowell T, 77, December 2, 2013. Survivors include his son, Tom (Sandy) Lowell; three grandsons; and siblings, Ronnie (Bernie) Lowell '58 and Sandra Lowell Lynaugh '61.

John Mayhew T, 77, November 2, 2013, of Vernon, Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, Marlene Mayhew; children, John Mayhew and Hope (David) Charette; one grandson; and siblings, **Robert Mayhew**  '50, Donalda Mayhew Page '53, Sarah Mayhew Bergen '56, and Marie Mayhew Batchelder '59.

**55** Robert Fontaine, 75, January 30, 2013, of Upland, California. Survivors include his wife, Joy Fontaine; children, Sue (Eric) Labounty, Larry (Delia) Fontaine, Bob (Kristin) Fontaine, and Kathy Fontaine; five grandchildren; and siblings, Peggy Lindsey, **Ann Fontaine** (Don) **Larivee '58**, and **Ruth Fontaine Digatti '60 M**.

Lloyd Wheeler, 76, November 24, 2013, of Loudonville, New York. Survivors include his wife, Laurie Streeter Wheeler '55; children, Scott Wheeler and Lynn Romania; four grandchildren; and a brother, Wallace Wheeler.

**56** Marie Daniel Lang M, 76, January 6, 2014, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Malcolm Lang; children, Chris (Deborah) Sutkaitis, Keith (Kim) Sutkaitis, Diana (Roger) Cote, and Becky Lang; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Irene Daniel Webber '57 M and Robert Daniels '60.

Dennis LeBlanc, 75, June 18, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Marvourine Hawkins LeBlanc '54; children, Thomas (Sandra Lee '85) LeBlanc '83 and Bryan LeBlanc '84; four grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Prue.

Jeannine Judd Urie, 75, December 1, 2013, of Ocklawaha, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Charles Urie; children, Sandra Urie and Robert Urie; and a sister, Annette Judd Ducharme '60.

**57** Richard Couture T, 73, April 4, 2013, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his son, Larry (Cheryl Read) Couture; and siblings, Lorraine Couture (Ben) Day '55 M, Bea Couture, and Doris Couture.

Marie Dunn Holden, 74, December 17, 2013, of Perth, New York. Survivors include her children, Scott (Geeta) Holden, Sharon (Scott) Riter, Susan (Chris Hilly) Holden, and Sandra (Andrew Rosenberg) Holden; ten grandchildren; and siblings, Albert Dunn '55, Suzanne Dunn '59 M, and Jeannette Dunn (Kerry '63) Keenan '63. Doris Dubey Willey, 73, September 29, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Karen (Rodney) Colby, Charlene Willey, Pamela (**Bruce '79**) Allen, and Brian (Stacey) Willey; eight grandchildren; and a brother, Paul (Kumiko) Dubey.

**59** Richard Greenwood T, April 10, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Linda Pilotte Greenwood '61; his mother, Elizabeth Moses Greenwood '39; children, Keith (Sue Dionne '77) Greenwood '78, Shari Greenwood (Greg '76) Aldrich '79, Garth (Georgia) Greenwood '84, Daniel (Heather) Greenwood '84, David Greenwood, Kevin Greenwood '85, and John (Dagny) Greenwood; 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, Pamela (Roger) Parenteau and Leo Greenwood '58 T.

Sylvia Desrochers Levere M, 71, December 3, 2013, of Endicott, New York. She is survived by her children, Jeanne (Christopher) Todaro and Suzanne (Wayne) Grider; a granddaughter; and a brother, Normand Desrochers '65.

**60** Elaine Desrochers Pelkey, 70, March 17, 2013, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her son, Michael (Cynthia) Pelkey '84; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Carmen Desrochers Repasz '57.

**61** Russell Frigon T, 70, August 21, 2013, of St. Johnsbury Center. Survivors include his brothers, Ronald Frigon '58 T and Alan Frigon '63 T.

Lawrence Noyes T, 70, June 1, 2013, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Lois Noyes; children, James (Colleen) Noyes and Theresa Noyes; two grandchildren; and siblings, **Ron** (Elaine) **Noyes** '59 T, Carlton (Jo) Morey, **Robert** (Esther) **Noyes '47 T**, Joan (Ralph) Colucchi, and Gertrude (Harry) Goodsell.

**62** Douglas Bryer, 69, June 9, 2013, of Morrisville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Bryer; a son, Shaun Bryer; and siblings, Joseph (Judy) Bryer '65 and Alice Burnham.

Elaine Little Robinson, 68, April 10, 2013, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Survivors include her mother, Irene Eager Little '37; her children, William (Toni) Robinson III and Janet Robinson; two grandchildren; and a brother, Gregory (Peggy) Little.

William Robinson, 68, October 9, 2013, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Survivors include his children, William (Toni) Robinson III and Janet Robinson; two grandchildren; and siblings, Marte Robinson (Reg) Rhodes '64, Stanley (Beth Jordan '67) Robinson '66, Howard (Lauren) Robinson '68, and Tom (Elaine Lanctot '70) Robinson '70.

**63 Douglas Harlow**, 68, March 10, 2013, of Falconer, New York. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Harlow; and a sister, **Gloria Harlow Riley '60**.

Wayland Sinclair T, 69, June 1, 2013, of South Wheelock, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Terri Sinclair; children and step-children, Cassie Sinclair (Jeffrey) Sweeney '85, Valerie Sinclair Rutledge '91, Heather Sinclair '93, Faith Carter Therrien '86, Jeff (Carol) Wong, and Kevin (Maria) Wong; several grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Nancy Sinclair Isham '56.

64 Thomas Buck T, 68, October 17, 2013, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; children, Richard (James Thayer) Buck '81, William (Patricia Steady) Buck, Joyce Buck (Jerry) Schartner '88, and John (Denise Davenport '92) Buck '91; five grandchildren; and siblings, James (Linda) Buck '60 and Debra Buck (Mark) Chase '70.

Meril Labounty T, 67, February 12, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Chuck (Kyrie) Labounty, Edmond (Anna Ely '93) Labounty, Meril (Theresa Stone) Labounty '96, and Amy (Seth Drown) Labounty '97; 16 grandchildren; and siblings, Aimee Labounty, Dwayne Labounty '70 T, and Elphage Labounty.

**66** Terrance Dudley T, 67, February 26, 2013, of Eden Mills, Vermont. Survivors include his mother, Marion Dudley; children, Michael Dudley, Peter Dudley, and Rose Barbour; four grandchildren; and siblings, Gaylord Dudley and Coleen Strong.

**Gerald Spaulding**, 64, February 25, 2013, of Vancouver, Washington. Survivors include children, Jessica Spaulding

and Travis (Rebecca Robidoux) Spaulding; two grandchildren; and a sister, Roberta (Robert) Alexander.

**67** Angela Noyes Devenger, 64, May 8, 2013, of Fletcher, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Wendell Devenger; children, Paul (Crissie Beck '97) Devenger, Pat Devenger, and Jolene (David) Brennan; and four grandchildren.

Norman LaCross T, 65, February 28, 2013, of Orleans, Vermont. Survivors include his partner, Louise Lessard; children, Robin (Dennis Dosselman) LaCross, Tammy (Casey) Mosher, Andrew (Sherie Blanchard) LaCross, and Lee (Karma McClintock) LaCross; two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; and brothers, Roger (Judy) LaCross and Dennis (Brenda) LaCross.

Antonio Turgeon, 64, March 13, 2013, of Thousand Oaks, California. Survivors include his wife, Linda; a daughter, Christina (Keith) Wengler; a grandson; and a brother, Lonnie Drew.

**68** David Buck T, 63, March 22, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Louise Buck; children, Becky Buck '89 and Chester (Crystal) Buck '93; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and siblings, James (Linda Ward) Buck '60 and Debra Buck (Mark) Chase '70.

**71** Brenda Bonett Drown-Gibbs, 60, July 14, 2013. Survivors include her daughter, Danielle Drown '08; and a brother, Steven Bonett '76.

**73** Stephen Pellerin, 59, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his mother, Shirley Pellerin; and siblings, Scott Pellerin '81 and Marsha Pellerin (Paul) Sicard '66.

**Thomas Sherman**, 54, March 7, 2013, of Canterbury, Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, Gina Sherman; and siblings, **Crosby** (Helen) **Sherman '70** and **Jan** (Wayne Berge) **Sherman '74**.

80 Eric Robillard, 51, May 11, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Tracie Bedor Robillard '82; children, Gabrielle Robillard '10 and Lucas Robillard '13; his mother, Maureen Finn Robillard '57; and siblings, John (Cindy Hayes '83) Robillard '83 and Chad (Veronica Tay '95) Robillard '90.

**86** Daniel Smith, 45, December 1, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Staci Young Smith '88; children, Remington Smith '10 and Tanner Smith '12; step-daughter, Maeghan Whitcomb; and siblings, Daren (Tara) Smith '91 and Michelle (Tristan Henderson) Smith '94.

**91** Tyler Colwell, 41, July 27, 2012, of Aliso Viejo, California. Survivors include his parents, Stephen and Valerie Colwell; and siblings, **Stephen** Colwell II '88, Christopher Colwell '03, and Rachel Colwell. The family wishes to grieve his loss while celebrating his life, but also wish to heighten the awareness of the increasing rate of suicide in America.

**96** Lesley Wood, 35, December 12, 2013, of Lewisville, Texas. Survivors include a daughter; and her parents, Charles and Louise Wood.

**O9** Zachary Florio, 22, April 24, 2013. Survivors include his mother, Rita Florio '92; father, Eric Marcy; grandmothers, Catherine Merchant and Fayette Deth; great-grandmother, Marjorie Marcy; adopted parent, Jessica Florio; and a brother, Eric Marcy.

## **Former Faculty**

Alden Eaton, science and coach, 81, October 7, 2013, of Kirby, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Terry Eaton; children, Norma Eaton (LeRoy) Shepherd '78, William (Paula) Eaton '81, and David Eaton '88; and five grandchildren.

Gerald Richards, business education, 79, September 3, 2013, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children, Dawn (Matthew) Kempton, Charles (Kim) Richards '84, and Matthew (Emily) Richards; and three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

John Warren, mathematics, 87, June 24, 2012, of Exeter, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Warren; children, David Warren, Peter Warren, William Warren, Michael Warren, and Ann Warren; and five grandchildren.

# Looking Ahead

#### 2014 ALUMNI EVENTS | Come and say hello!

## MAY **Ω** REUNION WEEKEND

Classes ending with a 4 or 9, this is your year.

6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Faculty, Staff and Alumni Social St. Johnsbury Country Club

All current and past faculty and staff are invited as special guests to meet and greet our alumni returning for Reunion Weekend.

6:00 P.M. Trade School Social and Buffet St. Johnsbury Elks Home

Individual Class Parties are being held at various locations and times. Check the website for class gatherings by visiting WWW.STJACADEMY.ORG/ALUMNI

#### **REUNION WEEKEND**

J 10:00 A.M. Registration and Campus Tours Straszko Center

> 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Individual Class Parties. Check the website for class gatherings by visiting WWW.STJACADEMY.ORG/ALUMNI

5:00 P.M. **All Class Wine and Cheese Social** *Charles Hosmer Morse Center for the Arts*  6:30 P.M. Alumni Banquet St. Johnsbury Academy Field House

8:30 P.M. All Class Party St. Johnsbury Country Club

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REUNION WEEKEND 8:30 – 10:30 A.M. All Class Breakfast St. Johnsbury Elks Home

## 06 ST. JOHNSBURY Academy golf benefit

12:00 P.M. St. Johnsbury Country Club

20 SJA DAY AT THE VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS Burlington, Vermont

### SEPTEMBER 20 LAS VEGAS, NV ALUMNI SOCIAL

4:00 – 6:00 P.M. The Pub at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino

#### ATTENTION CLASS OF 1966 AND FRIENDS

For more information about the **Route 66 Trip**, please contact the Alumni Office

## OCTOBER

7 HOMECOMING WEEKEND (HONORING ALUMNI TRACK AND FIELD)

> 5:30 P.M. Track & Field Alumni Social Straszko Center at Graham's House

7:00 P.M. **Pep Rally Parade** *Main Street* 

8:00 P.M. Bonfire

8:30 P.M. Community Pizza Party Streeter Hall

8:30 P.M. All-Class Alumni and Friends Social St. Johnsbury Elks Home

#### HOMECOMING WEEKEND

1:00 P.M. Lyndon Institute vs SJA Fairbanks Field

TBD tokyo, seoul, hong kong, bangkok

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