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As much as I love going home, I love it even more when our kids come home. Ann and I get to spoil them (and the grandkids), and we make it a point to create new memories with each visit. Often in the midst of the fun-filled chaos, I step back to reflect on how blessed we are to be surrounded by people we love so much and who love us as well.

This school has allowed me to experience something similar each year. Having graduated from a public school in New Hampshire, I can never really experience what it is like to come home to the Academy, but I can imagine what it must be like. Our children know, so I have some sense, and it is truly remarkable. I know of no other school with the kind of close-knit alumni body that we have, and I have never experienced what it is like to belong to such a group, but I can do experience what it is like to welcome people home, and this year especially I have been given reasons to think about that.

This year’s 30th Reunion class was the first class I saw graduate from the Academy, and they were among the first students I proctored in Brantview. As we have reached out to former residents of Brantview as part of our restoration and renovation campaign, I have been able to re-live memories, including some embarrassing ones, with those Brantview Boys. It has felt just like a family reunion, and in many ways, we were a family back then. We ate together at every meal and spent lots of free time together: playing pool in the dorm’s library, playing chess in the Great Hall, watching sports and movies in the Common Room, playing ping pong on the third floor, and playing with my then-very-young children all over the house. We shared personal successes and losses together; we shared our lives together.

Also this year, we will welcome Leila de Bruyne Chambers ’04 as our Commencement Speaker. Having graduated in 2004, Leila has never been back to the Academy, and for good reason. She has been busy creating, organizing, and funding a non-profit called Flying Kites, which provides education, shelter, and healing for orphaned or abused children and vulnerable families in Kenya. (Check out the Flying Kites website; it’s impressive!) At a relatively young age, Leila has followed her passion and discovered a way to make the world a better place. In welcoming her home to the Academy, I will be able to learn from her even more about this inspiring organization and gain some insight into how we at the Academy can partner with her in her efforts. She has written columns for the Huffington Post and the New York Times (among others), and I know that if she shares with us even a fraction of the wisdom she has shared with the world, we will leave the weekend much enriched.

As I said, returning home allows me to rest in the presence of those who love me, and welcoming people home allows me to spoil them and their families. Either way, I am grateful for the opportunity. My hope is that many of you will return to the Academy this spring to enjoy each other’s company, reminisce and catch up, and allow us to serve you as your hosts. I will tell the graduating seniors that I hope they come back often and that they always see our school as a kind of second home. I hope that is the case for you, too. Not all of us have changed the world the way Leila has or lived together like the Brantview Boys, but we all have accomplishments to share and memories and friendships to rekindle. I look forward to seeing many of you as you come back home in May.
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The initial round of the FIRST Robotics competition in Springfield, MA, was a tough one for the Academy Robotics team. Jim Baker, science faculty member and Robotics coach, said, “Neither our robot nor our drivers were prepared to compete at an adequate enough level to provide any kind of pride or success. We were ranked 29 out of 33 teams.” Given this disappointing first attempt, as well as the fact that the team is allowed very limited access to their robot outside the event, many would have given up. Instead, the team met frequently, strategized, and planned. Coach Baker said, “We knew we needed to make some changes if we wanted to do better.” Before district events, teams are allowed six hours of work time at their school. The SJA team used this time to, according to Baker, “enhance our little robot and help it grow up.” One of the major problems with the robot at the initial Springfield competition was that the robot’s arms were not tall enough to stack recycling bins on top of each other as was required by the competition rules. Through planning and manufacturing parts, the team “increased its lifting height capability by three times allowing us to lift totes and recycle bins on top of a stack of five totes,” Baker said. “This made all the difference.”

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Changing lives through flying kites.
At the Academy, “Dream Big” is a frequently repeated phrase, along with, “become a part of something bigger than yourself.” In recent years, “Love those most who need it the most,” a tribute to Melissa Jenkins, has come to ring true throughout the Academy community.

Leila de Bruyne Chambers ’04 embodies all of these ideas every day. She has built her life and career around helping some of the most vulnerable children in the world: orphans in Kenya. While still in college, Leila traveled to Kenya and worked with children living in orphanages. She was inspired by the children there, but felt that the orphanages in which they grew up offered little hope of a brighter future. In 2007 , Leila, along with friends Toby Storie-Pugh and Justine King, bought six acres of land in Njabini, Kenya and started Flying Kites, an orphanage and school for children with nowhere else to turn. They were determined to give children a level of care and education that would allow them “to succeed in, and contribute to, a complex and changing world.”

Flying Kites’ model comprises a primary school, a home for orphaned children, and a farm. The school enrolls 58 orphans and students who live in poverty. Children are offered a world-class education; academic expectations are high. Flying Kites also partners with private and public schools to offer over 80 scholarships to secondary schools throughout Kenya. The Flying Kites Home provides care to orphans and at-risk children. It was started, “when a little boy living in an overcrowded orphanage in the slums of Nairobi challenged our team to see him as a child, and not as an orphan. Orphans need bowls of rice. Children need families, people to invest in the quality of their education and the possibility of their dreams. They need nourishment and inspiration and adventures and security.” The home is located a few miles from the school. The 37 children who live there receive excellent care in a family-like atmosphere. Flying Kites also runs two large farms to provide vegetables for the home and school. They raise chickens, sheep, rabbits, and cows, even using biogas from the cow manure to power the kitchens.

Another Flying Kites innovation is their use of adventure tourism to raise money for their work in Kenya. Adventurers sign up for trips to places like Mt. Everest, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and Machu Picchu, pay for some of the trip themselves, and fundraise for Flying Kites to pay for the rest. 100% of the amount raised goes to the Kenya school, home, and farm.

Leila will be the commencement speaker at our 2015 graduation. Headmaster Lovett said, “I look forward to welcoming Leila home to speak at graduation, and I know her message—caring for the vulnerable while recognizing their beauty and dignity, and extending generosity and compassion to all who suffer—will resonate with our graduates as many of them—and their schoolmates—live out that same message every day.”
Students Named National Merit Finalists

Two St. Johnsbury Academy Seniors have been selected as Finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Sydney Benjamin of Peacham and Madison Wood of Kirby are among approximately 15,000 students nationwide “determined to have met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition,” according to a letter from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Final Merit Scholarship winner selection is already underway. According to the NMSC website, “All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chosen from the Finalist group, based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. A variety of information is available for NMSC selectors to evaluate: the Finalist’s academic record, information about the school’s curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official’s written recommendation, information about the student’s activities and leadership, and the Finalist’s own essay.” Since its founding, NMSC has recognized 2.9 million students and provided over 377,000 scholarships worth about $1.5 billion.

Senior Dominic Hahr won the State Wrestling Championship in the 145-pound weight class. According to Coach Verge, “This is the toughest weight class in the state.” Dominic overcame an injury and competed in the meet, pinning the #1 seed in the semis, and then defeating the #3 seed in the final. Coach Verge was named Coach of the Year. Photo courtesy of Michael Beniash/Caledonian-Record.

The Girls’ Track Team won the State Championship title, beating rival Essex by 20 points. Coach Chip Langmaid was named Coach of the Year. Congratulations! Photo courtesy of Felisha Olmstead ’15.

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Calling all Veterans and Active Military

If you are serving or have served in the military, please consider contacting the alumni office to update your records. As part of the Academy’s 175th birthday in 2017, we would like to honor our military alumni. Please consider visiting our website at www.stjacademy.org/military. Thank you for your service!
Scholastic Art & Writing Medals

Two St. Johnsbury Academy printmaking students were recognized on a national level in this year’s Scholastic Art & Writing competition. Sydney Benjamin’s etching “Wires” received a national Gold Medal in Printmaking, and Sofia Di Martino’s etching “Paul” received a Silver Medal. Three national medals were awarded to Vermont fine art students, two of which were awarded to Academy printmakers. Sydney and Sofia have been invited to attend a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Thursday, June 11.

Panels of creative professionals identified these students as being among the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, 300,000 works of art were submitted and only the top 1% was recognized at the national level. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards website reads, “Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation’s youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program, and become a part of our community—young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets, and sculptors, along with countless educators who support and encourage the creative process.”

Bill Darling, professional printmaker and fine arts faculty member said, “The recognition from these awards is well deserved. Sydney and Sofia’s beautiful prints show evidence of these students’ strong drawing foundation and mastery of the intaglio process.”

Now in its eighth year of celebrating the work of student writers and fine artists, the 2015 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.
Thank You
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.

Thank You

Library - 29 years
DENYSE DALY '65

Special Services - 18 years
LISA THORN

Maintenance - 17 years
ERIC PIERCE

Admissions - 11 years
MARY ANN GESSNER

Maintenance - 16 years
DAVID LANGMAID

CTE - 33 years
MICHAEL BUGBEES '69

CTE - 31 years
ROO MOLD '68

Maintenance - 35 years
RACHEL NORWAY '65

Maintenance - 17 years
ERIC PIERCE

Library - 6 years
LINDA WOOSTER

Basketball
1,000 Point Scorers

St. Johnsbury Academy Basketball is a storied tradition. Since the teams started playing in Alumni Gymnasium, the Academy has witnessed eleven 1,000 point scorers. This winter, senior Tristen Ross made it an even dozen, reaching the 1,000 point plateau to join the ranks of SJÀ's Dream Dozen. Congratulations, Tristen!

1000 POINT SCORERS

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*PLAYED BEFORE THE THREE-POINT SHOT WAS INTRODUCED TO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL.
Derek LaBorie ‘82 and Darren LaBorie ’87 established themselves in the coffee business through perseverance, ingenuity, and hard work. It all started during Derek’s sophomore year at the Academy. He wanted to attend a tennis tournament in Stowe and ended up selling smoothies on site. He (and later Darren) continued to earn money through event concessions throughout high school and college. When they decided to expand to hot drinks, the two first bought freshly roasted coffee from Port City Coffee Roasters, and then bought the company. Soon after, Darren moved to LA to work on his film and state career. Although Derek still provides concession at a few horse shows, dog shows, and the Stowe Balloon Festival each year, he now concentrates on coffee.

In Derek’s words, “Port City Coffee Roasters is all about fresh-roasted coffee, roasted to order.” He roasts his coffee in small batches at his shop in Portsmouth, NH, and ships all over the world. A cornerstone of Derek’s business is donating to charity. Derek has set up a system of private-label coffee sales that function as charitable fundraisers with a percentage of the sale of each pound of coffee going to a not-for-profit organization.

Darren ’87 has also found a way to raise money for charity through coffee, but has taken a different path. Darren has lived in Los Angeles, CA for many years, working as an actor, director, and producer in film, television and theater. He and Derek worked together to establish Muddy Paws Coffee online to raise money for animal rescues across the country, an idea stemming from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Darren and his wife, Natalia Aldacour-LaBorie, then opened Muddy Paws Coffee LA in Silverlake, CA. He describes it as, “a unique coffee roasting company that helps raise money for local animal rescues.”

Muddy Paws LA raises money every day for local animal charities and works with vendors who do the same. They also sponsor frequent events to raise money for animal rescues including adoption events, live jazz fundraisers, and veterinary question and answer sessions. At the café, Darren sells coffee roasted fresh in Portsmouth, NH by his brother Derek.

Both brothers have teamed up in support of the Academy, spearheading a special coffee fundraiser. The coffee, Topper 357, is a breakfast blend and can be ordered via portcitycoffee.com. A portion of the proceeds from each pound sold will benefit the Academy. This is a great opportunity to try some small-batch fresh-roasted coffee, roasted and distributed by SJA alums, and support the school at the same time!
Nearly eight years ago, in response to an unprecedented $5 million dollar anonymous challenge, which was quickly met by major gifts from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation and several trustees, the $15 million Embrace the Dream campaign was announced. This was by far the largest fundraising effort in our history and one that we entered with some trepidation. Thanks to your incredibly generous support, we reached our original $15 million goal with so much momentum the trustees extended the campaign and raised the goal to $20 million. Once again, you rose to the challenge, and in February we reached our very optimistic goal of $20 million!

This campaign has been remarkable for a number of reasons. First, it more than tripled the funds raised in the Just Imagine campaign. This is especially impressive as this campaign took place during the worst financial crisis in 80 years, proving that our community is not only generous, but also loyal. The Embrace the Dream campaign was comprehensive, including all monies donated to the school during the eight-year period, and increasing support for the annual fund, endowment, and a number of special projects. Finally, this campaign included our entire community with more than 4,700 donations coming from trustees, alumni, students, parents, friends, foundations, and virtually our entire faculty and staff. Gifts were large and small. They came from Vermont, from across the United States, and from all over the world.

These gifts provided close to $6 million dollars to the annual fund in support of current programs. They made the iPad program possible, and even more importantly, funded the less glamorous but essential broadband infrastructure to run all of these devices. They funded endowed chairs in Engineering and Innovation and Entrepreneurship, our engineering program, and our new Maker’s lab. These gifts dramatically increased our dormitory space and added a number of high-quality faculty apartments. They increased financial aid, allowing us to support students who otherwise could not afford our tuition. Last but not least, they increased our endowment by $9 million, helping to ensure that our students continue to receive these exceptional opportunities.

Now, at a time when the benefits of an education that prepares students for lifelong learning and effective citizenship have never been greater, and pressure to reduce public funding for schools is growing, we are relying on you to keep the Fairbanks legacy alive. Your continued support has never been more critical to our mission and commitment to providing a world-class education to every student, regardless of circumstance. The generosity and vision our founders shared with this community has provided generations of area families with far-reaching educational opportunities. Your generosity makes it possible for this wonderful legacy to continue.

JACK CUMMINGS

Associate Headmaster,
Advancement & Admission

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!
WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ACADEMY

ALL GIFTS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE CAMPAIGN. REGARDLESS OF THEIR SIZE, THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

CASH GIFT
The simplest method of giving is an outright gift by personal check, credit card, or cash.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES
A gift of long-term appreciated securities not only receives an income tax deduction equal to the market value of the securities, but also avoids capital gains taxes on the transfer.

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
A residence or other real property may be given as an outright gift with a tax deduction equal to the value of the property. If a donor gives a residence or vacation home, they can retain the right to occupy it for life.

BEQUESTS AND RETIREMENT PLANS
Provisions in a will allow a donor to make a contribution without diminishing the assets during their lifetime. Since bequests are deductible from the taxable estate, significant estate tax savings are possible. Naming a charity as a beneficiary of a retirement plan also avoids income tax when the charity receives its distribution from the plan.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
In exchange for a gift of money or securities, a charity will pay the donor and/or a loved one a fixed amount annually for the rest of their life. A portion of this income is not taxed. The donor also receives a charitable deduction for part of the gift as calculated with IRS tables.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS
A donor can use an irrevocable trust to provide him or herself and/or a loved one with a fixed annual income or an income which varies with the value of the trust. Part of the gift qualifies for an income tax deduction, as calculated with IRS tables. At the death of the last income beneficiary, the corpus of the trust is distributed to the charity.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS
A donor can support a charity for a term of years or for the life of an individual by creating a charitable lead trust. Income will be paid to the charity of the donor’s choice each year during the term of the trust. When the trust terminates, the assets in the trust revert to the donor or to individuals the donor wishes to benefit.

LIFE INSURANCE
When a life insurance policy is given to a charity, the cash surrender value of the policy is deductible as a charitable contribution. If the donor continues to pay premiums after their gift, these premiums are also deductible.

MAKE A GIFT TO SJA BEFORE JUNE 30, 2015, TO BE LISTED IN THIS CURRENT GIVING CYCLE.
THE FRESHMAN HUMANITIES CAPSTONE

BY DENISE GOODHUE SCAVITTO ‘99

Photography: Tomoki Namura ’16 and Denise Goodhue Scavitto ’99
Walking through the doors of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum Art Gallery, my students and I step into the past. Over sixty paintings grace these walls, hanging close together as they were the style when the gallery opened in 1873. Gilded frames catch the light entering from the skylight above, illuminating the gorgeous landscapes and detailed portraits that surround us. Albert Bierstadt’s *The Domes of the Yosemite* dominates the space; the colossal ten by fifteen-foot painting is the centerpiece of the Athenaeum’s collection.

Rare and antique books from the original library collection fill the cases. My students take in the intricate details, each taken with something different. I share their wonder as they point out architectural elements and are drawn into paintings, delighted to be exploring this space with them. The Freshman Humanities Capstone, a place-based and project-based initiative, connects the 9th graders at St. Johnsbury Academy with four community partners. The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, Catamount Arts, and the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center will become our Humanities classrooms for many afternoons as students work with these local cultural organizations to design, research, and create projects that reflect the values of the local community.

The vibrant cultural scene in St. Johnsbury has a long history. The Fairbanks family, industrialists known for their scales and numerous other items that were marketed the world over, channeled family wealth back into this quaint town. Their generosity created St. Johnsbury Academy in 1842. In 1871, Horace Fairbanks gifted the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum to the town as a free public library. Two years later, the Athenaeum Gallery was added to the library and became home to Albert Bierstadt’s “The Domes of the Yosemite,” as well as a hundred other works of art. The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, founded by Franklin Fairbanks in 1889, houses an impressive collection that stemmed from Fairbanks’ personal cabinet of curiosities and grew into what it is today.

Newer institutions have also made a mark on the town. Just down the hill is Catamount Arts, founded in 1975 by Jay Craven to further integrate the arts into the St. Johnsbury community. Catamount Arts works to bring live performances to the Northeast Kingdom, hosting a variety of lectures and showings, as well as doing art outreach programs for local students. The fledgling St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, founded by a group led by Peggy Pearl, ’65 is also a short walk from campus. This organization recently purchased a permanent home for its growing collection of artifacts that tell the story of St. Johnsbury’s history.

The Freshman Humanities Capstone is an offshoot of the Freshman Humanities course, a yearlong course required of all freshmen that focuses on key skills such as critical reading, analytical writing, research, and oral communication. Freshman Humanities is team-taught and interdisciplinary, combining students’ Social Studies and English courses. The overarching themes of the course focus on explorations of community and identity through world history and cultures. The Freshman Humanities program began six years ago, and the Freshman Capstone project was a recent and exciting addition to this course.

The first year of program coincided with our 1:1 iPad pilot program. The possibilities were exciting: How could we better connect our students with the resources in their community? How could we use this mobile technology to take our students outside of their classrooms to learn? How could we unleash student creativity and let them develop projects about which they were passionate? When the Freshman Humanities Capstone program began in 2012, we embarked on an experimental year during which students worked in teams with our partner institutions to research, design, and create products for presentation and display. The program has evolved to include a presentation day, where students share the story of their project with their peers and our partner institutions.

Place is integral to the Freshman Humanities Capstone project. Place-based learning is a movement to reconnect students and their educations with community life and highlights the power of place as an educational tool, lens, and opportunity. Each of these St. Johnsbury cultural institutions represents an intersection of our local culture, history and environment, making place central to the identity of each of our partner institutions. Extending the classroom into the community allows students to engage in experiences with local experts and helps foster a deeper connection to the community. It helps students see their potential as citizens and problem solvers in the community. One of the most exciting features of this project is that students become personally invested in the St. Johnsbury community, allowing them to confront themes and issues that are locally and immediately relevant.

Similarly, project-based learning requires students to identify, confront, and address real-world problems while they are taught core knowledge and skills. The project-based approach offers a creative way to encourage students to practice core skills, which focus on research, oral and written communication, organization, and collaboration.
Project-based learning further allows students the opportunities for creative thinking and problem solving. Students are at the helm, defining focus questions and retooling the scope of projects as they unfurl; dead-ends and setbacks are important opportunities for learning. Choice is also an important element of the project-based learning approach. In the Freshman Humanities Capstone project, not only do students decide where they want to study, but they also help define the scope of the project and its medium. Students work with their community partners to identify a target audience and craft projects that address the needs of that audience, but have choice in how they present what they have learned. Students might create video projects, design websites, or write short stories based on their research. This element of choice allows students to share their voices and interests while challenging them to learn new things. Project-based and place-based learning require creativity, problem solving, long-term planning, and many other life skills, all packed into an authentic assessment. It’s sometimes messy, but it’s also exciting and rewarding, and teachers have the opportunity to learn alongside their students.

Teachers and students at St. Johnsbury Academy are incredibly fortunate that within a few minutes’ walk up or down the street from campus are incredible cultural gems. Growing up in this town, it is easy to take these treasures for granted, but the Freshman Humanities Capstone Program seeks to change that. In December, we brought our students to each of these cultural institutions to learn more about their programs, missions, and identities in preparation for our third round of projects this spring.

Horace Fairbanks would be happy to see dozens of teenagers engaged in research during our class visits to the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. At the opening of the Athenaeum in 1871, he said, “It was early a much cherished purpose of mine to place at the disposal of the citizens in this town in my life time [sic], a free public library. My fullest expectations will be realized now if now, and in the coming years, the people make the Athenaeum a favorite place of resort for patient research, reading, and study.” During visits to the Athenaeum, we gaze in awe at Bierstadt’s The Domes of the Yosemite, experiencing how the painting changes when viewed in natural versus incandescent light. A group of three students is currently working on a project...
the building have changed over time. Over the course of the past two years, groups of students developed a digital tour of the Athenaeum’s gallery to be viewed on smartphones. Students selected paintings, researched the paintings and the artists, wrote short descriptions of each work and created a website for their digital tour. This year’s students continue to add to this project, a useful tool for visitors to the gallery.

Students will create other digital content as well. Fascinated with the architecture of the Athenaeum, two teams of students are constructing a website to share information about the architectural details of this building, while others are exploring how the rooms within the building have changed over time. While they have found useful resources online and in books about the painting’s creation, purchase and addition to the Athenaeum’s collection, the most fascinating finds were in the archival materials housed at the Athenaeum. They sifted through manila folders filled with letters, maintenance receipts, publishing inquiries, and other information. They have combined this knowledge with what they have learned about Albert Bierstadt, the Hudson River School, and Yosemite National Park. On our last visit, they talked with Athenaeum Director Bob Joly about the best way to share what they have learned. Through that conversation, the students have decided to design, essentially, an interactive map of the painting. Working from a sketch by Albert Bierstadt, the students will describe the different landmarks in the painting, including such features as Upper Yosemite Falls, North Dome, and Half Dome, which are prominent. Using the Domes of the Yosemite as their map background, the students will place digital pushpins on the painting; each pin will open a description of that landmark. As we are working with a digital interface, the students will be able to provide hyperlinks to hiking trails, national park information, and other content they have found online throughout their research process. Their project will help visitors enhance their understanding of Bierstadt’s work and also highlight the history of the painting and how it came to the Athenaeum.

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Equally exciting projects are happening at our other partner institutions. At Catamount Arts, this year’s student projects include creating a database of local musicians, highlighting the history of the Masonic Temple building, and exploring how to attract teens to First Night. A perennial favorite focuses on Open Mic Night. Students light up when talking about Open Mic Night, and scheming about what their projects could look like, such as promoting the program to their peers and highlighting the importance of performance opportunities for young artists.

At the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, director Peggy Pearl always greets us with a stack of fascinating resources. Students are researching historic buildings and will share their knowledge on a blog at www.historicphotos.stjlabs.com. Other students are mapping diagrams of the rooms in which they will build displays about the history of the Civil War in St. Johnsbury. Another group are measuring ice-cutting tools as they begin constructing a display about the history of the ice business in St. Johnsbury. These projects will be some of the first exhibits in the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center.

At the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, one team is busy creating a project about constellations, comparing the mythology of several cultures to enhance visitors’ understanding of the way civilizations have viewed the night sky. Others have selected exhibits for which they will create enhanced digital content, allowing visitors to quickly access more information about the specimens on display on mobile devices. Another group has chosen to go “behind the scenes,” to explore parts of the collection that are not on display, and then create digital exhibits to share that part of the collection with museum visitors.

Whether wandering the Athenaeum gallery, pouring over photos at the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, listening to student performances at Catamount Arts, or puzzling over a specimen at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, because of this project, the 9th graders at St. Johnsbury Academy are better connected with the local community. Place-based and project-based learning is exciting; we are part of a different kind of learning that happens outside classroom walls.

While the program has evolved over the past few years, the essential components remain. Our students leave campus to explore new spaces and work with local experts. They take in the tremendous opportunities that are available in this area, learning about the missions of local arts and cultural institutions. They conduct research and interviews. They make determinations about the needs of particular audiences and create projects that address those needs. They work in a variety of media, be it creating a website, a video, or a physical display. Last year, we added a presentation component in which students shared the work they did with their peers who chose to base their projects at different institutions and critically reflected on the process, including the challenges and triumphs. Many groups also shared their work with an audience outside of the school, and have their work on display and in use by our cultural partners. Students incorporate technology throughout the entire process, and creatively produce original content. They are excited to create work that will be used by not only their peers but also visitors of all ages. With an authentic audience, students are making important choices about not only what information to share, but the best way to convey what they have learned to reach an intended audience. They view their work as important and relevant, and that empowers them.

What I love about these projects is the time I spend with my students exploring these spaces outside of our classroom, learning alongside them. By connecting students more intimately with local institutions like St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, Catamount Arts, and the St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center, this unique place-based learning opportunity engages students in exciting ways; they are passionate, creative, and energized. As a school, we are grateful for the strong relationships we have formed with our partner institutions. This authentic learning opportunity would not be possible without their willingness to open their doors to our students and to engage with them on these projects. When we leave these institutions at the end of our class, our visits have jumpstarted students’ interest in these places, this town, and our shared history. The short walk back to campus is magical: they look at Main Street, St. Johnsbury, and our school in a whole new light.

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NAPLES, FL
Hosted by Diane and Gareth ’67 Caldbeck, the luncheon at The Remington in Naples was a lively event. This marks the third year for the event, and we continue to see new faces here.

OCALA, FL
Hosts Nate ’50 and Steve ’52 Gilman welcomed us back to the Ocala National Golf Club for our luncheon.
NEW ORLEANS, LA
Academy parents, Lauren and George Brower, opened their beautiful home to 30 Academy folks over April break. They treated us to some of their most popular delicacies from their local New Orleans restaurants – yum! When we weren’t visiting and enjoying our time with the Browers, Jonah Tidyman ‘05 served as our private New Orleans tour guide as it was the first time in the city for some who attended.

TAMPA, FL
With great company, it is hard not enjoy the stunning view from atop the Bank of America building and the comfort of the Tampa Club. Tim Drown ’81 has been our host since the beginning of our visits to the Tampa area over 16 years ago. Along with the excellent food, what a great group of people to visit on the first stop of the Florida trip!

VERO BEACH, FL
The luncheon at the Vero Beach Country Club, hosted by Jean McGregor Rogers ’56, continues to be a wonderful event.

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BOSTON, MA
With alumni visiting from all over New England – Maine to Connecticut, Vermont to Boston - our annual trek to Boston began at West End Johnnie’s, a great watering hole on Portland Street. Following a short walk to TD Garden, 40 alumni cheered the Boston Bruins on to another victory, for the second year in a row!

Trustee Greg Boardman ‘75 and his family joined us for the event. From the L to R: Mike Bish, Lucille Boardman Adams ‘79, Marilyn Gray White ‘52, Tracy Morris, Michael Silvio, Greg Boardman ‘75.

BETHESDA, MD
The Annual Congressional Country Club dinner hosted by Janelle and Jay ‘87 Wright was held in November. Another strong turnout with over 40 alumni and friends in attendance. After dinner, Trustee Jay Wright and Headmaster Tom Lovett spoke to the crowd about all the exciting things happening on and around the St. Johnsbury Academy campus.

Jay Wright ‘87, Charles Ely ’50, Doug McGregor ’50

Rebekah McDowell ’07, Rachel Wynne ’08, Hannah Rowe ’10, Richard Funkhouser ’02, Nicholas Gallerani ’08

Amanda and Wim Taylor ’92

Alan Ruggles ’84, Doug Bedard ’83, and Stephen Clouatre ’85

Doris Paquin Hartshorn ’80 and Tiffany Hartshorn ’04

Tom, Rose ’11, and Patrick Lovett ’13

Carmac and Bill Chesbrough ’78

Tod Schill ’88, Katy Kasprzak Mozingo ’88, Kim Silloway ’82

Paul Hoyt-O’Conner, Avis Hoyt-O’Conner ’80, Barbara Penniman Bussiere ’84, Tom Bussiere ’81

Guests gathered for a group shot in front of the Brower home.
LAS VEGAS, NV

With a large push from the Class of ’66, the Alumni Event in Las Vegas was a raucous affair. Several classmates toured the area along Route 66, culminating their adventure in Las Vegas. From the Corner in Winslow, AZ, to the Diablo located within Monte Carlo, a great time was had by all.

Members from the Class of 1966 along with other alumni and friends gathered together in Las Vegas to sing the alma mater.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

For our inaugural trip to San Antonio, Texas, host Bill Hanson ’64 pulled out all the stops. From the best BBQ to the best burgers in San Antonio, Bill helped to plan a full day of activities for our visiting alumni. For some, the day started with a round of golf at the Quarry Golf Club. Non-golfers joined us for a River Walk cruise, followed by a reception at the historic Menger Hotel. The hotel is located directly across the street from the Alamo which commemorated the 179th anniversary of the conclusion of the Battle of the Alamo with a full day of living history and a ceremony in front of the Shrine on March 6th.
BANGKOK, THAILAND

It was a great way to end our three city tour. Bangkok is an amazing city and the alumni, families, and friends who joined us were just as amazing. Looking forward to our next one!

BERMUDA

Captain Joey Robinson, a Bermuda sunset, and amazing alumni - what could be better... On July 21, 2014, about 20 alumni and friends gathered for an informal outing on the Double Play yacht to catch-up with old friends as we circled the island and enjoyed the sights. Thanks to the Robinson Family for hosting us on this amazing tour.
TOKYO, JAPAN
Over 50 alumni, family, and friends joined us at the International House for a Tokyo reunion. We all gathered in the beautiful garden for a group photo after reuniting with many alumni who hadn’t seen each other in years. A wonderful evening full of Academy stories was had by all.

HONG KONG
Two years and two Hong Kong reunions! We gathered once again and were delighted to see some familiar faces, and some new ones as well. We were lucky to have some alumni who happened to be in Hong Kong on business who were able to join us. We look forward to our next meeting!

Many in the group gathered for a photo in Hong Kong.

Row 1 (L-R) Hisako Nakagawa ’01, Ayane Nozaki ’92, Yuka Kobashi Sotozaki ’92, Maiko Onuki ’94, row 2 (L-R) Yuki Yogosawa Takahashi ’90, Masahiko Kawayuchi, Mayuu Nakamura ’91, Jack Cummings, Makiko Shirasuka ’91, Chie Okuda ’92

Maurice Yip, Vincent Yip ’89, Ronald He ’91, Kelvin Leung ’90

Myles Culmer ’87 and Victor Chan ’03

Dexter Ko ’08, Jack Cummings, and SJA Trustee Alex Ko

Shogo Abe ’05 and Tamae Sato ’05

Alicia Shoko Hambeck ’13, Sho Nakazawa ’10, Ako Fujimoto ’09, Kaori Tsurusaki ’12

Ako Fujimoto ’09, Kaori Tsurusaki ’12

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

Estate Planning, Recurring Gifts, and Deferred Gift Annuities

By indicating your intentions to remember St. Johnsbury Academy in your Estate Plans, you earn membership to the 1842 Circle. If you have included the Academy and have not notified the school, please contact Tammi Cady, Director of Development, so we are sure to recognize you appropriately.

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1. You transfer cash, securities, or other property to St. Johnsbury Academy.

2. Beginning on a specified future date, SJA begins to pay you – or up to two annuitants you name – fixed annuity payments for life.

3. The principal passes to SJA when the contract ends.

The benefits to you include an immediate tax deduction for a portion of your gift and the ability to postpone annuity payments until you need them. Meanwhile, the principal grows tax free.

Please contact Tammi Cady, for further information on any of these options at (802) 751-2010 or by e-mail at tcady@stjacademy.org.
The buzz around campus this spring seems to center on Brantview. The building is frequently mentioned in Chapel, the subject comes up in class discussions and in conversations between students and among faculty. People wonder about the timeline for construction, the campaign, the plans, and how the building will look when the project is complete. The treasured structure never seems far from anyone’s mind. When the decision was made to form a team to enter a new statewide contest that centers on developing a 3D model of an historical structure, the focus immediately turned to Brantview.
In its inaugural year, 3D Vermont is a competition in which, according to their website, “High School and middle school students from around the state are challenged to work in teams to research and recreate 3D models of historical buildings in their area. In the process they will uncover and document the history of buildings and create a multimedia presentation to accompany their printed 3D models.” Students present their 3D models to a panel of judges and are scored on architectural accuracy and detail of the 3D printed model, historical accuracy of the multimedia presentation, depth and detail of research, and originality and creativity of the multimedia presentation.

Advisor Denise Scavitto ’99 and the “Brantview Squad” comprising Valeriya Adamkovych ’16, Skyler Gilbert ’15, Katherine Hunton ’16, Jacquelyn O’Brien ’16, worked hard all semester preparing their model and multimedia presentation. First they learned to use the 3D modeling program, SketchUp, which would allow them to convert measurements and plans of Brantview into a to scale 3D model. They made many measurements of the interior and exterior of Brantview. They printed draft after draft of their model in the Academy’s Maker Space on the 3D printer, visited the Helen Johnson Archives Room at the Grace Stuart Orcutt Library in the Mayo Center and studied three sets of architectural blueprints, from 1932, 1949, and 1978, as well as many photos of the building and the Fairbanks family. The team headed to the Leahy Library at the Vermont Historical Society to look at their large collection of Fairbanks and Brantview-related documents. They wrote:

We explored seven boxes in a series called the Fairbanks Family Papers. While looking through the files we found pictures, stationery, letters, newspapers, journals, checks, and other memorabilia of this family. It was fun to read Rebecca’s journal entries and poetry and to look through Joseph’s photos from Europe. There was a lot of information about many members of the family and even their pets. It was nice to learn about their lives from their possessions, letters, and photographs and to look into their eyes and hear their voices.
Earlier Models of Brantview

Final Model in the 3D Printer
In the process, many interesting books, photos and papers were discovered in the Vermont Historical Society archives. They also found books and papers at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum that were unknown to faculty at the Academy who had studied Brantview in depth. “Spending the day at the Leahy Library at the Vermont Historical Society was a blast,” said Advisor Denise Scavitto. “I loved watching the students dig through boxes of letters, photographs, and other items and get pulled into the past. They were excited about their many finds – but especially the letters and writings of Rebecca Fairbanks. I got to watch them explore the history of the Fairbanks family and, by extension, our school and town – and to watch these names of historical figures evolve from names on a piece of paper to real people with interests, passions, and personalities.”

As part of the multimedia presentation, the team developed an in-depth website: brantview.stjlabs.com. The site includes information about the town, the Academy, and the Fairbanks family, including photos of the Fairbanks family touring Europe. Brantview is considered in careful detail. Many architectural sketches are included along with information about the architect Lambert Packard, interior and exterior photos, and 360-degree panoramas of The Great Hall and parlors, which have been closed except for special events since the building became a dormitory in 1931. The team also mapped out in detail the process of building a 3D model from measurements and blueprints with photos of the various 3D-printed drafts.

All of this preparation was put to the test at the 3D Vermont competition. Again, the buzz was all about Brantview. Our small group of students accomplished big things, impressing the judges with the detail of their model, and their in-depth knowledge of Brantview’s history and architecture. The team placed second out of 18 that participated, receiving five Nexus 7 tablets for the school’s use. Skyler Gilbert summed up the team’s experience: “Investing months in a digital project to then hold the final product physically in your hands is an immensely gratifying experience. 3D printing is bridging the gap between matter and imagination.”
53 2014 has been a tough year for Frank Moriarty as he did everything ‘for the first time’ after his wife Judy’s death in March of 2014. His support comes from their three children, six grandchildren, friends in Jericho, Vermont, where he lives, as well as his long-time SJA friends.

54 North of Brattleboro is a collection of works with a Vermont point of view. The essays and poems give a glimpse into author Bruce Hoyt’s life as teacher, farmer, White Mountain hiker, and general observer of life’s loves, losses, and humor. The 180-page book is available at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, and your local bookstore. Bruce and wife Pam Reganall ’80 live in Safety Harbor, Florida.

55 After 50 years, Don Easter, T, is turning in his whistle. Don has been officiating college, high school, and youth basketball long enough to see many changes in the game – and has enjoyed all of it. He and his wife, Bonnie Dunbar ’77, make their home in Barnet, Vermont.

56 Pictured Below The Class of 1957 celebrates their 75th birthdays on Lake Champlain: seated – Richard Paddleford; front – Judy Lewis Heider, Brenda Naatz Bandy, Carmen Desrochers Repasz, Maureen Finn Robillard, Jenny Marcotte Harlow, Carol Jenne Hamlett; back – Norman Miner, Bruce Scott, Reginald Welch, Mary Steele Caswell, Natalie Lewey Spence.

57 Gene Dionne was honored as an AIAA Fellow, Class of 2014. The title of AIAA Fellow is among the highest honors in the aerospace community, acknowledging truly outstanding work and lasting contributions in significantly advancing the state-of-the-art of aerospace science and technology. AIAA is the largest aerospace professional society in the world, serving a diverse range of more than 35,000 individual members from 80 countries, and 100 corporate members. Congratulations go out to Gene.

58 During the 2014-2015 season, Gary Jenness became New Hampshire Girls’ Basketball’s winningest coach! The title was secured with his seventh win of the season for a total of 625 in his long coaching career. His 37 years of coaching varsity girls’ basketball have yielded 12 championships. His numbers are impressive. Gary and wife Marjorie make their home in Lancaster, New Hampshire.
Peter Crosby, President and CEO of Passumpsic Savings Bank and SJA Trustee, was honored in 2014 with the Vermont Outstanding Community Service Award at the Vermont and New Hampshire Bankers Association Annual Conference. Peter, celebrating 40 years in the banking industry, received this award because of his passion in serving the communities in his region. He and wife Paige (retired SJA guidance counselor) live in St. Johnsbury and spend time in Colorado with their children, Elizabeth ’06 and Phillip ’08.

The Vermont Retired Teachers Association presented their 2014 Volunteer Service Award to Nola Forbes for her extensive activities serving youth and adults. One of the many projects included sewing simple dresses necessary to allow girls in Africa to attend school. In addition, Nola received the Delta Kappa Gamma (Key Women Educators’ Honor Society) chapter level Woman of Distinction Award for 2014. As stated by Mary Ann Riggie, local president, “This woman quietly, reliably, effectively, efficiently performs a variety of tasks for Delta Kappa Gamma, as well as several other organizations. Nola Forbes does the layout for our chapter’s annual program yearbook and proofreads it with an eagle eye. A skilled needle woman, she exhibited work at the DKG Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine. Nola combined her interests in quilting and genealogy to research the signatures on an heirloom quilt in her family. She shared her story and research methods at the 2013 Women and the Arts Retreat. Nola keeps a low profile, takes the initiative, follows up on detail, and maintains contact with Epsilon members. She projects strength, courage and conviction that sustain other Epsilon sisters.”

Dennis Smith, maintenance supervisor at SJA, received clear recognition of his incredible work ethic when he was presented an employee achievement award by the NEK Chamber of Commerce. Dennis and Deb Collins Smith ’72 live in St. Johnsbury.

In keeping with his interest in all things St. Johnsbury and St. Johnsbury Academy, Chris Ryan has published, on Amazon Kindle, a WWII history booklet about the USS Pasadena and one of her sailors, the late SJA faculty member (and Chris’s dad) Frank Ryan. Check it out.

Jean Hall Wheeler received a master’s of education from Lyndon State College in May 2014. Jean and husband Paul live in St. Johnsbury.

Thirty years with J. A. McDonald Inc. has brought Judy DeForge Des Rochers many rewards. Most recently, she has been appointed the 2015 president of the Association of General Contractors of Vermont, the state’s premier trade association for construction. “I’m proud and honored that the members of AGC/VT have elected me to serve as their next president,” said Judy. They are lucky to have her.

When not toiling for the industry, Judy and husband Bill Desrochers ’74 spend some time snowboarding and skiing at a variety of locations including locally at Burke Mountain, Vermont. Summer will find them kayaking or hiking or any number of things taking them outside. Judy and Bill, who live in North Danville, Vermont, are a fun couple to spend time with.

Veteran firefighter Will Rivers has been promoted to assistant chief, the number two officer at the St. Johnsbury Fire Department. Will has served the St. Johnsbury community as a firefighter for the past 32 years and has held the rank of captain since 1997. Will and Lisa Magoon Rivers ’84 live in St. Johnsbury where they raised their daughter Kylie ’07 and son Adam ’10.

Not enough can be said in praise of Lisa Wilkins Warren. Every year can be challenging as the State’s Attorney for Caledonia County. This year, Lisa has brought to a close two high profile cases with the completion of the Melissa Jenkins murder trials. Congratulations, Lisa.

Richard Lyon, CPA, and partner of the St. Johnsbury office of A.M. Peisch and Company, LLP, has recently been awarded the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) Credential by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Requirements for the ABV included passing a rigorous exam, demonstrating qualifying business experience in the area of financial analysis and valuation as well as completing a minimum of 75 hours of life-long learning and education activities in the area of valuation. Rich and wife Carol (Assistant Headmaster for Business Services) are St. Johnsbury residents.

Class News Cover Picture Die-hard Patriots fans, and long-time friends, Tim Cloutatre of West Danville, Vermont, and Les Drent of Kapaa, Hawaii, both enjoyed the Super Bowl!

St. Johnsbury native Cary Lacourse plays the drums weekly at live shows in Newark, Ohio, where he lives. Cary began playing music in 2013 and has won an Ohio Music Award.

On July 1, 2014, DJ Rousseau (center) retired from the Vermont Air National Guard after 22 ½ years of service. He reached the position of Assistant Chief of Training for the military fire department, was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant, served two tours overseas, worked in the Emergency Operations Center, and served as a member of the Base Honor Guard. He, his wife Deborah, and their three children live in St. Johnsbury.

Lyne Jones Caljouw has joined Sensata as Senior Director of Business Human Resources for the global Sensors business. Lyne previously spent 10 years in various leadership HR roles with Sears Holdings Corporation. Lyne and husband Joe live in Kingston, Massachusetts.

Alycia Roger Vosniak joined the Littleton, New Hampshire, staff as Mortgage Loan Specialist. She has over 22 years of banking experience. Alycia and husband Nicholas live in Monroe, New Hampshire, with their two children.
You Are Not Alone – Stories from the Front Lines of Womanhood by Leah Carey is now available. The idea for the book, conceived by Leah, explores the experiences of 10 women through a writing workshop.

Amanda Halpin Bugbee is the co-coordinator of the 504 program and a teacher in the Special Education Department at Lyndon Institute. She received her B.S. in social science from Lyndon State College and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in special education. Amanda and husband Travis ’92 live in St. Johnsbury with their young son.

Now living in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband, son, three dogs, and a pig, Cheryl Noyes Carvajal has begun a series of children’s books telling stories about her domestic pig Chuck Taylor. The first, Chuck Taylor: Not a Scaredy Pig, is a story about Chuck Taylor helping his boy Cisco overcome his fear of monsters under the bed. Check out Cheryl’s books at amazon.com and facebook.com/ChuckTaylorthePig.

In May 2014, Sara Moore Gian­noni received her master’s in mediation from Champlain College. In March 2015, Sara was elected to the city council of Burlington, Vermont, from Ward 3. She and her husband live in Burlington.

In September, The Bronx (New York) Defenders announced the appointment of Elizabeth Keeney to the position of managing director of social work. The Bronx Defenders, a private non-profit organization, provides innovative, holistic client-centered criminal defense, family defense, and civil legal services to 35,000 indigent residents of the Bronx each year. Elizabeth joined the 125-attorney practice after graduating from Columbia University in 2009 with an MA in social work and an MPA in public policy. She lives in New York City with her partner, Daniel Bailey, and their children, Jack and Edna Jean.

In May 2014, Laura Tilghman received a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Georgia. Her dissertation was based on over two years of research in Madagascar on the lives and economic strategies of rural-urban migrants. She is now a postdoctoral research associate for UGS’s College of Public Health. As a side note, Laura met up with Molly McGown ’99 in March 2014 at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology where they each gave a presentation on their research.

After working in multiple clinical practices as a Certified Athletic Trainer in Maine, Greg Jancaitis finally moved back to Vermont in 2014 to join the faculty in the sports medicine department at Norwich University. He is currently a lecturer in sports medicine and hosts both an athletic training and a health sciences education program. He is living in Barre, Vermont.

Alexandra MacLean, a former top aide and campaign manager for Governor Peter Shumlin, has joined KSE Partners, a lobbying firm in Montpelier, Vermont. Alex most recently formed her own strategic communications business, ASM Strategies. Her primary client was Jay Peak Resort. She was the program manager for the Northeast Kingdom Economic Development Initiative. She will continue to work with Jay Peak at KSE.

The Green Mountain Club announced in their Long Trail News the addition of Thorin Markison to their ranks. He is the GMC group outreach specialist. This endeavor follows six winters as a ski instructor in Stowe and Utah, and three summers working with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and a graphic design degree from Lyndon State College to back him up. His pastimes include competitive running, carpentry, and a propensity to make things. The GMC team is excited to count him as a member.

On Friday, May 1, 2015, Olympian (biathlon) and 2014 SJA Commencement Speaker, Susan Dunklee ’04 became the newest SJA representative to be inducted into the Vermont Principals Association Athletic Hall of Fame. Susan was a three-sport athlete, captain, leader, scholar, and champion in Cross-Country Running, Nordic Skiing, and Track during her time at the Academy. She was a State Champion, Vermont Eastern Team member, and New England Junior Olympic Team member. Susan was named Burlington Free Press Athlete of the Week in two different sports and Athlete of the Month by the Vermont Sportscasters & Writers for her accomplishments in Cross Country Running. She was a New England Medalist in both Cross-Country and Track, and held Academy school records in the 800m and 1500m.

Susan Dunklee is a shining star and we continue to watch her biathlon career and cheer her on. Susan is the twelfth Academy representative to be inducted into the VPA Hall of Fame.
Starting in the call division at the St. Johnsbury Fire Department in 1999 and becoming full-time in 2007, Kevin Montminy has been promoted to the rank of captain. Kevin has a college degree in fire science and several other certifications in fire inspections and officer training.

It would have been hard to keep up with the activities of Alex Coulombe over the last few years. Here are a few of the occurrences in chronological order: May 2010—graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor’s in architecture and a minor in drama, followed by an immediate move to NYC. In 2012, he started work as a designer/consultant at Fisher Dachs Associates Theatre Planning and Design combining his love of architecture and theater (instilled during his years in the Academy drama program). He also married Elizabeth Bull ’04 that year. 2014 lived up to expectation as a busy year when his short play, If You Were the Last Man on Earth, was performed at a festival in Philadelphia; he made his off-Broadway debut as the writer/director of Dystopiapiapia; participated in the World Championship of Gameful Architecture competition in Germany; he and Elizabeth became home owners in Garrison, New York; and the list goes on. Just think, a few short years ago he was going back and forth to class right here at SJA!

Now a Certified Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Anna Driscoll joined the Hospitalist Team at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. To attain this position, she earned a B.S. from the University of Vermont in 2011 and a master of science in nursing from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in 2014. We have already heard positive comments from those she’s working with at NVRH including, “Anna brings a wealth of new talent, including wound care expertise, and knowledge about norovirus (common cause of viral gastroenteritis in nursing homes), which she did her master’s thesis on,” and, “committed, conscientious, community-oriented, a good communicator, smart, a pleasure to work with, and always going above and beyond.” She and her fiancé live in East Montpelier. They enjoy downhill skiing and hiking.

Sodexo, a world leader providing integrated facilities management and food service operations, has announced the hiring of Anne Rowell of Craftsbury, Vermont, as the director of its “Vermont First” local food initiative. Anne, a Middlebury College graduate and local food advocate, will lead Sodexo’s program to help grow the local food economy and to supply consumers with more locally sourced food. Previously she was a program manager at the Center for an Agricultural Economy in Hardwick, Vermont.

If you happen to be at the Frankfurt Airport in Germany, say hi to Victoria Isyderczak. She’s back in Germany and carries the title of ‘Guest Service Shift Leader’ at the Element Hotel at the airport. We hear it’s the nicest hotel around.

Military Notes

2012
Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Jordan Boulanger completed basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class Christian Garcia completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Air National Guard Airman Taylor Johnson completed basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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www.stjacademy.org/alumninews
Lashel Devich and Nathan Conte, August 2, 2014, at the home of Tom and Cathy Conte in Danville, Vermont. The couple live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.


Vicki and Nate Cloutier, May 24, 2014, at the Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vermont. Nate is employed by the Vermont Lake Monsters. They reside in South Burlington with their children, Julia and Isaac.

Jesslyn Wernecke and James Needre, September 27, 2014, at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Jesslyn received a B.S. in business administration from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a senior financial analyst for Dunkin’ Brands, Inc. James received a B.A. in business administration from Bridgewater State University and is a senior business analyst for Adidas Group.

Caitlin Mason and Drew Coppenrath, August 23, 2014, at the Hardy Farm in Fryeburg, Maine. Caitlin graduated from UNE and Eastern Stroudsburg University with a Master’s in clinical exercise physiology. She works at Maine Medical Center. Drew received a degree in business administration from Southern Maine University and is employed by Agren in Portland, Maine. The couple and their chocolate lab live in Portland, Maine.

Bethany Aldrich and John Boutha, June 7, 2014, at the home of the bride’s parents in Monroe, New Hampshire. Bethany is a server trainer at Applebees. John is a cook at Jesse’s Steak and Seafood in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Elisha Hale and Joshua Smith ’09, September 21, 2013, at the Curtis Vance Memorial Orchard in North Danville,
Vermont. Elisha is employed at Gauthier’s Pharmacy in St. Johnsbury. Josh is a licensed electrician with Royal Electric in Woodsville, New Hampshire. They are living in St. Johnsbury.

Caroline Piper and Thaddeus Houston, August 2, 2014, in a riverside ceremony in the backyard of the bride’s parents. Caroline attended Bates College and is a 4th grade teacher in Oakland, California. Thaddeus attended Pomona College and is currently a student at Berkeley Law School.

Heather Davio and Brandon Cunningham, July 25, 2013, in a private ceremony in Spokane, Washington, where Brandon is stationed with the United States Air Force.

Pictured Above Dani Renfrew and Ben Brewer ’09, September 21, 2014. Dani earned a B.S. in legal studies from Bay Path University in 2012 and is a paralegal in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Ben graduated from New England Institute of Art, Brookline, Massachusetts, in 2012 with a B.S. in audio and media technology with a specialization in audio engineering. He is employed by Outlaw Audio in Norton, Massachusetts. The couple live in New Bedford, Massachusetts.
Pictured Left: Michelle Bouffard and Patrick Conly, July 12, 2014 atop Darling Hill in Lyndonville, Vermont. Michelle graduated from the New England Academy of Hair Design and is employed as a hair designer and stylist with Flip Salon in Milton, Massachusetts. Patrick graduated from Western New England University and is a client services representative with the Boston Private Bank and Trust Company of Boston, Massachusetts. They are living in Boston.

Marriages Cover Photo: Julia McKinley and Chris Mercon, September 27, 2014, in Marshfield, Vermont. Julia graduated from Vermont Technical College with a B.S. in equine studies in 2013 before earning an A.S. in veterinary technology in 2014. She is employed by Danville Animal Hospital. Chris graduated from Vermont Technical College in 2013 with an A.S. in construction management. He is a materials engineer for the Vermont Agency of Transportation. They are living in Danville, Vermont.

Samantha Daniels and Nathaniel Coutu, September 28, 2013, at Queen of Peace Church in Danville, Vermont. Samantha is employed with Quality Mitsubishi. Nate works for Craig Danforth Masonry. They reside in North Danville, Vermont.
The College Scene

Bates College, May 2014
2010
Kyle Prohaska, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Politics

Berea College, May 2014
2010
John Darling, Passumpsic, Vermont, B.S., Biology, magna cum laude

Castleton State College, May 2014
2009
Kelly Allen, St. Johnsbury Center, B.A., Theater Arts, cum laude

Community College of Vermont, June 2014
1997
Martin St. George, St. Johnsbury, A.S.

Earlham College, May 2014
2010
Kathryn Roosa, Barnet, Vermont, B.A., Neuroscience

Fort Lewis College, May 2014
2008
Joshua McDowell, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Exercise Science, Exercise Specialist Option

Johnson State College, May 2014
1972
Debra Winot Priest, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Professional Studies
2012
Rosalee Stinehour, Waterford, Vermont

Lyndon State College, May 2014
1978
Jean Hall Wheeler, St. Johnsbury, Masters of Education
1986
Catherine Fortin Currier, Monroe, New Hampshire, Masters of Education
2004
Kaitlin Call, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Elementary Education
2006
Kevin Bacon, Concord, Vermont, B.A., New Media Studies (Animation)

Sylvia Dean, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Human Services
2008
Joshua Bacon, Concord, Vermont, B.S., Accounting
Jessica Buxton, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Human Services
Christian Henault, Barnet, Vermont, B.S., Small Business Management
2009
Brooke Chamberlain, St. Johnsbury Center, B.S., Human Services
Jacob Machell, Danville, Vermont, B.S., Music Business and Industry with a concentration in Business
Crystal Reed, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Elementary Education
2010
Sonya Bridges, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Psychology
Matthew Collins, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Business Administration
Graeme Hall, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Business Administration
Shelby Hayes, Waterford, Vermont, B.A., Psychology
Nicole Leonard, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Exercise Science with a concentration in Physical Therapy
Ian MacDonald, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Sustainability Studies
Jennifer Robinson, Passumpsic, Vermont, B.S., Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood

Maine Maritime Academy, October 2014
2003
Kregg MacPherson, Monroe, New Hampshire, was awarded a Henry A. Scheel Scholarship during the Academy’s annual Celebration of Achievement. The award is given to a student who “exemplifies intellectual curiosity and achievement.”

Roger Williams University, May 2014
2010
Nathan Trenholme, Waterford, Vermont, B.A., History

St. Lawrence University, May 2014
2010
Sarah Fitzhugh, Peacham, Vermont, B.P.S., Fashion Design

Linnea McMath, East Hardwick, Vermont, B.S., Business Administration

St. Michael’s College, May 2014
2008
Taylor Luneau, East Hardwick, Vermont, B.S., Biology

Skidmore College, May 2014
2010
Rachel Ajamie, Bath, New Hampshire, B.S., cum laude
Sydney Lea, Newbury, Vermont, B.A.

University of Vermont, May 2014
1999
Kelly Rouelle Lemieux, St. Johnsbury, B.S., VT RN
2009
Ryan Dustin, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Environmental Science
Rose Kenary, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Public Communication
Richard Plonski, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Nutrition and Food Sciences
2010
Eli Barrett, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Nutrition and Food Sciences
Fernando Beltran, Waterford, Vermont, B.A., History
Laura Broome, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Biology
Ky Duong, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Professional Nursing
Zachary Flynn, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Mathematics
Erin Kerr, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Geography
Sarah Kozak, Waterford, Vermont, B.A., Psychology
Kristian Moore, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Environmental Studies
Asterik Muradian, St. Johnsbury, B.A., Global Studies
Elizabeth Remick, Waterford, Vermont, B.S., Animal Science
Audrey Woods, St. Johnsbury, B.S., Molecular Genetics

Western New England University, May 2014
2003
Lindsey Bigelow, St. Johnsbury, Juris Doctor degree
Births


89 A daughter, Olive Marian, April 11, 2013, to Jeremy and Jennifer Ruhlman Shepard of Eliot, Maine. She joins siblings Emerson and Sam.


91 A daughter, Kayla Grace, October 14, 2014, to Jamie and Catherine Forbes Carrara of Shrewsbury, Vermont.


93 A son, Rhys Halsey Curtis, July 8, 2014, to Yvonne and Jamie Gam mell of Groton, Vermont. He joins siblings Rowan and Vivienne.

94 A son, Anthony Solomon, July 17, 2014, to Megan and Samuel Handy of Escondido, California. Tony was delivered by his parents in the front seat of their mini-van parked at the hospital entrance. He joins siblings Samuel, Madelyn, and Isabelle.


96 A daughter, Alex Emerson, February 5, 2014, to Chad ’90 and Veronica Tay Robillard of St. Johnsbury. She joins sister Lilias.


A son, Gunnar Rayne, September 19, 2014, to Ryan Millet and Aileen Savasta of Newark, Vermont. He joins sister Isabella.

A son, Parker Lee, to Sarah and Shep Ward of Williston, Vermont.


A son, Zachary Peter, November 11, 2014, to Penny and Greg Wernecke, of Sydney, Australia.

A daughter, Emmah Shaner, April 19, 2014, to Ethan O’Brien and Tanya Harpin of Danville, Vermont. She joins siblings Kaylee, Avah, and Gunnar.


A son, Wesley Chapman, September 15, 2014, to Calvin and Alison Cote Willard of Barnet, Vermont. He joins sisters Sawyer and Quinn.


A daughter, Elizabeth Elliot, January 7, 2015, to Jamie and Jessica McKay Philippe of Peacham, Vermont.


A son, Souta, November 5, 2014, to Shin and Yuko Yoshifuji Tomioka, of Tokyo, Japan. He joins brother Shiki.

A daughter, Isabelle Beth, February 7, 2014, to Ian and Laura Boisseau of East Burke, Vermont. She joins sister Layla.

A daughter, Mya Anne Marie, to Dwayne Knight and Amanda Coderre of Concord, Vermont. She joins sisters Brianna Marie and Ava Desiree.
A daughter, Annabelle Lynn, January 29, 2015, to Brandon and Miranda Allen Wahl of Barnet, Vermont.


A daughter, Hannah Lynn, May 6, 2014, to Anthony Valdez and Jessy Pelow of Waterford, Vermont. She joins sister Haley.

A daughter, Lane Howard, to Chelsea Saben and Herbert Bennett ’05 of St. Johnsbury. He joins sister Emma.


A daughter, Alaura Dorothy, April 21, 2014, to Daniele Drown of Lyndonville, Vermont, and Brandon Foster of Newbury, Vermont.


A son, Cameron James, July 26, 2014, to Corinne McGrath of Passumpsic.

A daughter, Amethyst Rose, February 24, 2014, to Thomas VanVliet and Diamond Reed of Lyndonville, Vermont.

A daughter, Persephone Leah, November 14, 2014, to Ember Rose and Kaolin Tetreault of Newark, Vermont.


A son, Jayden Donald Yu, February 20, 2014, to Donald Gliden and Victoria Yu of Manchester, New Hampshire.

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In Memoriam

29 Dorothy Conly Cutting, 102, March 16, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include daughters Virginia Cutting (Ron ’61) Cross ’61 and Barbara Cutting (Ernie ’58) Thurston ’61; and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

31 Alice Clark Rowe, 99, April 20, 2014, of Peacham, Vermont. Survivors include son William (Judith Johnstone) Rowe; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

34 Russell Reed, 97, April 15, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Bean Reed ’43; children Beth Reed (Robert) Wechsler ’67, James (Gloria) Reed ’69, and John (Donna) Reed ’71; and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

35 Beatrice LeBlanc, 98, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include nephew Mark LeBlanc ’69.

36 Maybell Renfrew Peck, 96, January 30, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include children George ’Ed (Pat) Conly ’60, Alan (Marge) Conly ’61, and Marge Peck (Mike) Audet ’69; and seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Maybell was a long-time Business Education teacher at SJA.

37 Elizabeth Richmond Counsell, 94, April 7, 2014, of Manchester Center, Vermont. Survivors include children Susan Ritchie and Merrick Counsell; and two grandchildren.

38 Beverly Bradley Guyer, 93, January 3, 2014, in St. Johnsbury. Survivors include children Ernest (Linda Whipple ’67) Guyer ’62 T, Kathleen Guyer (Perley ’64 T) Sparrow ’66, and Marie Guyer (Gary ’64) Maurice ’69; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and step-daughters Patti Frigon (Mike, transportation coordinator) Willey ’84 and Pam Frigon Jones ’85.

39 Gordon Spaulding, 94, November 9, 2014, in St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Spaulding; and two grandchildren.

40 Richard Albee (Trade), 92, September 3, 2014, in St. Johnsbury. Survivors include daughters Patricia Albee (David ’59) Coburn ’67 and Elke Albee Emmons ’60; and two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

41 Allen Caldwell, 90, December 10, 2014, in Memphis, Tennessee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Caldwell.

Marjorie Daniels Canning, 90, March 11, 2014. Survivors include children Raymond (Kate) Canning and Gail Calkins; five
grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and sister Vivian Daniels Davis ’48.

Katherine Blake Caputi, 91, March 5, 2014, in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Survivors include her husband, Anthony Caputi; and son Andy Caputi.

Eugene Ellingwood, 90, March 5, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his children Linda Ellingwood (William) Pollock ’65 and Mark (Rena) Ellingwood ’70; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and sister Judith Ellingwood Daigneault ’43.

Jacqueline Toussaint Isabelle (Mt. St. Joseph), 92, November 23, 2014, of Newport, Vermont. Survivors include children Christine Isabelle (Phillip) Wolf ’69, Claudette Isabelle (Gary) Schoolcraft ’70, Marc (Deborah) Isabelle ’71, Bernard (Crystal) Isabelle, Donald Isabelle, Brenda Isabelle, Brian (Allyson) Isabelle, Richard (Constance) Isabelle, and Suzanne (James) Schmitz; and 29 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Richard Maxwell, 90, October 13, 2013, of York, Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife, Susan; sons Richard (Helen) Maxwell, Carleton (Susan) Maxwell, and Bradley (Holly) Maxwell; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Gilbert Laferriere, 90, September 24, 2104, of Barre, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Laferriere; son Bill (Deb) Laferriere; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and sister Lucille McCaffrey.

Eugene Lowrey, 89, December 23, 2014, of Williston, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Curtis Lowrey ’45; children Russell (Dawn Sherburne ’67) Lowrey ’67 and Susan Lowrey ’70; and two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edward Meilleur (Trade), 92, March 3, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include children Susan Meilleur (Gordon) Mills ’71, Kevin (Sena) Meilleur ’75, Steven (Maria) Meilleur ’79, and Jason (Delina) Meilleur ’85; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Samuel Mills, 89, February 25, 2015, of Franconia, New Hampshire. Survivors include his partner, Almamae Girard; and nephew Kevin Lemire.

Blendine Webb Vance, 89, October 18, 2014, of St. Johnsbury Center. Survivors include children Michael (Kathy) Vance ’66, Brenda Vance (James) Tessman ’67, Donald (Pam) Vance ’73, and Robin Vance (Andy) Ishak ’78; and 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Raymond Williams, 89, January 6, 2015, of Westfield, Massachusetts. Survivors include sisters Pauline Williams Hawkins ’35 and Aline Williams (George) Trask ’49.

Lorraine Wright Mumford, 88, January 31, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include children Karen Mumford Jordan ’69 and Jon (Rose) Mumford ’76; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Claude Donna (Trade), 88, July 16, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include siblings Normand (Susan, former-guidance office) Donna ’64, Gertrude Donna (Robert ’49) Turner ’52 MSJ, and Dorothy Donna (Reg Leonard) Lynagh ’53 MSJ.

Gracia Tetreault Letourneau, 87, May 24, 2014, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Tom Letourneau ’45 T; children Donald (Helga) Letourneau, Lucille (Terry) Adams, Joanne (Steven) Fenoff, Thomas (Ramona) Letourneau, Paula (Jonathan) Knights, Debra (Donald ’74) Taylor, Paul Letourneau, Andrew (Ann Marie) Letourneau, Richard (Dorene Priest) Letourneau, Marie Maddox, Marcia (Tom Lee) Letourneau; 26 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and siblings Jacqueline Tetreault McNamara ’47, Gilbert (Betty) Tetreault, John (Barbara) Tetreault, Jeanne (Nick) Nardacci, Patricia (Gerald) Belanger, and Jeanne (Armand) Gould.

Olive Bolton Morey, 87, July 9, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include sons Henry (Shirley) Morey, David (Faye) Morey, Richard (Carol Blaney ’71) Morey, and Robert (Chris Bonnett ’71) Morey; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and siblings Esther Cuthbertson and Burton Bolton ’54.

Anabelle Heath Parker, 86, March 20, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children Linda Parker (Dale ’72) Goyet ’73, Garey Parker ’76, Deborah Parker (Dave) Heller ’77, and Dianah Parker (Tim ’76) Hale ’77; and 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Patricia ’Patsy’ Blow Russell, 87, April 26, 2014, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include children Linda Russell (Frederick) Mackenzie ’65, Richard Russell ’68, Tim (Kimberly) Russell ’74, Erin Russell David ’81, and Holly Russell Rouelle ’85.

Madeline Noyes Rutledge, 87, November 14, 2014, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include children Iris Rutledge (Bruce ’64 T) Bergeron ’66, Nathan Rutledge ’74, and Steven (Crystal Dennison ’84 Rutledge ’82; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and sisters Freda Noyes Clark ’41 and Ramona (William) Bunnell.

Lucile Hall Chamberlin, 87, January 6, 2015, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include children Hazel Chamberlin (Keith) Clark ’65 and James (Dianne Mulliken ’63) Chamberlin; and two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Dorothy Larocque Rossier (Mt. St. Joseph), 86, November 15, 2014, of Sutton, Vermont. Survivors include children Anthony (Priscilla) Rossier, Marsha Cherington, Donna (Carl) White, Samuel (Maggie) Rossier, Susan (Steve) Brill; 11 grandchildren; and brother Leigh (Beverly Goodwin ’52) Larocque ’52 T.


Raymond LaChance (Trade), December 5, 2014, of Colchester, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Laurette Prevost LaChance ’49 MSJ, children Thomas (Lind) LaChance, David (Colette) LaChance, Daniel (Lydia) LaChance, Robert (Patri-
Ruthie Grenier Smith, 83, February 11, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include children Robert ‘Bubba’ (Anne) Smith ’70, Donna Smith (Andrew) Matte ’71, Debra Smith Salazar ’73, Rick (Debra) Smith ’77, Denise Smith ’79, Diane Smith (Steve) Cole ’81, and Ronald (Chris) Smith ’84; and 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Calvin Bissell (Trade), 80, August 7, 2012, of Colliersville, New York. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Bean Bissell ’52; children Edward (Hollie) Bissell, Brian (Maryann Timer) Bissell, Michael (Lorraine) Bissell, and Cynthia (Russ Smith) Bissell; and nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Robert ‘Bob’ Carreau (Trade), 82, February 9, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Simone; children Michelle Carreau (Keith) Descoteaux ’81 and Gary Carreau ’85; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and sister Lorette Carreau Desrochers ’45.

Ronald Lavallee (Trade), 82, March 11, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include a sister, Brenda Sue (Bobby) Kohuwsky.

Audrey Kittredge Pollard, 81, June 23, 2014, of Harbor Pines, California. Survivors include daughters Shelley Stallings and Susan Sielicki; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Raymond Belanger (Trade), 80, February 21, 2014, of Candia, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Gloria Belanger; children Susan (Martin) Spann, Michelle (Steven) Clark, Barbara (Gary) Lambert, Chuck (Debra) Belanger, and Jim (Shaunda) Belanger; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and siblings Maurice Belanger ’55 T and Jeanne Belanger Bean ’51.

Gloria Dubois (Mount St. Joseph), 80, August 2, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include siblings Cecile Dubois (Joseph) Merchant ’57 MSJ and Paul Dubois.

Joyce Nutter Root, 81, October 12, 2014, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Bob Root; children Debbie Root (Bruce ’67) Hazen ’72 and Rodney (Cathy) Root ’74; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and siblings Lillian Nutter Willey ’49, Shirley Nutter Belmore ’58, and Herbert (Martha) Nutter ’64.
Stanley Wheeler (Trade), 75, May 9, 2014, in Port St. Luce, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; sons Jon Wheeler and Mark Wheeler; and five grandchildren.

Katherine Heath Mackay, 75, October 3, 2014, of Lower Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, William Mackay; children Stephen (Judy Cornell) Mackay ’76, Jeffrey Mackay ’85, Tamatha Mackay (Robert ’86) Spicer ’87, Gail (Gary) Brooks, and Joyce Mackay (Rick) Kline ’79; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and sister Susan Heath ’63.

Clinton Newland (Trade), 74, June 5, 2014, in Eliot, Maine. Survivors include his wife, Pamela Newland; children Cynthia (Daniel) White, Dale (Carrie) Newland, Jennifer (Ernie) Bubjer, and Jonathan Newland; five grandchildren; and siblings WINSTON (Loraine) Newland ’59 T, Maelene (Bryan) Watson, Layton (Wendy Jones ’73) Newland, and Denton (Debby Batchedler ’81) Newland.

Theresa Gauvin Valade (Mt. St. Joseph), 77, April 21, 2014, of Nashua, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Robert Valade; daughter Stacey Iannazzo; and two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

John Vear (Trade), 77, December 1, 2014, of Eden Mills, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Vear; children Gary Vear of Eden Mills, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Vear; children Gary Vear and Wendy Vear; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and siblings June How and Wayne Vear.

Garth Weeks, 74, September 20, 2014, of Morganton, Georgia. Survivors include his wife, Hank Weeks; children Kristian Weeks and Samantha Steel; two grandchildren; and siblings EARL Weeks ’57, Pamela Weeks Cavanaugh ’62, and Barbara Weeks Laramie ’64.

Merle Amadon (Trade), 74, March 1, 2014, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Linda Davenport Amadon ’64; and twin brother Merlin (Sheila Corbel ’62) Amadon ’59 T.

Roy Chase (Trade), 72, January 12, 2015, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Edith Chase; children Donald (Nancy) Chase, Richard (Becky) Chase, Terry Chase, and Trudy (Steve) Harran; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and siblings Dorothy (Martin) Starin, Wayne (Jean) Chase, and Raymond (Ellen) Chase.

James ‘Jim’ Buck, 72, October 20, 2014, of Sutton, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Linda Ward; children Angela Buck, Ronald (Tammy) Buck, Kristine Connaughton, and Keri (Michael) Venancio; step-sons Kevin Ward and Keith (Shauneen) Ward; grandchildren; and sister Debbie Buck (Mark) Chase ’70.

Anne Evans, 73, April 22, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include daughters Bonnie Danch Smith ’85 and Regina Danch (Tim ’80) Mumford ’83; two grandchildren; and brother William (Elaine Lamothe ’66) Evans ’66.

Simone Poliquin LaChance (Mount St. Joseph), 72, July 9, 2014, of Cocoa, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Richard LaChance ’56; children Brian (Deborah) LaChance ’82, Paul LaChance ’82, and Rachel (Gary) Holgird; three grandchildren; and sister Rita Poliquin (Gerry ’52 Prevost ’53) MSJ.

Gary Potter, 71, January 14, 2015, of Saco, Maine. Survivors include his wife, Judy Katzell; children Steven (Carolina Velis) Potter, Greyson Potter, and Sarah Potter; two grandchildren; and siblings Sandy Potter Palmer ’59, Janice Potter (Peter) Urbanowicz ’64, and Kenny (Nita) Potter ’56 T.

Beth Zabrosky Cesare, 68, May 19, 2014, of Wolcott, Connecticut. Survivors include children Rebecca Washburn and Forrest (Diana) Cesare; two grandchildren; and sister Jayne Zabrosky (Keith ’66) Phelps ’66.


Clyde Sweetser (Trade), 66, October 21, 2013, of Worcester, Vermont. Survivors include children Melissa (Francisco) Olivares, Clyde Sweetser, and Brian Sweetser; two grandchildren; and siblings Archelaus Sweetser, GENE SWEETSER ’66 T, Gary Sweetser, Ruth Sicely, and Leola Russ.


Linda Willson Cushing, 67, March 8, 2015, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include children Patti Valley and Christine Tilton; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and sister Dorothy Willson (Fred) DODGE ’57.

Eric Long, 66, June 8, 2014, of Monument Beach, Massachusetts. Survivors include daughter Erica Long; father EARLE (Mary Anne) LONG ’44; and siblings MICHAL LONG (Ed) DALTON ’70 and Tim (Cheryl) LONG ’65.

Dennis Reed, 64, February 25, 2014, of Augusta, Maine. Survivors include his wife, Anne Reed; son SCOTT (Lori Law) REED ’88, two grandchildren; and siblings HOWARD REED ’58, Judith Reed Martel ’63, and Barbara Reed Roberts ’61.

Manuel Laverde (Trade), 64, August 11, 2014, of St. Johnsbury.

Raymond McPherson (Trade), 66, February 16, 2015, of Lunenburg, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Patty McPherson; daughters Heather McPherson (Tyrone) BLIZZARD ’90, DI McPherson ’91, and Megan (Michael) Allen; seven grandchildren; and sister Dianna McPherson.

Harry Young Sr. (Trade), 65, May 8, 2014, of Baltimore, Maryland. Survivors include his wife, Rose Ann; children Trina (Jimmy) and Harry; five grandchildren; mother Mary Ann Young; and brothers Buzzy (Sally) Young and Ronald (Nikki WHITNEY ’70) Young.
In Memoriam


Bonnie Rash Therrien, 61, November 17, 2014, of North Stratford, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Robert Scanzillo; 2014, of Raymond, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Rogers; five grandchildren; mother June Evans; five grandchildren; mother June Evans; and siblings Glendon Corrow; and siblings

Mark Byrne, 60, March 6, 2015, of Kansas City, Missouri. Survivors include his mother, Madree Sampson, and a brother, Nigel Richardson.

Nathan Richardson, 38, May 17, 2014, of Pembroke, Bermuda. Survivors include her husband, Bill Lawson; son Lance; father Kevin Cole; mother Bonnie Bashaw Cole; brother Ben (Carrie Bunnell ’07) Cole ’05; grandfather John Cole; and grandmother Audrey Bashaw.

Andrea Cole Lawson, 31, February 24, 2015, of Bethesda, Maryland. Survivors include her husband, Bill Lawson; son Lance; father Kevin Cole; mother Bonnie Bashaw Cole; brother Ben (Carrie Bunnell ’07) Cole ’05; grandfather John Cole; and grandmother Audrey Bashaw.

Rebecca ‘Becky’ Leiviska, 31, April 10, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her mother, Sandy Leiviska; and siblings Kendra Leiviska (Christopher) Fuller ‘98, Morgan (Sabrina) Leiviska ‘00, and twin sister Caity Leiviska ‘01.

Steven Willis, 44, February 2, 2015, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include parents David and Sara Reed ’65 Willis; fiancé Robin Austin; children Mikael Willis, Max Willis, Samantha Austin, Megan Austin; a grandson; and sister Kristal Willis ’94.

Christopher Chase, 39, February 19, 2014, of Tavares, Florida. Survivors include a son, Steven; mother Charlene Phanstiel; brother Ched Chase ’99, and grandfather Charles Welcome ’49 T.

Sherry Cookson Scanzillo, 58, April 5, 2014, of Raymond, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Robert Scanzillo; children Christopher Flanders and Kelly (Dennis) Hebert; two grandchildren; and brother John (Anita) Cookson ’70.

Deborah Corrow, 56, April 2, 2014, of Kingman, Arizona. Survivors include her partner, Van Wilson; father Glendon Corrow; and siblings Susan (Paul Croteau) Corrow ’72 and Larry (Wendy) Corrow ’70.

Susan Holloway Frost, 59, March 1, 2014, of Weare, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Jackie Frost; mother Ruth Holloway; daughters Dawn (Christopher) McDonald and Tricia (Eric) Scribner; stepdaughter Amanda (Billy Watkins) Frost; four grandchildren; and siblings, James (Mary Camley) Holloway ’72, Raymond Holloway ’73, Donna Holloway (David) Degree ’75, Blaine (Aryn Ainsworth ’83) Holloway ’79, Linda Holloway Savage ’79, and Ronald Holloway ’81.

Denny Noyes, 58, January 20, 2015, of Concord, Vermont. Survivors include daughter Regan Noyes ’12; and siblings Dennis (Michelle Fortin ’70) Noyes ’66, Thomas Noyes ’71, Douglass (Karen) Noyes ’76, and Steve (Gina) Noyes ’66.

Stephen McGinnis, 55, September 1, 2014, of North Ferrisburg, Vermont. Survivors include parents Richard ’53 T and Beulah Darrell ’55 McGinnis; wife Cathy; son Michael (Jessica); two grandchildren; and siblings Linda McGinnis (Ron) Stellpflue ’79, Michael (Tabetha DaPonte ’85) McGinnis ’81, and Gary (Heather Therrien ’92) McGinnis ’87.

Todd Spaulding, 53, February 13, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his mother, Marilyn Spaulding; children Michael (Amanda Halle) Spaulding and Elise (William) Kent; and three grandchildren.

Penny Johnson, 51, March 24, 2014, of Middleburg, Florida. Survivors include her spouse, Andrea Raineri; and brother Raymond (Mary Anne) Johnson ’57.

Lori Gervais, 52, December 12, 2014, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Arthur Magoon; son Scott Gervais; one grandchild; stepchildren James Gray, Katelyn Magoon, and Christina Magoon; and siblings Raymond Gervais ’81, Paul (April Gervais ’82, and Tina Gervais (Jeremy) Hamel ’85.

Bryan Fontaine, 45, May 17, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Kim; children Tyler Fontaine and Brittany Terhune; stepson Alexander Belliveau; mother Evelyn (Colin) Carter; grandmother Sarah Cox; siblings Paul (Kim) Fontaine, Roger (Heather) Fontaine ’91, and Annette (Kris McAllister) Jewell; and step-siblings Christelle Plourde and Corey Boardman.
In February, the Alumni News Blog was taken over by Topper, the dog who has made surprise appearances since 2010. He spent his week exploring happenings all over campus, including basketball games, ResFest 2015, and Chapel, just to name a few. If you missed his daily posts and updates, you can still check them out on the Alumni News page of the website at stjacademy.org/AlumniNews.
MAY
29 REUNION WEEKEND
Classes ending with a 5 or 0, this is your year.
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Social
Kingdom Taproom (Railroad St.)
All current and past faculty and staff are invited as special guests to meet and greet our alumni returning for Reunion Weekend. Join us for a special farewell to our 2015 retiring faculty and staff. See page 8
6:00 P.M.
Trade School Social and Buffet
St. Johnsbury Elks Home
7:00 P.M.
Individual Class Parties are being held at various locations and times. Check the website for class gatherings by visiting WWW.STJACADEMY.ORG/ALUMNI
31 REUNION WEEKEND
9:30 A.M.
Forget Something?
Get replacement nametags, directions, or schedules if you forgot them at home.
Straszko Center at Graham’s House
10:00 A.M.
Campus Tours
Straszko Center at Graham’s House
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. – 6:15 P.M.
All Class Wine and Cheese Social
Charles Hosmer Morse Center for the Arts
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
Alumni Banquet
St. Johnsbury Academy Field House
8:30 P.M.
All Class Party
St. Johnsbury Country Club
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
17 HOMECOMING WEEKEND
1:00 P.M.
SJA at Lyndon Institute
Robert K. Lewis Field,
Lyndon Institute
NOVEMBER
13 ARLINGTON, VA
7:00 P.M.
Informal Social
The Home of Michael ‘84 and Tina Armstrong ‘86 Walker
14 BETHESDA, MD
6:30 P.M.
Dinner hosted by Janelle
and Jay Wright ’87
Congressional Country Club
JUNE
05 ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY GOLF BENEFIT
11:00 A.M.
St. Johnsbury Country Club
OCTOBER
16 HOMECOMING WEEKEND
7:00 P.M.
Pep Rally Parade
Main Street
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Join us for a special farewell to our 2015 retiring faculty and staff