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Cover Image
In the parlor of Brantview representing three of our legacy families, left to right, Bodie Avery ’18, Ensign Bennett ’18, Christian Gery ’17, and Afara Cohn ’18. Seated are Breanne Bennett ’18, Avery Lesinger ’18, and Noah Gery ’18.

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The prosperity of a country depends not on the abundance of its revenues, nor on the strength of its fortifications, nor on the beauty of its public buildings; but it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its men [and women] of education, enlightenment, and character; here are to be found its true interest, its chief strength, its real power.—Martin Luther

The headmaster’s message:

The Academy’s mission of character, inquiry, and community strives to live up to such shining ideals and usually is successful. Graham Newell taught me that the nature of a true academic institution is to provide students with a forum of openness, where one could explore different perspectives in an environment of mutual respect and friendliness. We find once the snow melted each spring, my fears were...
WE’RE GETTING READY FOR OUR 175th BIRTHDAY!

For the first time, we will be hosting an official Resident Alumni Reunion and inviting all alumni who lived on-campus to return for a special reunion. Day student alumni are encouraged to attend.

Please plan to return to St. Johnsbury Academy for this first time reunion! Coming in the summer of 2017—stay tuned for details!

Resident Alumni Reunion

Celebrating our Veterans

The 2017 50th Reunion Class, Class of 1967, will be placing a special marker to honor our Veterans. All Veterans will be welcome at the ceremony taking place during Reunion Weekend 2017 (June 2-4, 2017). More information will follow.

Please review the list (on page 48) of known alumni Veterans and help us to fill in the gaps. We know we don’t have everyone. If you see someone missing from the list, please let us know by contacting the Alumni Office by phone at (802) 751-2011 or by email at sjaalumni@stjacademy.org.

The Last 25 Years Book Launch

Alumna, Peggy Pearl ’65, will be launching the last 25-year history of St. Johnsbury Academy. Rich Beck ’66 released A Proud Tradition, A Bright Future in celebration of 150 years back in 1992. Peggy will be picking up where Rich left off. The book launch is scheduled to take place during Homecoming/LI Weekend 2017 (October 21, 2017).

Watch for other exciting events during Celebration Year 2017!
Providing for Those Who Come After

This continues to be an exciting time for the Academy and our whole community as we move toward our 175th anniversary and the completion of the campaign for Brantview. This historic preservation project was jump-started last June, when Nancy Tang Francis ’51 and her brother Oscar pledged $2 million towards the renovation, providing us with an additional $1 million. Thanks to some very generous alumni, parent, and trustee gifts, we have reached that $3 million goal. Including Nancy and Oscar’s incredibly generous gift, we have $5.6 million in cash and pledges toward this historic effort. We need just $1 million more to completely fund the restoration of Brantview and The Barn.

For those that don’t know the story, Nancy Tang and her younger brother Oscar arrived in St. Johnsbury, following the fall of Shanghai in 1949. Nancy enrolled as a freshman and it was decided that Oscar, who was just eleven at the time and spoke no English, would live in Fairbank’s Cottage and attend the St. Johnsbury Junior High School, then located in our North Hall. Nancy lived in Brantview for four years and graduated with the class of 1953. After two years in St. Johnsbury, Oscar transferred to Phillips Andover Academy. Oscar had wanted his experience in St. Johnsbury included in this history. He made his first trip back to town that spring to give the commencement address on the date of his sister’s 60th reunion.

Once Oscar left St. Johnsbury, he had no direct contact with the Academy. He reconnected in 2013, when we received a call from the person making a documentary film about Oscar’s life in honor of his retirement as President of the Board of Trustees at Phillips-Andover Academy. Oscar had wanted his experience in St. Johnsbury included in this history. He made his first trip back to town that spring to give the commencement address on the date of his sister’s 60th reunion.

Richard played a few minutes to talk about his early experiences in St. Johnsbury. He said, “Those early months here in St. Johnsbury were difficult—homesickness, loneliness, and the struggle to learn English. Yet, I realized that there was nothing to go back to in China, and that my parents had allocated a part of their limited remaining resources so that I could be educated here, and build a life in America. There was no choice except to move forward. And people were kind. I still remember the first days in class where the girl sitting in front of me would constantly turn around and try to explain to me, partly with sign language, what I was to do next. The daughter of the Academy’s headmaster would tutor me in English. Mr. Twombly, who would later become Headmaster of this academy, and his assistant, Miss Thomas, made a special effort to look after me. To finance my little luxuries, such as ice cream cones, or the double feature Western movies that played in the theaters downtown, the older boys in the dormitory would pay me to shine their shoes or empty their wastebaskets. Believe me or not, my price for emptying a wastebasket 64 years ago was only a penny, but there were many of them in the dorm.

Oscar concluded his address to our graduates with three pieces of advice:

First, believe in the ultimate dignity of your work and recognize that through continuous education, training and practice—in other words, plain hard work—you can always improve.

Second, look upon adversity as an opportunity. For me, the loss of China to the Communists that resulted in my displacement to St. Johnsbury was an adversity that presented an opportunity. It focused my attention, and made me realize that I had to work hard to overcome my circumstances. And overcoming obstacles can be such a supercharger for one’s confidence and ability to deal with later challenges.

Third, recognize that you are not alone. For me, my parents made what must have been a heartrending decision to send me away at the age of 13, because they felt that, under the circumstances, I would have a better future, if I were educated here. Countless teachers, headmasters, counselors and students helped me succeed in my efforts to advance. I am sure the story is the same for you. Be grateful for all the support you have and will receive, at least we are, and if you are ever in a position, help someone else, because in the community that we all live, that is our obligation. Besides, there is no greater reward than to know that you have been helpful to another.

So much for my advice to you. Finally, I just want to tell you that I look back with great fondness on my start here at St. Johnsbury. In great adversity this country and this town took me in, and provided me an education and the opportunity to build a very fulfilling life. Today, the times may again look difficult and uncertain for you, but be assured that great opportunities are out there. To date you have been well prepared, but this is a commencement, a beginning for you to reach for those opportunities. As I look at you I am filled with hope and expectation for what you may achieve.

I found Oscar’s story and words inspiring three years ago and they remain so today. St. Johnsbury was the starting point for his and Nancy’s new life in America and I am proud to be a part of the community that helped them on their way. It is also gratifying to know that so much of what they remember as important remain staples of the Academy’s mission today, including our optimism for young people.

Jack Cummings
Associate Headmaster, Advancement & Admission

St. Johnsbury Academy

Travel Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide an enriching travel opportunity through an Academy sponsored off-campus experience to a qualified student who otherwise might not be able to afford to participate. To learn more about the scholarship, or ways to contribute to this fund, please contact Director of the Colwell Center Glenn Ehrean by phone at (802) 751-2499 or by email at gehrean@stjacademy.org.

In May 2013, The Rona Jaffe Foundation joined with St. Johnsbury Academy to create the St. Johnsbury Academy Travel Scholarship. Their story is also a reminder of the unique relationship between the Academy and the larger St. Johnsbury community, which has been so welcoming to generations of our students. My hope is that our current students are finding the same welcoming atmosphere that eased Nancy’s and Oscar’s transition to life in America. Oscar and Nancy’s generosity continues the Academy tradition of those who come before providing for those who come after. This generosity continues to ensure that our current and future students find opportunities equal or better than those of earlier generations.

Jack Cummings
Associate Headmaster, Advancement & Admission

St. Johnsbury Academy

The Jaffa Fund

The annual fund helps to support the day-to-day operations of the school. To keep our campus looking as beautiful as it does, to continue to provide the array of academic offerings and experiences, and to carry on the Academy tradition of “providing for those who come after,” we ask you to consider making a gift to the annual fund. You can reach us on the Web or on your mobile device by connecting to www.stjacademy.org/giving. We always like to hear from you by phone at (802) 751-2011, by email at sjalumni@stjacademy.org, or by mail at SJAA, PO Box 906, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Help us reach our goal for 2016!
For more information about admission to St. Johnsbury Academy, please call 802-751-2130.

FINANCIAL AID

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BROCKWAY Scholarship
Walter Davis Brockway and Blanche Emily Brockway established an endowment fund to provide financial aid to a Vermont boy who is unable to attend St. Johnsbury Academy because of insufficient funds.

DAVENPORT FAMILY Foundation Scholarship
The Davenport Family Foundation established an endowment fund to provide need-based financial aid to a student in grades 11 or 12 who is a U.S. citizen, is actively involved in extracurricular activities, and maintains a GPA of 3.0 or better.

GERVAIS Scholarship
Ivy Reed established an endowment fund in memory of her nephew, Norman H. Gervais ’44, to provide financial aid to one or two out-of-state or out-of-town incoming freshman student(s) who have shown exceptional humanitarin qualities and academic achievement.

STEARNS Scholarship
Jane and Prescott Stearns ’42 established an endowment fund to provide merit-based financial aid. The recipient must be a female who is active in athletics, maintains an academic average of “B” or better, and is a resident of Caledonia, Essex, or Orleans Counties in the State of Vermont for a period of four years prior to receiving the aid.

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

MARY ANN BAIN LAHAISE Scholarship
Tom LaHaise ’60 established the Mary Ann Bain LaHaise ’60 Scholarship as a way to honor his wife and the place they met over 55 years ago. This need-based scholarship provides aid to a current or returning student who is in need of tuition assistance to receive an Academy education.

GLADYS BROOKS Scholarship
The Gladys Brooks Foundation established an endowment fund to provide merit-based financial aid centered solely upon educational achievement, leadership, and academic ability. The recipient must be from a Vermont or New Hampshire town that does not provide funds for students to attend St. Johnsbury Academy.

KINMAY W. TANG Scholarship
Arthur and Nancy Tang Francis ’53 established an endowment fund to provide need-based financial aid to a junior resident student who has achieved high honor roll status for at least the two previous semesters, and who is pursuing a rigorous academic program.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ACADEMY

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

APPRICATED 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.

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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.

RETIREMENT PLANS

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 on 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.

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IT HELPS TO CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

AND IT ALSO SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING AREAS

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
- Faculty and Staff Salary and Benefits
- Classroom Supplies
- Scholarships
- Professional Development

ACTIVITIES
- Transportation
- Fine Arts
- Clubs
- Field Trips

MAINTENANCE AND BUILDINGS
- Technology
- Athletic Facilities
- Campus Green Initiatives
- Building Improvements

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WHERE DOES YOUR GIFT GO?

960 STUDENTS AND 240 FACULTY AND STAFF ARE SUPPORTED BY
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Former U.S. Ambassador to Syria to speak at 174th Commencement

O f 174th Commencement speaker is Robert Ford, Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C. and former U.S. Ambassador to Syria. As a Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute, Ford writes about developments in the Levantine region and North Africa. Mr. Ford retired in 2014 from the U.S. Foreign Service after serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Syria from 2011 to 2014. In this role Mr. Ford was the State Department lead on Syria, proposing and implementing policy and developing common strategies with European and Middle Eastern allies to try to resolve the Syria conflict. Prior to this, Mr. Ford was the Deputy U.S. Ambassador to Iraq from 2008 to 2010, and also served from 2006 until 2008 as the U.S. Ambassador to Algeria, where he boosted bilateral education and rule of law cooperation. Ford served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Bahrain from 2003 until 2004, and Political Counselor to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad from 2004 until 2006 during the tumultuous establishment of the new, permanent Iraqi government. In 2014 he received the Secretary’s Service Award, the U.S. State Department's highest honor. He also received the annual Profile in Courage Award from the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston for his defense of human rights in Syria in April 2012. He has appeared on CNN, PBS, Fox, MSNBC, NPR, the BBC, and Arabic news networks as well as in the New York Times and Foreign Policy.

Headmaster Tom Lovett said, “Ambassador Ford’s experience in Syria and Iraq is not only extremely relevant in the wake of current events, but inspiring. Our graduates would do well to know of the sacrifices and service rendered by our embassy officials and all who serve our country in the diplomatic corps. Even more importantly, they need to hear from someone who knows the situation intimately just how dire the refugee crisis is and how imperative it is that we find ways to alleviate the suffering of those in the camps. His values resonate with some of our most deeply held values—especially committing to “love those the most who need it the most”—emphasising that our students have the obligation to leave the world better than they found it, and giving back for all they have been given.”

Mr. Lovett continued, “Just by his example, Ambassador Ford will emphasise to our students that doing the right thing—or speaking out for what you believe to be the right thing—is not always comfortable or popular. As they listen to his words, I am sure our graduates will be inspired to make decisions and take actions that will improve the world around them.”

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.

Robert Ford and his wife Alison Berkley.

St. Johnsbury Academy
The Grand Gift
In the 174-year history of St. Johnsbury Academy, few events rival the significance of the gift of the Brantview Estate. Designed by Lambert Packard and built in 1883, Brantview served as the main St. Johnsbury residence of the Fairbanks family for almost 50 years.

At the time of its construction, the Brantview Estate consisted of the main home and a carriage house. When Colonel Joseph Fairbanks donated his ancestral home to the Academy in 1931, the main building was used primarily as a dormitory, while the carriage house, its sole surviving outbuilding, served as the campus gymnasmium and athletic facility, and later as storage. After five decades, the carriage house was renovated and brought to life as another dormitory, known with affection as "The Barn." Together, since 1985, these dorms have provided a home each year to approximately 58 young men and numerous faculty families of St. Johnsbury Academy.

Architecturally iconic and historically important, the Brantview Estate is worth saving. Architectural historian, Sean Sawyer ’84, PhD., commented extensively on Brantview for the Hilltopper Magazine:

"The house is a striking example of the translation of high-style design from the homes of America’s plutocrats, such as the Vanderbilts, to regional centers like St. Johnsbury. [Lambert] Packard, the Fairbanks’ company architect, was a talented and prolific designer, who was inspired by the work of Henry Hobson Richardson and Richard Morris Hunt, the latter a fellow Vermonter who was the first American to attend the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris and became the preeminent architect of his day. Packard’s and the Fairbanks’ familiarity with the most fashionable interiors of the period is apparent throughout. The elaborate oak and mahogany woodwork was all fabricated in the Fairbanks foundry’s carpentry shops, where Packard had begun his career as foreman, and testify to the excellence of local craftsmanship. Also, many of the student rooms on the upper floors have distinctive architectural features, which are clearly points of pride for both the administration and residents.

To Sawyer, Brantview serves as a reminder both of the vision and largesse of the Fairbanks family, as well as a symbol of a golden age of the Town of St. Johnsbury, when industry thrived, local craftsmanship was celebrated, and the townspeople prospered.

Securing its position in the canon of New England architecture, Brantview was named to the National Register of Historic Places for the Main Street district in 1975.

The presence of the Brantview Estate on the St. Johnsbury Academy campus distinguishes the school from its peers in profound ways. Stately and noble, it recalls the grandeur of St. Johnsbury’s past. It reminds us of the importance of generous benefactors to the rich history of the New England Independent Town Academy. Warm and welcoming, it is, first and foremost, a home - a physical representation of the bond afforded to the Academy by generations of families, who trust the school not only to educate the minds, but also to shape the character of their sons and daughters.

Visit the Memory Zone on our web site to tell the story of your Brantview experience. Go to: stjacademy.org/memory-zone

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"WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE, BUT WE CAN DO SOMETHING AT ONCE."

—CALVIN COOLIDGE
The Time Is Now

The Brantview Estate was built over 135 years ago. It has aged well but now requires extensive restoration and mechanical updating to ensure its future. The scope of work planned for the main house and The Barn include:

- Bringing the buildings into fire and accessibility code compliance with the addition of fire stairwells and an elevator.
- Replacing deteriorating insulation and increasing energy efficiency throughout the buildings.
- Replacing the electrical, heating, and plumbing systems.
- Replacing the roofs with historically appropriate slate.

In addition to preserving the building for the future, these renovations are necessary for the safety and comfort of students and faculty families residing in Brantview and The Barn. In historic structures such as these, work of this scale is complicated and costly. Out of respect for its place on the National Historic Register, the Academy will preserve Brantview’s architectural integrity throughout the renovation process.

Opportunities

The restoration of the Brantview Estate opens many opportunities for the Academy and the community. Students involved in the technical education program have performed electrical work and general contracting on many Academy-owned properties and will have many opportunities with Brantview and The Barn. Furthermore, students will have opportunities for a number of Capstone projects that could focus on historical preservation, fine art, architecture, or a range of conservation trades including woodworking restoration, ornamental plastering and painting, and historic glass and metalwork restoration. Additionally, a restored Brantview will offer elegant, much-needed space for community events. Since involvement with the surrounding town and community is an important part of the school’s mission, this aspect of the project is especially exciting.

Timeline and Cost

Six million dollars will allow us to restore Brantview to a 21st century version of its original splendor, and also to provide much-needed renovations to The Barn. The project to restore the Brantview Estate will begin in June of 2017.

We have one year before groundbreaking, and we need your help!

For more information about how you can help restore Brantview, visit stjacademy.org/brantview, call (802) 751-2011, or email sjaalumni@stjacademy.org.

Cumulative gifts of $1,000 or more will be recognized on a master plaque in Brantview. Those making larger gifts to name certain areas within the building will be named on individual plaques in the designated spaces in addition to the master plaque.

If you are interested in helping with the campaign or learning more about the project, please contact Director of Development Tammi Sullivan Cady ’88 by phone at (802) 751-2011, by email at tcady@stjacademy.org, or visit our website at stjacademy.org/brantview.

The Grand Gift Naming Opportunities

Have you wanted to help the Academy in some way, but have been waiting for the right fundraising project?

Did you once live in Brantview? Does naming your old room or favorite common area appeal to you?

Gifts to The Grand Gift Campaign can be pledged over a five-year timeframe. For some, this option makes it possible to make a larger gift than if one was required to make a one-time gift.

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I remember my first walk down Brantview Drive as I headed to gym class in the Brantview Carriage House, now known as The Barn. The drive, lined by enormous elm trees and Norway spruces on the left and a thick hedge of lilacs on the right, slowly revealed the grandeur of Brantview as I walked toward The Barn. This is the first time I recall seeing Brantview. The year was 1959 and I had just entered the Academy as a freshman. After North Hall burned in 1956, the school’s gym was moved from that building to an improvised location in The Barn. Coach Jim Bufingame used the space for gym classes and also as a locker room and showers for the football team. Needless to say, The Barn had its limitations as a gym. In the fall and spring, gym classes were conducted on the playing field next to The Barn and on the track and football field below. As a result of my daily walks to gym class, I had ample time to study the exterior of Brantview. What I saw captured me and I was eager to learn more about the building. Indeed, it has become a lifelong interest of mine.

After I completed college and a year of graduate school, I returned to the Academy in 1968 to teach. My fascination with Brantview intensified with my return to campus. I learned that in 1883 William and Rebecca Fairbanks, inspired by William K. Vanderbilt’s Petit Chateau on Fifth Avenue in New York City, had decided to build a new home in a similar Chateauesque style. They collaborated with Lambert Packard, an E. & T. Fairbanks Co. employee who had more than proven his ability as an architect, to assist them in designing their new home. Packard, who was highly influenced in his work by the preeminent 19th century architect Henry Hobson Richardson and 19th century landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, would create Brantview including Richardsonian and Olmstead design elements. It would become Packard’s tour de force and a veritable “feast for the eyes” for generations of guests and students.

Packard’s keen eye for aesthetics and decorative design elements, as well as his belief that “a thing of beauty is a joy forever,” soon became evident as he began to design William and Rebecca’s new home. Brantview is built of fine red brick of rich color set in dark mortar. It sits on a foundation of fine-grained, gray Vermont granite. The terra-cotta window lintels and crestings, elaborate woodturnings and spindle work in the form of small Corinthian columns on the entablature of the verandas, along with Packard’s touches that include patterned gable bargeboards, terra-cotta friezes on the tower and tourelle along with textured brick cornices and gabled heads, capture the eye. There are also panels of ornament made by turning half-bricks at a 45 degree angle, a form of dogtooth ornament favored by Lambert Packard. The terra-cotta friezes are rich in iconographic symbolism. They include the oak leaf and acorn, which symbolize longevity and strength, along with the acanthus leaf symbolizing enduring life. Also included are sunflowers, the symbol of happiness, and bellflowers, which are the symbol of unchanging love, honesty, and obedience, along with husked corn symbolizing wealth and abundance.

There are acanthus leaves with scallop shells on the capitals of the lintels supporting the vestibule arch. The scallop shell symbolizes the joining of earth and heaven. The crestings at the top of the hipped roof and on the top of the tower and tourelle are stylized fleur-de-lis, Packard’s symbolic signature in recognition of his heritage as a descendant of French Huguenots.
To the front of the projected vestibule was a large elliptical fountain surrounded by a cast iron crest rail. A tall spire of water cascaded back into the basin, creating a soothing sound.

An elevated pavilion with stacked porches on the southeast side of the house was designed to capture the eye of the visitor and draw it upward toward the steeply pitched hipped slate roof descending from the southeast square tower. The cretings on the pinnacle of the roof and the tower on the northeast and southeast corner of the mansion ascend toward the horizon above. The square tower on the southeast corner contains a small flower alcove off the drawing room. On the first story level the elevated pavilion projects toward the northeast tower. This square tower has a fanciful gable at the third-floor level and a little porch. The gable roof swoops down to the second story level on the right side in an elliptical curve to create a symmetrical appearance.

The south façade of the mansion provides a view of the width of the mansion and the extension of the service wing to the west. A massive semi-octagonal chimney projects from the dining room fireplace and another from the library fireplace soaring upward along the south façade and well above the roofline. The back veranda is semi-octagonal in design. It was intended to offer privacy and an outdoor location for entertaining since it is off the axial living hall in close proximity to the dining room. It once overlooked the back garden, which had a small rustic fountain and a sloping lawn descending south toward the paddock.

On the west side of the mansion is the service wing, which is about one half the width of the main house. On the south side of that wing is a porch designed as a point of entry. There is also an entrance to the service wing on the north side, which is obscured by the porte-cochere. The service wing is designed to be unobtrusive to the visitor in approaching the north façade and the projected vestibule entrance of the mansion. The visual attractions of the exterior of Brantview make it a focal point of the southwest area of the Academy campus.

There is no question that responsible stewardship of Brantview by the Academy requires upgrading its wiring and heating systems as well as conducting energy conservation work, while focusing on restoration work which will include a new slate roof. Maintaining a building of the size, proportion and sophistication of Brantview requires extensive financial resources. Brantview brings beauty and grandeur to the Academy campus and must be preserved. The fact that the Academy itself was a gift to the Town of St. Johnsbury by Erastus, Thaddeus, and Joseph P. Fairbanks and that William P. and Rebecca Pike Fairbanks’ son, Colonel Joseph Fairbanks, gifted Brantview to the Academy requires that we now step up to do our part in continuing to support the legacy they created.

To read an extended version of Paul’s article, please visit stjacademy.org/alumni or call the alumni office at 802-751-2011.
DENVER, CO

Bonnie Crosby Westfeldt ‘06 and her brother, Phillip ‘86, hosted an alumni and friends gathering at their home in Denver, CO. The small group shared many laughs and a wonderful evening.

SHRINE GAME

In August, St. Johnsbury Academy was represented in the 62nd Maple Sugar Bowl Shrine Game. In addition to the players’ family and friends, we had several alumni in attendance supporting them. The Class of ’65 had three classmates celebrating their 50th anniversary of their participation in the game.

BOULDER, CO

Gail and John Sutor, current parents, hosted an alumni and friends gathering at their home in Boulder, CO. The small group shared many laughs and a wonderful evening.

BERMUDA

Associate Headmaster for Advancement and Admission Jack Cummings and his wife Janice, along with Shondie Paynter ‘94, hosted a small SJA Alumni event while in Bermuda.


NATIONAL SKILLSUSA

St. Johnsbury Academy sent eight students to compete in the National SkillsUSA event in Louisville, KY. In addition to their parents, friends, and teachers cheering them on we hosted a social so local alumni could join in on the celebration.

Alumni Events
CHARLOTTE, NC
Trustee Garth Moulton ’88 and his wife Jessica welcomed SJA alumni and friends to the Duke Mansion, a beautiful setting in Charlotte, NC. While we could not tour the grounds due to the relentless rain, the ornate surroundings provided a pleasant backdrop to our gathering.

ALABAMA
SJA alumni and friends joined together in Birmingham, AL for our annual SJA and the Sword Outing. The group gathered at the Roanoke Club, a beautiful downtown location.

ARLINGTON, VA
Michael ’84 and Tina Armstrong Walker ’86 hosted an alumni group in Arlington, VA. Thank you, Tina and Michael!

CONGRESSIONAL COUNTRY CLUB, BETHESDA, MD
Trustee Jay Wright ’87 and his wife Janelle hosted another wonderful dinner at the beautiful Congressional Country Club.

Looking Back
Alumni Events
BOSTON BRUINS
SJA alumni and friends joined together in Boston for our third Boston Bruins Outing. The Bruins have been undefeated during our visits. Prior to the game, the group gathered at West End Johnnies for some pre-game fun before moving over to TD Garden. The Bruins capped our event by winning 3-2 in a shootout!

ARLINGTON, VA
Michael Walker ’84 and Andrew Cottet ’99

Headmaster Tom Lovett with Kathy and Chip Carr ’82

Annette Stock ’01, Hiba Halil, Dan Silverman ’01, Emily Price, Tina Armstrong Walker ’86

Fred Lawrence ’88, Danielle and Tod Schill ’88, and Sonja Kim

Tom Bussiere ’81 and Phil Soucy ’69

David ’70 and Pernilla von Mettenheim

Dick Baxter, Dave Gibson ’58, Paul and Ann Magee, O’Connor ’80

Peggy O’Neil Soucy ’69 and Barb Penniman Bussiere ’84

Charlie ’63 and Donna Snelling Freeman ’64, with Lyla and David Shumate ’64

SJA Alumni and Friends

Young alumni from 2015: Sam Grenier, Jordan Cady, and Chris Valley

Tammi Sullivan Cady ’88, David MacTavish, and Faculty Linda Rhodes

Classmates from the Class of 1984: Alan Ruggles, Vinny Egizi, and Richard Lyon

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Rachel Reis ’15 and Taylor DeLuca (daughter of Bob and April Ruggles DeLuca ’94)
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TAMPA, FL
A few of us gathered at the Hard Rock Casino the evening before our luncheon. The company and conversation were great. Pictured here: Nick McCuen ’59, Missy McCuen, Alan Ruggles ’84, Headmaster Tom Lovett, Ann Lovett, Peter Osborn ’75, and Peter Engle ’80

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VERO BEACH, FL
Jean McGregor Rogers ’56 welcomed everyone to the Vero Beach Country Club for our luncheon. The Class of 1956 was proudly represented as they made plans for their 60th reunion.

LAGUNA BEACH, CA
The Davidson family, Danielle ’08, and her parents, Joan and Eric, hosted an alumni gathering at their home in Laguna Beach. Associate Headmaster for Advancement and Admission Jack Cummings and Trustee Peter Hammer ’84 were also there to greet guests for the afternoon.

HONG KONG
Frances Chan ’00 and Rainbow Tang ’01 hosted an amazing reunion in Hong Kong. The festivities took place at the Hong Kong Conrad Hotel on March 19. Alumni flew in from Japan, Korea, Thailand, and Taiwan. It was a wonderful evening. Thank you, Frances and Rainbow.

ALUMNI EVENTS

OCALA, FL
The Gilman brothers, Nate ’50 and Steve ’52, welcomed us back to the Ocala National Golf Club for our alumni luncheon. During our visit, we were able to welcome our oldest and youngest alumni during the Florida trip. Frank Towers ’35 and Katelynn Mean ’15.

VERO BEACH, FL
Norm ’56, Jennifer Renaud, and Richard LaChance ’56

LAGUNA BEACH, CA
Thomas Hammond, Susan Gettier ‘81, and Benjamin Yip ’83

HONG KONG
(Carrie Hovey ’78 and Ryan Yip ’80)

BAHAMAS
A mini reunion in the Bahamas with Director of Development Tommy Sullivan-Carly ’88, Charlotte Holland-Holt ’93, Myles Culmer ’87, and Assistant Head for Campus Life Beth Choiniere at the Coral Tower on April 20. Thank you for the hospitality Charlotte and Myles!
Edward graduated in 1939. Edward was a farmer and worked well-known antiques dealer. Ione and Harold’s son also a member of class of 1909. Harold was a farmer, postman, came Ione Barrett in 1909. Ione married Harold Penniman, with Emily Wilcox Barrett, a member of the class of 1880. Next the family’s six-generation line of Academy graduates began to attend the Academy goes to the Penniman-Barrett family. The family in a later issue.

The honor of the longest line of known direct descendants of Empire Imaging Photography by Matt Payeur ’94

By Phoebe Cavanaugh Cobb ’90

We tossed the idea around the Alumni, Development, and Marketing offices and came up with many families with two generations of Academy graduates, fewer but still numerous families with three generations, three families with four generations, and one family with more. This was not a highly scientific approach, and we are sure there are families we missed. Please let us know. We would love to feature your family in a later issue.

The honor of the longest line of known direct descendants to attend the Academy goes to the Penniman-Barrett family. The family’s six-generation line of Academy graduates began with Emily Wilcox Barrett, a member of the class of 1880. Next came Ione Barrett in 1909. Ione married Harold Penniman, also a member of class of 1909. Harold was a farmer, postman, and well-known antiques dealer. Ione and Harold’s son Edward graduated in 1939. Edward was a farmer and worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad as a brakeman. Edward’s daughter Laura Penniman graduated in 1969. Laura currently works at the school as a paraeducator. Laura and her husband Larry Barrett (not an alum) have five children, all of whom graduated from the Academy: Travis ’92, Tristan, ’94, Trevor ’97, Trace ‘00, and Troy ‘02. Members of the next generation in line are now attending the school or have recently graduated. They are Eli Barrett ’10, Eden Barrett ’12, Solomon Barrett ’14, and twins Finnegan Barrett ’19, and Brahm Barrett ’19.

We aren’t aware of any families with five generations, but currently know of two with four. I will start with the story of my own family. My grandfather Earl Weeks graduated in the class of 1939. He stayed in St. Johnsbury after graduation and spent the better part of his life working at Peck Hardware, eventually becoming owner. He and his wife Charlotte raised five children in East St. Johnsbury, all of whom graduated from the Academy. They were Earl Weeks ’57, Garth Weeks ’58, Pamela Weeks Cavanaugh ’62, Barbara Weeks Laramie ’84, and Jonathan Weeks ’67. Of these, only Pamela raised her family in St. Johnsbury, moving back to the area in 1983. I graduated from the Academy in 1990 and was followed by my sister Martha ’91 (current Trustee) and brother Joel ’93. My husband Bill Cobb and I have five children: Rilan, Finley, Emmeline, Lila, and Esme.

We moved to Vermont to raise our children in 2004 after spending many years in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Connecticut. My older son Rilan will graduate this spring with the class of 2016. The Weeks family has another non-direct ancestor, Priscilla Stone, who graduated in 1844, two years after the Academy was founded.

Next is the Brickett-Barnett-Garey-Avery-Loosigian family. Anna Brickett Barrett graduated in 1937 and married Kypee Barnett. She and Kypee had two daughters, Linda Barnett Garey ’60 and Cynthia Barnett Waldner ’73. Linda married John Garey ’77 and they settled in St. Johnsbury where she worked at NVRH as a nurse; John worked at EHV and is an Academy Trustee Emeritus. They raised five children in St. Johnsbury: Rick Garey ’82, Mary-Lynn ’83, twins Lisa Garey Avery ’87 and Kelly Garey Loosigian ’87, and Sarah Garey ’90, who works here as Director of Health Services. Currently there are four descendants of Anna Brickett Barrett at the Academy: Lisa Garey Avery’s son Rodic Avery ’18 who commutes to school from Fairlee, Vermont, Kelly Garey Loosigian’s daughter Avery Loosigian ’18, who is from Concord, New Hampshire, and lives on campus in Christensen House. Mary Garey’s sons Noah ’38 and Christian ’77, both live in St. Johnsbury. Cynthia Barnett Waldner and her husband Barry Waldner have also sent three children through the Academy (third generation): Zachary ’05, Josh ’09, and Chelsea, who will graduate this spring. Please let us know if your family has multiple generations at the Academy. We are also interested in hearing about families that go back to the early days of the school, whether or not a family’s attendance skips generations. We hope to celebrate many legacy families as part of our 175th Anniversary in 2017!
A couple of generations of SJA alumni, Louise Roberts Findlay ’64 with great-grandchildren Molly ’17 and Eli Moore ’19.

Retiring from active employment in August 2015, Claire Gorham Cohen told us in January she’s readjusting still! Living in Brooklyn, New York, gives her many options to explore to stay busy.

Here in St. Johnsbury, Richard McGinnis T was recognized for 50 years of membership with the Loyal Order for the Moose (Lodge 1779).

Starting out at Portland Street School in St. J., Tom Lawson appropriately moved on to SJA before matriculating at Springfield (Massachusetts) College and graduating in 1961. His career in sports – coaching and administrative – began shortly thereafter including the school’s Hall of Fame in 2006 and won the Vermont Distinguished Service Award given by the VSADA (high school ADs) in 1997. In 2007, he won one of the ECAC’s highest honors, the James Lynah Award for distinguished achievement. In 2015, Tom was inducted into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.

As always, Rose Mary Traynor Meyer, known by her Academy friends as Redo, will be here from St. Louis, Missouri, to celebrate her 70th high school reunion. Sadly, her husband will not be with her. ‘Almost like a classmate,’ Jim Meyer passed away on March 31, 2015, at age 86. He will be missed.

It will come as no surprise to his classmates that Rod Vitty (center) has been selected as a Distinguished Graduate of West Point, an award given to only 105 of approximately 60,000 living alumni. Rod says it’s ‘the most prized honor I’ve ever received.’

March News Cover Picture As they do on a regular basis, members of the Class of 1957 gathered at Neal Pond in the summer of 2015. Seated L-R: Barbara Hall Gallant, Brenda Naatz Bandy, Mary Jo Scott, Betty Welch; standing L-R: Judy Lewis Heider, Ron Gallant, Bruce Scott, Dick Paddleford, Fran Paddleford, Brad King, Maureen Finl Robillard, Paul Hagan ’55 T, Joan Wright Hagan, Arnie Bandy, Carmen Desrochers Repasz, and Reg Welch.

With his wife Karen looking on, Jack Clarke was sworn in as mayor in November, 2015. He had been living in Bradenton Beach, Florida, back in June 2015. The November election, however, had a different outcome. With a tie vote of 195-195, Jack and his opponent each drew from a deck of cards. William Shearon drew an Ace of clubs while Jack drew 10 of clubs. Florida Statute 105.052 reads, “The candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast for the office in the general election shall be elected to such office. If the vote at the general election results in a tie, the outcome shall be determined by lot.” Interesting.

Using her retirement for good, Nora Luddy Conland, working with the ‘My Prescriptions Art Committee,’ helped solicit and hang over 100 pieces of art. The pieces were donated by local artists and transformed, the hospital. Nora, of Fort Gratiot, Michigan, has several of her original pieces hanging in the exhibit.

As a prelude to attending the SJA luncheon in Naples, Florida, in February, classmates Pam Burns Kocher (right) and Steve Brisson, along with Steve’s wife, Nancy Adams Brisson ’66, took to the air – literally. Skydiving for the first time with a tandem jump off a Cessna PAM, at least, is ready for the next time!
80 A long-time local with economic development credentials and former ties to Burke Mountain is stepping into the St. Johnsbury assistant town manager’s office. Joe Kasprzak, a resident of Burke, Vermont, is ‘kind of a backup for me,’ Town Manager Chad Whitehead explained. “I was brought up in St. Johnsbury,” Joe said. “I have a great affection for the area. I saw a wonderful opportunity here to use some of the skills I’ve acquired in economic development. St. Johnsbury is on a tremendous trajectory right now.”

88 Like most teachers, Chris Despins does not sit idle in the summer. Since 2010, Chris has taken his athletic training skills to Montpelier for the benefit of the Vermont Mountaineers, a member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. He comments that the biggest difference between the athletes he works with through the Mountaineers and those right here at SJA is the level of play, and the older players “know how to take care of their bodies better” as they are now hoping to be drafted. With Chris cheering them on, the Mountaineers won the NECBL championship in 2015. No matter the location, Chris is devoted to his athletes.

92 Among promotions announced at the Passumpsic Savings Bank in St. Johnsbury is Robbie Hallett to the position of Senior Vice President, Director of Human Resources making him responsible for the management of human resource activities including employee relations and retention, compensation, talent acquisition, health and welfare benefits, and labor relations. A graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking, Robbie began his career with the bank over 16 years ago. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Waterford, Vermont with their two sons.

93 A visit to the Headmaster’s Office to talk fitness. David Weiner, owner and trainer, of Definition Fit in Saratoga, Florida, visited with Tom Lovett to discuss fitness options in the Kingdom.

95 It’s official! Gabe Winkler is the head coach of the Oregon State Beavers rowing team. He took on the role after nine months as the interim coach. Born and raised in St. Johnsbury, he grew up where rowing was not a well-known sport. After a soccer injury, he took up rowing, transferring from UVM to Cornell University after his sophomore year as they had a strong program. It’s easy to say the soccer injury influenced his life in a big and positive way. He lives with his wife, Rachel Blair, in Corvallis, Oregon.

96 About Dragon Boats: The crew of a standard dragon boat is typically 22, comprising 20 paddles in pairs facing toward the bow of the boat, one drummer or caller at the bow facing the paddlers, and one sweep (a steerer) standing at the rear of the boat. For competition events, dragon boats are generally rigged out with decorative Chinese dragon heads and tails. With all that in mind, we’re proud to tell you SJA alum Jayne Reuter competed in the World Dragon Boating Championship last summer in Welland, Ontario, Canada. In her real life, Jayne holds degrees from Bentley and Suffolk universities and works as a budget manager for a nonprofit organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She lives in nearby West Bradford, Pennsylvania.

97 After 15 years with Littleton (New Hampshire) Coin, the past seven as a Marketing Group manager, Eric Quatrini-Hill has been promoted to Marketing Director – Catalog and Web. Her responsibilities include leading the company’s retail catalog and website efforts as well as overseeing the customer engagement and creative teams. One of her outside activities is being on the SJA Alumni Council, Erin lives in Waterford, Vermont, with her husband, Andy, and daughter, Addison.

99 The University of Vermont inducted seven members into its Athletic Hall of Fame including Taylor Coppernoll. Taylor led UVM to three straight America East Conference titles during his four-year career and ranks second among the school’s all-time leading scorers with 2,442 career points. If you’re a fan of the NBC show ‘The Island,’ and you thought you saw a familiar face back in early summer, you might have! Matt Getz was one of 14 men chosen from approximately 80,000 applicants. The reality survival show is filmed entirely by cast members themselves, who were provided camera equipment. Among other things, getting ‘unplugged’ is the point of the project. Although now a Los Angeles resident, Matt’s Northeast Kingdom upbringing helped pull him through.

103 Eric Rowe, a 2007 graduate of UVM, defended his dissertation at Cornell University and was awarded his Doctorate in Philosophy in July 2015. The title of his dissertation is “Deflationary Metaphysics.” Eric is now teaching his Post Doctorate at Cornell University as the ‘Philosophical Review’ Visiting Lecturer.

109 Since they really enjoyed their time at St. Johnsbury Academy, Sophie Metz (Germany) and Michelle Hoang ‘08 (Vietnam) sent this picture, taken in Paris, for the rest of us to enjoy! “Our strong band can ne’er be broken . . .”

130 Margaux Brisbois has been elected the Children’s Action Network representative on the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCED) Student board. The CEC is a national organization for special education teachers and other educators. The position will require her to communicate with senators, legislators, and lawmakers about education policy and will make a difference in education state- and nation-wide. Margaux graduates this year from Grand Valley State University with a major in special education.

120 Tyler Newell let us know he is working at the Four Seasons in Palm Beach, Florida, as a pastry chef.

125 Olympic hopeful Dargo Minors earned the East Region Track Athlete of the Year honors for the indoor season from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He is the first student-athlete in program history to earn Regional Athlete of the Year honors. The Farr Disease: One Family’s 150-Year Battle Against ALS

A fascinating collection of snow roller photographs and quotations.

1946 Snow Rollers of Vermont: Half Century of Snow Rolling in Vermont

By Richard Dean Hovey

1965 The Farr Disease: One Family’s 150-Year Battle Against ALS

By Dan Swanbain

A full history of ALS, first identified in 1870, told in parallel with the story of the Farr Family of Vermont, who have the inherited version of ALS and have been in the medical literature since 1886.

1995 Falling In Fiji

By Casey Hagen (Brandi Casey)


2002 A Mindset for Learning—Tracking the Traits of Joyful, Independent Growth

By Kaitlin Ward

Between Mother Nature and human nature, disasters are inevitable. “This seriously creepy story will draw in horror fans immediately.” —VOYA
Marriages

79 Laurie Holderby and Gregg Calkins, March 12, 2015, at Whitfield Square in Savannah, Georgia. Laurie works as a respiratory therapist at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont. Gregg is a respiratory therapist at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, Vermont. The couple reside in Williston, Vermont.

92 Jennie Fischer and Lorin Vear, August 29, 2015, at Jeudevine Falls in Hardwick, Vermont. Jennie is an insurance agent with Hunkins & Eaton Insurance Agency in Littleton, New Hampshire. Lorin is a splice service technician with Fairpoint Communications in St. Johnsbury.

92 Ashley Gonyaw and Joseph Wood, October 10, 2015, at Bellevue Barn at Carlisle Place in Jefferson, New Hampshire. Ashley earned her B.S. from Emerson College in 2006 and is group sales and marketing manager at Museum of Science in Boston. Her husband graduated from Manhattanville College in 2006 and earned an M.S.Ed. from Simmons College in 2012. He is a high school language arts teacher at Landmark School in Beverly, Massachusetts. They reside in Beverly.

04 Mei and Jatasik ‘Bank’ Chaipatanavanith, January 9, 2015, at Banyan Tree Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand. After attending Southern California Institute of Architecture, Bank earned a master’s degree in Interior Architecture from Cal-Poly Pomona. They reside in Bangkok, Thailand.

05 Laura Gerstner and Patrick Walbridge, May 7, 2015, in Houston, Texas. Laura earned a degree in psychology from Barry University in Miami, and is now a paralegal. Patrick is an inspector of parts for a company that contracts with NASA and Lockheed Martin. They reside in Houston, Texas.

05 Nicole Diclets Fortin and Shawn Timson ’93, April 11, 2015, at the Stonewall Lake Resort in Stowe, Vermont. Nicole is a graduate of Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, and is employed with Advantage Tennis in St. Johnsbury. Shawn is a graduate of St. Michael’s College in Colchester, Vermont, and is also employed with Advantage Tennis. They live in Barnet, Vermont.

06 Brandy Murtagh and Christopher Pelow, September 19, 2015, on the Green in Danville, Vermont. Brandy is employed by Northeast Kingdom Homecare in Newport, Vermont. Christopher works for Charter Communication in Danville, Vermont.

06 Elizabeth Crosby and Nathan Westfeldt, August 1, 2015, on Darling Ridge Road in East Burke, Vermont. Elizabeth is a graduate of University of Colorado at Boulder and is currently a medical researcher for the University of Colorado Medical School. Nate also graduated from University of Colorado at Boulder and is a recruiter for Areteek. They reside in Denver, Colorado.

07 Anna Driscoll and Daniel Allen, July 25, 2015, at Newmont Farm in Bradford, Vermont. Anna graduated from UVM and earned her master’s degree from MGH Institute of Health Professions. She is a hospitalist at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. Luke earned an undergraduate degree from UVM and is currently in a master’s program there.

08 Katherine Levasseur and Brandon Martin, May 23, 2015, at the Three Stallion Inn in Randolph, Vermont. Katherine earned her B.A. in political science from the University of Vermont and is the Director of the Vermont Democratic House Campaign in Montpelier, Vermont. They reside in Hinesburg, Vermont.

08 Nicole Parker and Daniel White, August 15, 2015, at Cabot Inn and Suites in Lancaster, New Hampshire. Nicole graduated from Castleton State College in 2010 and is employed at Community Financial Services Group in Lyndonville, Vermont. Daniel graduated from Community College of Vermont in 2010 and is employed at FCI: Burndy in Littleton, New Hampshire.
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Demetria and Edgario Curling, February 20, 2016. They live in Abaco, The Bahamas with their son, Carter Asher Liam born April 8, 2014.

Haley Gray and Brett Stonecipher, June 7, 2014, in Burke, Vermont. Haley is a graphic designer. Brett is a writer and outdoor educator. They reside in Richmond, Virginia.

Crystal Reed and Timothy Medeiros, August 31, 2014. Crystal received her bachelor’s degree from Lyndon State College in 2014. They reside in Lyndonville, Vermont. Danielle Schoenfeldt and Isaac Pearl, September 19, 2015, on top of the Peachland in Danville, Vermont. Danielle is a graduate of State University of New York–Canton and is employed as a physical therapy assistant with Premier Therapy. Isaac owns Tow Head Trucking. They reside in Danville, Vermont.


Lawuo Dolo and Ethan Cummings ’00, December 31, 2015, at the home of Janice and Jack Cummings. Lawuo graduated from Champlain College in 2014 and is employed at AM Peisch in St. Johnsbury. Ethan is co-owner of P&E Auto in Woodsville, New Hampshire. They reside in Passumpsic, Vermont.

College Degrees Conferred

1992
Elizabeth Cameron Hjelm, Springfield College, B.S., Human Services

1996
Michael Labounty, Community College of Vermont, A.S., Applied Business, with a 4.0 GPA. Michael is the Northeast Region Bridge Maintenance Supervisor for the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

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

2005
Blake Kincaid, Community College of Vermont, A.S.

2006
Miranda Croteau Becker, Middlebury College’s Bread Loaf College of English, M.A., English literature

2009
Nicole Alger, Lyndon State College, B.S., Education and Liberal Studies

Chalsey Beland, Lyndon State College, B.A.

Hillary Brown, University of New Hampshire, M.S., CSD: Early Child Intervention

Natalie Fortior, University of New Hampshire, M.Ed., Elementary Education

Trisha Jewell, Lyndon State College, B.S., Exercise Science

Kyla Sargent, Community College of Vermont, A.A.

Allyson Wajda, Lyndon State College, B.S., Business Administration

2010
Ian MacDonald, Lyndon State College, B.S., Sustainability

Melissa Mattei, Johnson State College, B.S., Environmental Science

Jamie Robertson, Lyndon State College, B.S., Criminal Justice

2011
Joseph Achilles, Franklin Pierce University, B.S., Psychology

Lauren Brown, University of New Hampshire, B.A., English Teaching, Cum Laude

Jesse Danielson, Wheaton College, B.A., Economics

Meghan Deasy, Mariast College, B.A., Communication

Frances Desrochers, B.S., Arts Management

Emma Duffny, St. Lawrence University, B.A., Francophone Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Kendal Edmondson, University of New Hampshire, B.S., Equine Studies: Industry and Management, Magna Cum Laude

Emily Foshing, Lyndon State College, B.A., Psychology

Jamie Graves, Johnson State College, B.S., Psychology

Karla Hunter, Castleton State College, B.A., Art

Brittany Leaf, Ithaca College

Mathew Lyon, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Jonathan Ponski, University at Albany, B.A., Sociology

Benjamin Price, Bethel University, B.S., Environmental Science

Dylan Rutledge, Johnson State College, B.S., Environmental Science

Justin Tomaselli, Lyndon State College, B.S., Physical Therapy

Kathryn Verelene, Saint Michael’s College, B.A., History and Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude

Courtney Ward, B.S., Physical Therapy
A son, Jacob Allen, September 23, 2015, to Andrea and Keith Sparks, in Bogota, Colombia.

A son, Elliott Michael, July 6, 2015, to Katriina and Jayson Gammell, of Acworth, Georgia.


A son, Adrien William, June 21, 2015, to Javier Castillo and Rebecca Gilding, of Wakefield, Massachusetts. He joins a sister, Lucienne.

A son, Jacob Allen Sparks, in Bogota, Colombia.

Two daughters, Truvy and Tavia, and a son, Trevor, to Phaedra Howe-Smith and Trevor Smith ’89, of Hamilton, Bermuda.

A son, Maxwell Archer, April 2, 2015, to Miranda and Jared Cloutier, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Zoe Marie Smith Cota, of St. Johnsbury.

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A son, Evan Scott, February 3, 2016, to Brian and Jessie Stevenson Toney, of Monroe, New Hampshire. He joins a sister, Georgia.
A daughter, Piper Dylan, July 30, 2015, to William and Jackie Vassilowitch Kompton, of Peacham, Vermont. She joins a sister, Chloe.

A daughter, Madley Amy, October 27, 2015, to Anna LaCasse and Leslie Clement ’02, of Monroe, New Hampshire.

A son, Jerome Lawrence, September 27, 2015, to Marianne and Jonah Hahr, of Wells River, Vermont. He joins brothers Ezra and Eugene.

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Edward O. Melier, 91, March 3, 2015, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Survivors include children Staci (Elden) Mills ‘75, Kevin (Sena) Melier ‘77, Steven (Maria) Melier ‘79, and Jason (Delina) Melier ‘85; and eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

C. Allen Merritt, 91, May 22, 2015, of Montpelier, Vermont. Survivors include brothers Gerald Willey ‘49 and Richard Willey ‘43.


Marguerite P. Willey, 87, July 17, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include brothers Gerald Willey ‘49 and Richard Willey ‘43.


Joseph Ouellette T, 86, January 21, 2015, of Lecompton, Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, Florence Ouellette.

Charlotte Miles Dunbar, 82, March 20, 2015, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include daughters Donna Dunbar Adams ‘67 and Debra Dunbar Lacreux ‘70; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Clarence I. Smith T, 86, March 12, 2014, of Gilman, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; children Dennis Smith, Joyce Pooley, and Nancy Smith O’Brien ‘91; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and brother Norman Smith.

Thad Warren Dwyer, 82, July 28, 2014, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Sherman Warren; children Tracy Warren Kilkisi ‘81 and Scott Warren ‘84; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and brother Hazen (Anne) Ward.

Elwin Al Smith T, 81, December 2, 2014, of Greenville, North Carolina. Survivors include his wife, Sue Smith; daughter Karen Smith Smith (Gordon) Roy ‘85; and brother Ray (Cross) T Smith ‘51.

Nancy Marker Bickmore, 80, February 16, 2014, of Essex, Vermont. Survivors include her husband Carl; sisters, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

James Moore Liberty, 85, September 20, 2013, of Springfield, Vermont. Survivors include children Paul (Ronna) Liberty and Susan (Jim) Pinto; and eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jeanne Rice McGinnis, 85, February 23, 2013, of Milford, Connecticut. Survivors include sister Jeannette Rice Renassid ‘55; daughters, Deborah McGinnis; and Bryan (Deborah) McGinnis; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.


Elzie McKee Finney, 84, March 17, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Elwin ‘Al’ Smith T; three grandchildren; and brother Norman Smith.

Donna Dunbar Adams ‘67, March 20, 2015, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include daughters Donna Dunbar Adams ‘67 and Debra Dunbar Lacreux ‘70; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bruce W. Hoyt, 91*, January 23, 2014, of Safety Harbor, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Pamela Regan Hoyt ‘80; children Lynne (Bruce) Hevey ‘62, Wanda (Blackie) Dwyer ‘55, Bruce Hoyt ‘62, Stewart ‘76, Hubbard, Benjamin, and Thomas; and two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Fournier, 78, July 24, 2013, of East Thetford, Vermont. Survivors include children Susan Patton, Peter Fournier, Richard Fournier, step-children Kimberly Gilleney, Donna Welch, and Tawnia Stark; and Randy Hubert; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and brother Donald Fournier.

Robert D. Gagnier, 78, June 2, 2013, of South Windsor, Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, Rita Gagnier; children Michelle (Gary) Gagnier, Diane (Scott) Green, (Norman) Gagnier; six grandchildren; and brother Andre ‘Pete’ Gagnier ‘60 T.

Lillie Drew Gum, 77, March 27, 2013, of Midlothian, Virginia. Survivors include children Jerry Counts, Vickie Holt, Carol Beine, and step-son Robert Counts; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Catherine Perley ‘70, 80, August 11, 2015, of Lyndonville, Vermont. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Harold L. Stanyon, 77, March 27, 2015, of Weston, Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; children Jeffery, Timothy, and Victoria; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Hoyt ‘85, 76, February 10, 2015, of Safety Harbor, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Jill; children Jason Hoyt and David Hoyt; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Wylene Stone Jackson, 76, November 12, 2014, of Williston, Vermont. Survivors include children Larry (Karen) Jackson, Wanda (Blackie) Dwyer, Stewart ‘76, Hubbard, Benjamin, and Thomas; and two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carol Pike Wetherbee, 76, February 10, 2015, of Fishkill, New York. Survivors include her husband, Clifton Wetherbee.

Patricia Lawrence Joslin, 74, April 12, 2015, of Lebanon, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Robert Joslin; children Amanda; (Don) Lyford, Mimi (Jonathan) Singleton, and Mike (Kelly) Joslin; eight grandchildren; and sisters Priscilla Lawrence Ness ‘56 and Linda Lawrence Hains ‘62.


Clyde Darwin ‘76, 86, July 6, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Sue Wright; children Gary and Donna (McDuffie) Estill; and two grandchildren.

Paul G. Gauthier, 73, October 14, 2015, of Lesburg, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Gauthier; son Paul (Kimberly) Gauthier; two grandchildren; and sisters Randall (Carolyn) Gauthier ‘65 and Juliet Gauthier Potvin ‘48.

Dana A. Leavitt, 73, June 21, 2015, of Kirby, Vermont. Survivors include his wife Karen; children Steven Leavitt and Heather Leavitt; step-children Timothy (Leslie) Peters, John Peters, Joseph (Susan Teseke) Peters, and Anne (Alan) Silverman; and seven step-grandchildren.

Michael J. Callanan, 72, July 10, 2015, of Hanover, New Hamp- shire. Survivors include sisters Carol Callanan ‘69, Debra Callanan Clark ‘71, and Nancy Callanan Bourbon ‘76.

Neil G. Lowdin, 71, July 28, 2015, of Troy, New Hampshire. Survivors include his wife, Sherry; children Victoria Lowdin (Jon); Goodwin; children Matthew (Bonnie) Goodwin and Megan (Scott) Ellis; and a grandchild.

George W. Horne T, 73, April 14, 2015, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Horne; children George Horne Jr, Sheila Dette, Lancia (Allison Lowey ‘94) Horne ‘95, and Dustin Horne; eight grandchildren; and siblings Richard (Carolyn) Horne, Maurice (Rosemary) Horne, Alice (Bob) Combs, and Linda (Steve) Starr.

Lana Webster Platt, 72, July 7, 2015, of Panama City Beach, Florida. Survivors include her husband, three children, six grandchildren, and two siblings.

Jean Sizemore Brown, 71, October 2, 2015, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Lenny Brown; daughters Georgia (Earth ‘84) Greenwood and Tammi (Dwight) Stahler; step-children Druane Drown and Danielle Drown; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Raymond A. Wood, 70, August 16, 2016, of Chandler, Arizona. Survivors include his wife, Helene Fran- coeur Wood ‘64; children Cae-Ann (Sarah Tog) Wood and Pamela Wood (Todd) Williams ‘90; two grandchildren; and sib- lings Anita Wood (Richard ‘59 T) Bedor ‘62, Lone Williams; Susan Wood (Carroll ‘66) Lowery ‘68; Margaret Wood (Jay ‘73 Austin ‘75, Kathy Wood (Gordon ‘75) Farnsworth ‘75, Patricia Wood (Brian ‘81) Vanderbilt ‘62, and Michael Wood ‘82.

Diana Marley Neillander, 69, September 19, 2015, of Ocala, Florida. Survivors include son Jeffrey (Shelley) Neillander; three grandchildren; and sister Diane Marley.

Patricia Barrett Parrigan, 69, November 9, 2015, of Louisville, Kentucky. Survivors include son Charles Parrigan; a grand- daughter; and siblings Richard (Denise) Barrett ‘66, Ronald (Mattie Lyster ‘74) Barrett ‘73, Virginia Barrett (Joseph) Saavedra ‘68, Jean Barrett (Alas ‘Ashe ‘69, Kathleen Barrett Taplin ‘72, and Judith Barrett (Allen ‘69) Bourbon ‘72.

Patricia McDonald Wasatonic, 69, January 7, 2016, of Greenville, South Carolina. Survivors include her husband, Jack Wasatonic; children Amy (Keith) Allen and Matthew (Laura) Wasatonic; and two grandchildren.
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LaCroix, Douglas Jewett, Sammy Jewett,
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(Karen) Call, and Russell Call; 10 grand-

Angela Lee, Robert (Lisa) Call Jr., Rubin

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15, 2016, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors in-

include her parents,

10 grandchildren; and siblings

Kati Scott

Eleanor

Justin

Todd

Jeana Bailey '77) Desilets '77

and

Sweeny '64

Carolyn Heywood

Daigneault '96, Lindsey (Nevin Felix)

Heywood '92, Sean

Joanna Hamm Lugo '63.

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include her father, Charles Wiggin; son

of Meredith, New Hampshire. Survivors

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