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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER**

n a season during which our cross-country team made us extremely proud once again, and in which we celebrated the legendary Coach Frey with an alumni relay race, I have been inspired by still another race this fall. There are some races, like the alumni relay and the Relay for Life, in which it doesn't really matter who wins, in which the competition is just another way to have fun, and in the end everyone connected to the race feels like-and in a real way is—a winner. Thanks to our senior class and our always generous faculty and staff, we are in the midst of such a race.



This fall, for the first time in school history, the senior class challenged the faculty and staff to a race to get 100% participation in the annual fund. As I write this, the faculty and staff are just behind the seniors: 76% to 87%. When you stop and think about it, it is an impressive statement for a school to have 2 out of every 3 people who work here, and 2 out of every 3 people who will graduate in June, contribute hard-earned financial resources to making their school better than they found it. I have written at other times about how much our faculty and staff volunteer inside and outside of the Academy, and I constantly brag about how much our student body contributes through volunteerism even without a graduation requirement for community service. However, there is something remarkable about employees and students wanting to generously give so that others can benefit from things not covered by tuition.

Let's think first about the faculty contributions. One might expect that the faculty would easily win this race: they have more resources, they are likely to stay here longer and therefore benefit from the school improvements, and they are expected to be models of the kind of behavior we wish all students and alums would follow. However, three years ago, our veteran faculty were asked to teach 17% more without a concomitant increase in pay, two years ago they experienced a pay freeze, and last year they were asked to contribute more to their health care premiums while still taking a pay freeze. In some places, these events would have led to bitterness, but not here. Certainly such a committed and generous group of adults who are looking to the long-term success of their departments, programs, and place of employment would be expected to participate at a higher level than a group of teenagers who are getting ready to leave this place.

However, when we consider the amount of class spirit and school spirit that typify graduating classes, and especially distinguish this one, and when we consider the amount of disposable income most teens have each weekend, we might expect that the seniors would be able to encourage each other to give a dollar to help the class beat the faculty. What group of teenagers doesn't enjoy showing up adults in authority? However, our senior class is over 250 students and comes from all over the world. They speak well over a dozen languages and represent a dizzving array of diverse interests. When we consider the research on teenagers and philanthropy, which suggests they would rather give time than money, the quick and enthusiastic response from this class is also amazing. Certainly, with such positive peer pressure and early success, the leaders of this class can reasonably expect that their class will reach 100% before Winter Carnival.

In the end, of course, it really doesn't matter who wins this race. What really matters is that the race is even happening at all. Both groups are giving back to the institution from which they are supposed to be receiving. Both groups have recognized the power of modeling virtuous behavior and are acting in a way they would like to see everyone behave. Both groups are experienc-

#### Message from the Headmaster

ing the joy and the power of giving back to this wonderful community, of becoming part of something bigger than themselves, and of taking a share in the ownership of the success that happens here every day.

Perhaps it is because I am presently imbued with the holiday spirit, but such an event gives me great hope—hope that transcends annual giving, the Academy, young people, or education. I can see these traits of generosity, service, community, and shared owner-ship wherever I go amongst the people of the Academy, whether they be alumni, parents, former faculty, Trustees, or friends. And while I am immensely proud of the success of our cross-country teams and extremely grateful for all Coach Frey has done for our school, I am equally proud and grateful to lead a school that has such people in it.



#### James H. Impey '64 Elected to Board of Trustees



St. Johnsbury real estate developer James H. Impey has been elected to the St. Johnsbury Academy Board of Trustees. A 1964 Academy graduate, Impey graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration in 1968 and formed Impey's Vermont Real Estate in St. Johnsbury in 1971.

Since founding the firm, Impey and his wife Lorraine have restored and developed more than 20 older St. Johnsbury structures, many with historic significance, including buildings designed by noted 19th century architect Lambert Packard, previously owned by the Fairbanks Family, the former Summer Street School, and the former U.S. Fish Hatchery.

The couple also run several other area businesses, including convenience stores, gas stations, car washes, and apartment and commercial rentals.

Two years ago, the Impeys received the Preservation Trust of Vermont Award for Outstanding Work in Preserving Vermont's Architecture. Other honors Impey has received include the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Distinguished Service Award in 2005; Business Celebration Hero for service to the area, also in 2005; St. Johnsbury Academy Northeast Kingdom Service Award in 2004; Business Person of the Year in 2002, and several Chamber of Commerce Civic Improvement Awards. Impey is also a current and former leader and member of many area boards. His present positions include president of the Sunset Home for Aged Women, incorporator of the St. Johnsbury Development Fund and Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital, director and past president of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, and board member of the St. Johnsbury-Lyndonville Industrial Park, Passumpsic Savings Bank, and St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center, Inc.

Impey's past positions include serving on the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum board, Northeast Kingdom Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce president, Northeast Kingdom Recycling Board, St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Club, Grace Methodist Church board, St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Council, and several town committees.

"I am thrilled that Jim has agreed to serve on our Board," Headmaster Tom Lovett said. "He brings good business sense, a distinguished record of service to the area, and a love of the Academy. He is an outstanding addition."

Academy Board of Trustees President Lee Hackett added, "On behalf of the Trustees, we are pleased that Jim has joined our Board. He brings local and area knowledge and experience which is vital to the success of our strategy for serving the needs of our day student community."

The Impeys have four children, all Academy graduates: Michelle '95, Alison '97, Charlene '02, and Jeffrey '07.



Students from Chef Bystrzycki's Culinary I class pose for a picture with the wedding cakes they prepared at the end of the fall semester.

## Academics



#### French Then and Now

Members of the St. Johnsbury Academy French 2 class invited area community members with French ancestry to share their memories and reflections of their heritage. Titled *French Then and Now in St. Johnsbury and Our Region*, the informal gathering was "a great opportunity for cross-generational sharing about something of real relevance to our community," said French Teacher Catherine Miles-Grant.

The group enjoyed an informal and intimate gathering around the fireplace at the Grace Stuart Orcutt Library in December. Mrs. Miles-Grant was very pleased with the event stating, "The students conversed, listened, and shared treats of the season with their invited guests. It was a wonderful evening."



#### Special Day of Challenges for Academy Students

Academy students are used to challenges, but the ones they faced December 3 were much different from those they confront during an ordinary school day. Ranging from community building activities for freshmen and sophomores to Capstone research project presentations for seniors, the day's schedule also included a session devoted to increasing student awareness of the potential pitfalls and dangers associated with the internet. Freshmen and sophomores, accompanied by their faculty advisors, spent half of their "Challenge Day" in the Academy's gymnasium and field house, participating in "community challenges" designed to "expand their capacity for growth and change" and "solidify the bonds that each class has created here," Beth Choiniere, the Academy's Assistant Headmaster for Campus Life, said. Underclassmen spent the other half of the day taking part in the internet session, called "Hooked on Facebook." Meanwhile 126 seniors formally presented the findings and recommendations from their required Capstone research projects during a "Conference Day" held at nine venues throughout the campus. Community members in addition to faculty, staff, and juniors attended the many presentations to evaluate each presenter.

## New Programs, New Courses, and Several Staffing Changes at St. Johnsbury Academy

The start of the Academy's new school year also marked the debut of new programs and courses, several administrative changes, and eight new teachers and staff. Richard Boisseau, director of the Academy's Center for Academic Improvement, has started preliminary research that will lead to the creation of a new program, known as the Alternative Support Program Inspiring Readiness for Education (ASPIRE). The program's goal is to "develop and work on ways to better involve parents in their child's education, both in and out of school," Boisseau said. In addition to scholastic development, ASPIRE will include substance abuse prevention components.

New classes offered to Academy students include Genetics and Linear Algebra. Meanwhile, Howard Crawford, the school's Dean of Students, has added the role of Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), and veteran culinary-arts instructor Jim Libbey has been appointed CTE Department Chair.

Beth Choiniere, formerly Director of Campus Life, has assumed the new title of Assistant Headmaster for Campus Life. In a similar change, Carol Lyon, formerly Director of Business Services, is now Assistant Headmaster for Business Services.

Also taking new positions are former Junior Class Dean Jack Driscoll, now Acting Dean of Students; Sharon Forest, Senior Class Dean; and John Lenzini, Freshman Dean.

New faculty members can be found on page 7.

#### Helping Develop Student Leaders

For the third year in a row, the Academy began its school year with an emphasis on developing student leaders. This year's Leadership Academy, held in August, included an important new component with parents invited to attend a special Parents Night session featuring nationally recognized guest speakers Katie Koestner, an expert on student safety and teen relationship culture, and Rob Miller, an authority on the role of parents in athletics. "Similar to what we strive for in our school's mission statement, the Leadership Academy emphasizes respect, accountability, and the development of core covenants, as we live out the values of Character, Inquiry, and Community," Beth Choiniere, the school's Assistant Headmaster for Campus Life, said. All students involved in Student Government, Dorm Council, National Honor Society, Vermont Teen Leadership Program, and "any other students who want to commit to building a stronger community through character" were invited to attend. Participants discussed building trust, making commitments, and establishing core covenants within those group settings. Hilltopper student athletes and coaches joined the program for a workshop focusing on some of the same areas and designed specifically to fit the needs of athletic programs and teams. The Parents Night program was part of a reinvigorated effort to help parents play a more active role in helping students develop leadership skills and achieve academic success.

#### Culinary Arts Program Honored as One of Nation's Most Influential

The Academy has been honored by the National Center for Hospitality Studies for offering one of the 100 most influential secondary school culinary arts programs in the country. Based at Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky, the Center determines its "Hot 100" list each year to recognize schools which have "demonstrated a commitment to excellence in culinary arts education," the organization said in a letter to the Academy announcing the honor. Selections are based in part on consultation with Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the national Skills USA program. "Beginning with a roster of all schools deemed to have strong programming in the areas of culinary arts and/or baking and pastry arts, these organizations assisted the Sullivan team in identifying additional criteria, such as recent performance in national and regional competitions, a proven history of excellence in curriculum and a significant positive impact on their communities," the letter added.

## Nora Gair to Represent Academy at State "Poetry Out Loud" Finals



Sophomore Nora Gair of Lancaster, New Hampshire, has been selected to represent the Academy in the annual Vermont Poetry Out Loud state finals competition, scheduled in March. Gair was selected after an initial field of more than 300 Academy English class students was narrowed down to five finalists.

Senior Aneleisa Gladding-Hinton from East Calais finished runner-up in the Academy competition. The Vermont winner will earn an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete at the Poetry Out Loud national finals in April.

#### Simons Is Selected As National Merit Scholar Semifinalist



A senior has been selected as a semifinalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship<sup>®</sup> Competition. Claire Simons is among approximately 16,000 students nationwide selected for the honor as a result of exemplary performance on the 2010 Preliminary Scholastic Ap-

titude Test (PSAT)<sup>®</sup>, which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million applicants for National Merit Scholarships each year. Competition finalists will be announced in February 2011, with approximately 8,400 later awarded scholarships through the program.

#### Students Honored For Exceptional Achievement On Advanced Placement Tests

Forty-seven Academy students have been honored for exceptional performance on May 2010 Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Twelve were honored as Scholars with Distinction for receiving an average score of at least 3.5 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more. Thirteen were recognized as Scholars With Honor after earning an average grade of 3.25 on all exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more. Twenty-two earned Scholar honors after receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more tests. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school. Successful performance on the AP exams helps students earn college credit, advanced placement, or both depending on the college or university. A total of 251 Academy students, including 50 percent of the senior class, 32 percent of juniors, and 13 percent of sophomores, took 444 AP exams during the 2009-2010 school year. Approximately 222 students are taking AP courses this school year.



Academy sophomore Sarah Lynch practices her newly learned fire extinguisher skills as St. Johnsbury firefighters Kevin Montminy (left) and Mike Pelow look on. The practice and demonstration were part of a safety training program for students enrolled in the school's Technical Education courses.

#### SkillsUsa® National Gold Medal Winner



Academy representative Cameron Talotta, a member of the school's Class of 2010, captured first place in the commercial baking competition at this year's national SkillsUSA<sup>®</sup> championships, held in June in Kansas City, Missouri. Talotta captured second place in the national high school technical education competition last summer. Earlier, he won the Vermont SkillsUSA<sup>®</sup> title and was accepted for admission to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, widely recognized as one of the world's premier culinary colleges. He received a four-year tuition scholarship to the Institute for winning the national crown. Talotta practiced for the competition under the guidance of Academy culinary instructor Chef Paula Churchill Bystrzycki '80.

#### <u>New Faculty and Staff</u>

We would like to welcome new faces to our Academy family. Please visit the faculty and staff directory on the website for additional information. Visit the News section on the website for full press releases.

#### **Faculty**



Ashley Barron '05 SOCIAL STUDIES



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**Caitlin Smith** Wallingford '93 PARALIBRARIAN

## Community

#### Chinese at Good Shepherd

St. Johnsbury Academy juniors Da Won Lee from South Korea (standing at left) and Eric Rauert of St. Johnsbury (seated center), both members of the school's Chinese 4 class, explain the Chinese Boat Festival to 2nd graders at the Good Shepherd Catholic School in St. Johnsbury during a visit this past fall. Led by instructor Amy Huang, the Academy students prepared for the visit by creating posters, hands-on activities, and a puppet show to share with Good Shepherd teacher Dawn Frechette's class.

#### Benefit Walk Supports NEKCA Food Assistance Programs

The Academy held its fourth annual Hilltoppers in Training Benefit Walk in September.

All money raised from the event, which also included a dress-down day, supported the non-profit Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) organization's efforts to provide food assistance to needy area families. "About 1,000 walkers, including nearly the entire Academy student body and faculty, took part in the event," Beth Choiniere, the school's Assistant Headmaster for Campus Life, said.

Members of the local community were also encouraged to join the walk and support the cause. "In addition to helping economically disadvantaged people in the community at large," Choiniere said, "the Walk reinforces the Academy's stated mission, which includes encouraging the school's students, teachers, and staff to take an active role in improving both their school and world. The event also supplements efforts to build and strengthen a sense of community within the school."

#### **Red Cross Honors Academy**

David Carmichael (center), account executive at the American Red Cross Blood Services office in Burlington, congratulates Academy student government president Danielle Caputo of Hardwick (left) and senior class president Elizabeth Moye from St. Johnsbury after the school was honored as Vermont's most productive high school blood donation site during the 2009-10 school year. The school has held the title for more than 20 years.

#### Academy Student Honored as Hero by Vermont Air National Guard

Academy junior Eli Haskins has been honored as a "hero" by the Vermont Air National Guard for his courage in battling a pair of life-threatening medical conditions. Haskins was diagnosed with a brain tumor in April 1999. While undergoing an extensive two-year treatment regimen, he often served as a volunteer at American Red Cross Blood drawings sponsored by the Academy, offering moral support and encouragement to first-time student donors. In July 2007, he was diagnosed with leukemia, resulting in another year of treatments, including a bone marrow transplant with his older brother Samuel serving as donor, before the disease went into remission. Haskins' "display of outstanding courage and valor while maintaining a battle against his illness" has "demonstrated that wars are not only waged by those in uniform," a citation accompanying a "Young Hero Medal" presented to him at the Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington says. "During this difficult period, he demonstrated great strength, courage, and a love of life in heroic proportions."

#### Community Service a Holiday Tradition at SJA

For the 23rd consecutive year, a 24-member team of students and adults led by Academy Culinary Arts instructor Gerry Prevost prepared and served complete Thanksgiving meals for about 400 young people at Covenant House in New York City. Prevost has coordinated the project for the last 13 years. Covenant House is the largest privately-funded nonprofit agency in North and Central America providing shelter and other services to homeless, runaway, and throwaway youth. This year's Thanksgiving meal project included about 12 Academy students, representing a mix of Culinary Arts and senior Capstone students, eight Danville High School students, Danville resident Ellen Foster, Academy science teacher Chris Buhner with his wife and two daughters, Prevost, and his wife Crystal. Donations from Caledonia County residents take care of most of the ingredients needed to prepare the meal. Danville churches lead the annual fundraising effort in memory of Janet Wakefield, who coordinated fundraising for many years.

Meanwhile, SJA's student-run Community Services Resource Center (CSRC) conducted its 9th annual food drive to provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy area families. The group served 165 families this year, the most in the project's history. CSRC also coordinates the school's annual "Giving Tree" campaign, with gift donations from Academy students, faculty, and staff helping brighten the Christmas holiday for needy families.

#### Student Team to Build New Homes for Katrina Victims



While most of her fellow Academy students spend their February vacation relaxing, senior Molly Cantore of St. Johnsbury plans to be working with 15 other Academy volunteers, including three chaperones, rebuilding Lafayette, Louisiana homes destroyed five years ago by Hurricane Katrina. The project includes joining

ongoing home reconstruction efforts led by the nationwide Habitat For Humanity organization. "I've always been interested in volunteer work, but it's usually been on a smaller scale," she said. "In this case, I saw a national need (to assist the hurricane victims) and I knew I wanted to give my services."

#### Tie-One-On

The Academy's VTLSP (Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program) Chapter sponsored a Tie-One-On Safety Campaign the last day of school before winter break to remind drivers to drive safe, sober, and buckle-up. All members of the student body were given red ribbons to tie on a tree that was placed in front of Fuller Hall to symbolize those who have been or know someone who has been affected by drinking and driving. Students, faculty, and staff were also asked to tie a red ribbon on their car antenna to encourage safe decisions.

In conjunction with the safety campaign, VTLSP sponsored a variety day. All proceeds were donated to the Santa Fund.



#### Colwell Center for Global Understanding



#### Academy Celebrates 8th Year of German Student Exchange Program

Thirteen students from the Kraerherwald Waldorf School in Stuttgart, Germany, visited the Academy this past fall as the school marked the eighth year of the Global Connections Program, a unique cultural exchange program created by the schools themselves. The German students lived with host families, and attended a full load of classes throughout their sixweek visit. Each student was expected to take two academic courses, including English, and two electives of their choice. Academy students traveling to Germany through the program have similar requirements, including studying German.

## Students Preparing for Service Trip to Southeast Asia

Twenty-five Academy students are preparing for a 17-day service trip to Southeast Asia in early 2011. Led by science teacher Dr. John Sayarath, mathematics instructor Josh Seamon, and social studies teacher Helen Wilbur, the students will visit Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. While in Laos, where Sayarath was raised, the group will work in an orphanage, organizing activities and teaching the children English. They will also perform volunteer work in schools, teaching English, tutoring mathematics, social studies, and science, participating in music and sporting activities, and providing physical labor when needed. The group's trip to Laos will also feature volunteering at a medical clinic.

#### Spring Semester Academy Trips

Southeast Asia – February Louisiana (Habitat for Humanity) – February Italy – April Japan – April Germany – June Yosemite National Park – June

Emma Keeshin '11 did her Senior Capstone project on the benefits of travel stating, "These trips offer rich opportunities for Academy students to explore the world with their peers and teachers and bring those experiences back to the community." Keeshin has been involved in a few trips and feels the experience has been wonderful. She has submitted a few grant applications in hopes of establishing a scholarship program for students interested in international travel.

#### Model United Nations Club Members Share Ideas at Montreal Symposium

Twelve members of the Academy's United Nations Club participated in the 18th annual Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium in Montreal. Started as a gathering of a dozen students, the event is now one of the premier model United Nations conferences in North America. This year's theme was "Defining Our New Decade," encouraging participants to consider challenges the human race faces in a time of unprecedented change, from responses to natural disasters to a growing shortage of resources and skyrocketing population growth. The Academy delegation was led by social studies teacher Glenn Ehrean, who is also director of the school's Colwell Center for Global Understanding.

## Faculty/Staff Spotlight

Athletic Director Tom Conte was honored during a surprise halftime ceremony at the Academy vs. Lyndon Institute football game last October. Conte plans to retire from the Academy at the end of the current school year.

He joined the school's staff in 1982 as a teacher and coach and has served as Athletic Director since 1995, overseeing a wide expansion of interscholastic Hilltopper sports offerings and watching 17 Academy teams win state championships. Academy teams that were added during Conte's tenure include indoor track, ultimate frisbee, girls lacrosse, and the re-introduction of boys lacrosse.

"Tom has set the example for hospitality, class, and attention to detail in welcoming guests and managing events," Academy Headmaster Tom Lovett. "Likewise, he has said deeply touched the lives of countless young people (athletes and non-athletes alike) and their friends, families, and coaches. He has given to this state, this community, and this school generously and without fanfare," Lovett added. "He has poured his life into the world of youth athletics and, in doing so, has transformed the lives of literally thousands of people." Conte has helped make the Academy recognized statewide as a premier venue for large events including the state championship track meet, early-bird wrestling tournaments, state wrestling championships, NVAC cross-country championships, and numerous boys and girls alpine district and states meets.

His involvement and service goes beyond the walls of St. Johnsbury Academy. This is evident by being named the 2006-2007 Athletic Director of the Year, a member of the Vermont Principals Association Nominating Committee, President of the Athletic Directors Association, member of the rotary (and elected the 1997 Rotarian of the year), and blood drawing coordinator for the American Red Cross (the Academy holds the record for being the most productive high school in the state, and has held that record since 1995).

Tom Conte and Howard Crawford coached together during their years at St. Johnsbury Academy. As a way to honor them both for all they have done for SJA, please join a number of friends and former athletes on Friday, June 3, 2011, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Black Bear Tavern, for a Conte/Crawford Recognition Party.

#### Retiring Staff

Three Academy graduates who returned to the school as staff members plan to retire later this year. **Ross Bimson '61** joined the Buildings and Grounds Department in 1984 and has served as Plumbing Maintenance Technician. His wife, **Lois Cobb Bimson '63**, returned to the school in 1986, spending most of her career as a Business Office staff member before moving to a Technical Services Assistant position in the Academy's Grace Stuart Orcutt Library. **Maurice Pepin '50** has served as a Buildings and Grounds Department Custodian since 1986. Thanks to you all for your amazing service to St. Johnsbury Academy!



Lois Cobb Bimson '63



Ross Bimson '61



**Maurice Pepin '50** 

## Fine Arts at the Academy

Professional dancer and choreographer John Gardner leads a Master Class for Academy Dance students.

#### Professional Ballet Dancers John Gardner and Amanda McKerrow Lead Master Classes

Academy Advanced Dance students received personal instruction from John Gardner and Amanda McKerrow, two of the nation's foremost ballet dancers, during Master Classes conducted in September. Both Gardner and McKerrow also led Master Classes at the Academy last school year, and plan to offer additional classes when they return to the school as artists-inresidence. Gardner, who also has won international acclaim as a choreographer, has worked with nationally known choreographers.

McKerrow, who is Gardner's wife, is the first American to receive a gold medal at the International Ballet Competition in Moscow, in 1981. Since then, she has received several other awards, including the Princess Grace Foundation Dance Fellowship. She joined the American Ballet Theatre (ABT) under the direction of Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1982, was appointed to soloist in 1983, and became a principal dancer in 1987. In 2000, McKerrow and Gardner began working for the Antony Tudor Trust, staging and coaching his ballet *The Leaves are Fading* throughout the United States. McKerrow has also staged numerous other ballets for professional companies and schools across the United States.

Students enrolled in St. Johnsbury Academy's Visual Arts Capstone research project course watch a drawing loop through a zoetrope.

## Fine Arts Teacher's Work Selected for Maryland University Exhibit



Recent work by Academy Visual Art teacher Kim Darling was included in a gallery exhibit at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. Darling also participated in a panel discussion about contemporary art held in conjunction with the show and an opening day "Meet

the Artists" reception. In the show, entitled Relevance, Darling presented an interactive zoetrope installation, including four drawing sequences of her own: Crow, Peepshow, Carousel, and Tethered. Gallery visitors were invited to place the drawings in the rotating slotted cylinder and watch the resulting animation as they spun the zoetrope. Paper and drawing materials were available to viewers so they could make their own moving picture sequences. The zoetrope project originated with a study of drawing and perception that Darling began as part of her Master of Fine Art work in 2008 through 2010, which was partially supported by an Academy Faculty Improvement Grant. After the Salisbury exhibit, she brought the large zoetrope back to the Academy to allow her students to produce larger, more developed, moving drawings.

#### Academy Theatre Stages Grease

Academy Theatre presented the rock musical *Grease* during the fall semester to sell-out crowds for all three performances.

#### Academy Dance Students Stretch Cultural Boundaries



Afro-Cuban Dance expert Heather Burns (left) leads a Master Class for St. Johnsbury Academy Dance students during a December visit. Currently teaching and working as a guest artist with Oklahoma schools and dance companies, Burns apprenticed under Cuban cultural historians, playwrights, actors, musicians, and professional dancers at Cutumba Ballet Folklorico in Cuba.



### ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY ATHLETICS

#### Preseason Conditioning Camp Gives Hilltoppers Jump on Sports Seasons

Academy athletes of all shapes, sizes, and focuses joined together for the start of the school's second annual All-Sports Preseason Conditioning Camp. Conceived and led by coaches Hank Van Orman and Adam Kennedy, the voluntary program helps the student athletes prepare for the upcoming sports season by running, hopping, pushing, and pulling their way through a dynamic regime designed to improve their strength, quickness, and endurance. "The camp is about a lot more than just conditioning" Van Orman said. "The conditioning aspect is great, but just as important is that we work on mental toughness and team chemistry. To me as a coach, all of these components are priceless and the fact that we achieve this together as a diverse group of athletes is really something special."



#### Academy Soccer from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, to Bermuda

The St. Johnsbury Academy Boys Soccer game against Peoples Academy might have been being played on the Academy soccer field, but over 75 spectators watched the game together in Bermuda at Flanagan's Outback. The game was streamed by Northeast Sports Network via the internet and was broadcast live on 25 screens while alumni, family, and friends cheered for the Hilltoppers. The game ended at a 0-0 draw. The Boys Soccer Team had a good season, but the season was cut short after the first round of playoffs. They ended the season with a 5-7-2 record.



ming of the game. Pictured L-R: Shunte Eva Max Correia '12, Brian Fubler '12, and Matteo Frazzoni '11.

#### Vermont Principals' Association Athletic Hall of Fame

Bruce Henry Dalrymple '82 returned to the Kingdom before making his way to Stowe, VT, for his May 6, 2010, induction into the Vermont Principals' Association Athletic Hall of Fame. During his first return visit to St. Johnsbury since his graduation, Bruce stopped by area schools, spoke to the Student Body during Chapel, and presented the Girls Basketball Team with their championship jackets. Congratulations, Bruce, on your induction into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame!



Bruce Henry Dalymple '82 with fellow VPA Inductees Layne Higgs and Kim Silloway '82 during the 2010 Induction Ceremony at the Stoweflake Resort in Stowe, Vermont.

#### Hilltopper Cross Country Teams Rule Mountain Division and Finish Strong at States

The Hilltopper Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams both raced to 1st place in the team standings at the NVAC Mountain Division Championships, held October 23 in Duxbury, Vermont. Hayden Bunnell '11 paced the SJA boys, capturing 1st place in the individual standings for the second year in a row; six other Toppers placed in the top 15. Carmen Alvarez '11 led the Hilltoppers in the girls event, placing 5th. A week later, the boys cross-country team captured second place and the girls took 4th at the Division 1 championship meet in Thetford, Vermont. Hayden Bunnell '11 paced the Toppers in the boys event, capturing 3rd place in the individual standings. Ben Bunnell '12 and Elijah Doerfler '12 also finished in the Top 20, placing 7th and 19th respectively. Carmen Alvarez '11 led the SJA girls, placing 11th.



(Row 1 L-R) Coach Fran Cone, Allyson Bruckner '12, Claire Simons '11, Ashley Barski '11, Coach John Lenzini, (Row 2 L-R) Athletic Director Tom Conte, Hayden Bunnell '11, Mat Lyon '11, Ben Price '11, and Coach Chip Langmaid '80.

#### VT Student Athlete Leadership Conference

Academy senior Claire Simons of St. Johnsbury was among 11 high school students statewide receiving Scholar Athlete Awards at the 16th annual Vermont Student Athlete Leadership Conference held November 15 and 16 in Burlington, Vermont. Also selected by the Hilltopper coaching staff to represent the Academy were Ashley Barski, Hayden Bunnell, Mathew Lyon, and Ben Price, all St. Johnsbury residents; and Allyson Bruckner from Barnet. Sponsored by the Vermont Athletic Directors Association and Vermont Principals Association, the conference is designed to provide participants the knowledge and confidence needed to be effective team, school, and community leaders.

## Alumni Spotlight

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Joel Storella '96 and Alex Camelio '03

Article by Richard Beck '66

wo Academy alumni are using their creative visions as entrepreneurs with eyes on a global market. One's inspiration is rooted in Old World craftsmanship and the other's focuses on rapidly evolving mobile-communication technology.

Joel Storella, Academy Class of 1996, is founder and chief designer at Joel Storella, LLC, based in Winthrop, Massachusetts, creating and crafting avant-garde luxury leather handbags on an individual basis for a small high-end clientele.

A native of Lisbon, New Hampshire, Storella partially attributes his love of fashion to heredity, noting his grandfather ran a custom tailor shop in Boston and his parents operated a premiere clothing manufacturing plant for 20 years. His post-Academy experience also includes over five years of intense study of leather handbag design and construction under the guidance of Armenian master handbag maker Shaunt Sarian, and extensive experience in ultra luxury retail.

Although each of the firm's handbags is personally designed and made by Storella to a client's individual specifications, "Ours is not a story of exclusivity to the outside world," he said. "It is a love story of a designer who strives to make the best handbags possible not guided by corporate governance, but out of a genuine desire to live out his dream and craft fine leather goods."

"Each and every of our products is entirely stitched by hand," he continued. "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but well-made, timeless products speak for themselves. In an era where fashion houses and independent designers strive to grow their businesses to increase profits, often at the expense of compromises in quality and materials, our mission is simple: to make the best handbags possible for a small number of clients and set the standard for what a true luxury product should be." "The years I spent at the Academy were some of the best memories of my life," Storella recalled. "Growing up in a small town in New Hampshire, diversity wasn't the first thing I thought about. When I first went off to college, I was surprised at how intimidated many in my freshman class were," he said. "Many of them were much like me, from a small town. My time spent at the Academy groomed me for change and living on my own. When I went to college, I was ready and prepared."

"My years at the Academy made me more aware of my surroundings and allowed me to think more openly once I was on my own. Much like college, I experienced so many new things with my classmates at St. Johnsbury Academy. I formed many bonds and friendships that are still with me today, and even if I haven't seen them in years when we reunite, it's like no time has passed. Actually, one of my closest friends, Lenny Milligan '96, is now a business associate. Len owns a law firm in Boston and is head counsel for my company. Our relationship goes so much deeper because of our memories and experiences from St. Johnsbury Academy."

"One of the biggest lessons I learned during my time at the Academy was to do what you enjoy," Storella continued. "For me, passion equals life. It's such a cliché, but as we've all heard a million times before: if you do something you love, it doesn't feel like work anymore."

After graduating from St. Johnsbury Academy, Storella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Plymouth State University, in Plymouth, New Hampshire, then went to work for an investment firm. In 2002, he moved to the Boston area and began a nearly 8-year stint in retail. In July of 2010, the Joel Storella brand was born.

Alex Camelio, who graduated from the Academy in 2003, is co-founder and co-owner of Barcode Public-



"Mobile applications (apps) continue to grow in popularity and functionality," he said. "Whether it's to make dinner reservations, find a home for sale, compare product prices, or play games, these applications have permeated our lives."

By 2013, Camelio added, experts predict "smart phones" will surpass computers as the most frequently used device to access the Internet.

With support and sales consultation from Academy classmate Warren Dow '03, who also owns a share of the business, Barcode Publicity designs web applications capable of running on Blackberry, iPhone, and Android devices alike.

"Why should a business spend upwards of \$100,000 on an application that only works on a single platform?" Camelio said.

"There should be no such thing as an iPhone-only App or Blackberry-only App," the company's website says, predicting "Within the next 2-3 years, all apps will be cloud based and accessible from any phone with internet browser capabilities."

Founded in 2009, the firm is currently focusing on two major projects: Barcode Realty for real-estate brokerages and agencies; and the VZort mobile application for resorts.

The company is also integrating barcodes into mobile marketing strategies. A magazine reader browsing a motel chain advertisement containing the business's customized barcode, for example, could obtain additional information about specific motel locations, book a room, order room service, or access any other information or amenities provided available through the chain's mobile website by simply scanning the barcode with a smart phone. Later, browsing through the local newspaper's Homes for Sale ads, the motel guest could obtain instant access to the area's entire MLS inventory if a realtor's ad included a barcode. Joel Storella '96 posed with Jack Bissette '66 during a recent Boston alumni event.

Although Barcode Publicity concentrates on industryspecific uses for mobile technology, "These same promotional applications can be used for any business using a bit of creativity," Camelio stressed. "Our goal is to make this mobile information age as easy to navigate as possible by combining sales tools, social networking applications, marketing features, music content, and more to enhance the user's experience when reaching a business's mobile website."

After graduating from the Academy, Camelio earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York, majoring in political philosophy with minors in political science and economics. He then worked in Rhode Island and for the Vermontbased Downs Rachlin Martin law firm before moving to a technology-oriented position in New York City, which he left to start Barcode Publicity.

"Many of the most important skills I've needed along the way are ones I started learning at the Academy," he said. "That's where I acquired the ability to think on my feet and think logically."

"Serving as senior class president provided me great experience in planning, management, and working with people," he added, "and being a member of the golf and ski teams helped me understand my roles as both a member of a team and a leader."

Additional information about Storella's and Camelio's firms is available by visiting their websites at www.joelstorella.com and www.barcodepublicity.com.



Barcode Publicity designs Web applications for mobile devices—scan and see!



The Embrace the Dream Campaign announced in June represents the largest fundraising effort in Academy history. This comprehensive campaign, launched in response to a \$5 million challenge gift, continues to inspire record levels of giving among our alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends, while transforming our school and community. The campaign has now passed the \$13 million mark, bringing us ever closer to our goal of \$15 million in support of endowment, facilities, and programs.

Our students and faculty are already enjoying the benefits of your generosity. The new dormitory at Burrows Place houses 37 students and four faculty families. This is the first new dormitory built on our campus since the completion of the Barn in 1985, when our boarding enrollment was half its present size. The new engineering laboratory in Streeter Hall was a gift of the Davenport Family Foundation, while the KC Family Foundation endowed the Allen D. Christensen Chair in Engineering, and the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation established the Charles Hosmer Morse Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The income generated by these endowments will fund these faculty chairs in perpetuity. Endowed gifts in support of financial aid have been received from the Davenport Family Foundation, Gladys Brooks Foundation, and numerous alumni and friends. These funds will provide permanent scholarship aid. Finally, increased giving to the annual fund has provided more than \$500,000 each year in support of current programs.

During the next few years, we will improve the technology available to our students and faculty. This is not a luxury or a fad. Our students and faculty need access to 21st Century technologies in order to be prepared for the new conceptual age in which they will live, work, and continue to learn. We will also seek additional funds for financial aid in order to make an Academy education available to those who could otherwise not afford to attend. We believe the judicial use of financial aid dollars not only serves the aid recipients but also improves the educational experience of every Academy student by at-

#### Opening Day Enrollment Exceeds Projections

Despite shrinking area elementary school enrollments and global economic uncertainty, the Academy continues to exceed its own enrollment projections. The new school year began August 23 with 919 students enrolled. As of registration day, the Academy student body included 689 Day students from more than 40 area Vermont and New Hampshire towns, and 230 boarding students from 18 states, one U.S. territory, and 19 countries. Included in this year's student body is the school's first student from Montenegro, the United Nations' newest member country.

tracting individuals with unique talents and experiences to our community. Finally, we will complete construction of a second dormitory, enabling us to house more of our boarding students on our campus, further improving the quality of life and sense of community for all our students and faculty.

Every Academy student benefits from the generosity of others. Over the past 170 years, gifts from our founders, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends, and foundations have built our campus and provided the endowment that makes so many of the opportunities our students enjoy possible. Today, tuition covers less than 85 percent of our budget. Infusion of funds from the endowment and contributions to the annual fund helps to bridge this gap. To achieve our goals and to sustain the Academy into the future, we need everyone's help. Every gift, regardless of size, is important, not just for the dollars committed but because broad based support, especially among those closest to the school, is critical to attracting additional foundation support.

This campaign will help us to renew the commitment and promise left to us by the Fairbanks family and nurtured by so many others, whose support of this school has ensured that each of our students, regardless of where they are from, what they love, or how they learn, has the chance to embrace and achieve their dreams.

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#### Academy Begins Work On New 40-student Dormitory

St. Johnsbury Academy broke ground in the fall for a new three-level dormitory that will house 40 male boarding students and four faculty member families, Academy Headmaster Tom Lovett announced.

Built behind the former Academy softball field off Brantview Drive, the 21,500-square-foot building will feature cutting edge energy technology, including passive solar heating, roof-mounted solar panels to provide hot water, and a geothermal radiant heating system. "All of the construction will be 'green' and the dormitory will be certifiable as a Green Building," Lovett said.

The building's two lower floors will include faculty apartments and a large common area featuring a stone fireplace and kitchen for student use.

"All student rooms will be on the top floor, and organized in 'neighborhoods' similar to the system already in place at the school's Burrows Place dormitory," the headmaster added.

The new dormitory, which has not yet been named, was designed by Montpelier-based Black River Design architects. Planning for the new building began five years ago as the school's Board of Trustees embarked on a new "long-range strategic plan" to address the school's future needs, including an increasingly larger boarding student population.

"At this time, we believe 200 beds is the ideal number for boarding students on campus; The new dorm will reduce the number of boarders having to live off-campus because our existing dormitories are full," Lovett said. "We know we can't use the Maple Center Motel," which was donated to the school by the Murphy Realty Company, "and the property at 1111 Main Street, which we've been leasing from Steve and Susan Quatrini, forever. In addition to meeting our goal of 200 beds on campus, the new facility addresses our need for more and better faculty housing, while simultaneously creating separate housing clusters for male and female students. Boys will now live



Trustee President Lee Hackett '57 addresses the crowe during the New Dorm Ground Breaking Ceremony.

in four dormitories, including Brantview, Waterman, and the Barn, situated at the end of Brantview Drive. The existing dormitory on Burrows Place, along with Sheepcote, Cramton, and Tinker will house girls along Fairbanks Drive and Belvidere Street.

"We are very excited about the new building," Lovett said. "Plans for the dormitory were complete and the project approved when the global economy fell apart, forcing us to put the plans on hold. Among other uncertainties, we were concerned that the economic situation might negatively impact our boarding enrollment. Now, we're confident that we can continue to meet our enrollment projections, making the new dormitory essential to achieving our long-term vision, including our ability to keep our commitment to our local families and communities."

Lovett also said financing for the new dormitory is "complete, with absolutely no impact on local tuitions." Like all of the buildings on our campus, funding will be provided through gifts and other private sources.

"The new project is providing a unique opportunity to Academy students who will assist with the construction. Construction crews will be supplemented by Academy students, primarily members of Electricity classes led by instructor Michael Bugbee," Howard Crawford, the school's Director of Career and Technical Education, said. In addition to working closely with Benoit Electric in all areas of installation, students will also play an active role in budgetary, planning, and other administrative tasks.

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



## LOOKINGBACK Asia Trip

Associate Headmaster of Advancement and Admission Jack Cummings spent three weeks this past October visiting Seoul, Shanghai, Beijing, Changchun, Shenzen, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, New Delhi, and Mumbai.



Nina Sahawat, Yupaporn Sahawat, Gun Sahawat, Jack Cummings, Phattra Sahawat '92, and Patta Sahawat '92



(L-R) Vincent Qian, father of Steven Qian '10, Jack Cummings, Trustee Alex Ko, father of Dexter '08, and Stephanie '09



(L-R) Janet Wong '03, Lily Lee '03, Jack Cummings, Hiromi Karahashi '04, and Derek Fong '92

#### Bermuda





(L-R) Jamelle Ming '93, Kuhn Evans, Kauai Evans, and Kimale Evans (family of Shunte Evans '11)

Over 75 alumni, family, and friends gathered at Flanagan's Outback in Bermuda to watch the St. Johnsbury Academy Boys Soccer team play against Peoples Academy live via the internet. The game was streamed by Northeast Sports Network and broadcasted live on 25 screens. Guests cheered on the Toppers while visiting family and friends.



(Row 1 L-R) Rodwyn Tucker '04, Daymon Bean '92, Shondelle Paynter '94, Nathan Richardson '94, (Row 2 L-R) Jamelle Ming '93, Bayon Robinson '98, Cameron Rowling-Bridgewater '04, Jack Cummings, Andrew "Pins" Fraser '87, George Peets '95, and Omari Esdaille '96

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

#### **Boston**, MA

Headmaster Tom Lovett joined hosts **Carolyn Ely '95** and **Len Milligan '96** for the alumni and friends social at West End Johnnie's in Boston, MA. The group celebrated the coming Holiday season with great conversation and lots of laughs.



Sanghyun Lee '97, Randy Fontaine '96, Trustee Sam Bain '64, and Eun-Woo Kim '98



Event hosts Len Milligan '96 and Carolyn Ely '95



Eun-Woo Kim '98, Headmaster Tom Lovett, and Sanghyun Lee '97



Kim Grenier '85, Michael Ellis '78, and Jeff Dellicolli '91



Ben Harwood '02, Zoe Winkler '01, Dan Silverman '01, and Annette Stock Edelstein '01

#### **Fall Musical Social**

Chef **Jerry Prevost** '77 directed this year's Fall Musical *Grease*. Alumni and friends gathered at the Hilltopper Restaurant prior to Friday's performance. All three shows were sold out and the students, once again, did a phenomenal job.



Jerry Prevost '77 and Janet Vermeulen Maxwell '76



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## LOOKINGBACK Bethesda, MD

Trustee **Jay Wright '87** and his wife, Janelle Wright, hosted the 7th Annual Alumni and Friends Dinner at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD, on Saturday, November 6. Headmaster Tom Lovett and Brad Ashley shared information regarding new developments at the Academy.



Jonathan Schwab, Mary Lovett-Schwab '02, Charlene Impey '02, Hillary Selle Gramlich '96, Amanda Ingraham '02, Kyle Browne, Roy Geiser, Nancy Magnus '95



Hosts Trustee Jay Wright '87 and Janelle Wright



Class of 1988 Mini Reunion - Tod Schill, Deidra Fleming, Tammi Sullivan Cady, Fred Lawrence, Natalie Begin Levitan, Katy Kasprazak, and Lissa Williams Modessitt



Chris '96 and Kelly Robles

#### **Lake Monsters Social**



**Nate Cloutier '98**, General Manager of the Vermont Lake Monsters, hosted Alumni, Family and Friends at historic Centennial Field in Burlington, VT. The group enjoyed a pre-game BBQ followed by the Lake Monsters and Lowell Spinners baseball game.



Jordan Cady, Jacob Cady, and Host Nate Cloutier '98. Missing from the photo is Nate's brother, Jared Cloutier '96.

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Bryan LeBlanc '84, Barb Bimson '90, Lois Bimson '63, and Ross Bimson '61



The Begin Family: Rob '87, Sam, Emily, Nicole Dauteuil Begin '88



#### **Red Sox Game**

On August 2, Academy Alumni, Faculty, Family, and Friends gathered for a Boston Red Sox game. Prior to the game, everyone met at the Cask'n Flagon, just across the street from Fenway Park, thanks to the hospitality of Lisa Gladstone Van Fleet '84 and her husband Bruce.



Aason Lantz, Chris Ummer, and Erin Williams Ummer



Headmaster Tom Lovett, Rose Lovett '11, Patrick Lovett '13, and Stephen Lovett '09



(Row 1 L-R) Tina Rodd Stetson '82, Sadie Stetson, Dylan Stetson, and Barclay Stetson '79, (Row 2 L-R) Kyle Johnson, Laurie Racine Johnson '84, Jacob Johnson, PJ Johnson

#### **Providence**, **RI**



Lesley Gibbs, Donald Gibbs, Alan Ruggles '84, Tammi Sullivan Cady '88, Craig Perkins '84, Melissa Parrish Peters '96, Matt Peters '95

St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni and Friends gathered on the banks of the Connecticut River in downtown Providence at Waterman Grille on September 16. While enjoying each other's company at the beautiful location the group watched the Brown University Crew Teams practice just a few feet away.



Julie Sturm Wheeler '99, Nate Wheeler '96, Emily Woodell, Sheri Fortier '93, Nick Wheeler '01, and Mike Fortier '90

#### Stamford, CT

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Academy Alumni and Friends gathered in Stamford, CT. Hosted by Samantha Quatrini Donoghue '89, the small group enjoyed dinner at Butterfield8.

Jeremy Goldsmith, Stephanie Michaels '03, Alan Ruggles '84, and host Samantha Quatrini Donoghue '89

## Homecoming Weekend SJA/LI Football Game



























#### Cheerleader, Majorette, Rifle Squad, Drill Team, and Flag Team Reunion





Jo-Ann Hall Sullivan '68, Pam Calderwood Heffernan '68, Mary Lanctot Bailey '68, and Rose Rainville Crosby '68





(Row 1 L-R) Jerilyn Root Toney '88, Jacque-Lynn Nutbrown Mackay '86, (Row 2 L-R) Kathy Wyllie '81, Angie Fournier Hurlbert '83, Patty Russell Kaufmann '85, Tabetha DaPonte Marcotte '85, Debbie Hayes '85, Cindy Emmons Bevins '84, and Mary Ellen McCarthy Reis '81





## **All-Class Social**





Kyle Brown '70, Terry Powers '70 and Joe Swainbank '70



Class of '84: Michelle Willey Urie, Rich Lyon, Rosie Lemieux Prevost, Troy Ruggles, Lisa Gladstone Van Fleet, Alan Ruggles, and Brenda Hale Ducker



Jon Winot '94, Amanda Halpin Bugbee '94 and Travis Bugbee '92

(L to R) Jose Sotolongo, Mark Foster, Mike Kramer, Kyle Collins, and Chip Carr

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Marion Galbraith Merrill celebrated her 96th birthday during a party held in her honor this past September. Many family and friends, including Bernier '56 and Jeanette '60 Mayo gathered together to tell stories, reminisce, and share a few laughs.



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Carol Nutting Robinson with granddaughter Rachel Wynn '08, daughter Dot Robinson'76, and sister Dorothy 'Pete' Nutting Blackadar '43, and of course Topper!

#### 953

Madison Hill, daughter of David and Shelley Astwood Hill '86, enjoying the company of honorary grandfather Durward Ellis, in Bermuda, in May 2010.



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If you have news to share, if you're moving or if your son/daughter is still receiving this magazine at your address, please send updated information to:

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The Lam family gathered for a group picture over the holiday break. (L-R) Julie '95, Jenny '01, Janina '98, Kai '13, and Anna '14

#### 1956 **A**REUNION 2011

Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, set the scene for a 50th anniversary celebrated by Tom and Judie Lawton, along with six of their married children and spouses. They were married in March 1960 after Tom received orders to go to Korea. He was deployed ten days after the wedding. Judie remained stateside finishing college at Bryant University in Rhode Island. Tom was later called home by the Red Cross due to his mother's failing health. The couple subsequently moved to the northern part of Rhode Island where they began raising their family. Tom finished his education at Bryant University. The family moved to a seven-plus acre plot of land in western Rhode Island, where Tom became a gentleman farmer in his "spare" time from his job as a manager in a manufacturing plant. He raised all the beef, pork, and chicken that the family ate. They also became involved with foster parenting. Two of those children were eventually adopted into their family along a with a little sevenyear-old girl from Korea. Tom and Judie moved to Pine Lakes, Florida, almost 10 years ago. He is busy with pressure-washing and golf; she with water color painting and "keeping in touch with the family" - which consists of eight children, 24 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Pictured here are Tom, Judie, and 22 of 24 grandchildren.

#### 1957

The two sons of Betty and Reg Welch are both career officers in the U.S. Air Force. Col. Rory Welch is chief of plans at CENTCOM, McDill AFB, Tampa, Florida. In the summer of 2011 Rory is scheduled to become the Vice Wing Commander of the 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, Cocoa Beach, Florida. Lt. Col. Keith Welch is deployed to the southern area of Afghanistan as supervisor of civilian construction in communities surrounding the Marine base to which he is assigned. Recently he was base engineer at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida. Reg and Betty are living in Montpelier, Vermont.



#### 1965

Academy dance instructor Marianne Handy Hraibi was a guest teacher in October 2010 for a Dartmouth College Film Studies course. She taught for the Film 7 course, which explores dance, film and literature, offering insights into Martha Graham's influence on dance in the 1930s with an emphasis on the 'dance as weapon' approach that motivated choreographers and choreography of that period. The course is led by the chair of Dartmouth's Department of Film and Media Studies. Marianne also teaches for the Dartmouth Athletic Department, offering various levels of instruction in modern dance.

Another coaching pinnacle for **Gary Jenness:** as the high school winter sports season came to a close in 2010, Gary became the winningest basketball coach in New Hampshire. Not just for coaching girls where he already owned the record for most



Dave Shumate's visit from North Carolina was reason enough for old friends to get together. Shown here: Marte Robinson Rhodes, Jim Impey, Debbie Hull Thornton, and Dave Shumate.

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wins, but for high school basketball in the state. He reached 547 wins to break the old record by four. "It just means I've been coaching a long time," Gary said. "I've been fortunate enough to have a lot of good players." Gary and his wife, Marjorie, are living in Lancaster, New Hampshire.

The Lyndon Historical Society has published Mr. Vail is in Town: Theodore N. Vail, AT & T, and His Lyndon Legacy. The full critical biography of Vail was written by Dan Swainbank, now a writing instructor at Lyndon State College. Using original source material, contacts with the Vail family, business histories, and the one previous biography of Vail, Dan has reconstructed the story of T. N. Vail's early failures, his personal life and interests, his world travels and investments, and his relationships with such historic national figures as Alexander Graham Bell, J. P. Morgan, and President William Howard Taft. The book is available at Green Mountain Books in Lyndonville, The Lyndon Historical Society, or Dan Swainbank (802-748-6239). Dan and his wife, Mary, are living in North Danville, Vermont.

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Keith Phelps and Jayne Zabrosky Phelps celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 13, 2010. Jayne hit another 40-year milestone in June, retiring from 40 years of public education. Jayne taught in four of St. Johnsbury's schools. She hopes to spend more time at her home in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Keith and Jane have lived in Passumpsic, Vermont, since 1973. They have one son, Ethan Phelps '94, who lives in Stockbridge, Vermont.



**Greg Sweeny** attended the

where he received a BSCE in 1970. After graduation, he joined the Federal Aviation Administration as a civil engineer, working out of New York City for two years, and out of Boston for eight years. He traveled a lot in the Northeast working on all types of air navigational aids such as control towers, radar facilities, instrument landing systems, communication facilities, and more. In 1980 Greg got his professional engineer's license and was accepted into the FAA's year-long Air Transportation Systems Specialist program. He spent a year in Berkeley and earned a MSCE from the University of California at Berkeley in 1981. From there he went to Chicago and has worked in the FAA's Chicago Airports District Office ever since. In October 2010, at the Aviation Association of Indiana's annual conference, Greg was honored with their Indiana Aviation Person of the Year Award - the highest honor they can give. He has now been with the FAA for 40+ years, and "It has been a terrific ride." Greg is living in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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With a time of 3 hours, 28 minutes, and 31 seconds, Karen 'Blondie' Murphy Vucich took first place in the 60-64 age group at the Boston Marathon in April 2010. In October, Karen flew to Greece to participate in the 2,500th anniversary of the marathon race in Athens. She is now a resident of Vail, Colorado.

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Living in Burlington, Vermont, and loving every moment of it, Katherine Farmer is a scheduler for Good News Garage. She manages and organizes daily and weekly schedules for 22 drivers throughout the state, and works with 100+ case managers for the state-wide program. She also works part-time in sales at Climb High, an outdoor specialty sports shop in Burlington. In 2007, Katherine completed a 200-hour yoga teacher training and now teaches two classes weekly as well as individual classes for clients in Chittenden County. She is studying Auyrveda medicine and healing therapies at the Kripalu Yoga and Holistic Healing Center in Lenox, Massachusetts. Just for fun, Katherine has been singing with the Burlington Choral Society for 10 years. And travelling is always in the picture with trips to Colorado to visit her daughter, Allyson (CU '09), in Boulder. Her daughter, Elizabeth, lives and works in Burlington. Be in touch with Katherine on Facebook.

Academy mathematics teacher Nola Brown Forbes has been selected as national winner in a grassroots oral history project conducted by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was honored by the organiza-

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tion's American Heritage Committee for her participation in the 'Quilters S.O.S. Save Our Stories' project, which challenged participants to record and transcribe interviews about quiltmaking, both present-day and in living memory, generating a broadly accessible body of information for both scholarship and exhibition. Nola interviewed 20 Vermont quiltmakers and two from New Hampshire ranging from beginners to ones with decades of experience. Nola and her husband, **David Forbes** '**66 T**, live in Kirby, Vermont.

#### 1973

In January 2010, **Linda Heywood Brown** resigned her post as a pharmaceutical tech to go into business for herself. She is now a reflexologist. With a central location in Brandon, Vermont, Lindy is in northeastern Vermont three days a month. Check her out at

www.vermontreflexology.com. Lindy lives in Orwell, Vermont.

Mark Emmons, M.Ed., has recently been appointed as a senior consulting teacher for the Northeast Foundation for Children in Turner Falls, Massachusetts. The Northeast Foundation for Children is the nonprofit organization which funds the Responsive Classroom. Mark has been a Certified Trainer teaching the Responsive Classroom approach to teaching and learning since 2003, delivering workshops to elementary teachers and consulting with educators around the country. This appointment came at an opportune time for Mark since he recently retired from the classroom after being in the education field for more than 30 (YES - 30!) years. Mark lives in Newport, Vermont.

## 1977

Robert Jenks, owner of The Jenks Studio of Photography in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, won the top award at the Kodak Gallery Elite celebration in Nashville, Tennessee. Chosen from all 2009 Kodak Gallery Awards winners from all 50 states, using Kodak products, Bob's print titled "STROLLING" claimed the grand prize. More than a 25-year veteran of the industry, and a 4th generation photographer running the oldest family run photography business in the United States, Bob specializes in all aspects of portrait and fine art photography. Bob lives in Waterford, Vermont, with his golden retrievers, William and Zeke.

#### 19**78**

December 3, 2009, marked **Mike Ellis'** 20th anniversary with Metro Networks (or associated company). And it all started in the humble studios of WTWN in St. Johnsbury in 1963 helping do advertisements/radio spots for Ellis Paint and Wallpaper Store! Mike and Cathy Ellis live in Westwood, Massachusetts, with their children.

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For Andrea Hrynchuk, many running events, including six Boston Marathons, started with some inspiration from her teammates, and under the tutelage of Coach Ray Frey! Most recently Andrea competed in her 10th Reach the Beach Relay – a New Hampshire run from the mountains to the sea: Cannon Mountain to Hampton Beach State Park. Andrea is a resident of Barrington, New Hampshire.

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Nothing compares to the support of friends in times of need. Don't believe it? Ask **Julie Veilleux**. Last spring, when Julie learned she had leukemia and would be unable to work for a

year, friend Rosie Lemieux Prevost '84 stepped in and donated proceeds from her art opening to the fund for Julie. The show at Catamount Arts was titled, 'Portugal: People and Places.' Rosie was quoted when she said, "Photography is a universal language that connects people and transcends communication gaps." How perfect. Beyond that, friends Cindy Hayes Robillard '83 and Jean Hall Wheeler '78 organized a pie sale in Julie's honor. Julie says, "I am so appreciative of the support I have received from the entire community, big or small." And the community is happy to hear that Julie is doing well.

#### 982

(Class News page 36) Class of 1982 Mini Reunion – **Jose Sotolongo, Mark Foster, Mike Kramer, Kyle Collins,** and **Chip Carr** enjoyed a weekend together in the Annapolis, Maryland, area. The group is seen at the Baltimore Ravens vs. the Miami Dolphins football game.

### 1983

After three years of working with Begin Realty as a sales agent, **Debbie Pessini Allard** has obtained her broker's license and is now the brokerin-charge of Begin Realty in Danville, Vermont. Debbie lives in Waterford with her husband, Gary, and children, **Dakota '11** and **Kayla '14**.

### 1984

The Royal Oak Foundation, the U.S. membership affiliate of the National Trust of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, has appointed **Sean Sawyer** executive director. In announcing the appointment, Royal Oak chairman, Herbert Camp, said, "Sean's background and experience make him ideally suited to this position. He combines skills in non-profit management and fundraising with a lifelong

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passion for British architecture, history, and culture." Sean received a bachelor of arts from Princeton University in 1988, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1999, specializing in 18th- and 19th-century British architectural history. In 1992 he attended the Attingham Summer School with a full scholarship from Royal Oak. Sean has taught at Columbia, Fordham, and Harvard, and is currently an adjunct faculty member in The Parsons/New School Master's Program in the History of Decorative Arts and Design at the Cooper-Hewitt, where his courses often deal with the history and current practices of the National Trust. Sean lives in New York, New York.

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Tim Clouatre, state police barracks commander in St. Johnsbury, has been promoted to the rank of captain and Troop B commander. He is in charge of Troop B's barracks in Bradford, Derby, and St. Johnsbury. Tim and his wife, Tausha Veilleux Clouatre '89, live in West Danville, Vermont.

Dale Urie, an 18-year faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy, became the vice principal at Lyndon (Vermont) Town School in the fall of 2010. Dale had been the senior class dean, and a history teacher. The Urie family lives in St. Johnsbury.

#### 1987

Jay Wright has co-authored a book with Georgetown University professor Bill Droms: *Finance and Accounting for Nonfinancial Managers*, 6th edition. It is now available on Amazon.com. Jay, his wife, Janelle, and two children are living in Potomac, Maryland.

### 1988

Veteran St. Johnsbury Police Sgt. Clem Houde has been promoted to deputy chief at the St. Johnsbury Police Department. Clem, who has been with the department for 17 years and has been a sergeant since 1996, is now second in command and is working closely with Chief Richard Leighton in running the department. Clem and his family are residents of St. Johnsbury. **Roderic Knights Jr.** of Waterford, Vermont, earned a MSW in social work from the University of Vermont in May 2010.

Born in Boulder, Colorado, into a first-generation American Buddhist family, **Waylon Lewis** came to Karme Choling, a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center in Barnet, Vermont, and attended SJA before moving on to Boston University. At one point Waylon attended a semester at Naropa University's Jack Kerouac Writing School. Back in Boulder he got involved in the fledgling *Yoga*  *in the Rockies*, which never quite took flight. He renamed the paper, expanded the editorial focus (and thus advertising reach), and three years later is at the helm of the second-best magazine in the Rockies, 'elephant,' which went national in the Fall 2010. For more, visit the mindfullife.com.



Kim Roy returned to campus on April 5, 2010 to address the student body in chapel about the importance of following their dreams no matter what obstacles stand in their way.



An informal reunion dinner was organized by Kelvin Leung '90 when Eli Goldberg '91 showed up in Hong Kong. (L to R): Kelvin, Andy Yeung, Richard Cheung, Eli, Sun Kung Chia '90, and Vincent Yip '89.

#### **1992**

Franconia, New Hampshire, resident Leah Carey has released her first book, Transforming Your Body Image. It is a 40-day journaling experience designed to help readers love the body they were born with, rather than believing that they have to look like a model to be beautiful. Included in the book are 40 writing prompts, 40 daily affirmations, instructions for getting the most out of the journaling process, and Leah's own story of transformation. Lea has studied theatre at Brandeis University, and worked as a professional stage manager with theatre companies around the country. For the last six years, she has been working as a self-empowerment teacher in Littleton, New Hampshire, where she specializes in workshops that support people in writing their own stories around particular topics (for instance, breast cancer or aging) and then performing them onstage. An excerpt from the book is available at www.LeahCarey.com.

"And I'm sure many of us, myself included, will walk out those doors, with our diplomas in hand, and still be a little foggy about our future course of life," Joel Thornton said in his valedictory speech in 1992. His 'future course of life' has led him to the Department of Atmospheric Science at the University of Washington, Seattle, and into valuable research natural chlorine sources, such as the ocean, or strong anthropogenic sources (for example, coal combustion or steel production). The results of the work done by Joel et al. can be found in the March 2010 publication of Nature, The International Weekly Journal of Science. Joel, his wife Regina, and sons Alden and Simon, are living in Seattle, Washington.

(L-R) Johnna Hall, Amy Dauphin Santos, Jen Ruhlman, Nicole Hemmett Griffiths, Jocelyn Bennett Curran, and Kati Scott Furs

#### **1994**



Kate Daloz, with daughter Hannah Herzman (born August 13, 2009), and her brother, Todd Daloz '96, with daughter Maeve Daloz (born July 14, 2009).

Matthew Payeur, a photographer living in Danville, Vermont, has released his first book of photography. The self-published book titled Backroads is a 102-page hardcover featuring more than 130 images taken throughout Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Matthew is a 1996 graduate of Hallmark Institute of Photography. He has been a member of the Vermont Professional Photographers Association since 1997, and has received numerous awards for his work, including the Kodak Gallery Award and the Vermont's Mack Derick Award. To preview some of his work, visit his Web site at www.empire-imaging.com.

Mattie Towle completed her medical residency at Fletcher Allen Health Care in June of 2009, and is now a practicing family physician at Little City Family Practice in Vergennes, Vermont. She lives in Vergennes with her husband of three years, Scott Geddes.

#### 1995

Since 2008, **Diana Chaloux** and her fiancé, Micah LaCerte, have been running their business, Hitch Fit, in Kansas City, Missouri. They provide online personal training worldwide, and are now in 39 countries. For one-on-one personal training, they opened their own studio gym in 2009. Today they have 10 trainers working as part of the Hitch Fit team. Diana is a WBFF (World Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation) Pro Fitness Model, and a regular in the Oxygen Women's Fitness Magazine.

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Gathered for a very large play date are the children of Johnna Hall Kendall, Amy Dauphin Santos, Jen Ruhlman Shepard, Nicole-Hemmett Griffiths, Jocelyn Bennett Curran, and Kati Scott Furs.



Breccan Curran, Emma Shepard, Jameson Curran, Madison Curran, Kellan Kendall, Elian Furs, Harper Furs, Declan Kendall, Alana Santos, Gavin Griffiths, Matiss Griffiths, Evan Griffiths, and Wesley Griffiths.

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#### **1997**

In May 2010, **Maria Chaloux** earned a master's in the physician assistant program at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, New York. Maria and her husband, Jon Schaefer, are living in Charlemont, Massachusetts.

#### 1998

After leaving Vermont, **Teagan St. Hilaire** finished high school in California, before earning a bachelor of arts degree. She has been in Dallas, Texas, going on nine years now and working for Expedia.com. She has also completed her master's degree in organizational leadership.

#### 1999

Vermont Business Magazine (VBM) recognized the winners of its inaugural 'Rising Stars Award' at a ceremony in South Burlington in November 2010. This list was comprised of 40 winners under the age of 40. Award recipients were selected by a panel of judges for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence, and involvement in their communities. Among the honorees was Jen Butson who was chosen for her outstanding work as Director of Public Affairs for the Vermont Ski Areas Association. Additional career highlights include her experience as Marketing Tour Manager and Spokesperson for Burt's Bees and Seventh Generation as well as her work as a marketing assistant at St. Michael's College. Jen also contributes to the community through her volunteer work with Vermont Adaptive Sports and serves

on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. In addition, Jen acts as corporate liaison to the National Association of Snowsports Journalists and Eastern Ski Writers Association. She resides in Colchester, Vermont, and can be contacted at www.skivermont.com.

A teacher at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Virginia, **Amber Caron** was selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar from a national applicant pool to attend one of 30 summer study opportunities. Amber participated in an institute entitled "Teaching Shakespeare." The four week program was held at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Formerly of Barnet, Vermont, and now of Lebanon, New Hampshire, **William McGandy** was the winner of the Top Notch Triathlon in Franconia Notch, New Hampshire, in August. His 1:12:14 time to complete the bike, swim, and run was better by more than two minutes than the runnerup.

#### 2000

**Eva Conant**, of Maidstone, Vermont, was graduated from Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2010. At the end of June, she began a one-year internship at Atlantic University in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, continuing her education in large animal veterinary medicine.

Jayk Gallagher plays a small role in the Aaron Sorkin written, David

Fincher directed 'The Social Network' starring Jesse Eisenberg, Rashida Jones, and Justin Timberlake, released in theaters by Columbia Pictures. Since moving to L.A., Jayk has appeared in shows on the E! Network, MTV, and Comedy Central, and in over 25 commercials. Watch for him!

2001 **C**REUNION2011 Now deployed to southwest Asia, SSgt. USAF, **Ryan Davis** should be back in Vermont sometime in April or May.

## 20**02**

Jordan Smith has earned a master of science in education with a specialization in K-12 studies in education from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jordan is living and working in St. Albans, Vermont.

#### 003

The member of Renewal Chorus, including Mason Gohl of Greensboro, Vermont, began singing as teenagers with the Vermont-based traveling world music ensemble Village Harmony. Each winter the group meets for a week in the snowy mountains of Vermont to share music. They winter, they embarked on their fifth tour. The concerts feature propelling rhythms and wide-open chords of American Shape Note music, early 20th century men's gospel, silvery tones and elaborate melodies of Corsican and Bulgarian trio songs, and ancient polyphony from Caucasus Georgia. Many of the Renewal singers have traveled abroad with Village Harmony and Northern Harmony to study ethnic singing traditions first
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hand. Given the opportunity, be sure to attend one of these concerts.

**Sonia Heisholt** graduated from the University of Oklahoma, and is living in Oklahoma. She is a teacher in a daycare.

**Ho Ka 'Janet' Wong** is currently working at a boutique hotel called Lanson Place Hotel in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, as a reservation agent. Her job also includes being the operator representative.

#### 2004

Ashley Canning, of Lower Waterford, Vermont, earned a MSD in dietetics in May 2010 from the University of Vermont.



The first dance classes for Claire Cote were at St. Johnsbury Academy. That was only the beginning! Today Claire is principal behind 'Effervescent Collective' performing out of the Baltimore, Maryland, area. In late summer 2010 they won two awesome awards from the Baltimore City Paper: Best of Baltimore: Dance Company Reader AND Editor's Choice. Last spring they had two major productions (Dirty Dancing, Load of Dance) before settling into their new studio in Station North. In summer 2010, their escapades included dancing at Artscape and Whartscape, rain or shine, as well as travel and dance training as far away as Paris and Israel. Find out everything about the Effervescent Collective by going to www.effervescentcollective.org.

# 2005

Wesley Bascom of Lower Waterford, Vermont, earned a bachelor of science, cum laude, in environmental sciences in May 2010 from the University of Vermont.

**Sean Bishop** of Waterford, Vermont, earned a bachelor of science in secondary education mathematics in May 2010 from the University of Vermont.



Alchemy Advertising & Marketing of Peacham, Vermont, and Towson, Maryland, a marketing strategy and implementation firm, announced the appointment of **Arlet-**

ta Bussiere as chief copy editor and the business development manager for their Baltimore office. Arletta has been a copywriter and editor with Alchemy since 2005. She has been a representative for Arista Marketing of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a freelance writer for Human Relations Media of Mount Kisco, New York. Arletta studied Scottish literature at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Williams College. She will principally be responsible for business development in Towson and the greater Baltimore area, as well as continue to oversee and implement copy editing services for clients in Maryland, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Ariel Conant of Maidstone, Vermont, is into a one-year contract teaching English at Sang-Nam and Nam Middle Schools in Changwon, South Korea. Changwon is located near Busan in the southern region of the Republic of Korea. Ariel is a 2009 graduate of Cornell University. Paul Connelly, of Lower Waterford, Vermont, has graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Graduating summa cum laude, he was awarded honors for outstanding accomplishments during his four years of study.

Jennifer Goodhue, of St. Johnsbury Center, graduated in August 2010 from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, with a bachelor of arts degree in French.

**Caitlin Hughes**, of St. Johnsbury, received a bachelor of science degree in hospitality and tourism administration from Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, in May 2010.

Documentary filmmaker Oriana Korol showed her first full-length film "Memories of San Pablo" at a special screening at Catamount Arts in St. Johnsbury in June. The movie follows Oriana, the granddaughter of American missionaries in Ecuador, and her friend, Priva Ghosh, into the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. Oriana is a recent graduate of Wesleyan University with a degree in Earth and Environmental Science. Interested in both communication and science, she has worked as an oceanographer in Bermuda, and as the manager of Wesleyan University's Writing Workshop.

Emily Lacroix, of St. Johnsbury, received a bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, in May 2010.

Nicole Nummelin graduated from Bard College in May 2008 with a degree in human rights and political studies. Since graduation she has been living in New York City, and is

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A family tradition, Academy alums **Nid Munpleng '12,** Tar Munpleng '10, and Sai Munpleng '05 shown with their dad, Niramit Munpleng, in Bangkok, Tailand.

now communications assistant at the international humanitarian organization, Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) in New York City. She supports press, media, and publication efforts for the organization.

**Todd Scott**, a resident of Barnet, Vermont, received a bachelor of science degree in multimedia and graphic design from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, in May 2010.

Every summer an eclectic 'croo' (a word of undetermined origin unique to AMC - Appalachian Mountain Club - huts) of young people serves up great food, green education, and mountain safety through AMC's huts, all while having a rollicking good time. Galehead Hutmaster **Katherine Siner**, formerly of Waterford, Vermont, is included in that 'croo.' Galehead Hut sits above the Pemigewasset Wilderness. Katherine was featured in the May June, 2010, edition of *amcoutdoors* magazine.

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**Garrett Calkins**, of Danville, Vermont, earned a bachelor of science in business administration from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.

**Kaitlyn Carreau** of St. Johnsbury graduated with a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, in nutrition and food sciences from the University of Vermont in May 2010.

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Miranda Croteau, of St. Johnsbury, graduated from Saint Michael's College in May 2010 with a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, in English.

**Bridget Gebbie**, of Waterford, Vermont, received a bachelor of science in marketing in May 2010 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.

Meghan Gray graduated in May 2010 from the University of Vermont with a bachelor of science degree in athletic training. She is currently a student in the graduate athletic training program at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. As part of her assistantship, Meghan will be teaching anatomy labs and performing clinical hours in the physical therapy/athletic training room working with athletes recovering from injuries and/or surgery.

**Celia Hooker**, of Waterford, Vermont, earned a bachelor of arts in elementary education and religious studies from Saint Michael's College in May 2010.

Matthew Hovey, a resident of Danville, Vermont, and Montreal, Quebec, received a bachelor of science degree in electronic business management from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, in May 2010.

His passion for snowboarding has led **Tyler Huntoon** to the same heights he soars to in big air contests and slopestyle events. In his first year of competing for points in USA Snowboard Association events, the St. Johnsbury native earned enough national points to be invited to the USASA national meet at Copper Mountain in Colorado last April. Tyler says the sport is the same for him in competitions as it is when he's just out on the hill boarding around with friends. "It's the same old fun thing, only now there's incentive to progress, do better."

**Brian Lamothe**, of St. Johnsbury, graduated from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, in May 2010. He received a degree in mechanical engineering.

**Anthony Libera**, a resident of West Burke, Vermont, received a bachelor of science degree in multimedia and graphic design from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, in May 2010.

Melissa McDonald, of St. Johnsbury, earned a bachelor of science in nursing in May 2010 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut.

Ethan Paquette was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 35th round of this year's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. After leading the Hilltoppers to the state baseball championship his senior year, Ethan played three years with the University of Vermont baseball team, then transferred to Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, after UVM eliminated its baseball program. At Hofstra, he earned first team All-Colonial League honors after the best season of his career, leading the Pride with a .371 batting average, 14 home runs, and school record 70 RBIs.

Nicole Parker, of Lunenburg, Vermont, graduated from Castleton

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State College in Castleton, Vermont, in May 2010, with a bachelor of science degree.

Adrienne Raphel graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey, in June 2010. She was selected to be a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, as well as several other awards. Adrienne is now attending the University of Iowa, where she is pursuing a master's in fine arts degree in creative writing, and teaching English Literature.

**Christina Sawtelle**, of St. Johnsbury, earned her associate degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of American (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York, in April 2010.

Franziska Schuessler is currently working in the RAMADA hotel group where she is in convention sales. They schedule/sell the conference rooms for the Ramada hotels in the Rhein-Main area of Germany (near Frankfurt am Main).

Benjamin Silverman, of St. Johnsbury, earned a bachelor of arts, cum laude, in East Asian studies, from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.

Jessie Swett, a May 2010 graduate from the University of Vermont, has joined Vermont Trophy and Engraving in Colchester as an owner/ apprentice. While at UVM, Jessie received her degree in animal science and minor in environmental studies. She is a member of the Vermont Young Professionals and will represent Vermont Trophy & Engraving in the many organizations they are involved with. James Thurber, of Craftsbury, Vermont, graduated summa cum laude, fourth in his class, from St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont. He majored in Spanish and minored in history and art history. He also received Department Honors in Spanish and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Megan Trenholme, of Waterford, Vermont, received a bachelor of arts degree from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, in May 2010.

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**Carrie Bunnell**'s University of New England team scrimmaged **Britney Lane**'s ('10) Rivier College team in Biddeford, Maine, in October.

St. Johnsbury resident **Brad Locke** is an electrical apprentice graduate of an extensive four-year program run by Vermont Technical College and the Vermont Department of Labor.

#### 20**08**

Garnet Hill (Franconia, New Hampshire), which offers original designs in clothing and home décor, and is one of the area's largest employers, also offers a summer intern program. During the summer of 2010, both **Breandan Considine**, of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, and **Anna Monte-** ith, of Peacham, Vermont, participated in the program. Breandan attends the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. He returned for his second internship with the Data and Analysis team. Anna is a student at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she is studying fashion merchandising and retail marketing. She completed her second internship within Kids' Merchandising.

Simone Cote, a junior at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, had a summer 2010 scholarship to continue her study of the Chinese language in Taipei, Taiwan. She then spent three weeks in Malaysia and Bali with her roommate from Mount Holyoke. During the fall of 2010, Simone studied advanced Chinese language acquisition in Shanghai, China. Her message to alumni, students, faculty, and administration is, "I am so grateful for my education at St. Johnsbury Academy. It has opened doors for me in so many international places. In Taipei, I met with current students and past alumni who welcomed me warmly. In addition, Ms. Huang's family in Taiwan generously welcomed me to their home and introduced me to more beautiful places in Taiwan. Through Mrs. (Mary Ann) Gessner (Admissions), I was able to secure a home stay for my time in Taipei. In Shanghai, I have been warmly welcomed by families of current students at the Academy. For all of these international welcomes, I am grateful to the Academy and the families who have graciously opened their hearts and homes to me.



Katherine Levasseur (left) receives Vermont's annual Enduring Democracy Award from Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz. The award honors "individuals and organizations that have shown an outstanding commitment to promoting democracy in Vermont." Katherine received the award for her efforts to win public and legislative approval for amending Vermont's Constitution to allow persons who attain the age of 18 by the date of the general election to vote in the primary election. The proposal, known as Proposition 5, was later approved by the Vermont House of Representatives and Senate, then overwhelming supported by the state's voters in the November 2010 election.

> Morgan Wood, of Danville, Vermont, graduated in June 2010 from New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont, with an associate's degree in baking and pastry.

> After a successful high school career, Maya Sayarath moved easily into the ranks of college tennis. As a member of the Mount Holyoke Colloga (South Hadley, Masanchusetta)

> lege (South Hadley, Massachusetts) women's doubles team, Maya earned New England Women's and Men's Athletic Convercen Doubles Team of the Week honors for October 11-17. Congratulations Maya.

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# Faculty/Former Faculty/Staff

One of those honored as a Local Hero at St. Johnsbury Academy's fifth annual Community Heroes Celebration Dinner in the spring of 2010 was **Larry Golden** of Lyndonville, Vermont. An art teacher here at SJA, he was chosen for his dedication to students. Mr. Golden, with paint and plaster, has been shaping teenage minds for 40 years.

Judy Kelley and husband, Tom, are thoroughly enjoying retirement. Travel has taken them as far south as Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Minnesota to the west, and has included incredible trips to the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and the White House in Washington, D.C., as well as a Celtic Thunder concert in Pennsylvania. Highlights have been visits with their four children and grandchildren.



Already enjoying retirement, **Tom Moore** pulled this 30.4 pound, 29 inch, King Salmon out of Lake Ontario, near Fair Haven, New York. He was with his oldest son, Brian DiBernardo, in about 130 feet of 42 degree water. We're sure the fun has just begun.

The Vermont Humanities Council named **Kendra Paupst** (French teacher) as its 2010 humanities educator of the year. She was presented with the eighth annual Victor R. Swenson Humanities Educator Award at VHC's annual fall conference in November. "We are pleased to honor one teacher in the humanities who has made an especial difference to his or her students and school, and in the process, to honor all the fine teachers in the profession and the important work they do," said Peter Gilbert, VHC executive director. When not bringing French language and culture to her students, Ms. Paupst takes her students out to seek it. She arranges annual trips to Montreal and Quebec City, and last year had her AP students read French author Amelie Nothcomb, they brought them to the French Library of Boston to hear the author speak there. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Hartwick College, and a masters of art in French from Middlebury College through its program in Paris.

# LOOKING AHEAD

March 11 – Myrtle Beach, SC March 12-19 – Asia June 3-5 – Reunion Weekend

**June 3** 7:00-9:00 PM Conte/Crawford Recognition Party

**June 4** 5:00-6:30 PM All Class Wine and Cheese

**June 4** 6:30-8:00 PM Alumni Banquet

**June 5** from 8:00-11:00 AM All Class Breakfast

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Chelsea Matthews and Julian Benitez

# Marriages

### 1977

Karin Hammer-Williamson and Laurence Dean, July 3, 2009, on the Spirit of Ethan Allen III on Lake Champlain. They are living in Essex Junction, Vermont.

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Maria Chaloux and Jonathon Schaefer, June 26, 2010, at The Headlands in Mackinaw City, Michigan. Maria is a 2001 graduate of the University of Vermont with a bacehlor's degree in physical therapy; and a May 2010 graduate of the New York Institute of Technology with a master's in physician assistant studies. She is employed with Bay State Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts, as a trauma surgery physician assistant. Jon is a 2004 graduate of Middlebury College with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is assistant general manager of the family's business, Berkshire East Ski Resort, and general manager of Berkshire East Canopy Tours in Charlemont. They reside in Northampton, Massachusetts.





Melissa Patenaude and Jason Blodgett, June 12, 2010, at the home of Edwin and Virginia Allen in Waterford, Vermont. Melissa is a 2002 graduate of Lyndon State College, and is an administrative assistant at Northern Vermont Oral and Facial Surgery in St. Johnsbury. Jason is a soldier with the New Hampshire National Guard. They reside in Littleton, New Hampshire, with their daughter.

#### 998

Jacinta Fitzgerald and **Marcel Raboin**, April 17, 2010, at St. Theresa's Church in Hyde Park, Vermont. They reside in Hyde Park, Vermont.

#### **Rebecca Lamothe** and Steven Crittenden, September 20, 2009, at Mountain Chapel on Mount Mansfield in Stowe, Vermont. Rebecca is a 2003 and 2005 graduate of University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences and doctorate of pharmacy. Steven is

a graduate of The Meeting School in New Hampshire, is attending Johnson State College, and is a meat cutter with Shaw's in Waterbury, Vermont. They reside in Underhill, Vermont.



Biran Lamothe '06, Andreas Knauss, Patrick Rogers, Michael Crittenden, Steven Crittenden, Rebecca Lamothe Crittenden, Emma Stevens, Alina Holderby '96, Margaret Mazz, Karen Wroblewski, Shi Yi Chen

# 2000

**Suzanne Doyon** and Matthew Delaney, September 25, 2010, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bradford, Vermont. Suzie has owned Avenue Styles salon in St. Johnsbury for six years. Matthew is a graduate of Thetford Union Academy and has a degree in recording arts.





SJA friends Oxana Andreyeva Tolkunora, Rachel Brown Sanborn, and Giuliana Funkhouser joined Leonie in Germany for her wedding.

#### 2001 REUNION 2011

**Tara Carpenter** and **Matthew Longley**, June 26, 2010, at The Alerin Barn in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Leonie Pyuka and Stefan Becker, May 8, 2010, in Germany. Leonie is a gradauate of the Technical University Dortmund and is a teacher in Dortmund. Stefan graduated from Bochum University and is employed by Bundeswehr Universitat in Munich (University of the German Armed Forces) where he is doing research for his doctorate.

Rachel Fauss and **Nathan Stodola**, July 31, 2010, at Aqua Vino restaurant on the New York State Barge Canal in Utica, New York.

Katie Wheeler and Steven Crandall

'02, June 19, 2010, at The Monroe (New Hampshire) Town Park. Katie is a 2003 graduate of Hesser College, and is currently employed at Coventry Log Homes as an office assistant. Steven is also employed at Coventry Log Homes.

#### 2003

Jennifer Buck and **Jeffrey Cadorette**, August 28, 2010, on the lawn of The Spalding Inn in Whitefield, New Hampshire. Jennifer is employed by Optical Expressions in St. Johnsbury. Jeffrey is employed by Cabot Creamery. They reside in St. Johnsbury.



Emily Hurst and Nathaniel Thompson

Emily Hurst and Nathaniel Thompson, August 29, 2009, on their beautiful organic vegetable farm just north of Ithaca, New York. Emily graduated summa cum laude from Cornell University in 2008 with a degree in American sign language and Ethnemusicology. Emily is currently managing the local coffee shop in their town.



Lily Lee and Hiromi Karahashi '04, June 20, 2010.



Susannah Roy and Thomas Gould, September 18, 2010, in West Barnet, Vermont. Susannah earned a BA in math and a BS in secondary education from the University of Vermont. She is currently a math teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy. Tom is a 2002 graduate of Blue Mountain Union, and works for the highway department of the Town of Barnet. They are living in Barnet, Vermont.

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### 2004

Samantha Greeno and Nathan Santorello '03, July 31, 2010, at the Killington Resort in Killington, Vermont. Samantha graduated from Castleton State College, and is a support specialist at Rutland Mental Health. Nathan graduated from Lyndon State College, and is an industrial painter at Magic Brush Painting. They reside in Rutland, Vermont.

**Chelsea Matthews** and **Julian Benitez**, August 14, 2010, at the Monroe Village Church. They reside in St. Johnsbury.

# 2005

Kerri MacPherson and Brent Gallant, August 14, 2010, at The Rangeley Inn in Rangeley, Maine. They reside in Maine.

Aleha Dustin and Matthew Racenet, June 19, 2010, at The Alerin Barn in St. Johnsbury. They reside in St. Johnsbury.

**Steffanie Lemieux** and **Brandon Bell**, September 3, 2010, at the Dancing Sail Garden at the East Side Restaurant on Lake Memphremagog, in Newport, Vermont.

Samantha Greeno and Nathan Santorello

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Kellan William Hall Kendall

#### 1990

A daughter, Lorna Hope, September 11, 2010, to **Hathalee Higgs** and Steven Flythe, of Boston, Massachusetts.

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#### 1992

A daughter, Roslen Deborah Ann, July 27, 2010, to **John Wallstrom III** and Rosemond London, of St. Johnsbury. She joins brother John IV.

#### 1993



A daughter, Emily Snow, November 4, 2010, to K**endra Buzzell** and Bas van der Brugge, of Brookline, Massachusetts. She joins brother Alex.

#### 994

A daughter, Azaria Madrone, June 30, 2010, to Ryan and **Tara Robinson Holt**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins sister, Phyler Trillium.

A daughter, Hope Isabella, October 19, 2010, to **Lance '95** and **Allison Lowrey Horne**, of Lowell, Massachusetts. She joins brothers, Cameron, Colby, and Hunter.

A daughter, Alice Willa Pearl, November 7, 2010, to Amy and **Jake Ide**, of Richmond, Vermont.

#### 1995

A daughter, Ophelia Rosemarie, June 22, 2010, to **Evelyn Rolfe** and Doug Paine, of Marshfield, Vermont.

A daughter, Paige Elizabeth, June 30, 2010, to Jennifer and **James He-mond**, of Kirby, Vermont.

#### 1996 REUNION 2011

A daughter, Paige Eloise, August 30, 2010, to Michelle and J**onathan Black**, of Waterbury Center, Vermont.

A son, Cole Rocky, April 14, 2010, to Meghan and **Trevor Bunnell**, of North Danville, Vermont. A son, Spencer Mathew, May 18, 2010, to **Jeremy '01** and **Jaime Locke Gingue**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings, Jacob, Kelsie, and Taylor.

A son, Kellan William Hall, May 5, 2010, to Chris and **Johnna Hall Kendall**, of Wells River, Vermont. He joins brother Declan.



A daughter, Avery Wise, September 23, 2009, to Kelly and **Chris Robles**, of Mechanicsville, Virginia. She joins sister Stella.

A son, Stone Philip, March 31, 2010, to **Wilson '98** and **Abby Locke Thomas**, of Danville, Vermont. He joins siblings Wilder and Aven.

# Births

A son, Nathan Isaiah, July 2, 2010, to Shilo and Nicole Lamotte Wilson, of East St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings Brennan, Owen, Michaela, Hailey, and Madison.

#### 97

A daughter, Chloe Grace, May 8, 2010, to Timothy and Adriane Rolfe Angell, of St. Johnsbury. She joins brother Coulson.

A daughter, Ella Ann, May 14, 2010, to Misty and Luke Colby, of Lunenburg, Vermont. She joins brother Dillon.

A son, Clint Jason, February 11, 2010, to Jason and Jenna Bird Heinrich, of Danville, Vermont. He joins brother Nick.



A daughter, Ellasyn Brooke, May 6, 2010, to Freddy and Kerri Fruzzetti Nagle, of Pomfret Center, Connecticut. She joins siblings Brooke and Brandon.

A daughter, Paislee RicAmi, July 11, 2010, to Shane and Jennifer Amidon Altieri, of Littleton, New Hampshire. She joins sister Lillyannah.

A daughter, Skye Lynn, July 12, 2010, to Steven and Amanda Lasnier O'Lone, of West Burke, Vermont.

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A son, Lane Daniel, July 23, 2010, to Daniel and Meredith Hawkins Baillargeon, of Lyndonville, Vermont.

A son, Wyatt Camille, November 14, 2010, to Steven and Rebecca Lamothe Crittenden, of Underhill, Vermont.

A daughter, Rachel Jacqueline, October 21, 2010, to Tracey Gochie and Aaron Daigneault, of Concord, Vermont. She joins sister Carly.

A daughter, Danika Grace, September 9, 2010, to Andrea and Troy Darby, of St. Johnsbury. She joins sister Kayleigh.



A son, Trevor Justin, July 21, 2010, to Justin '98 and Kelly Rouelle Lemieux, of St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings Adriana and Cole.

A son, Samuel Chester, September 26, 2010, to Ryan and Angela Ball Marchetti, of Lunenburg, Vermont.



A daughter, Natalie Rayne, May 8, 2010, to Justin and Jenelle Barrett Noble, of St. Johnsbury.

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A son, Hunter Michael, March 28, 2010, to Michael and Michele McElroy Masse, of Bedford, New Hampshire.

A daughter, Sawyer Lillian, June 29, 2010, to Alison and Calvin Willard, of Barnet, Vermont.



A daughter, Tiffany, August 4, 2010, to Edith Liu and Willie Wong, of Hong Kong.

# **Births**

#### 2001 <REUNION 2011

A daughter, Makaelyn Dawn, June 26, 2010, to Sherylin and **Dan Raboin**, of Lancaster, Ohio. She joins sister Karalyn.

# 20**02**

A son, Ryley Wayne, February 25, 2010, to **Wayne '96** and **Tabitha Locke Johnson**, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Emma Catherine, June 15, 2010, to Corrina and **Patrick McElroy**, of Barnet, Vermont.

A son, Griffin Willis, November 12, 2010, to Brooke and **Darren Pierce**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins siblings Gabriel and Caydence.



A son, Charles Leon, July 18, 2010, to William '02 and Chelsea Locke, of Barnet, Vermont. He joins siblings Morgan, William III, and Abigail.

A daughter, Lillian Sophia, September 19, 2010, to **Robert** and **Denise Bourbeau Moses**, of St. Johnsbury. She joins sister Charlotte.

A son, Callahan Valya, May 11, 2010, to Christopher and **Vanessa McKee Norway**, of Lyndonville, Vermont.



A son, Adrian Lawrence, July 15, 2010, to Jessica and **Jason Kimbell**, of St. Johnsbury. He joins sisters Lillianna and Hailey.

A daughter, Aubriella Sky, to Alex and **Nicole Hart Stebbins**, of Danville, Vermont.

A daughter, Makayla Mae-Lee, July 4, 2010, to Steve Avery and Sabrina Miller, of Sutton, Vermont. She joins siblings Derick, Zachary, Elizabeth, Daishia, and Brooklyn. A daughter, Eva Poppy, April 30, 2010, to Wendy Mitchell and **Antonio Thomas**, of East Burke, Vermont.

#### 006 **A**REUNION 2011

A daughter, Nevaeh AnnMarie, to John Brown and **Tiffany Fisher,** of Lyndonville, Vermont.



A son, Vincent Leo, January 14, 2010, to **Eliza Keefe**, of Bacliff, Texas.



A son, Raymond Scott, March 30, 2010, to Michael Elia and **Rose McKenney**, of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

# 20**07**

A son, Asher Bradley, February 23, 2010, to **Jacqueline Garand**, of St. Johnsbury.

A daughter, Emma Joyce, to **Chelsea Saben** and Herbie Bennett '05, of St. Johnsbury.

# 2008

A daughter, Makenzie Gloree, July 6, 2010, to **Marie Sheehan**, of Waterford, Vermont.

2009

A daughter, Ava Autumn May, February 14, 2010, to Joshua Miller and **Alisa Calderon**, of Lyndonville, Vermont.



A daughter, Kaya Leigh, May 1, 2010, to **Sonia Roderick** and **Michael Pimental '07.** 

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A daughter, Sarah Breda, October 16, 2010, to Eugene and Aimee Duplissis, of Lyndonville, Vermont.

A daughter, Sarah Mariam, March 31, 2010, to Asad and **Beth Swartz Khan**, of Kent, Ohio. She joins brothers Adam and Simon.

#### 1929

#### Edith Armstrong Nelson Perkins,

98, November 1, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her son, **Charles Nelson '68**; and three grandsons.

### **1932**

Mildred Conly Adams, 96, November 27, 2010, of East St. Johnsbury. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

**Everett Clothey**, June 21, 2010, of Dillon, Montana. Survivors include his son, Everett Clothey Jr.; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; and a sister, **Helen Clothey Caron '49**.

**Flora Ross Stetson,** May 16, 2010, of Whitman, Massachusetts. Survivors include a grandson, Fred Pace.

#### 1933

Howard Guganig, 95, April 14, 2010, of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Survivors include his son, James (Marlene) Guganig.

**Eunice McCondach Sleeper**, March 13, 2010, of Manchester, New Hampshire. Survivors include a daughter, Priscilla Sleeper.

Virginia Witters Merrill, September 30, 2010, of Saginaw, Michigan. Survivors include a daughter, Sue Merrill Andersen.

### 1934

Ruth Sparrow Hanson, 93, June 9, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include sons, William (Marcia) Hanson '64, and Alfred (Margaret) Hanson '67; four granddaughters, and four great-grandsons.

Louise McGill Payne, 93, June 1, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors

include sons, John Payne '70, and Stephen (Marietta) Payne '73; and two grandchildren.

**Irving Carpenter**, of Whitefield, New Hampshire.

**1936** 

Douglas Conly, 92, October 20, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include sons, George (Ruth) Conly '66, and Douglas (Patricia) Conly '72; four grandchildren, and one greatgrandchild.

Ralph Conly, 92, May 28, 2010, of Sunnyvale, California. Survivors include his wife, Elsie Conly; siblings, Donald Conly '47, Dorthy Conly Cutting '29, and Eleanor Conly Gonyaw '41; children, Chris Conly, Kathy DeMattei, and Meg Dondero; eight grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren.

Reginald Turner Jr., 92, April 20, 2010, of St. Johnsbury.

James Cunavelis, May 4, 2010, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, Christine Cunavelis; and brothers, George Cunavelis '41, and John Cunavelis '45.

Beverly Bean Goodenough, 91, November 13, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include daughters, Sharon Goodenough (James) Bernard '67, and Pamela Goodenough '69; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Albert Barney (Trustee Emeritus), 89, May 10, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Helen Barney; daughters, Marianne Barney '68, Joan Barney (Michael) D'Angelo '70, and Kathleen Barney (Michael) **Bussiere '73**; eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

#### **1939**

Patricia Rattigan Packer, 88, May 8, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include daughter, Michele (Dave) Howarth; two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

**E. Ann Parsons**, 88, December 9, 2009, of Daytona Beach, Florida. Survivors include a niece and a nephew.

Lucia Johnson Pearl, 89, December 12, 2010, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include daughters, Peggy Pearl '65, and Elizabeth Pearl (Robert '49) Sargent '67; sister, Alice Johnson Blair '37; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

William Pearl, 88, April 28, 2010, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his daughters, Peggy Pearl '65, and Elizabeth Pearl (Robert '49) Sargent '67; five grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren.

Gordon Wood, 88, October 27, 2010, of Doerun, Georgia.

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**Beatrice Abbott Homer**, 87, July 15, 2010, of Greenfield, Massachusetts. Survivors include her brother, Varn Abbott.

Hazel Howland Prefontaine, 88, July 18, 2010, of Westfield, Massachusetts. Survivors include a son, Terry (Prudence) Prefontaine; and a grandson.

Velma Vance, 88, February 13, 2010, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include brothers, Calvin (Ann-Marie) Vance '41, and Glendon (Marion) Vance.

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## **1941**

Shirley Lowrey Impey, 86, June 18, 2010, of Woodsville, New Hampshire. Survivors include her life partner, Donald Smith; children, Mary-Ellen Andrews, Michael Smith '63, Brian Smith '68, Terry Impy, Shaun Impey, and Dennis Impey; and 20 grand-children, and several great-grand-children.

Wilma Miles Kimball, 85, March 5, 2010, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Harold Kimball; daughters, Brenda Kimball (Mark) Frazer '64, Patsy Kimball (Thomas) Leavitt '68, and Jill Kimball Gaffney '78; eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Charlotte Kimball Dunbar '50.

**Beaulah Sherry Palmer Lawrence,** 87, December 6, 2010, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include sons, Charles Palmer, and Peter (Kelley) Palmer; and three granddaughters.

#### 1942

Robert Gannon, March 11, 2010, of Londonderry, New Hampshire.

#### 1943

**Doris Davis St. Laurent**, March 13, 2010, of Nashua, New Hampshire.

#### 1944

Raymond Laferriere, (Trade), 84, August 1, 2010, of North Concord, Vermont. Survivors include his children, Lorette (Allen) Ray-Laferriere '70, and Louis (Mary) Laferriere; two grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren; and siblings, Gilbert (Virginia) Laferriere '43, and Lucille McCaffrey.

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Richard Paine, July 14, 2010, of Bedford, Massachusetts. Survivors include his wife, Betty Paine. Joyce Lord Phillips, 83, February 13, 2010, of Naples, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Robert Phillips; sons, Robert Phillips, and Michael Phillips; three grandsons; and siblings, Bruce Copp, Marvin Copp, Janet Salina, and Phyllis Stabler.

Dorothy Rich Ross, 83, June 8, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Guy Ross '43 T; children, David (Denise) Ross '65, and Bonnie Ross '66; and three grandchildren.

Margaret Bean Sawyer, 84, August 23, 2010, of Stratham, New Hampshire. Survivors include her husband, Paul Sawyer; sons, Harry Sawyer, Peter Sawyer, and William Sawyer; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and sisters, Virginia Bean Reed '43, and Barbara Bean Braley '40.

#### 945

Lorraine Root Dodge, 83, August 11, 2010, of Waterford, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Walter Dodge '48; sons, Donald Lynaugh, Dale (Elaine) Lynaugh, Dwayne (Susan) Lynaugh, and Danny (Judy) Lynaugh; step-children, Sylvia Dodge '78, Sheila Dodge (Ted) Taylor '80, and Nelson Dodge '82; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and siblings, Leonard Root, Robert (Joyce Nutter '52) Root, Glen Root '54, Betty Root (Mickey) O'Rourke '56, and Gloria Root (Neil) Randall '58.

#### 1946

Laura Irwin Cobb, 84, March 25, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Russell Cobb; sons, George (Barbara) Cobb '65 T, Arnold Cobb '70 T, James (Mary) **Cobb** '71 T, and **Steven Cobb** '73; seven grandchildren, and 10 greatgrandchildren.

Edward Hart, 82, July 6, 2010, of Burlington, Vermont. Survivors include his sister, Mary Hart Servin '49.

#### **1947**

Robert Burrington, 81, October 23, 2010, of Coalmont, Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife, Gloria Burrington; children, Toni Buck, Marc (Vicky) Burrington, Vikki Stokes, Kim (Larry) Wiedemann, and Timothy Strobel; seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Donald Foster, 83, February 21, 2010, of Pompano Beach, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Foster; sons, Stephen Foster, and Randall Foster; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Marguerite Foster.

Wayne Perkins, 82, June 7, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Glenda Burr Perkins '51; children, Katherine Perkins (Warren '70) Belding '72, John (Trina) Perkins '74, and Craig (Kathy) Perkins '84; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Claire Carreau Twiss, 81, April 7, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Jim Twiss; children, Rachael Twiss (John) Duquette '77, Peter Twiss '78, and Suzanne Twiss (Jim) Goodhue '81; three grandsons; and siblings, Lorette Carreau Desrochers '45, and Robert (Simone) Carreau '50 T.

#### 19**49**

Rhoda Whitehill Massie, 78, November 18, 2010, of Colchester, Vermont.

Elaine Mooney Parker, 78, May 9, 2010, of Rochester, New Hampshire.

Survivors include her husband, Wilbur Cody Parker; children, Susan (David) Simms '74, and Pam Parker (Mike '75) Demers '82; seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Pauline Morrison Urie, 78, March 9, 2010, of Passumpsic, Vermont. Survivors include her children, Robert Urie '74, Sharon Urie '75, and Diane Urie (Joseph) Sambor '78; and three grandchildren.

#### 1950

David Bisson, 78, May 14, 2010, of Shoreline, Washington. Survivors include his wife, Carol Bisson; children, Amy Bisson, David Bisson, and Jim Bisson; and siblings, Marrietta Bisson (Joseph) Taylor '54, and John (Florence Burke '61) Bisson '45.

Patricia Bean Vaugn, 78, May 7, 2010, of Ocala, Florida. Survivors include sisters, Virginia Bean Reed '43, and Barbara Bean Bailey '40.

Noel Wood, 78, March 28, 2010, of Montpelier, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Jeannine Wood; children, Candy (Brian) Bedard, George Wood, Doug Wood, Phil (Karen) Wood, Steve (Terri) Wood; and eight grandchildren.

#### **1951**

Ann Desrochers Dennison, 76, March 17, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her children, Michele Dennison (Gerald) English '73, Mark Dennison, and Crystal Dennison (Steven '82) Rutledge '84; nine grandchildren; and siblings, Paul Desrochers '54, Carmen Desrochers Repaz '57, and Elaine Desrochers Pelkey '60.

**Clara Wheeler Grabowski**, 78, August 23, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her sons, **John** (**Debra**  Pilette '76) Grabowski '76, and Merl Grabowski '81; three grandchildren; and siblings, Floyd (Doris Cote '52) Wheeler '52, Carroll (Lois) Wheeler '54, Eleanor Wheeler Skinner '48, Myrle (Bob) Leithead, and Karlene Boardman Smith '53.

**L952** Eloise Sears Mercer, of Boise, Idaho.

**1954 Rodney Easter**, (Trade), 74, November 25, 2010, of East Haven, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Jean Easter; children, Rodney Easter, and Lynn (Michael) Masure; three grandchildren; and siblings, Lionel (Carol Kidder '63) Easter, Donald (Bonnie Dunbar '77) Easter '56 T, Douglas Easter '62 T, and Roxann (AJ) Stacy.

Marilyn Wright Abbey, 72, June 13, 2010, of Forest City, North Carolina. Survivors include children, Scott (Susan) Abbey '78, and Sandy (Connie Kendrick) Abbey '83; and a sister, Carlene Wright (Joe) Adair '59.

Claire Roy Pierce, 74, October 9, 2010, of East Montpelier, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Stanley Pierce; children Jeffrey (Heidi) Pierce, and Jonathan (Amanda) Pierce; five grandchildren; and siblings, Paul Roy '49, Theresa Roy Dunbar '48, and Helen Roy (Raphael '45) Godin '51.

**Clara Nash Kimball**, 71, April 9, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include sons, John Kimball, and Stephen Kimball; three grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

#### **1958**

Bonnie Corbin Thurston Carpenter, 70, July 1, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Leslie 'Moe' Carpenter; children **Bill** (Connie Thompson) **Thurston '78**, and **Vicki Thurston** (Vince) **O'Leary '80**; five stepsons; 15 grandchildren, and 14 greatgrandchildren.

#### **1959**

Earle Gordon Brigham, March 8, 2010, of Columbus, Georgia.

### 1960

Edward Couture, (Trade), 67, July 24, 2009, of Vergennes, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Bijolle Couture '60; children, Joe (Teal Isham '79) Couture, Matt (Brittany) Couture, and Michelle (Steven) Heitkamp; six grandchildren; and sisters, Leah, Alberta, Blanche, and Josephine.

### **1961**

James Cox, 67, March 7, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Carlene; children, Jeffrey (Edie) Cox '85, and Jennifer Cox '88; two grandchildren; and siblings, Hank Cox, Brenda Cox (Robert) McLaughlin '69, and Cindy Hatch.

Ernestine Walter Gammell, 66, April 23, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include her husband, Roger Gammell '62 T; children, Robin (Joe) Davis, and Craig Hevey; a stepson, Wayne (Ann) Gammell); and three grandchildren.

#### 1963

Peter Liberty, Trade, 65, November 7, 2010, of Lyndon Center, Vermont. Survivors include his son, Jeffrey Liberty '92; and brothers, C. James (Shirley) Liberty '60 T, and John Liberty.

James Marley, 64, June 4, 2010, of Windsor, Connecticut. Survivors include his children, Stacy Marley-Kincade, and Chadwick (Tara) Marley; two grandchildren; and sisters, Linda Marley Neilander '64, and Diane Marley.

# 1964

Theresa Quatrini Buckbee, 64, October 17, 2010. Survivors include her parents, Francis and Gloria Quatrini; children, Brent (Brenda) Buckbee, Laurie Buckbee, and Brian (Lori) Buckbee; two grandsons; and brothers, Steve (Susan Sherrer '67) Quatrini '63, and Bryon (Janet Dionne '67) Quatrini '66.

Billy Parker, 64, August 25, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his mother, Betty Parker; a daughter, Meloney Parker '90; and a brother, Michael (Judy) Parker '67.

### 1967

Harold Dunbar, 61, November 12, 2010, of Barnet, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Carrie Somers Dunbar '67; a son, John Dunbar '07; his mother, Phyllis Locke; and siblings, Janet Locke '73, and Raymond (Debbie) Locke III '71.

# 1968

Franklin Hovey II, 61, September 20, 2010, of Danville, Vermont. Survivors include his wife, Donna Powers Hovey '66; children, Franklin Hovey III '04, Matthew Hovey '06, Jennifer Lewis (Frank) Monahan '88, and Christopher (Michelle Butson '91) Lewis '90; a granddaughter; and a sister, Susan Hovey (Bill) Mercia '70.

Judith Cook, 58, October 12, 2010, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her mother, Ethera Snelling-Miles; and siblings, Roy (Louise) Cook, Bruce Miles, and Beth Miles.

Dennis Littel, 56, July 29, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Janet Marinelli Littel '73; sons, Jaden Littel '97, and Ryan Littel '01; his father, Arnold Littel; and siblings, Dianne Littel (Tom '67) Warren '70, Marcia (Don Hayes) Littel '71, and Marvin (Carmen Francoeur '74) Littel '74.

Anne Perrigard Roy, 56, September 3, 2010, of Lyndonville, Vermont. Survivors include her husband, Ghislain 'Jason' Roy; children, Daniel (Yvette) Roy, and Rachael (Bert) Forney; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Alice (Joseph) Bishop.

# 19**76**

Craig Maynard, 51, September 19, 2010, of Portland, Oregon. Survivors include his mother, Betty Lou Petty Maynard '48; siblings, Stephen (Priscilla) Maynard '67, Sandra Maynard Beck '68, Cheryl Maynard (Tony) Mountain '71, Charles Maynard '72, Stuart (Laurie) Maynard '73, Christopher (Christine) Maynard '74, and Sarah Maynard '83.

James Parker, 52, October 14, 2010, of Brookline, New Hampshire. Survivors include his father, Wilbury 'Cody' Parker; children, Dakota Parker, and Nicole Parker; and sisters, **Pamela** Parker (Michael '75) Demers '82, and Susan Parker (David) Simms '74.

#### 1989

Scott Lauder, 40, October 17, 2010, of Bermuda. Survivors include his wife, and children; parents, George and Patricia Lauder; and a brother, Jason Lauder '93.

Jason Prescott, 40, November 24, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his parents, Carolyn and Dwight Davis; his father, Thomas Prescott; his grandmother, Ella Robertson; and brothers, Quint (Faith) Prescott, Kenneth (Tina) Prescott, and **Robert** (Jennifer Perkins '99) Silver '95.

# 2008

Jack Lawson, 20, June 16, 2010, of Phoenix, Arizona. Survivors include his parents, William Lawson and Sharon Ondreyco.

# **Former Faculty**

Ralph Aussiker, 75, June 20, 2010, of St. Johnsbury. Survivors include his wife, Shari-Jean Marcotte Aussiker '58; and sons, Ralph (Wanda) Aussiker III, and Keith (Sue Foster '84) Aussiker.



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