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Celebrating Thornton Academy's Victories

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Graduates of the class of 2019 are applauded by a packed stadium as they make their way to their seats on the field in Dr. Paul S. Hill, Jr. Stadium. This year's Commencement celebrated the many successes and accomplishments of 380 Trojans!

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Thornton Academy,

When I became Headmaster in 2012, I looked to what was then the future, envisioning the kind of institution that Thornton Academy would become. Today, thanks to the dedication and vision of countless individuals, I see a school that has accomplished so much and is more vibrant than ever before.

On page 8-9, you will see just how much has changed over the years—new and renovated buildings; a residential program; technology advances; and increased academic, athletic, and arts opportunities. Despite all the changes, one thing is clear: Thornton Academy remains true to the legacy of excellence built and carried on by generations of alumni, faculty, and staff. The following pages describe some of the most recent victories celebrated on our campus—stories of perseverance and resilience, academic curiosity and achievement, athletic triumph, and TA's commitment to both tradition and innovation. We also celebrate the continued achievements of our alumni; from rock stars to published authors to Senior Olympians, we have so much to be proud of.

As you read about all of these exciting accomplishments, you will see it is only fitting that the Victory Bell appears on the cover of this edition of *Postscripts*. The bell, once used to call students to their work, has become a symbol of perseverance and victory, steeped in a tradition that binds Thornton Academy's earliest graduates with current students. I am just as excited about what lies ahead as I was nearly eight years ago. With a strong history and a future that beckons with boundless potential, Thornton Academy continues to be a center of inspiration and innovation, in our community and in our hearts. I hope that you will continue with us on this exciting path by staying connected, taking opportunities to engage with our community, or making a gift in support of the Thornton Fund or Athletic Complex Capital Campaign. You are part of our history and our future and we thank you.

Rome M. Menard

Rene M. Menard '88, Headmaster

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RING THE VICTORY

The Story of a Time-Honored TA Tradition



s the final seconds ticked down on the opening game of the 1947 football season, first-year Thornton Academy head coach **Edward Loring** could not help but feel a strong degree of satisfaction. Loring had inherited a team that had been winless the previous season and only mustered a total of 13 points on offense during the entire campaign. The 1946 squad had been shut out in seven of their nine contests and the only "highlight" of that fall was a 0-0 tie against rival Biddeford.

When the final whistle blew to signal Thornton's 20-6 victory against visiting Rockland High School, Loring gathered his players and marched them from the field (*located at the current site of the Saco Rite Aid*) to the main campus building on the west side of Main Street. He led them through the front entrance, instructed them to remove their cleats, and follow him up a stairwell toward the science laboratories on the second floor. Loring instructed team members to open the door, climb up the stairs, and pull on the rope attached to the academy's school bell to celebrate the victory and signal the team's success to home and visiting fans alike.

Loring, who would leave Thornton Academy two years later to become a successful teacher and coach in Framingham, Massachusetts, initiated a practice that has become an integral part of Thornton Academy athletics. As TA mathematics department head and longtime football coach **Jack Morrison '74** notes, the time-honored ritual of ringing the bell is firmly linked to the school's sense of place. *"There is a reason we intentionally maintain traditions,"* observes Morrison. *"It's because they bring meaning to our celebrations, giving us a sense of belonging. Ringing the Victory Bell is a part of our culture that has been passed from person to person, generation to generation."*

The story of the Victory Bell traces its origins four years before the school sponsored its first athletic team. When Thornton reopened on its current Main Street campus in September of 1889, one of the features adorning the tower on the south end of the school building was once described as "a large and handsome bell." Manufactured in a foundry in West Troy, New York and transported to Saco by train,

BELL



the bell was a gift from **Charles Cutts Gookin Thornton 1843**, grandson of Thomas Thornton, a generous benefactor for whom the school was named. The younger Thornton was present at the dedication of the "new" Thornton Academy and presented his gift during the ceremony. It is told that at its dedication an observer remarked, "the bell is now hung in the tower and with its deep mellow tone, calls the students to their daily work."

From the era following World War II to the present day, the bell's major purpose has been to celebrate athletic excellence and team success. For most of its history, that tradition was specific to the school's football team, and during that time the Victory Bell routine remained the same. Following a win, players would walk together to the main building, remove their cleats, walk up the stairs to the science area (*later used for home economics*), and sound the bell. In recent years, other athletic teams have followed suit and adopted the bell tolling tradition. **Lori Roth Smith '88**, head coach of the school's field hockey program, says her team loves the tradition; they sound the bell following every win. *"The players love how it lets the community surrounding campus know about a TA team win.*"

The Victory Bell was actually silent for a time while the school received a facelift in the mid-1990s. The construction of the Harry S. Garland Auditorium, dining commons, and



Left: Two members of the class of 2001 celebrate at Commencement. Right: 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Susan Picard Rondeau '97 rings the Victory bell with her son.

TA's 2018 Class A state championship football team celebrates victory!

library (*now New Media Center*) created much needed space, and an opportunity to reposition the bell. For two years the bell lay silent, housed in a barn located near the Alumni House. As former headmaster Carl Stasio recalls, "*it was a pretty intentional decision*" to move the artifact to the auditorium entrance where it was more easily accessed for a postgame celebration. Gifts from trustees William Johnson and **James Nelson '67** were integral in supporting the project.

The infrastructure supporting the bell has sustained damage on two occasions. Following a football victory over Massabesic in 1990, the glee of the victorious Golden Trojan team was cut short—literally—when the rope attached to the bell fell into the hands of a surprised group of players. The rope was replaced prior to the next home game, and each player on the 1990 team gained a souvenir from the experience—a segment of the rope cut and distributed by Phil Paquette whose son played on the team.

In 2015 the fragility of the original wooden-pegged wheel allowing the bell to swing became evident as the boys soccer team celebrated a playoff victory. The sound of silence permeated the air as that wheel broke. A temporary solution allowed its operation until final repairs could be made after the family of John Duranceau made a generous donation in his memory to restore the bell to full use.

From its original purpose to "call the scholars together" to its current role in celebrating success on the athletic field, the Victory Bell has served as a centerpiece of life on campus. Its sound echoes as a reminder of past glories while acknowledging the accomplishments of current students, binding generations of Trojans together. As Jack Morrison notes, "In my 45 years (four as a student and 41 as a member of the faculty), the ringing of the Victory Bell at Thornton Academy is my most cherished tradition." He adds, "It gives us the opportunity to celebrate in the moment, reflect on efforts of the past that created this moment, and signal a transition to next steps—moving on to future endeavors."

WINNING **SPIRIT**:

Marc Cote '91 Exemplified the True Meaning of Victory





Marc dons the Maroon and Gold before a football game in Hill Stadium.

ach school day, a steady stream of students walk through the doors of Thornton Academy's atrium. Whether coming or going, each one steps beneath the Victory Bell and past a plaque placed at eye level in the bricks. It reads, "Patience, perseverance, and sacrifice are your path to success. Embrace the journey. In loving memory of Marc Cote, Class of 1991." The plaque, a gift from Marc's family to honor his life and legacy, is simple and unassuming, but its message is poignantespecially to those who knew him.

Marc's sister, Paula Cote Scully '89, remembers how incredible and exhausting her brother's wake was. "For five straight hours it was a constant stream. I don't think I sat down once...so many people and so many stories." Marc was beloved, admired, and respected by many, having overcome tremendous odds to achieve his goals and live a life of meaning. He passed away at the age of 30, ten years after sustaining a traumatic spinal cord injury during his sophomore year in college.

Due to his injury, Marc was unable to move his body from the chest down. He travelled to a rehabilitation hospital in Denver, Colorado that specializes in spinal cord and head injuries. From the moment he arrived he was determined to regain independence, and adamant that he would not be confined to his room. Paula recalls how clear he was about the importance of freedom and mobility. Throughout his healing journey, Marc stayed committed to his goal of independence, and to fulfilling his dreams of working in sports management.

His physicians described him as an anomaly, ever surprised by how well he functioned, despite his level of injury. Witnessing her brother overcome challenge after challenge helped Paula truly appreciate the concept of mind over matter. "He fought to get his wrist movement back through rehab so he could drive... he just kept telling us, 'I am not going to let this define me.'" Figuring out a way to overcome obstacles while staying positive and kind is what most people remember about Marc. But he showed these qualities long before he got hurt.

Marc was an All-Academic student-athlete, and he gave the teams he played for everything he had, especially his fellow Trojan football players. While Coach Agreste may not have named him the MVP, Paula remembers him commenting on Marc's love for the game. "He said he wished Marc's heart was in every player on his team. No matter what, Marc showed up for practice; he got tackled, picked himself back up, and did it again... he cheered people on and gave them courage."

Time and again, Marc's family learned about the impact he had on people. When the community came together to build an addition and ramp on their house, one particular donation caught their attention—a \$5 check enclosed in a letter describing Marc's kindness. It came from an elderly woman who lived nearby and had once been on Marc's paper route. She described how he would knock on her door each day to ask if she needed any help, and to handdeliver her paper. *"We never knew that,"* smiled his sister, Paula. *"He was just good."* The goodness Marc displayed on both his paper route and while huddled with his team on the football field was a large part of what made him such a resilient and well-loved man.

Marc was loved by an amazing group of friends and teammates who rallied together to support him. His buddies referred to themselves as his "pit crew," and they made sure to include him in their shenanigans, even when transportation was challenging. "They would roll up to our house in two cars, yell, "Let's go, Cote!" and take off to the Old Port for the night—after safely transferring him into the car, breaking down his wheelchair, and throwing it in the trunk, of course." Much like Marc had done for his teammates at TA, they made sure he knew he was appreciated, supported, and never felt alone. Jeff Surran '91 often remembers his friend's infectious can-do spirit and positive outlook. "He truly made lemonade out of lemons. He was smart, capable, always dependable—a true role model in every way. Most importantly though, he was my friend. He is missed, even after all these years."

Always ready to face another challenge, Marc returned to college a year after he was injured. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and promptly set off for Knoxville, Tennessee where he earned a master's degree in sports management. However, on his return trip to Maine he met another challenge when an accident caused his van to flip and he was thrown through the front windshield. Again, Marc found himself in the ICU, this time with a broken pelvis. And again, he pulled through. His friends often joked



Marc and parents celebrate his graduation from the University of Tennessee where he earned his M.S. in Sports Management.

that Marc was like a cat; he faced several other medical challenges that threatened to take him, but every time he rallied and pulled through.

Marc never stopped pursuing his dream of working for a professional sports team. He consistently applied for jobs and was even offered a position with an NFL team, but challenges around accessibility got



Marc's "pit crew" (L - R: Chris Motile '91, Bill Huot '91, Peter Fournier '91, Bill Fournier '89, Jeff Surran '91 Front: Marc Cote '91)

in the way. At the time of his death, he had secured an internship and was working with the Portland Pirates. As always, the people around him admired and respected his tenacity and determination. At the end of his wake, the Pirates' captains and general manager came through the receiving line and shared the entire team's condolences. *"The general manager pulled my parents aside," recalled Paula. "He said he wished all of his employees and players had half of Marc's spirit and heart."*

Marc's nephew and namesake is a freshman at Thornton Academy this fall, with his sisters soon to follow. They will join several family members who have worn the maroon and gold, including their mom, Paula; aunt, **Michelle Cote Houser '86** (*Marc's other sister*); and three cousins. They too will walk beneath the Victory Bell, but their footsteps will bring them face to face with a reminder of their uncle. Paula hopes that they, along with every TA student, remember that victory is so much more than winning a championship. "Before his accident to the day he died, Marc showed compassion, perseverance, and determination. He taught us that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. That's my brother's legacy. That is his greatest victory."



Marc's plaque hangs beneath the Victory Bell.

CAMPUS WINS Capital Improvements Through The Years

fince its founding in 1811, Thornton Academy has been a center of innovation, inspiration, and community. Our well-established commitment to preparing students for a changing world can be seen in our campus map. Decade by decade, new structures and spaces were thoughtfully placed and designed to suit the needs of an ever-changing world and school community.

From the late 1950s through the early 1970s, the post-WWII baby-boom boost in enrollment, as well as the birth of the school's international exchange program, invited the addition of new arts classrooms; a larger cafeteria; and the Edith Scammon Science building. The doors of the current gymnasium, named for prominent TA alumnus **William S. Linnell 1903**, opened in 1963.

In 1996, the campus increased by more than 50,000 square feet with the construction of the arts wing and its 500-seat auditorium, permanent art installation space, and eight new classrooms. Eleven years later, the first of several residential dormitories opened; and in 2015, TA students celebrated the arrival of a large, on-campus dance studio; and state-of-the-art New Media and STEM Centers. Two hundred years after its birth, TA's commitment to providing resources and facilities that serve all students remains strong.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our independent school status prohibits us from receiving public funding for critical initiatives. While public schools fund campus updates through referendum-approved, multimillion-dollar bonds and increased property taxes, TA has always generated capital project funds through private fundraising efforts. This saves the city of Saco from the burden of additional debt, while offering a valuable community resource!

Thirty-seven Saco residents petition the Massachusetts legislature to establish a private school. A site for "the Old Thornton Academy" is selected on School Street. TA becomes a multi-building campus! The original library, with its four marble columns, is situated at the front of campus. Thornton Hall currently holds Latin, Greek, and Chinese classes. A significant increase in enrollment motivates Trustees to turn to alumni for support. Their efforts yield the John S. Locke building, which provides essential classroom and meeting space.



Located at the corner of Main and Fairfield Streets, the newly constructed and re-located main building housed 108 students.



The Victory Bell is relocated to the top of the annex, which was built in 1931.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our current capital campaign will allow the school to move forward with its next campus win—the long overdue renovation of Linnell Gymnasium. Thornton Academy's growth since the early 1960s has created the need for a space that will accommodate the entire student body. The new athletic complex will allow the community to gather together, not only for athletics, but for celebrations, milestones, and community events as well.

At present, we have raised \$2.7 million dollars toward our \$3 million dollar goal! As we move toward the close of our capital campaign, we invite our community of alumni, family, and friends to help us "ring the Victory Bell!" Participate in the next phase of campus growth by joining a legacy of supporters who have celebrated and enhanced the life of the school for more than two centuries!

> Help us *"Ring the Victory Bell!"* thorntonacademy.org/forthewin



Trustees and alumni rally again in response to the needs of a growing students body. The William S. Linnell gymnasium becomes the site of athletic events, arts performances, and various other assemblies and gatherings.

The Paul S. Hill, Jr. Stadium is added to the campus map, becoming home to the Golden Trojans' football, soccer, field hockey, cross country, outdoor track and field, and lacrosse teams. The class of 1981 is the first to celebrate Commencement at Hill Stadium, which seats 4,000 spectators! Emery Hall is renovated to accommodate a beautiful new dance studio! Two other exciting learning spaces are also added the state-of-the-art New Media and STEM Centers.

Nelson Hall, the first of three new residential dormitories, is built to house the increasing number of international students who choose to study at TA.

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Major changes move across campus. The more than 50,000 square feet of construction holds the 500-seat performance space in Harry Garland Auditorium, six arts classrooms and six math classrooms, the Mary Hyde Library, and the Helen Atkinson Dining Commons.

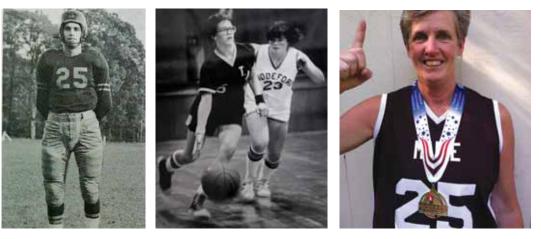
A Pendleton Family Tradition

#25

L - R: Ken Pendleton '52 in the original #25 jersey. Sabrina Schultz '80 wears #25 on the court. Janice Pendleton '75 continues the tradition, winning gold in the senior games.

t all started with **Kenneth Pendleton's '52** football jersey. Not only did Kenneth create the beginnings of a multi-generational sports legacy at Thornton Academy, he passed along a love for lucky #25 and a family tradition of donning that number on a variety of athletic uniforms.

Following in their father's footsteps the second generation of Thornton Academy Pendletons, **Janice '75, Fred '76, Sabrina Shultz '80,** and **David '81** (*pictured with his mother on page 23*) honored their father by wearing #25



during their maroon and gold days. Even after graduation, the Pendleton family continued to sport their family number as they played on college and adult athletic teams.

"It's all about dad, who we all miss," said David.

Kenneth died of cancer in 2009. His legacy and his love of #25 are carried on and were even present at the recent TA Alumni Reception in Florida where his wife Jeannine attended and wore her husband's varsity sweater to the event. Janice still proudly wears #25. Her basketball team *Quicksilver*, recently won the gold medal at the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"It is so wonderful to still be able to play basketball, a game I love so much, at such a competitive level. Watching the women play in the 80-year-old division is so inspiring and gives me hope that I can continue to play for many more years." said Janice "My high school coach Phil Curtis used to say, 'ok, it's fun time'—and it sure is!""

Story by Katy Nicketakis \cdot Photos Courtesy of the Pendleton Family & TA Tripod



A TROJAN FORCE: TAMS Baseball Achieves a Perfect Season

hile this past spring's uncooperative weather may have dampened the efforts of many of TA's spring athletic teams, one squad completed a perfect campaign for the first time in its brief 13-year history, despite the rain. The TAMS baseball team finished its 2019 schedule with an undefeated season, consistently dominating the Southern Maine Middle School

FIRST TO THE TAPE: *Mia-Claire Kezal '22 Captures Class A State Championship*

An old adage states: "It is not where you start that matters; it is where you finish."

hornton Academy girls outdoor track and field standout, **Mia-Claire Kezal** '22, can attest to this maxim. On June 1, the 800-meter specialist competed in her first Class A state championship meet at Lewiston High School. The daughter of Kevin Kezal, Thornton Academy head football coach and dean, emerged from that race as the top performer in a field that featured 23 athletes. Defying the predictions of pundits, she placed herself on the map as one of Maine's elite middle-distance competitors.

At the Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) championships the previous week, the talented freshman entered the 800-meter race as the second seed behind South Portland High School star, Anna Folley. She closely followed Folley for most of the race, eventually finishing third; only 4.3 seconds separated the top six runners in the field! The following week at Lewiston, Mia-Claire once again found herself in a familiar position, trailing Folley through the final turn. With 50 meters remaining, she found a burst of energy that propelled her to the tape and earned her a gold medal. Her performance of 2:18.82 shaved over 3.5 seconds off her previous career-best and helped her edge her South Portland rival by only 0.27 seconds.

In addition to gaining the top spot on the state championship podium for her event, Mia-Claire's accomplishment earned her a berth in the New England Interscholastic Outdoor Track and Field Championships the following week at Thornton Academy. She became the first Golden Trojan athlete to win an outdoor track and field state championship at 800 meters since TA Hall of Famer **Derrick Martin '92** did during his senior year. *Congratulations Mia-Claire!*



Story by Gary Stevens · Photos Courtesy of Amanda Kezal

Athletic Conference. Overall, the Golden Trojans outscored competition by a margin of 104-6 in nine contests—its pitching staff even recorded six shutout victories!

Led by coach Corey Jones, TAMS featured a balanced attack that included contributions from up and down the line-up. **Mason LeBlanc** proved to be the program's pitching ace, while **Chase Morrow** sparkled with his glove on defense. **Will Palmer** and **Owen Critchley** anchored a batting order that averaged more than 11 runs per contest. Highlights of the season included a 6-2 victory over crosstown rival Saco Middle School and an 8-inning, 4-3 thriller at Scarborough.

Coach Jones cites the team's overall commitment to excellence and an *esprit de corps* as being the keys to the

team's success. "It was evident from the beginning of the season that the players on this team were passionate about baseball and committed to giving everything they had to the game and their teammates." Jones adds, "I was struck by the level of camaraderie these players developed. They were truly invested in building each other up to become the best athletes they could be."

The roster for the 2019 edition of TAMS baseball included: Derek Bedard, Braden Camire, Dillon Clark, Mason Collins, Owen Critchley, Brady Kezal, Josh Kopetski, Justin LaBelle, Mason LeBlanc, Chase Morrow, Will Palmer, Cole Purvis, and Andrew Thibodeau.

QUEEN OF Strings

or more than two decades, Thornton Academy music students have listened and learned from one of the most highly regarded professional leaders in music education in Maine. Anne Wilkinson, otherwise known as the "Queen of Strings," was recently inducted into the Maine Music Educator Association's (MMEA) Hall of Fame in recognition of her significant contribution to school music.

In June, Anne also celebrated her retirement from Thornton after 26 years. While at TA, Anne established the school's symphony orchestra, consisting of the string program and the wind ensemble, and served as the director of the school's string quartet. Her students' performances often sold out—especially the annual holiday concert in December, and the February pops concert featuring the string and symphony orchestras.

Thornton Academy's musical success can certainly be attributed in part to the excellent musical preparation students receive at Saco and Dayton schools. After moving to Maine in 1984, Anne went straight to work developing these programs, which now serve more than 250 students. She soon assumed the position of orchestra director for Saco schools, a role which

a packed audience in Linnell Gymnasium celebrated during the All-City Strings Concert in June. Four city orchestras comprised of students in grades 3-12 honored her retirement, even performing the world premiere of "Saco Festival Overture," a piece created in Anne's honor by local composer and educator, Dr. Andy Dabcynski.

Anne's reputation as a beloved strings educator extends beyond the walls of TA and into Maine's music community where she is celebrated as an active participant in local, district, and regional music. She co-chaired the York County Junior High Festival Orchestra and District 1 Honors Music Festival, was a frequent guest conductor for regional music festivals, and served as the low string adjudicator for the All-State Music Festival. Summers found her teaching and conducting at Southern Maine String Camp, UMO's Summer Youth Music Camp, and the Thornton Academy Arts Camp. Anne is also

Left: Students say farewell at the year-end All-City Strings Concert. *Right:* Anne is inducted into the Maine Music Educator Association's Hall of Fame.

a part-time faculty member at the University of Southern Maine, and even performs regularly in a string quartet, local orchestras, and chamber music ensembles.

Anne's passion for teaching has guided the hearts of thousands of children toward an instrument, and her commitment to her students is evident in the beautiful music they make. Her presence will be greatly missed by the entire TA community.

THE ART OF TEACHING

S ince 2002, Jodi Thomas has been a permanent installation in the arts department at Thornton Academy. She can most often be found in the classrooms and halls of the arts wing, offering her students support and encouragement as they experiment and grow through painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, and photography. It comes as no surprise that she was recognized twice last year for her well-crafted lessons and deep care for each student. In fact, some might say she exemplifies the *art of teaching* by paying close attention to the intricacies of each students experience, and offering meaningful ways for them to express themselves.

In April, Jodi accepted the title of *2019 Art Educator of the Year* at the Maine Art Educator Association's (MAEA) Annual Conference in Belfast, Maine. The MAEA is a state-wide association whose members are dedicated to excellence in visual art education. Their Hall of Fame honors educators who *"display the highest quality instruction*



Jodi celebrates being named MEA's Art Educator of the Year with her husband & son, Jon Sylvester & Henry Sylvester '19

in visual arts programs... and provide breadth and depth of experience to meet the varied needs of students."

Less than a month later, Jodi received another award, this time from the Maine Education Association (MEA). She was presented with the MEA's *Award for Teaching Excellence* and will travel to Washington, D.C. in February of 2020 to represent Maine at the National Education Association's Foundation Gala.

Carol Taranko, Senior Director for School Administration, supports her colleague in the classroom through TA's *Observation, Support, Evaluation, and Feedback (OSEF)* protocol. Taranko, who observes classes and provides support to improve the student experience, describes Jodi as a teacher who cares deeply about the success of all students. *"She considers the holistic experience of her learners, and equally celebrates artistic accomplishments in conjunction with personal milestones."*

Megan Bainbridge '19 agrees. She spent three years as Jodi's student, including a year enrolled in AP Studio Art: the most advanced class offered in the school's art curriculum. The class requires the preparation of a portfolio of original work that is submitted to the College Board for feedback and scoring. Bainbridge appreciated her teacher's style of instruction and willingness to help. "She allows students space to grow as individuals and to become more independent. I think this is the most notable aspect of the class environment she creates—students are comfortable enough to express creativity, while still understanding the effort it takes to succeed."

Luckily for Thornton Academy, Jodi will continue to craft class experiences that inspire and engage. Her work as an artist includes the composition of her legacy—an offering that will benefit her students and the school community for a long time to come.

LESSONS FROM A MUSHROOM FARM:

Recent TA graduate Alyssa Lajoie '19 got a taste of the real world last year through an internship at Mousam Valley Mushrooms, an organic mushroom farm in Springvale, Maine. For six months, Alyssa spent two to three days per week on the farm as part of TA's Advanced Academic Internship Program, an opportunity designed to encourage upperclass students to step out of the classroom and into the world. Under the advisement of faculty members she literally got her hands dirty, learning all she could about mushroom farming. She grew, harvested, packaged, and distributed the fungi, while also enrolled in Introduction to Business at Southern Maine Community College—a class that helped her draw parallels between her classroom learning and what she experienced in the workplace.

With countless hours tending to both the mushrooms and a college course, Alyssa's senior year was full of interesting and challenging lessons. However, Alyssa will be the first to tell you there's a lot more to be learned from mushrooms than farming and business skills. "I found a love for learning at the farm. This experience opened up my mind," said Alyssa during her final presentation to school administrators and teachers. "I asked more questions than I've ever asked in a classroom because I was connected to the work..I was surrounded by people who were mature and independent like me. That helped me grow not only in the field, but as a person."

Lajoie discovered her passion for fungi while spending time in the woods with her family; hiking, four-wheeling, and exploring. On one expedition she came upon what she describes as a "glorious" Chicken of the Woods mushroom, a salmon colored beauty that tastes like fried chicken. "*This was the start of my curiosity about mushrooms*," explained Lajoie. "*Wherever I went, I searched for edible mushrooms, my mushroom book in hand... If I could find these mushrooms in southern Maine, I wondered what other mushrooms I could find and how much money I could make.*" She realized how lucrative the business could be while watching an episode of National Geographic's "*Filthy Riches.*" In fact, the most expensive mushrooms can cost thousands of dollars per pound!

How Alyssa Lajoie '19 Cultivated a Passion for Growing





Between the days she worked at the farm, which she described as "fun, but back-breaking," Alyssa discussed her findings at the farm and the science of mushrooms with her biology teacher, Andrea Bove. The two spent hours processing what she observed as she cared for the diverse array of fungi. They discussed the intricacies of how mushrooms grow, their medicinal and other practical benefits, and looked at Alyssa's many pictures of the diverse array of fungi she'd grown to love: Lion's Mane; Yellow, Blue, Grey, and Phoenix Oyster; Shitake; and even her old friend, Chicken of the Woods.





School counselor Lucretia Wallace, who worked with Lajoie for four years, praised her enthusiasm and commitment to a challenging project. "I am so impressed by her... she had this big idea and she made it happen and persevered." Wallace joins many other faculty members who celebrated Alyssa's success and the tremendous growth she found outside of the classroom. She will continue her studies next year at Southern Maine Community College and pursue a degree in business. She hopes to one day open her own business in a naturerelated field. "I have always been fascinated by nature. It makes me want to push forward and get better... I want to keep growing."

TA TREASURE

There's No Place Like Home: The History of the Alumni House

hornton Academy's campus has seen its fair share of renovations and additions. The Alumni House, one of the school's oldest structures, has certainly been a part of this tradition of repurposing buildings to meet the needs of a changing school community. Originally built by the Emery family in the 1820s, the Alumni House was initially used as a farmhouse, but the property has also served as faculty housing, a half-time huddleroom for the football team, and most recently, offices for faculty and staff.

Moses Emery, the original owner, practiced law and exercised influence in Maine politics. His wife, Sarah Cutts Thornton, was the daughter of Thomas Thornton, the school's namesake. Their son, **George Addison Emery**, grew up in the house and eventually became a longtime member of TA's board of trustees; he is also the namesake for the original gymnasium on campus,

DID YOU KNOW?

Some believe there is a ghost on the third floor of the Alumni House! Known as "Penelope", stories abound about her walking across the floors late at night and peering out the third floor attic window. Who is this ghost? TA historian Cathy Coffman thinks she may be Sarah Emery, Moses Emery's sister who died in the house when she was 14.



Left: A fall day on campus. Students walk past the Alumni House on their way to and from class. **Right:** Anh Quynh (Madelin) Nguyen '20 poses for a quick picture on the Alumni House porch.

which now houses the library, dance studio, and classrooms. When the Emery family occupied the house, it was surrounded by farmland. Much of the original structure's architecture remains, including special shutters on its firstfloor windows that could be closed quickly from the inside as a protective measure. The building's age makes it likely that the shutters were a purely decorative detail, but they hearken back to a time when tensions between indiginous people and European settlers ran high in the area.

In the late 1800s, the house was purchased by the Tuxbury or Tewskbury family. (Even though the house was known by the name of this family for many years, consensus on the spelling of the name of the family does not exist.) The Tuxbury family built an addition on the back of the house, including a large barn. At that time, the school's athletic fields were situated across Main Street where the Saco Rite Aid is currently located. During halftime at football games, teams would congregate in the Tuxbury House barn to formulate a plan of attack for the second half of the games.

Thornton Academy purchased the property in the early 1900s and converted it to a faculty residence which originally housed two families: one upstairs and one downstairs. Many well-known TA teachers took advantage of the on-campus housing, including

Dick Parker '60. Parker and his family lived on the first floor of the house from August, 1968 until the mid-1970s. He has many memories from his time in the house-from the time Canadian tourists stopped to eat tomatoes from his family's garden, to enjoying the farmland and trees that once grew where the arts wing was constructed. He even fondly remembers painting and renovating the house, though his wife's decision to discard the paper she removed from the walls in the fireplace came close to causing a fire at one point. "She almost burned the place down!" Parker reminisced.

Thornton Academy continued to grow and eventually more classroom space was needed. In 1998, the business and alumni offices were moved to what had previously been faculty housing, earning the property its current name: the Alumni House. Though its purpose has remained as an office building for more than 20 years, it retains the charm and spirit of almost 200 years of lived experiences. Its halls are lined with old photographs and new student artwork, and its offices overflow with conversations and collaborations all meant to enhance the experience of TA students. While we can't know how Trojans of the future will use this space, we can honor its history by remembering the people who have lived and worked within its walls.

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

Celebrating a tradition of excellence!



Thornton Academy Alumni Awards

Our alumni are outstanding. They are innovators, educators, scientists, athletes, humanitarians, and artists leaders in their careers and communities. Each year, the Alumni Association celebrates the accomplishments and volunteerism of our alumni and community members by honoring them with the following awards:

Athletic Hall of Fame

This award honors individual athletes and teams who have contributed greatly to TA athletics. The annual induction ceremony takes place during Homecoming Weekend and nominations are due on May 1.

2019 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARDEES:

Jenny Pierpont '06: Champion Track & Field Athlete

Megan Angis '03: Golf Champion

Lance Lavoie '89: Football &Baseball Standout

1957 Golf Team: (Bob Whelan '57, Frank Morse '58, Morton Rosen '57, Bob Miniutti '58, Walter Davis '58, Linc Warner '59, Richard Nason '58, Danny Polackwich '61): League Champions

Frank Sears '75: *Telegram League Batting Champion*

McNabb Brothers (John '60, David '63, Dennis '63, Steve '74, Jeff '76): Outstanding Athletic Performances

Distinguished Alumni Award

Our Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes outstanding lifetime accomplishments by TA alumni and seeks to foster aspirations in recent graduates and current students. It is presented at a spring Pillar Assembly. Nominations are due by January 6.

Public Service Award

The Public Service Award recognizes an alum for their outstanding public service and volunteerism. The awardee is honored at a spring Pillar Assembly. Nominations are due by January 6.

> Join us at Homecoming as we honor the 2019 Hall of Fame inductees! More info at: thorntonacademy.org/ homecoming

Unsung Hero Award

This award goes to an individual who has "gone above and beyond the call of duty," offering countless hours of their valuable time to make Thornton Academy a better place. It is presented during half-time of the Homecoming football game. Nominations are due by May 1.

Congratualtions to the 2019 recipient of the Unsung Hero Award:

ANITA COTE

If you've been to a home football or basketball game, the Lobster Bowl, and even the NE track meets that are held here on campus, you've probably seen Anita. She has been a mainstay at TA ticket booths since 1987. Her son **Craig '88** played football for the Golden Trojans, and daughter **Jen '90** competed on the field hockey team. Anita has also watched two grandchildren graduate; **Thomas '17** & **Andrew '19**!

In 2016, Anita lost her beloved husband Spike who was a constant by her side at the ticket booth. Despite this loss, Anita has remained steadfast—game after game, ticket after ticket, Anita always shows up and cheers on the maroon and gold. *Thank you, Anita*!

Learn more about past recipients and make your nominations

online at thorntonacademy.org/alumni/alumni-awards.







- 1. The 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony in Garland Auditorium.
- **2.** Brigadier General Donna Houde Prigmore '81 accepts the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award via video conference.
- 3. Fred Stackpole '56 stands with his 2018 Hall of Fame poster.
- **4.** 2018 Hall of Fame inductees are applauded at Homecoming half-time.

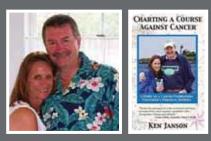
ALUMNI BOOKSHELF





FEATURED AUTHOR: Peter Diakos '59

The Circle: Life and Times of Michael Gourdouros is a true story of one man's rise from poverty in southern Greece to a high pinnacle of success. This success ultimately led to abject poverty for he and his family. His story is coupled with a sweep of history that spans the length of his life, and highlights his lasting contribution of a loving family and their ability to escape grinding poverty.



FEATURED AUTHOR: Ken Janson '72

Ken Janson tells two personal and interwoven stories in *Charting a Course Against Cancer: A Story of a Cancer Fundraising Volunteer's Personal Journey.* He shares his own cancer diagnosis, his treatment and surgery, and his recovery. Alongside this journey, he describes another story—that of a grassroots, community-based fundraising organization founded in memory of a victim of the disease—a woman loved by her husband, family, and community.

* Both of these publications can be purchased online at Amazon.com.

We're proud of the many TA graduates who have made literary contributions, and we want to share their accomplishments with the alumni community!

Are you a TA author, or do you know of a classmate who has been published? Let us know at: **development@thorntonacademy.org.**

SEWING HOPE

Anne Marie Martin Rousselle '66 Dresses Girls Around the World



hen she was a child, Anne Marie Martin Rousselle '66 fell in love with the art of sewing. She spent her afternoons watching her mother sew strips of old cloth into beautiful blankets while American Bandstand played in the background. Before long, her affinity for sewing by hand became evident and she began using those same strips of cloth to make doll clothes and blankets.

After graduating from TA in 1966, Anne Marie continued to find ways to express her creativity. In her early career, she landed a spot as a "floor girl" at a Nike factory and helped distribute work to stitchers. She spent most of her career as an administrative professional in educational settings, including 11 years in Thornton Academy's Guidance Department! While she loved her work, her retirement has allowed her to turn her heart and hands to helping others, stitching quilts, pillowcases, and baby bedding for charitable organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House in Portland. She also regularly joins the

Saco Grange Quilters who are working to create 80 pillow cases for children being cared for at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital—a project that will likely take a year or more to complete.

In 2016, Anne Marie learned about Dress a Girl Around the World, a campaign that is part of the work of Hope 4 Women International. The campaign's mission is to bring dignity to young women in developing nations by providing beautiful, hand-stitched dresses. Each dress that Anne Marie stitches together is meant to show recipients, mostly young girls, that they are worthy of respect and love. A small tag is stitched to the front of each dress, strategically placed to show their affiliation with the non-profit organization-part of an effort to protect vulnerable children.

As soon as she learned about *Dress a Girl Around the World*, Anne Marie started sewing! Along with friends and relatives, she has completed 474 simple yet creative dresses made from donated fabric. Even her granddaughter, **Claire** Heidelbaugh, a recent graduate of Thornton Academy Middle School (TAMS) and member of TA's class of 2023, helps out. Claire is learning to sew alongside her grandmother and has already completed a dress herself.

Periodically, these hand-made creations are collected and distributed to various countries by missionaries and other service workers. "The best part is seeing pictures of my dresses on those beautiful little girls," admits Anne Marie. "To think that the fabric they wear was in my hands and in my home; in Saco, Maine! And now they wear it, and hopefully feel a bit more loved and cared for because of it." Anne Marie continues to stitch in support of various projects and is committed to put her talent to good use—sewing and sending hope to girls around the world.

If you are interested in volunteering as a sewer or donating fabric, feel free to contact Anne Marie at 207-282-4556. You can learn more about *Dress a Girl Around the World* on their website: **dressagirlaroundtheworld.com.** ■







BANDING TOGETHER

The Alex Roy Band Makes Music at their Alma Mater

hen the members of The Alex Roy Band were students in Thornton Academy's music and arts programs, they had no idea that they would eventually form a band comprised solely of TA alumni. The four bandmates, who each graduated in different years, recently came together to form the group. Frontman **Alex Roy '04** travels all over New England and up and down the East Coast with fellow TA alumni **Nicholas Bilotta '05, Matt Libby '09**, and **Adrian Bean '10**. These well-loved performers bring an infectious energy and plenty of talent to the stage as they perform hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, as well as plenty of contemporary tunes and originals.

The band's namesake is no stranger to putting on a great show. Best known for fronting his national band Sparks The Rescue, **Alex Roy '04** has 20 full US tours under his belt, and has traveled and performed with Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Mayday Parade, All Time Low, and Ludo. Sparks The Rescue also performed on the Vans Warped Tour, on a European tour with The All American Rejects,

Left: Attendees enjoyed classic hits and some Alex Roy Band originals. Right: Alex and his dad, special guest Ric Roy '69, perform together.







Left: Alex Roy '04, Nick Bilotta '05, and Matt Libby '09 play on the steps of Linnell Gymnasium. Right: Adrien Bean '10 moves through the crowd, playing his fiddle.

and has sold more than 200 thousand records, 20 million streams, and has had music videos featured on MTV.

Now home from touring, Alex plays music locally alongside his fellow alumni. In June, Thornton Academy was lucky enough to land on the band's schedule and hosted a donated outdoor show in the quad. Family, friends, alumni, and members of the Saco community came out to enjoy two hours of feel-good music. As an added bonus, special guest **Ric Roy**, member of TA's class of **1969** and Alex Roy's dad, joined the band on stage!

Thornton's Director of Development, Haley Thompson, was on-site to enjoy the special community performance. *"Seeing and hearing our talented and accomplished alumni make music together was a reminder of what makes TA so special. It was a great show!"*

"We had a wonderful time performing at Thornton Academy!" agreed Alex. "Thornton is the place where my passion for writing and performing music all started... that passion was nurtured and encouraged for all of us by TA's strong music and arts programs, and the amazing faculty. We're glad to be back."

> For more information about The Alex Roy Band, including a list of upcoming performances, visit their website:

alexroyband.com or find them at Facebook.com/AlexRoyMusic

CLASS NOTES



Class of 1942

From Lucille Martin Fennell's son, Patrick: "I am very sorry to inform Thornton Academy of my mother's passing on February 27, 2019. She was a proud graduate of the Class of 1942 and enjoyed attending the Senior Reunions. My mother met my father while she was selling tickets in the Main building for the Thornton vs North Quincy High football game in the Fall of 1941. (*My father was from Quincy, MA.*) It was love at first sight."

Class of 1949

Gertrude "Dolly" Haskell Cote is living in Fort Myers, FL with daughter Mary Cote Larkin '76. She moved from St. Petersburg, FL where she had lived near Linda Cote Selker '80.

While **Mary Neal Morrison** doesn't drive to Maine anymore, she is able to visit when her son, Tom, who lives in Buxton, brings her back. While in Maine, she spends time with her daughter, Deborah, who lives in West Paris. She also sees great grandson, Kurt, who will attend kindergarten in Saco this fall.

Class of 1954

Tsomides Associates Architects Planners, owned by **Constantine Tsomides**, is in its 41st year of private architectural practice. It has created award-winning designs for notfor-profit retirement communities and continuing care retirement communities.

Class of 1958

Deborah Love Olstad is quite the traveler! She visited Mount Denali last year and whales in Baja, California this year. Next stop: Africa!

Class of 1963

Carol Begley Gray writes, "After teaching for 35 years, I retired to a part-time job teaching adults GED preparation. Now I tutor, oil paint, and read. Having a condo in Kennebunk, I enjoy the Ogunquit Playhouse in the summer. Life has been and is good!"

Class of 1965

Ron Forest still enjoys his work after 52 years. He now works with his daughter and grandson at Ron Forest & Son's Fence Company.

Class of 1969

Meredith Searle Roberts wants to remind her classmates that the class of 1969 50th Reunion celebration is October 19th—also Homecoming Weekend! Contact Merry at broberts10@maine.rr.com with any questions.

Class of 1975

2018 was a big year for **Allen Sicard!** Al was elected York County (Maine) Commissioner. Allen and his wife **Mary Kiely Sicard '75** also welcomed grandson, Calven, born to daughter **Jessica Sicard Nannery '03** and her husband, **Patrick Nannery '99**.

Class of 1976

Christy Brouillard Barnes recently moved to Eastover, SC and already loves it. After losing her parents, Christy decided not to spend another cold winter in Maine. "I know I'll miss Maine a little bit, but I'm enjoying the sun and warm weather. I'll always be thinking of my family and friends in Maine."

Mary Cote Larkin has lived in Fort Myers, Florida for 20 years. She misses the summers in Saco.

Alumni Take the Stage

Several TA alumni joined Josh Groban on stage during his concert at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland on June 24th! **Camille Curtis Saucier** '88, founder and director of Voices in Harmony Choirs, invited 20 local singers to serve as Groban's background choir, including TA alumni **Daniel** Laverriere '18, Erika Dube '97, Giselle Tardiff '90, and Michelle Hansen Snow '87.



Photo courtesy of Jon Dustin



Headmaster Menard and Apryl celebrate at MITC's International Trade Investment Awards this past May.

Class of 1977

After 30 years in education, **Jeffrey Harper** will retire from Lisbon (Maine) High School in 2019.

Class of 1985

Angela Boudreau Searles is "so glad to be home again!" Angela moved back to Maine in June of 2018 and is working at the Maine District Court again.

Class of 1987

Bruce Littlefield married his wife Melinda on June 28, 2019.

Class of 2003

Bethany Lowe Stotler and her husband, Daniel, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Juniper, on February 25, 2019. The happy family lives in Middleburg, VA.

Class of 2010

Kristyn Souliere recently graduated from Lincoln Memorial University's

Ronald Whittemore

(a member of the TA track team '53 and '54) stopped by the Alumni House to show off the bronze medal he recently took home in the triple jump at the Senior Olympics in New Mexico. Whittemore credits his start at Thornton Academy for setting him up for success, "I am very proud of my time at Thornton and how the track team prepared me for my abilities later in life."

Apryl King '14

received the Future Global Leader Award for her exceptional work as an intern at Maine International Trade Commision (MITC). She crossed paths with Headmaster **Rene Menard** '88 at this year's International Trade Investment Awards during the 2019 MITC Trade Day in May. At this same ceremony TA was recognized as MITC Service Provider of the Year for establishing an international presence as an exporter of education.

College of Veterinary Medicine with a doctorate in veterinary medicine. She is working in Knoxville, Tennessee as a veterinarian at My Pet's Animal Hospital.

Class of 2014

On May 15th, **Camden Loeser** and **Elizabeth Lester** performed in a production of "Finding Neverland" at Merrill Auditorium. The production passed through Portland on its Broadway national tour.

Cathy Tran graduated from Ithaca College in 2018 and is now studying analytics and statistics in a 10-month intensive graduate program at North Carolina State.

Class of 2016

In May, **Daniel Klimovich** graduated from SMCC. ■



Alumni House staff Haley Thompson, Sydney Menard, and Giselle Tardiff '90 with Ronald Whittemore.

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IN MEMORIAM

The names of the deceased below have been received by Thornton Academy since Postscripts was last published. We rely on friends and family to send us obituaries (especially for alumni who live outside of Maine) by mail or through a form on our website: **thorntonacademy.org/stayintouch**.

1942 Lucille Martin Fennell in February 2019 1943 Marjorie Dennett Martin in May 2019 1945 Patricia Henderson Reny in January 2019 1946 Dr. Richard Crosby in December 2015 1946 Jovis Gerry in June 2019 1948 Edward McPhee in May 2018 1948 Beverly Brown Libby in February 2019 1948 Barbara Constantine Lindsey in February 2019 1948 William Koutalidis in March 2019 1949 Janice Kirkby Clark in October 2018 1949 Ellen Gagnon Dube in February 2019 1949 Donald Church in March 2019 1949 Vivian Shoreas Tsemekles in April 2019 1949 A. William Kany, Jr. in August 2019 1951 James Lamontagne in May 2019 1952 Theresa Martin Gilblair in December 2018 1954 Frances Multoza Sylvain in March 2019 1955 Walter Lewis in July 2019 1955 Shirley Peck in July 2019 1958 Wayne Berry in January 2019 1958 Donald Abbot in March 2019 1959 Donald Letellier in June 2019 1960 Bruce Reny in January 2018 1960 Charlotte Little Harris in November 2018 1960 Sandra Mullhern Lumb in February 2019 1960 Richard Drown, Sr. in June 2019 1961 Gilman Seaver in April 2019 1962 Terrence Tingley in May 2019 1967 Robert Allen in January 2019 1968 Robert Peck in January 2018 1969 Karen Swiston Catlin in July 2019 1971 Paul Gerardi in May 2019 1982 Shawn Burnham in August 2018 1982 Jeffrey Taffe in July 2019 Tammi Vaughan Spencer in December 2017 1984

Thornton Academy receives numerous memorial donations each year recognizing members of the TA community who have passed away. Thank you to all who choose to remember loved ones in this way. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the TA Development Office at **207-602-4456** or visit **thorntonacademy.org/give**.

COL. FRED E. CLARK, JR. (USMC RETIRED) CLASS OF 1946



Col. Fred E. Clark, Jr. (USMC retired) died peacefully on December 29, 2018 at the age of 90.

Fred was born on March 10, 1928 to **Fred Clark '25** and **Doris Tapley '25**, a family with deep roots in the Saco area. He attended Saco public schools and spent his high school years at Thornton Academy, graduating early to enlist in the Marine Corps. After discharge in 1947, he returned to Saco where he met and then married Constance Lemire in 1948. Fred graduated from the University of Maine in 1953 with a BA in history and government. He then re-entered the Marine Corps as an officer and enjoyed a career totaling 30 years before retiring in 1979 as a Colonel.

After returning to Maine, Fred continued his legacy of service through his role as the Mayor of Saco from 1985 to 1986 and his many volunteer efforts. Fred served on the board of literacy volunteers for Biddeford/Saco, the Board of Trustees at the Dyer Library/Saco Museum, and was active in the revival of the Saco Area Historical Society. He spent countless hours volunteering with the development office at Thornton Academy including phone-a-thons, showcasing history at the bicentennial celebration, class agent recruitment, and reunion planning. Fred was also a charter member of the 1811 Society.

In addition to his dedication to service and his community, Fred loved hunting and fishing. He encouraged all young people to consider serving their country. "Being one of a million may seem insignificant, but each is a vital cog in a great wheel that our country relied upon to ensure our freedom and way of life."

REUNIONS & GATHERINGS

We love to see classmates reunite and reminisce about their time at Thornton Academy!

CLASS OF 1979 40[™] CLASS REUNION

"Thornton Academy's Class of 1979 celebrated their 40th Reunion at Duffy's Tavern & Grill on Saturday, July 13th. The 50 alumni *(including another 25 guests)* enjoyed an evening full of hugs, laughs, and lots of "who's that?" Folks had a lot of fun trying to see how many could fit in the photo frame, and we had our deceased classmates with us at the 'empty chair.' Classmates agree, after 40 years, a hug, and a laugh, it's like you are 18 again. Oh, the fun we had!!" - Melody Jordan Laskey '79



Bottom Right - Reunion Planning Committee: L-R: Steven Boutet, Liz Ducharme Havu, Terri Savasta Plummer, Carole Labranche Bragdon, Mike Campbell (hiding), MaryBess Libby Donovan, Melody Jordan Laskey, and Billy Thompson. Photos courtesy of Melody Jordan Laskey '79

TA DAY AT THE PORTLAND SEA DOGS



Jeannine Pendleton <mark>and son,</mark> David Pendleton '81

Alumni and friends gathered together on Saturday, July 13th to cheer on the Sea Dogs at Hadlock Stadium. The fun summer tradition included an all-you-can-eat buffet and tons of TA fun!



Purvis Family – Abby Purvis '96 and Kirk Purvis '93 with future TA alumni Cole Purvis '24, Quinn Purvis '27 and Tessa Purvis '30, & TA Business Office Staff Cathy Burke and her husband Tony Burke. Photos Courtesy of Haley Thompson

CLASS OF 1984 35[™] CLASS REUNION

Members of the class of 1984 and guests gathered in celebration of their 35th reunion anniversary on Saturday, August 10th. Classmates enjoyed BBQ, live music by Valley Haze, and of course a lot of laughs while catching up!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CLASS OF 1969 - 50TH REUNION

Saturday, October 19th

For more information please contact Meredith Roberts Searle at **broberts10@main.rr.com**

CLASS OF 1994 - 25TH REUNION

Saturday, October 19th

For more information, join our FB Group: "Thornton Academy Class of '94 25th Reunion"

1811 SOCIETY MEMBERS

1811 SOCIETY ERWIN WARREN

Hebron Adams*

Charles^{*} and M. Virginia^{*} Yates Allard

Irving and Charlotte Backman

Pauline Smith Bough*

Leo E. and Kathie A. Bourgeault

Fred^{*} and Connie^{*} Clark

Walter Lewis Clark*

Cathy Coffman and Richard Buhr

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Rachel Whipple Small Philip^{*} and Madeleine^{*} Snow

Carl J. and Barbara Stasio, Jr.

Michael and Susan Grenier Strout

Stanley and Mary Ladd Tucker

Milton^{*} and Joan Vachon Victor

Agnes Ann Walsh

Erwin and Yvette L.* Warren



aving turned 98 in August, Erwin Warren '39, is one of Thornton Academy's oldest known living alumni. He reflects back on his time at TA fondly and remembers really enjoying his business classes, teachers and friends. Erwin worked alongside his father in the family grocery store while he was a student. Even though this did not leave much time

for extracurriculars, he did find time to join the track and basketball teams and was proud to wear maroon and gold.

Erwin had a very successful career in bookkeeping and credits his mother for inspiring him to pursue a future in accounting. He says that the business classes he was able to take at Thornton Academy counted towards two years of courses in college and he is grateful to TA for helping him get ahead as he pursued his post-secondary degree.

Fond memories, gratitude for a smart start, and friends who have also pledged their commitment to Thornton Academy motivated Erwin to join the 1811 Society as a Charter Member. "I think it's a good thing for people to remember Thornton Academy in their wills. It's good for the future of the students and our school."

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE 1811 SOCIETY?

Please Contact:

Director of Development, Haley Thompson haley.thompson@thorntonacademy.org 207.602.4460

* denotes deceased

THORNTON ACADEMY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Our considerable accomplishments over this past year are a direct result of the commitment and dedication of students, faculty, staff, and alumni around the world. Your continued support of the Thornton Fund impacts critical programming, expands academic opportunities, and enhances campus life—upholding Thornton Academy's tradition of excellence, while building an even greater future.

From providing free breakfast and lunch to students in need to supporting championship level athletics, your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. On behalf of those who have benefited from your generosity, thank you for choosing to invest in our students and the future of Thornton Academy.



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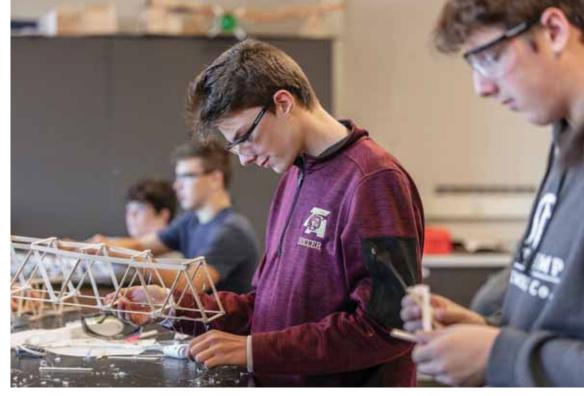
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On May 4th Thornton Academy held its 12th Annual Thornton Fund Auction. The auction attracted over 350 TA parents, alumni, local business owners, and community members. They gathered over food and drink to #bidforthewin on the amazing donations curated from hundreds of individuals and local businesses. This year's auction theme "For The Win" celebrated the long standing tradition of excellence at Thornton Academy across the many diverse course and activity offerings, while also looking forward to the completion of the Capital Campaign Athletic Complex.

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