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MCI's Cultural Heritage Day

Every autumn, we celebrate MCI's diverse community with music, dance, and raising of flags. This year, MCI welcomed guests as we raised the national flags that represent the countries our students and faculty are from in Parks Gym. Please watch the event on MCI's YouTube channel.



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On the cover: MCI's new Head of School and Family (standing, left to right), wife **Van Nguyen**, son **Kien McDonald**, and **Christopher M. McDonald** in Manson House, the Head of School residence. 📷 *Larry Ayotte*

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Families of MCI,

As I peer beyond my office window to the iconic front campus and the cloudless blue sky above, I am struck with the splendor of this campus, its blend into the beauty of Pittsfield and Maine, and the privilege of being a part of this community.

I could write about all of the wonderful people who make MCI a truly unique experience. One needs only to walk the grounds and buildings to get a sense of our committed maintenance team. One needs only to dine in our Savage Family Dining Room to get a sense of the attention to detail and customer service priority of our kitchen staff. One needs only to visit the residence halls to see the dedication of our families to provide a warm, nurturing, and rewarding experience for those living away from home states and countries. One needs only to watch an athletic practice or a club planning their next community event. One needs to see our students living a healthy lifestyle, engaging in areas of interest, and taking on challenges in leadership roles within their communities. And one needs only to drop into a classroom to witness the teamwork, learning, experimenting, and independent thinking of our students by our inspirational teaching faculty. Yes, I could write pages and pages about these remarkable experiences happening every day at MCI; however, I will not.

Rather, I encourage you to visit MCI and see this yourself. Anytime! If you are far away, please visit our social media pages and website: we are posting videos, photos, and articles regularly for you to enjoy and learn about what has always been a staple of MCI – our community – and what initiatives we are developing. We are continuing to build new opportunities for our students and faculty. In my recent trip to Southeast Asia, MCI partnered with an international school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We are the first American school to do so, and from service learning initiatives to faculty and student exchanges, we are pioneering potential pathways for new experiences. In Vietnam and Thailand, we also opened pathways that complement our current partnerships in China and Serbia. Indeed, the world is flat, and our students are on the forefront of becoming global citizens.

In addition, we are exploring new ways to share our campus and town by offering summer camps. We hope to launch both an international and domestic STEM Camp this summer along with sport camps and other specialized opportunities based upon the interests of our faculty and community members. I encourage everyone to reach out to us if you are interested in helping us grow our summer enrichment experiences on campus. Because of the generosity of the adults who serve our school – in many different capacities – we are able to sustain our current programs and launch innovations for new ones. Thank you so much for your support, and thank you for making MCI an experience like no other for all of its constituents. It is truly a special place.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. McDonald



Christopher M. McDonald,
MCI Head of School

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Engineering a Brighter Future

Lincoln Robinson (center) showing students how to operate 3-D printers in MCI's new makerspace
 📷 *Larry Ayotte*

To provide students with more practical experience in design and engineering while increasing course offerings, MCI's Science department chair, **Jessica Libby**, and her department colleagues, **Lincoln Robinson** and **Adam Pomeroy**, began planning a makerspace for students in the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center.

Mrs. Libby defined a makerspace as a "place in which people with shared interests, especially in computing and technology, can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge."

MCI's first makerspace is in the Powell Memorial Library and is used primarily for digital media. The digital media makerspace is managed by **Mike Libby** and contains a small photography studio, video and photography equipment for students to use, and several workstations to create and enhance digital production. The space is used regularly by students for their school projects.

"Our new makerspace," Mrs. Libby explained, "would be an environment for science students to practice and refine design skills learned in MCI's engineering classes." With several 3-D printers and ancillary equipment provided to the school from generous gifts from the Perloff Family Foundation and the Meridian Lodge #125 Masons, Mrs. Libby said the makerspace was ready for students at the start of the 2019 fall semester.

This new collaborative space includes 3-D printers and supplies, an eye wash station, personal protective equipment, data storage devices, modeling clay, soldering kits, and hand tools. Classes use the makerspace to design, discuss, and test their concepts and solutions for their assignments.

Every school day, Science faculty access the makerspace to provide unique engineering and science instruction. Like MCI's digital media space, the new makerspace provides much-needed resources for students



to design, test and refine class projects that they work on in MCI's two engineering courses: *Introduction to Design* and *Introduction to Engineering*.

Introduction to Design provides the basic skills of engineering: scaling, design, testing, and retesting. These skills are refined in *Introduction to Engineering*. Both courses provide students a relevant set of engineering skills and knowledge. "We modified the course curriculum to provide a deeper understanding of engineering for our students with the hands-on experience to succeed in the engineering discipline," explained Mr. Robinson.

Since the new makerspace was introduced, interest in engineering classes has increased tremendously, with current and future classes filling quickly. "We're hoping to expand our engineering course offerings to include civil and environmental engineering with help from local professionals who are willing to help MCI students expand their interests in these disciplines," Mrs. Libby added.

Because of students' profound interest in the makerspace, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Pomeroy encourage their students to use the lessons from their engineering classes to help other MCI departments resolve design challenges. Mr. Pomeroy's students designed a printing press and stamps for **Paddy Aidan's** art classes, and the design was produced using 3-D printing. Mr. Pomeroy added that his students also assisted Mrs. Libby's Forensics class with carrying cases for test instruments and **Jessica Verrill's** chemistry class with drying racks.

"Our 3-D solutions are often less expensive than similar items online," Mr. Robinson observed.

"The goal of the makerspace and of engineering at MCI is to build literacy in our students by using these tools to design and create real-world solutions," explained Mr. Pomeroy. "When students understand how their creative approaches to solving problems can become real-world innovations, the sky's the limit."

MCI partners with EQ&IQ School



Mr. McDonald presents Mrs. Chen with a print of the MCI Bell Tower during a recent EQ&IQ visit.

In October, sixteen Chinese students and faculty spent two weeks on the MCI campus as part of the students' studies at the EQ&IQ at MCI School in Wuhan. This visit is the result of a strategic partnership with the EQ&IQ School that started in 2017. In 2018, the EQ&IQ at MCI School was established, with thirteen students enrolled to study in China using the MCI curriculum that is taught by Chinese teachers on the EQ&IQ campus in Wuhan. Every year for two weeks, EQ&IQ at MCI School students travel to Maine as part of their educational requirements.

On October 21, EQ&IQ students held a welcome ceremony that featured poetry, music, Tai Chi, and calligraphy in the Ella Powell Room. Several invited guests enjoyed the student presentations, and **Christopher M. McDonald** presented EQ&IQ representative **Chen Sulan** with a print of Founders Hall produced by **Milton Webber '71**.

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Starting a Wellness Tradition at MCI

In November, MCI held its first annual “Wellness Day” for students and faculty to recognize, learn, and raise awareness of mental health and maintaining good physical health for mind-body benefits. More than fifteen area organizations and presenters were invited to provide students with information about various wellness-related topics throughout the day. The Wellness Day event was led by MCI school counselor, **Macie Batchelder, LCSW**.

“Our goal for Wellness Day was for students to be empowered with the tools we all need to be safe and healthy,” explained Ms. Batchelder. She added that event feedback was so positive that she is planning to make Wellness Day a tradition at MCI.

Wellness Day workshops included mental illness awareness, substance impairment, drug safety, vaping, cyber safety, covering LGBTQ issues, healthy relationships, sexual assault awareness, time management, and more. **Ege Faydaci '20** won the t-shirt design contest (shown below). Thanks to HealthySV for producing t-shirts for everyone who attended the event.



Pamela Dorman



Chris McDonald with Maine author Abdi Iftin and Dean Neal, who suggested Mr. Iftin speak as part of the school's Patterson Lecture Series 📷 Pamela Dorman

MCI welcomes Abdi Nor Iftin to talk of Resilience

In December, MCI welcomed Maine author **Abdi Nor Iftin** who gave a presentation to students as part of our **Patterson Lecture Series**. Held in Parks Gym before hundreds of students, faculty, and community members, Mr. Iftin spoke of the importance of resilience, which is this year's school theme.

Mr. Iftin shared stories of how resilience helped him persevere during times when he was close to giving up in Somalia and Kenya. “I don't remember one day when I felt safe. Life [growing up in Somalia] was filled with risks.” He shared that the death of his younger sister and “daily life in Mogadishu taught me to appreciate the smallest things in life that we all take for granted – breathing, eating, family...”

Mr. Iftin's name was chosen in a diversity visa lottery with 200,000 others who were invited to apply for the 50,000 US visas available that year. Since he did not have the required birth certificate or high school diploma, he felt his chances were slim. He reflected of that desperate time, “If I give up, what do I have?”

Mr. Iftin described his mother's resilience as a strong nomadic woman whose wealth – her farm animals, family, and freedom – was slowly taken away from her by drought, famine, and civil war. The only way she got her family through those hard times was by storytelling. “I remember mom would tell us stories to distract us from fear and hunger.”

Storytelling is why he wrote his book, *Call Me American* (www.callmeamerican.com), which tells of his harrowing life in Somalia during that country's civil war

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Jazzing up the Season with Music



Mr. Dean with Jazz Combo 1 and honoring Tabyr Briggs who leaves early for the Berklee College of Music in Boston

 Pamela Dorman

MCI's Visual and Performing Arts kicked the holiday season into high gear, starting with the Fall Jazz Concert on November 13 in Parks Gym. Led by the school's music director/director of Visual and Performing Arts, **Dean Neal**, the evening "represented close to sixty students who shared their talents to make the evening special." Student-musicians, comprising six jazz ensembles, performed works by various jazz legends. Three instrumental ensembles – Combo I, Combo II, and Jazz Band – started off the evening renditions of classic jazz arrangements, with many students performing solos and improvisations. Three vocal jazz ensembles – *Equinox*, *Caravan*, and the new *Maiden Voyage* – performed jazz standards and engaging interpretations of popular music renewed with jazz influences.

Special thanks to students **Alyssa Ardry '23, Makaila Bailey '20, Ella Bernier '23, Hector Bligh '22, Tabyr Briggs '20, Nicholas Carter '21, Devin Chen '21, Asa Cianchette**

'21, Jeremy Collamore '23, Cadience Condon '23, Chris Daigle '23, Chomin Domingo '21, Dyllon Dunton '20, Haleigh Foss '21, Jenessa Foster '23, Corrina Franzose '23, Isabelle Grignon '20, Nicholas Greenleaf '21, Jadyn Harris '23, Emelyn Hatch '21, Lillian Hopkins '20, Trinity Hunt '21, Madison Knight '23, Emily Lachapelle '23, Grace LaMarre '21, Lauren Lancaster '21, Danielle MacGown, Samantha Martin '22, Alahna McCarron '20, Dawn Moss '21, Xavier Moss '20, Riley Nelson '23, Will Newshafer '22, Delanie Nichols '23, Adryanna Oliveira '21, Hannah Rodriguez '23, David Rogers '22, Evan Rowell '21, Abigeal Shea '20, Jamie Simeone '22, Aidan Singh '22, Olivia Smith '23, Danika Stock '21, Sayaka Tada '21, Alexis Tardy '20, Isaac Tardy '20, Ethan Varney '20, Lillian Verrill '22, Thomas Ulrickson '21, Marta Weinstein '23, and Tristen Wintle '21.

On December 5, MCI held its annual Holiday Concert featuring the Concert Choir and Concert Band in Parks Gym. For the price of canned food that was

donated to a local food pantry, the evening featured traditional holiday music performed by students **Ryan Ackroyd '22, Alyssa Ardry '23, Camden Ardry '20, Makaila Bailey '20, Sonja Ballard '21, Ella Bernier '23, Hector Bligh '22, Destine Bowley, Tabyr Briggs '20, Leah Bussell '20, Nicholas Carter '21, Devin Chen '21, Emily Choi '22, Yuran Choi '22, Asa Cianchette '21, Mia Cianchette '21, Jeremy Collamore '23, Christopher Daigle '23, Leah Dechaine '22, Wyatt DeGrasse '23, Chomin Domingo '21, Dyllon Dunton '20, Corrina Franzose '23, Haleigh Foss '21, Jenessa Foster '23, Juan Camilo Ortiz Garcia '20, Nicholas Greenleaf '21, Eliza Gerrie '23, Chloe Grignon '23, Isabelle Grignon '20, Lucas Halferty '22, Jadyn Harris '23, Emelyn Hatch '21, Trinity Hunt '21, Lillian Hopkins '20, Jasmine Hamilton '23, Jocelyn Hamilton '23, Natalie Hodgins '21, Morgan Jensen '23, Malik Keresey '21, Madison**

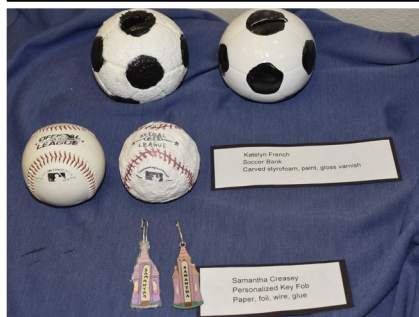
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Sharing MCI Student Art

To promote MCI's robust visual arts program and teach about displaying art, art teacher **Paddy Aidan** has encouraged her students to share their creations on campus and at school events. In January, Ms. Aidan, with help from **Dean Neal** and **Debra Susi**, is planning an open house in the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center in the JR Cianchette Building to showcase live art demonstrations by students and provide opportunities for parents, families and friends to experience art and enjoy music performances.



Samantha Creasey
Bunny Figurine
Paper smashes, paint



Kaitlyn French
Soccer Balls
Carved styrofoam, paint, glass varnish

Samantha Creasey
Personalized Key Fob
Paper, foil, wire, glue

Pamela Dorman

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Concert Choir (featuring Marilyn Buzzy and Marissa Weinstein) perform traditional African folk song and the Concert Band showcase various classics. 📷 Pamela Dorman

Knight '23, Emily LaChapelle '23, Grace LaMarre '21, Lauren Lancaster '21, Reagan Lary '20, Riley Lary '20, Trinity Leavitt '23, Danielle MacGown '20, Arm Manawongsakul '22, Lilyanna Marcello '22, Samantha Martin '22, Alexandria Mason '20, Ava McCannell '22, Alahna McCarron '20, Jillian Michaud '22, Dawn Moss '21, Xavier Moss '20, Hailie Murray '22, Riley Nelson '23, Will Newschafer '22, Joseph Niayesh '22, Delanie Nichols '23, Erin Nolan '20, Adryanna Oliveira '21, Shelby Ostrowski '22, Isabella Ortiz '22, Jiwon Park '21, Steven Park '22, Emilia Parker '23, Hannah Peacock '20, Lisa Pham '21, Isabelle Picard '21, Jordan Plamondon '22, Hannah Robinson '23, Hannah Rodriguez '23, David Rogers '23, Gavin Rogers '23, Elena Rho '22, Alexis Richard '23, Evan Rowell '23, Abigail Shea '20, Jamie Simeone '22 Aidan Singh '22,, Ava Smith '22, Olivia Smith '23, Ashley Souliere '20, Randall Starbird '21, Parker St. Clair '21, Cole Steeves '21, Drew Steeves '23, Tony Stewart '20, Danika Stock '21, Sarah Stutzman '22, Sayaka Tada '21, Isaac Tardy '20, Alexis Tardy '20, Allie Tilton '21, Thomas Ulrickson '21, Ethan Varney '20, Lillian Verrill '22, Stephan Vogel, Marta Weinstein '23, and Tristen Wintle '21.

Tabyr Briggs '20 was recognized at each performance; she graduated early to pursue studies at Berklee School of Music in January 2020. Tabyr is the daughter of **Darren '89 and Lisa Briggs**.

To conclude the musical offerings for 2019, MCI music students held a *Jazz Buffet* performance to benefit the Pittsfield Community Theatre on December 11. The concert was held at the theatre on Main Street in Pittsfield to share their support of the beloved movie theatre.



Pamela Dorman

MCI Students *Spell* Musical Excellence

Under the guidance and expertise of MCI's theatre teacher, **Debra Susi**, MCI's drama and technical theatre students presented two performances of the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in November at Parks Gym. The ambitious and engaging production highlighted the incredible talents and abilities of our students – from stage and costume design to acting and singing.

"I continue to be amazed at the professionalism, talent, and cooperation of my students," Ms. Susi said. "These kids go above and beyond for the show, and I am so proud of each one of them."

Although the musical filled Parks with hearty laughs and outstanding musical performances that centered around a ubiquitous, often contentious spelling bee, the play also explored contemporary issues

like non-traditional families and alternative learners as well as children dealing with loneliness and sadness.

Special thanks to **John Buys**, **Dean Neal** and wife, Lisa Neal, of Nokomis Regional High School, who coordinated the loan of Nokomis sound equipment for the performances, and to our students: **Isaac Tardy '20**, **Delanie Nichols '23**, **William Newschafer '22**, **Jackson Leonard '22**, **Corrina Franzose '23**, **Isabelle Grignon '20**, **Rylee Stock '20**, **Jason Farias '22**, **Nicholas Humphrey-Stevens '22**, **Baylee Valente '22**, **Hannah Rodriguez '23**, **Marta Weinstein '23**, **Sayada Tada '21**, **Shelby Ostrowski '22**, **Lillian Verrill '22**, **Matthew Craig '21**, **Asa Cianchette '21**, **Malik Keresey '21**, **Abbie Shea '20**, **Nason Berthelette '21**, **David Brann '22**, **Camryn Lynn Coulter '22**, **David Paul Edgecomb '20**, **Orrie Flood '23**, **Ryan Friend '21**, **Stefani Higgins '21**, **Kai Hunt**

'21, Fernanda Kanarek Machado '21, **Tereza Lazarova '20**, **Natalia Pawelczak '20**, **Samantha Peters '21**, **Jerzi Thompson '23**, and **Jett Gerke '21**.



Bossov Ballet Theatre in the Spotlight



Left to right: performances from *Sleeping Beauty*, Cultural Heritage Day, and *The Nutcracker*

By Elizabeth Audet, BBT Manager

In July, Bossov Ballet Theatre at MCI (BBT) presented three performances of *Sleeping Beauty* to enthusiastic audiences at the Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center. Dancers from Russia, Japan, Canada, Mexico and the USA came to the MCI campus for a rare opportunity to participate in a professional-level production of this famous and technically demanding ballet.

Alisa Zeldina, performing the role of Aurora, first came to BBT's summer program in 2015 to improve as both a dancer and a performer. Currently a student at the prestigious Vaganova Academy in Russia, Alisa describes the sense of family and connection she has found here each time she has returned, "I really love this place! It is like my home. I love the teachers and all the students... we are all like a big family."

Two young professional artists also appreciated this opportunity to dance with BBT. Alisa's partner, Alexandre

Gomes Barbosa, performed by her side in the role of Prince Désiré. Originally from Brazil, Alexandre came to Bossov as a professional dancer with the Orlando Ballet. He describes his gratitude for this opportunity, "It's very challenging – a very demanding role, but very fulfilling. Natalya helps me step up my dancing to another level."

Masaya Kaneko also performed the role of Prince opposite Haruna Watanabe's Aurora. He was born in Tokyo, and has danced professionally with Virginia National Ballet, and as a guest dancer throughout Japan. Like Barbosa, Kaneko commented, "I'm so lucky to do this role, and working with **Natalya Getman** helps me with so many things, including my style and technique. This will help me a lot with my career."

Last performed by BBT in July 2015, the production was made even more dazzling by the addition of custom-designed tutus from Moscow and a generous donation from CM Almy of trims woven in Europe.

When not rehearsing, students explored Maine, from its lakes and coastline to the small-town charm of Pittsfield. International friendships and lasting memories were forged during time spent together in the MCI dorms, where students had a chance to play games, sew costumes, and even learn how to play the ukulele.

Following the excitement of summer, BBT students returned to campus, eager to start work on *The Nutcracker* that is traditionally performed at the Waterville Opera House in December every year. For MCI's annual Cultural Heritage Day, BBT students performed an original Russian folk piece, *Korobushka*, choreographed by Ms. Getman. In October, the BBT dancers were invited to perform *Korobushka* and two other pieces for the ARTober at BAE: An Evening to Celebrate Dance. Joined by Bangor Ballet, Robinson Ballet, and Releve, BBT was pleased to share the stage with other dance groups in the region and look forward to similar collaborations in the future.



All athletic photos provided by Associate Dean of Advancement **Joe Roberts**

Fall Sports Break a Good Trail

By James Leonard, Director of Athletics

The 2019-2020 athletic year got off to a good start this fall. Every team made the playoffs, one played in a state championship game, and 33 Husky fall sports athletes were awarded conference and state recognition for their efforts.

MCI Football won the Class C North regional championship. This is the fifth regional title in the last six years. The Huskies went 6-2 in the regular

season and avenged one of those regular season losses with a 49-21 victory over Winslow in the regional championship game.

MCI's season came to an end in the Class C State Championship game held at the University of Maine where MCI was beaten by undefeated South champ Leavitt by a score of 30-24.

MCI Field Hockey used a rebuilding year to go 11-3 and finish 4th in Class C North. The Huskies fell to Lawrence



in the playoffs but will surely return a very talented group next season.

The MCI Girls Soccer team got a new coach, Dale Overlock, and some new energy as they surged to a 7-5-2 overall record and a playoff berth. The Huskies celebrated by winning their first soccer playoff game in over 10 years by beating Caribou 1-0.



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MCI Boys Soccer beat top-ranked Winslow during the regular season. It was the first time in over a decade the Husky Boys had taken down a Black Raider team on the pitch. That victory served as a springboard to the playoffs.

The Husky Golf team experienced a youth movement, with all but one of the MCI golfers either freshman or sophomores. Still, MCI split its regular season matches to go 5-5 and qualify for the playoffs.

Participation numbers for all programs was up, and this trend appears to be holding as we waded into the winter sports season.



Ethan Varney named Maine's 2019 Heisman High School Award Winner

MCI announced in December that senior **Ethan Varney** has been selected as the Heisman Trophy Trust's 2019 Heisman High School Scholarship School winner for Maine. Varney wins a \$500 scholarship for this achievement.

"Since 2008, nine MCI seniors have been recognized by the Heisman Trophy Trust," stated **Christopher M. McDonald**. "Ethan continues this legacy of excellence in academics, athletics, and student leadership in his various co-curricular activities. MCI's faculty and staff are as proud as I am that Ethan has been recognized for excellence."



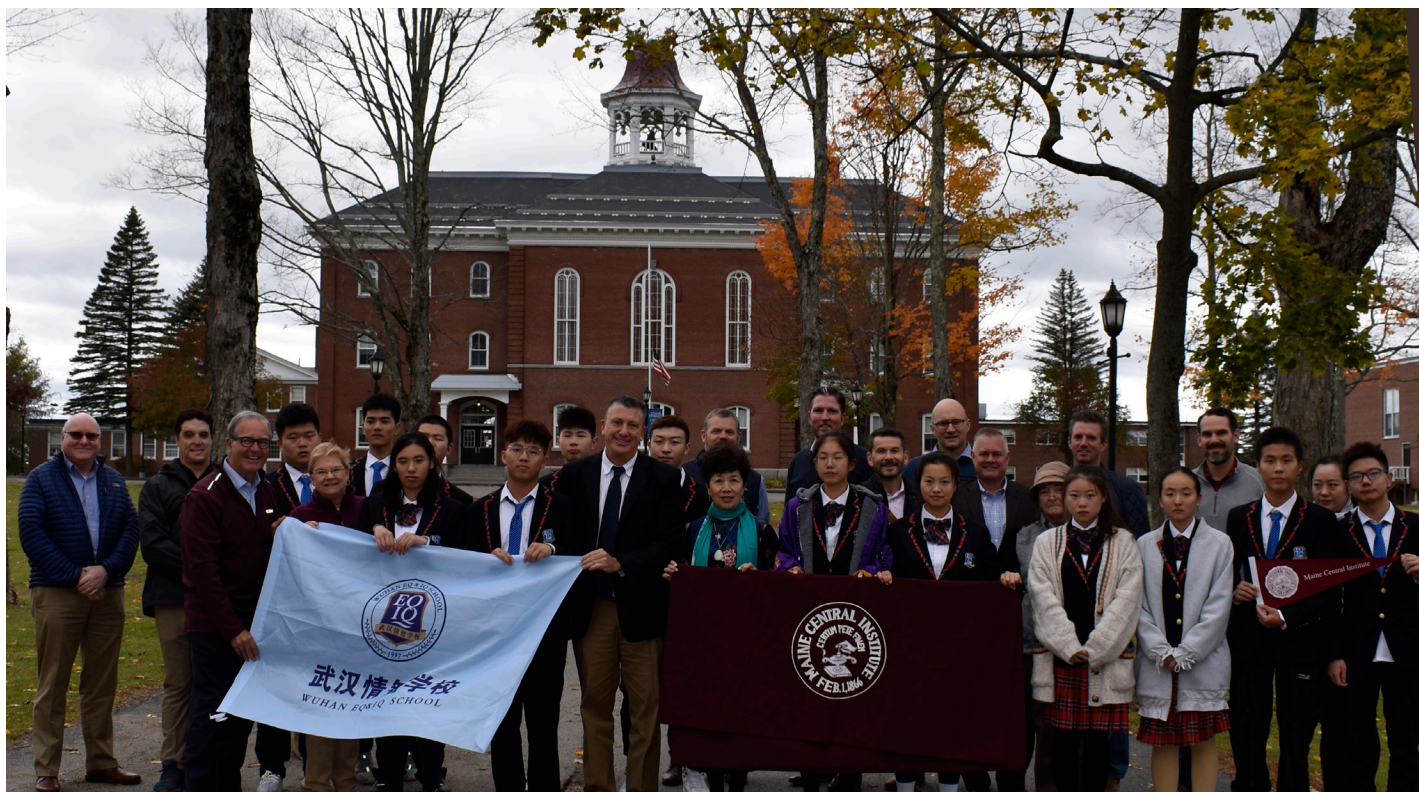
Ethan has won various academic awards throughout his high school career and achieved highest honors every quarter since he came to MCI as a freshman. An outstanding athlete in tennis and soccer (where he served as team captain during his senior year) and an Eagle Scout, Ethan is active in National Honor Society, Key Club, Kindness Krew, Student Leadership Committee and Class Counsel. Additionally, Ethan is active in MCI's music program, where he performs in the Jazz Band and sings in the vocal jazz group, *Caravan*. He plans to study biology with a concentration in pre-med in college to pursue a career as a pediatric osteopathic physician. Ethan is the son of **Scott '88 and Rochelle Varney '92** of Pittsfield.

Earlier this fall, Ethan and **Alahna McCarron '20** were both selected as top Heisman nominees from Maine Central Institute.



The Heisman High School Scholarship recognizes and rewards outstanding scholar/athletes who understand that the most important victories not only happen on the field, but in their schools and communities. These remarkable young leaders set the example and pave the way to greatness for everyone around them.

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Students from EQ&IQ stand with MCI's Board of Trustees on October 18

“This is an ideal opportunity for Chinese students who want to study at MCI but are unable to,” stated Mr. McDonald. “The students who visited us studied with our students, participated in activities on and off-campus, and enjoyed the overall campus experience.”

To conclude their visit that involved hours of classroom experiences and weekend activities showcasing the

fun things that MCI students enjoy in central Maine, EQ&IQ students received certificates of completion during a closing ceremony in MCI's Kinney Conference Room. Special thanks to everyone who made this first EQ&IQ visit a memorable experience: **Eveline Bailey, Tom Bertrand '90, Leslie Breton, Artur Fass, Scott Giallombardo '00, Josh Pelkey, Adam Pomeroy, Maggie Ren, Lincoln Robinson, Jessica Verrill, and Tia Welch.**



Shown left to right: Students present former assistant headmaster **Rosalie Williams** with a calligraphy scroll during Welcome Ceremony; Tai Chi demonstration; and students pose with their certificates of completion at the end of their MCI visit.

Edith Tierney: Sowing Seeds of Community Service

Even at an early age, **Edith Tierney '20** wanted to help others and build community. “I remember my family going to empty bowl dinners when I was young,” she recalled. “These fundraisers were fun for me as a kid and I remember them being very popular community events.” Those memories stayed with Edith as she grew older and, now, as a senior focused on food insecurity in central Maine, she worked on an independent study project with art teacher **Paddy Aidan** to create soup bowls that Edith gave away at an empty bowl dinner in Pittsfield on December 8, 2019. Held at the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Edith organized the entire event, from promotion and crafting several ceramic bowls for the meal to making the soups with assistance from her family and Ms. Aidan. Sarah Alexander, executive director of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, gave a brief talk at the event.

“The first eighty people kept the handmade bowls that their soup was served in,” Edith explained, “and all the money raised – \$2,000 – was donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry.” Edith described her motivation for this event: “I found out that Maine is the seventh most food insecure state in the nation. Most heartbreakingly, I learned that in 2017, one in five children in Maine was food insecure. I realized that these people were my classmates, my neighbors, and probably my friends. This independent study helped me gain new understanding and enabled me to focus on this issue.”

The older child of Hanne and Dan Tierney (her younger brother is Sam), the Tierney family owns and operates The Cornerstone Farm, a pork and organic vegetable farm in Palmyra. From an early age, Edith helped her family on the farm as well as care for the livestock they raised. She shares a passion for reading with her father, who is a biologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and a love of animals and canine training with her mother. The organic farm is a family activity where Edith focuses much of her time and attention outside school: planting,



cultivating and harvesting crops that they sell at various farmers markets throughout central Maine. What she like most is interacting with customers at farmers markets.

“I love marketing,” she noted. “To me, that’s setting up the farm stand to draw customers in, talking with customers to find out what produce items they want, and working with my family to help fulfill those requests.”

Edith opted to attend MCI because she wanted the academic challenge that MCI provides, but once she started classes, she realized MCI encouraged students to help others as well. Her participation in the MCI Key Club’s *Color Run* last year joined two of her passions: helping others and running.

“Although I am not into team sports, I love running,” Edith said. “The *Color Run* was a great way to encourage others

Some of the bowls that Edith created and gave away during her Empty Bowl Dinner in December



to run and raise money for a good cause. It was lots of fun.” Edith has participated in Model United Nations, Outdoor Adventure Club, Running Club, and the Aomori Program, but Key Club has had a more profound influence on her. “Key Club helped me become more confident in myself and helped me build connections within the community and school,” Edith said, “and it has taught me to be even more passionate about community service.”

During the end of her junior year, Edith signed up to volunteer with **Christopher M. McDonald** after he spoke at MCI about his work with The Olympia School in Vietnam. “Vietnam was unlike any place I had ever been,” Edith said, explaining that the country was not as automobile-focused as the United States, and many people shop at street markets rather than at large grocery or department stores. In the evenings, Edith and other American volunteers visited street markets to sample the cuisine of the region, which was primarily seafood-based.

“For two weeks, I helped set up a bilingual curriculum for children five to eleven-years old,” she said. “English is the language that many Vietnamese want to learn, and at the camp, we helped children of all ages learn English.”

Of Edith’s future plans for college, she is keeping her options open. She’s applied to several colleges, and her first acceptance was from Saint Thomas in New Brunswick,

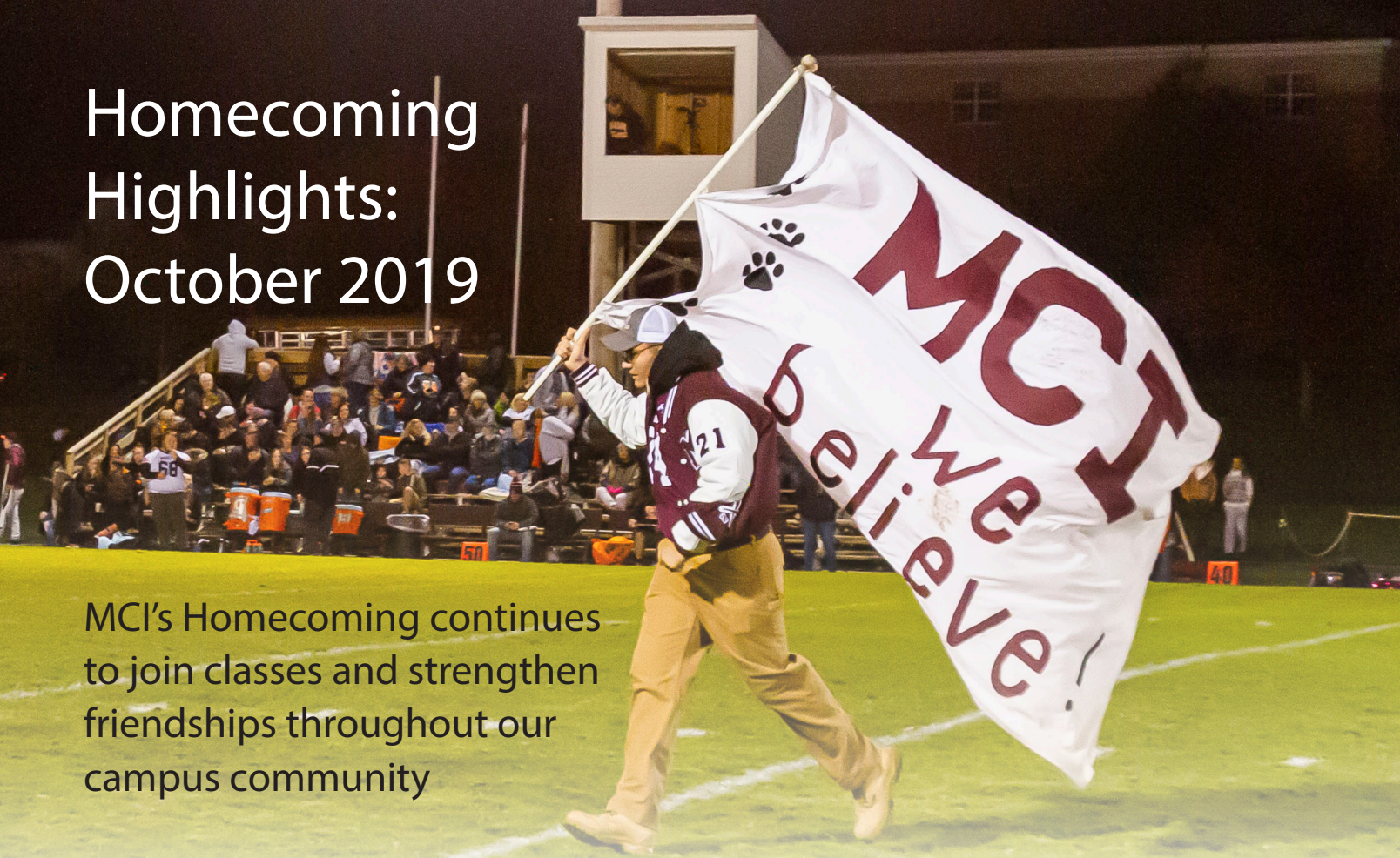


where she would major in international development. After college, Edith would like to join the Peace Corps or a similar organization.

“My family has been a tremendous influence on what I am and what I want to do,” Edith explained. “The four of us are very close, and we share many interests and passions.”

Homecoming Highlights: October 2019

MCI's Homecoming continues to join classes and strengthen friendships throughout our campus community



MCI Inducts Four to Athletic Hall of Fame



Shown (left to right): Amanda Asaro, Becky Vaughan Walker, Sam Marzenell and John Wilcox are honored at the 2019 MCI Athletic Hall of Fame

In October, MCI inducted four athletes to its Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF). Held in the Savage Family Dining Room with current MCI students on hand to help facilitate the event with Director of Athletics **James Leonard**, **Christopher M. McDonald**, the Advancement team, several community members, families and past AHOF members feted the achievements of past student athletes.

John Wilcox '89 was MCI Athlete of the Year during his senior year; he played football, basketball, tennis, baseball and track during his three years at the school. John excelled in basketball, where he was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) for three years and served as captain during his senior year in which he averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds per game. A three-year member of the football team, John was captain and team MVP as a senior; John also captured the Eastern Maine Championship for shotput during his senior year on the track team. Academically, John received the Roderic Smith Award, attended Boys State, received the MEA Award for Writing, and participated in MCI's French Club and the Cultural Exchange Club. John is a clinical associate professor of occupational therapy at the University of New Hampshire.

Becky Vaughan Walker '93 was a three-sport athlete who starred as a pitcher and went on to a Hall of Fame college career at the University of Maine at Farmington. During her freshman year at MCI, Becky compiled a 16-3 pitching record, giving the Huskies a first-place standing in

eastern Maine and state runners up in Class B. During her junior year, the Huskies were 18-2, winning the Eastern Maine championship. Becky earned all-state honors and was named the team's defensive MVP while batting .433. As a senior, the team was 12-3, advancing to the Eastern Maine semifinals. Becky was also a four-year athlete on the basketball team and played one year of soccer. Becky is a kindergarten teacher for SAD#53 and continues to coach girls in pitching windmill, having served as an assistant softball coach for MCI.

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MCI students who assisted with the AHOF: back row - left to right: **Emelyn Hatch, Leah Bussell, Alexis Tardy, Cole Steeves, Ethan Varney, TJ Stewart, Joseph Curtis, Ryan Friend, Owen Williams, Natalie Hodgins, Carrie Burr, Kylie Woodman**; front row - left to right: **Ava Patterson, Alahna McCarron, Mr. Leonard, Jillian Frost.**

Athletic Hall of Fame continued from page 19

Sam Marzenell '99 is the only golfer in MCI history to win three individual state golf championships - in 1996, 1997 and 1998. His 1998 title earned him a berth in the New England Regional Championship. Sam's MCI golf teams won the Class B state title in 1997, and the team was state runners-up in 1996 and 1998. The team also won the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference title in 1998. He was 13-0 in high school matches during his senior year and was selected Portland Press Herald's Golfer of the Year. Sam also won the Alden MacDonald Junior Tournament at Sugarloaf and was the Big "I" state qualifier for nationals. Sam also played first singles tennis as a senior at MCI. After MCI graduation, he attended the University of Maine



at Farmington where he won 15 college golf events. Sam worked ten years as a PGA pro at Cape Arundel Golf Club. He is now a school teacher in RSU# 1 in Bath, Maine.

MCI Dean of Advancement Alicia Nichols sharing letter from Sam's mother that she read during his AHOF induction

Amanda Asaro '08 was MCI Athlete of the Year during her senior year. While active in soccer and basketball, Amanda's strongest sport was track, where she was a star at MCI and later ran at Division I Central Connecticut State University. Amanda is arguably MCI's best girls distance runner ever. She currently is the school record holder in 1600, 3200, 4x100, and 4x800. She has seven of the top 10 800 times, 9 of the top 10 1600 times, and 8 of the top 10 3200 times. She was a five-time KVCAC individual and relay champion and a five-time KVCAC individual and relay runner-up. A two-time team MVP, Amanda was a very good soccer player and was named KVCAC Class B Defensive Player of the Year in basketball as a junior. Amanda decided to pursue track and ran indoor as an independent athlete as a senior, where she won the mile and finished second in the 2 mile. Amanda resides in New Hampshire, where she works in the healthcare administration.

Remembering Jean Purinton Maynard



Former MCI trustee **Jean Purinton Maynard '41** passed away on November 4, 2019 in Athens, Georgia. She was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Edwin and Margaret (Anderson) Purinton. Jean's father was an MCI headmaster from 1925 to 1946, and throughout Jean's entire life, she always had a strong dedication and love for our school.

After graduation from MCI, Jean attended Bates College before traveling by train to Washington in 1944 to marry her husband, Bob. She spent many of her years in Pittsfield where she developed lifelong friendships. In 2009, Jean moved to Georgia where she lived with her daughter, **Margaret "Peg" Olson '84**, and at Arbor Terrace in Athens. Jean enjoyed reading, playing bridge and bingo, watching tennis on television, eating chocolate, and enjoying a glass of chardonnay on the front porch.

Jean will be always be remembered as "a social person who never met a stranger." Throughout her life, Jean supported MCI during many capital campaigns and was a source of encouragement and support.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Bob Maynard in 1983. She is survived by her sons, **Jack Maynard '65** and wife, Susan of Watertown, Massachusetts; **Jim Maynard '69** and wife, Cindy of Ellsworth, Maine, and Miramar Beach, Florida; daughter, **Peg Olson** of Atlanta; many grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Those who wish to remember Jean in a special way can consider a donation to MCI in her memory.

MCI alumni, students and friends celebrate Pittsfield's 200th

Celebrating throughout 2019, Pittsfield residents enjoyed many opportunities to honor their hometown and its 200th birthday. Things started nearly two years earlier in 2017 with the discovery and restoration of the cupola from the Hathorn Estate. The cupola was moved to Hunnewell Avenue. Refurbished and returned to near its original site, a dedication was held with descendants Julia Hathorn Allen, **Vincent “Zeb” Hathorn ’63**, **Jeff Hathorn ’64** and **Ellery Hathorn ’68** in attendance.

In early 2019, **Michael Fendler ’70** (Warsaw High School) of C.M. Almy generously donated Pittsfield's 200th birthday banners that graced many of the poles along Main Street and at MCI. Businesses and organizations shared significant birthday milestones, like the Pinnacle Ski Club's 65th, Bud's Shop 'n Save and C.M. Almy's 60th, and Cianbro's 70th, to name a few. An art show, coordinated by the ARTS Club and **Milt Webber ’71**, was held that spring, and many brought art to the streets as the “Main Street Gallery.” Its colorful posters showcasing Pittsfield's past by students of **Jim Hammond ’70**, and Cheryl Vigue and Helen Campbell from 25 years ago. Pittsfield businesses opened their doors to the community with a series of “Tours, Talks and Open Houses.” MCI's **Jason Allen** and his *Introduction to Journalism* students joined **Jane Woodruff ’64** and her husband, Don, in interviewing and filming a number of businesses that were featured on Facebook.

June was the actual incorporation of Pittsfield, and in an elaborate presentation on the library grounds, **Michael Lynch ’84** and Barbara Denaro deftly removed the various items from the opened time capsule – complete with drum rolls by **Asa Cianchette ’21**. **Nancy MacGown Monteyro ’89**, **Amber Bonaparte**, and **Abby Monteyro ’18** made and served a wondrous cake displaying Pittsfield in detail.

For months, folks watched as Cianbro and outside contractors busily worked on the train depot, restoring it



Shown (left to right): **Nancy MacGown Monteyro ’89**, **Abby Monteyro ’18** and **Amanda Bonaparte** with the birthday cake created by Nancy's business, PopOnOvers

to its original beauty. **Peter Vigue ’65** led this restoration effort, as his wife, **Carole Daily Vigue ’64**, had done in the 1980s. On June 19, Pittsfield officially turned 200 years old and, waiting next to the Depot was a deluxe Pan Am passenger train that people were able to board for a view of its lavish interior. The re-dedication ceremony of the Depot was held along with the issuance of a dedicated postal cancel and tribute to dedicated postal worker, Etta Libby Nelson. **Blake Bartlett** led a short ceremony at Veterans Park with the newly installed stone for Moses Martin, American Revolutionary soldier and town father.

Other events included a colorful quilt show that brought quilters from as far away as southern Maine during MCI's 2019 Reunion. The following month, a farm-to-table dinner was held at Outland Farm. The Pittsfield Public Library held an extensive program centered around local history with Sanger Cook's *Pittsfield on the Seabasticook* chosen as the book for a Community Read and held in honor of **Persis Smith**, who was a librarian and important part of the MCI community for many years.

The holiday lights ceremony in December marked the closing of Pittsfield's bicentennial year. The time capsule was sealed in January 2020, with notes and letters for bicentennial babies born in December to join the others born earlier in the year.

It has been one very full birthday year.

Submitted by Jane Woodruff ’64

Welcome to MCI, Chris, Van and Kien

In July 2019, MCI's new head of school, **Christopher M. McDonald**, arrived in Maine with his wife, **Van Nguyen**, and their son, **Kien**. They quickly moved into Manson House and got to work helping the school move forward. In the short time they have been here, much progress has been made.

Originally from Sterling Heights, Michigan (outside Detroit), Mr. McDonald attended Notre Dame High School before moving on to Kalamazoo College, where he majored in English and health studies. In 1988, he received training at the United States Marines Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia.

In 1990, Mr. McDonald attended Wayne State University in Detroit, where he received his master of arts in teaching. Five years later, he enrolled in Middlebury College and Lincoln College at Oxford University in England, where he received a master of arts in English, focusing on critical reading and writing.

Mr. McDonald has worked at various private schools in Michigan before assuming the role of associate head of school at The Winchendon School in Massachusetts from 2008 to 2014. It was at Winchendon that he created



a summer camp at The Olympia Schools in Hanoi, Vietnam, for U.S. high school students to volunteer on service projects. And although Mr. McDonald moved on to Stanstead College in 2016, where he was director of international affairs, he continued his work with The Olympia Schools as head of school and eventually as a board member.

Since arriving at MCI, Mr. McDonald has focused on building bridges throughout the community, increasing MCI's boarding student population, and exploring opportunities for the school's alternate revenue sources. "I am committed to increasing MCI's summer programs that welcome students to our campus," he explained. "I am confident that once they experience our campus, they will want to stay."

"Because Pittsfield is home to companies like Cianbro Corporation and Insource Renewables, we are developing a STEM Camp as an opportunity for MCI to create alternate revenue while focusing on the talents of our community," Mr. McDonald explained. He is partnering with the University of Maine at Augusta and the Pittsfield Municipal Airport to broaden educational offerings at the school. Mr. McDonald is also engaged in revamping the school's marketing materials for student recruitment.



Notes from Cianchette House

By **Alicia J. Nichols**, Dean of Advancement



We are buttoned-up for a long winter season here on campus. While MCI is blanketed by snow, the Advancement staff is focused on June – thus the photo of campus adorned with flowering trees and green grass.

What happens in June? MCI's fiscal year closes on June 30 and with it, the 2019-2020 Annual Fund campaign ends. Before then, you can have a role in making MCI stronger. Contributions to MCI's Annual Fund help to partially cover the difference between the full cost of educating students from Pittsfield, Burnham and Detroit, and the state-set tuition funding MCI receives from these towns.

Nearly 300 people have contributed already. We're grateful for their gifts of \$10, \$25, \$50 and more. To reach the \$350,000 Annual Fund goal we'll need an additional 600 donors by the end of June.

If you haven't given since July 1, 2019, MCI needs you. If you have never given to MCI, your school needs you. You can be the difference with a gift in any amount. Truly, every donor makes MCI stronger.

Mark your calendar for MCI's Day of Giving, March 24, 2020. The goal is \$100,000 and we've built a \$50,000 matching fund, thanks to generous support from MCI alumni and friends who will double gifts, dollar-for-dollar.

Be the difference for MCI. Every dollar makes MCI stronger. You don't need to wait until March 24 or June 30 to participate – visit www.mci-school.org/afgift

We love hearing from you. Please stay in touch. Stop by Cianchette House to visit or call, email or write.

In Memoriam

STANLEY WYMAN (1928-2019)

Stanley G. Wyman '46 died peacefully surrounded by his family in Massachusetts this past July. Stan was born to Franklin and Mildred (Pierce) Wyman. He married his high school sweetheart, **Joyce Almonte '46**, with whom he shared 62 years.



A three-sport star at MCI, Stan was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017. He was quarterback of the football team as a junior and senior. In basketball, he was a member of the freshman team and, as a junior, was captain of the varsity team. As a senior, Stan earned all-tournament honors with teammate **Jack Christie** at a season-ending basketball championship at the University of Maine. On the baseball team, Stan pitched in the team's 14 games during his junior year and played centerfield as a senior. He joined the service after graduation and later was employed by Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company from 1950 until his retirement 1993, rising to the role of meat procurement manager for the northeast.

Stan leaves brother **Barry Wyman '65** and wife, June of Carmel; sons Jack Wyman of Milford, Massachusetts, and Jay Wyman and wife, Cheryl of Holliston, and daughters, Jan Porter and husband, Paul of Upton, Massachusetts, and Jill Ackerman and husband, Owen of Ashland, Massachusetts; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MAC CIANCHETTE (1928-2019)

Malcom Carl "Mac" Cianchette '69 lost his battle with cancer in November at his home on Great Moose Lake with his family by his side. He was the son of Carl and Maureen (Davis) Cianchette.

Mac graduated from the former Warsaw High School in Pittsfield. Following high school, he attended Maine Maritime Academy, graduating with a degree in nautical science in 1973. Mac made his career with



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Highlights from MCI's 2019 Reunion



Honored guests (left to right): Hall of Fame inductees **Gary Fitts '69** and **Linda Shorey '69** with **Ron Rollins '74** accepting the Distinguished Achievement Award on behalf of his older brother, **Tim Rollins '73**, who passed away in 2017.



Head of School **Chris McDonald** with **Nelson Newhouse '79** (far left), **Karin Bertrand**, Dean of Student Affairs **Tom Bertrand '90**, and **George Newhouse '54**.



Board of Trustee president **Michael Hodgins '86** with former headmaster **Douglas Cummings** and **Chris McDonald**



Dean of Advancement **Alicia J. Nichols** with **Jim '46** and **Charlotte Murtha '44**.



Dave Pattee '59



Class of '42's **Herb Scribner**, **Percy Altmonte**, and **Ken Cianchette**



Class of '53 ladies: **Charlene Call**, **Joyce Hunt Rowe**, and **Sally Craig**



Save the Date for the 2020 MCI Reunion: July 31-August 1



Our MCI Class Agents

Class agents are an invaluable resource to both MCI and their classmates because they link the school with its graduates. Agents keep classmates connected through the *Alumnus* during the year, help plan class parties during *Reunion Weekend* and maintain the class Facebook page. If you would like to reach out to your class agent, please contact MCI Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 (email: alumni@MCI-school.org). Classes in **bold** will be celebrating a major reunion in August 2020.

1948	Elizabeth Whalen	1971	Laurie Fitts Loosigian	1994	Courtney Cianchette Harvey
1950	Virginia Coolbroth Landry	1973	Susan Smith England	1995	Frances Oviatt Rogers
1951	Bob Hutchinson	1974	Vera Lloyd Bryant	1996	Heather Gray Csontos
1952	Alvah Wyman	1975	Ralph Ingraham	1997	Terri-Jean Grant Wilkinson
1953	Catherine Doyle Mooers	1976	Donald Hallenbeck	1998	Jared McCannell
1955	Leona Lovely	1978	Robert Stackhouse	1999	Natalia Mayhew Hall
1956	Forest Frost	1979	Kathy Kelley	2000	Hillary Stevens
1959	Jim MacMichael	1980	Belinda Lawrence LaFlamme	2000	Michael Thompson
1960	Joan Basford Bradley	1981	Suzanne Lynch Guild	2001	Daniel Flaherty
1960	Marilyn Nash	1981	Mary Raynes	2002	Kerri George
1962	Jean Stackhouse Carnes	1982	Cheryl Pareson Austin	2002	Donna Russo Sawtelle
1963	Janet Viger Bryant	1985	Karen Rollins Fraser	2003	Ashley Holt Morency
1963	Marcia Sprague Hodson	1986	Lisa Nickerson	2004	Melissa Hussey Stinson
1963	Wayne Pinkham	1986	Kim Brooks Shorey	2005	Sarah Frost
1964	Barbara Vigue Day	1987	Tammy Reynolds George	2006	Andrew Moody
1965	Lawrence Yeaton	1987	David O'Brien	2007	Brittanie Holt Smith
1966	Vicki Boetsch Harriman	1988	Chris Mitchell	2008	Tyler LePage
1967	Sheilya Cookson Voter	1988	Loren Lavalie Martin	2009	Brandon Wilson
1968	Sharon Hanson Ringuette	1989	Nancy MacGown Monteyro	2010	Aaron Kirouac
1969	Sue Ryman	1990	Thomas Bertrand	2011	Cody Thies
1970	William Cunningham	1991	James Richards	2012	Michaela George
1970	David England	1992	Sean Callahan	2013	Courtney Fowler
1970	Martha Lloyd	1993	Kristin McCaughey Gagnon	2014	Shane Hathaway
1971	Jeffrey Knights	1993	Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo	2017	Carter Pearl

We need agents for these classes: contact the Advancement Office today to represent your class!

1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1961, 1972, 1977, 1983, 1984, 2010, 2015, and 2016

Class of 1952

Phil and Mary Lenentine say they are doing okay, despite some health issues.

Maynard Jacobs and Vickie went to Destin, Florida, and enjoyed lying on the beach and swimming. He still goes to the gym to work out three times a week. Maynard reports seeing ten deer in his backyard quite often. For Thanksgiving, they will go to Atlanta to celebrate the holiday at their daughter's home.

Dolnar and Pat Whitten report "same ol' same ol'". She still makes bread for church suppers.

I heard from the son of **Dexter Dyer** recently. Dexter has been creating stone sculptures for 30 years. He has memory problems, but is doing okay.

Bill Hamlin writes he is a neighbor of **Bob Knowles** in Florida. Bill worked as a school teacher at Oakland University in Michigan and was a teacher, principal and professor at Western Washington State.

Bob Hackett is in a memory unit in Lakewood Nursing home in Waterville, Maine.

Adrien Fournier retired in 1993 from International Paper Co. He has spent ten years working with a golfing program. He is a great golfer, who made six holes in one! He played baseball and umpired for 25 years and is in the Hall of Fame in the Downeast League. He and his wife have two children.

Bev Turner Breau and Lynn Blood Stavro regret they were unable to attend reunion last year. It was the first time in quite a few years that they didn't attend together, since it fell on Bev and David's 62nd wedding anniversary! Bev reports that she had a surprise visit from **Bob Knowles** in the beginning of October. Bob and RaeJean plan on living in Florida full time. Hope they come back now and then for a visit.

Her Red Hat group spent a weekend at The Birches in Rockwood enjoying the

fall foliage. The group includes some MCI graduates, **Cynthia Stafford Lewis, Donna Sprague Allen and Rebecca Wilder Johnson**. They also spent time in mid-August enjoying a lobster feed at Bev's camp and a musical at the Machias Blueberry Festival.

Nancy Smith Noyes writes, "How many people our age are up to anything these days? The exception is my husband. He still works in the woods with a chainsaw and skidder, and feels better when he can do it every day. I don't do much now – knitting, solving crossword puzzles and also jigsaw puzzles. We live on the lake and watch seasons change there. The loons are getting ready to head south to the Maine coast for the winter. When they do come back in the spring, they will actually sound joyous to be back. We, who have been here all winter, will be just as happy to welcome spring."

Ed Buker writes, "Just checking in to let you know I'm still doing great as the saying goes (every day above the sod is a good day). I'm in hopes of having many more of them! I'm going to visit my daughter in Texas over Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. I have two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren there. I'm still living in the same house in California where I've lived for 50 years now. I doubt if I could afford to buy it today. The houses out here are god-awful expensive: their prices have skyrocketed in the last few years. My taxes are exceptionally low, so I can live in this house cheaper than renting. I stay busy doing something all the time. If anyone had told me that I would live the life I have, I wouldn't have believed them. I have gone places and seen things that the average person would not believe. I went from no electricity in 1947 (we used kerosene lamps and lanterns) to an Apple 6 iPhone, which is stronger than a room full of computer banks at TRW in Manhattan Beach that I had the privilege to see in the 1960s .. unbelievable! We have been to Vegas many times, Branson, Missouri and also taken a number of bus tours. As I say, this poor old country boy has sure been around. I've had a great life and enjoyed every minute of it. If any of our classmates want to contact me, you

can contact the MCI Advancement Office for help.

David McGaffin wants to share some information from **Louise Kellis Fidler**, AKA Kelly, from Sacramento. Kelly and her sister, **Helen Kellis Karamanos '57**, from Southgate, Michigan, visited their "kid sister" **Sophia '59** in Mt. Vernon, Washington, to celebrate Sophia's birthday. Their only brother, **Basil Kellis '55**, passed away in 2016 in Wells, Maine. Kelly has two daughters, Cathy and Karen, and four grandchildren. Kelly's husband passed away at 52 years of age. She completed a teaching career in languages and also a second career at a CPA firm. Kelly kept busy exercising, walking, and following the various school activities of her grandchildren. She also goes to some San Francisco Giants and Sacramento Kings games.

Note to Kelly: I'm sorry for being so slow in getting this material to the *Alumnus*. Also, I didn't specify anyone's age. We were at MCI in the 50s – enough said! Best to you and your sisters!

David also received a note from a friend of **Glenys Hill Gifford**. Glenys is in a lovely memory care facility in Oakland, Maine. She is stable, but her memory has been deteriorating over the last five to seven years. At times, her wonderful sense of humor and kindness come through, but for the most part, she just rests without much engagement. Her friend visits her regularly.

I speak often with **Herman Roberts**, who says everything is the same.

Betty Mercier Susi says she changed her address since she is now living with her oldest daughter and is well and happy.

As for myself (**Al Wyman**), I still do crossing guard duties at Manson Park School and rent a booth in Traditions in Corinna, buying and selling things.

Class Agent:
Alvah Wyman

Class of 1953

Thelma Sennett Vining wrote that she has two grandchildren in college: Ashley is a junior at Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Lucas is a sophomore at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Her granddaughter, Alicia Vining, graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. from the school of business and a minor in sports marketing. Alicia accepted a job as marketing coordinator for the Washington Wizards and also is the field ball girl for the Washington National baseball team. Alicia enjoys living in Washington, D.C. and following her passion for sports.

Charlene Call, sister **Joyce Rowe** and her partner, Richard Gerry, visited **Kaye Mooers** and Stirling Thurston in Oakland, Maine, and enjoyed a visit on Salmon Lake in August. Joyce said they had a good summer and wishes all classmates happy holidays and a joyous New Year.

Matt Scott wrote, "Well another day older and deeper in debt - who said that?? Life goes on under any event. Bev Libby and I made our annual trip to Florida for the winter and back to Maine for the summer. Had a great visit with Stirling and Kaye at the Hudson Theater and enjoyed a luncheon at Papa Joes in Brooksville, Florida, with Faye, John, and friends. **Carl Smith's** presence was a surprise to all. He was our class Mayor back in 1952. Carl recalled all those events. Bev and I ballroom danced all winter in Florida and returned to Maine with Bev having vertigo." Matt said his bee colonies are well and he had a great crop this year. He did 13PP lectures on Maine lake water quality scattered across Maine. The Maine Lake Society folks dubbed him as Maine's Lake Ambassador. He is still writing documents and scientific literature reviews. His good friend is John Banks from the Penobscot River. John and Matt were the only two recipients from Maine to be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their dedication and work for Maine's environment. He was humble and appreciative of the fact that his nomination was supported by

all of his former employees, plus others. Change is the word of today, being a constant among all other variables. To some, change is good and much has been accomplished for all of us since 1953. Matt sees new generations as the new decision-makers, and some rely on past decisions – all to better future lives, we trust. That's his news in his neck of Maine.

Catherine Doyle "Kaye" Mooers and her partner, Stirling, attended the Hall of Fame induction at MCI and were thrilled to see her niece, **Linda Shorey '69**, inducted this year. Linda's sister, **Donna '64** and other family members also attended. Kaye and Stirling were thankful for the help from classmate, **Matt Scott**, getting wharf, float, and boat in the water for summer fun. Stirling and Kaye enjoyed the winter in Florida and Kaye's daughter, granddaughter, and two great grandchildren spent a week with them. One of the highlights of their visit was swimming with the dolphins, and another was taking a helicopter ride. The fall has been very busy for them. They purchased a house in Sidney, Maine, and put the house on the lake on the market. Time to downsize! Kaye will send new address and phone numbers to all. We hope this winter is milder and that you all enjoy outside activities.

Joyce Bane Holt writes Kaye often and sends newspaper clippings to let Kaye know of various folks in the Pittsfield area. It is so good of her to take the time to do that. She is enjoying doing puzzles this winter.

Class Agent:
Kaye Doyle Mooers

Class of 1955

Ethel Rowe Green wanted us to know she has finished her second book, *Jesus Said It*. Congratulations!

James Hallee called with information about his family. One of his granddaughters is in college and gets straight A's and another is still in high school.

I'm glad I could be the Class Agent again. It is nice to hear from my classmates.

Class Agent:
Leona Cross Lovely

Class of 1959

The following were among those present for our 60th Reunion last August: **Charlie Armstrong, Janice Cianchette Harkins, Lucille Smith Webber, Donna Donaldson Moor, Tony Frederick, Dave Pattee, Sophia Kellis, Dick Gordon, and Paul Bertrand**. After the luncheon on front campus, most of the class met at **Paul Bertrand's** house for an enjoyable afternoon.

Don McDougal writes that a bear broke through the electric fence surrounding his beehives last April. The bear got the bees and the honey but didn't break any of Don's equipment. A few days later, Don turned on the outside light to let his dog out and saw the bear lying down about ten or fifteen feet from the front steps of his house. As far as I know, that was the last time that Don saw the bear. Don and his wife, Ann, live on Don's grandfather's place in Hartland, where Don grew up.

Paul Bertrand hosted the class gathering after the luncheon at MCI as he has done several times in the past. Paul's son, **Tom '90**, continues to coach the MCI football team. They won the State Class D Championship three years ago and the State Class C State Championship the following year. Paul's grandson, **Alex '16**, is assistant coach with his father.

Dick Gordon volunteers at St. Joseph's Hospital and Ross Manor, both in Bangor.

Janice Cianchette Harkins' daughter, Heidi, visited Janice for three days in October. Heidi is a member of the administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Class Agent:
Red MacMichael

Class of 1964

Why yes is the answer to your glorious fall question. I was able to have forty

kindergarteners from the Hartland Somerset Middle School walk over on October 4th to pick up their pumpkins and potatoes. This is my 18th year having the future gardeners come over in the spring to plant and see what grew in the fall (that the deer hadn't eaten)! Over the years, 1,500 children have visited.

A big, huge, "thank you" to **Steve Barnes** in finding a meeting place for our 55th class reunion, held at JW Parks Golf Course's Broken Putter. The class members who attended were **Ralph Damren** (who represented the Class of '64 at the MCI luncheon), **Glenda McMann Weymouth**, **Linda Tozier Dean**, **Crystal Hunt Cyr**, **Ben Doody**, **Mark Hopkins**, **Rita Flood Bubar**, **Pat Dow**, **Ed Toulouse**, **Frank Chaffin**, **Steve Barnes**, **Donna Brooks Rolfe** (who was a great help setting up the pictures and the books). Joining us also was **Rae Philbrick** and **Jim Tozier**, as well as **Lynn Ames** and **Robert Coffey**, who mentioned he could cross attending the 55th reunion off his bucket list!

Those classmates who planned to attend when life decided to change their plans were **Jim Scribner**, **Jeff Hathorn**, and **Leon Southard**. Leon left a heartfelt message on his misadventures, and yes, we missed you all as well.

For all of you that might have not come, we were sorry to miss your smiling faces. Remember, there's always the 60th coming up in 2024!

Summer visitors to our neck of the woods included **Tom and Anne Haseltine** up from Tennessee, **Lowell Martin** and Libby as well as **Joan VanDerveer Gould** and Bob from New Hampshire.

I'm wondering if the Bud's Shop 'n Save might be a good pre-reunion spot to meet, as I saw **Carole Daily Vigue** and **Jane Woodcock Woodruff** there! Both ladies are busy as usual. Jane did a super job on the Pittsfield 200 year event. On a trip to Walmart, I met **Bob Mercier** and **Marlene Hunt Ward** and her husband picking up camping supplies.

A card from **Richard Withee** arrived the afternoon of our 55th from Chicago.

Carolyn and Buzz Belanger sent the cutest picture of granddaughter, Vivian, and also picture of Dot Creasy Ackerman – two great grandsons, Thomas IV and Theodore.

Hope you're all happy and healthy!

Class Agent:
Barbara Vigue Day

Class of 1966

I was SO HAPPY to hear from several people from whom we haven't heard at all or for a long time! We have a class whose lives are diverse and interesting. I have this dream that for our 55th, there will be a huge group of us. Don't forget - that's the first weekend in August of 2021. Start planning a trip to Maine now! I think you will be very pleased with how well our school is doing and how glad everyone will be to see you.

I'd like to say a few words about the tenacity and optimism of our friend and classmate, **Prescott Arnold**, who was active in sports and school politics while a dorm student at MCI. He has been keeping in frequent touch with tales of his latest health challenges and he always seems to be upbeat about it all. He reports that he is having more health issues at present and his cancer has moved to his bronchus intermedius, which is repairable. Recent scans have shown he is cancer-free! He adds that he has five grandkids - three are honor students in grade school and two are still in diapers – and they live 15 minutes from him in an area south of his home. He drives them home after school every day!

Rick Ball reports that he was "under the radar" at MCI, so he doubts that he left any impressions. "Thanks to MCI, I was accepted to Suffolk University in Boston but lasted a semester." (He attributes this to trying to compete above his pay grade and too much partying in Beantown!) He spent a year at Husson, then enlisted in the Marine Corps, where he spent two years (the enlistment requirement), including an eight-month tour in Vietnam

as an air traffic controller on the outskirts of Danang. In 1970, while home on leave, he met, fell in love with and married a girl from Illinois. Upon return from Vietnam and his eventual honorable discharge, he entered Husson again, graduating in 1974 with a BS in Business Administration. Rick worked at Value House in Bangor while attending Husson, was promoted to assistant showroom manager in 1974 a couple months prior to graduation. In 1975, Rick and his wife moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he began taking federal civil service exams and was accepted into the U.S. Border Patrol. His first duty assignment was San Diego, where he spent his entire 22-year career before retiring in 1998 as a sector program manager. He was later rehired by the IN&NS, San Diego District, as a deportation officer. He completed that assignment in 2002. In 2004, he was hired by a local resort hotel to manage their security department which Rick did until 2011 when he decided to retire *really*. Rick has been blessed with three beautiful and talented daughters: Krystal (an RN and Professor of Nursing at Cal State Bakersfield), Bethany (who sadly passed at age 41 in 2015 from breast cancer), and Katie (a corporate recruiter) who provides in-home care for the elderly. He is very proud to have three college grads from Cal State Bakersfield, University of Hawaii, and Ottawa University. He is also blessed with five grandchildren ranging in ages from 10 to 29, and two great grandchildren, ages 2 and 6.

John Hamlin writes, "I have followed some of you and others over the years through the *Alumnus* and am happy for everyone's successes and ability to stay in touch with each other. My years at MCI were not my best due to family issues, and I stayed within myself a lot and wasn't very popular. That's probably why I haven't been communicating all these years. My life, though, has been blessed with three wonderful children: Jeremy, 46, Emily, 40, Seth, 35, and five grandchildren: Hunter, Harley, Colby, Sawyer, and Kamryn. I love them all very much. I have been in the Air Force, to Vietnam, an administrator, operations

manager, owned several businesses over the years, and managed to own a home in the state I love. I am now living at 455 Lang Hill Road, Palmyra, and staying busy. I've worked my way through cancer, a broken back, and my latest issue, osteomyelitis. My wife's name is Leslie, and we have been married for 42 years. She is from Portland and has been my main supporter all this time." Hooray, hooray - John Hamlin is back!

Vicki Boetsch Harriman reports that she moved into the Villages of Rockport Estates at 19 Michelle Lane, Rockport, Maine, and she "finds my days filled with unpacking and culling. Then there's work: my life certainly has morphed onto a new path that I had not quite anticipated. I'm back at Mid-Coast School of Technology in Rockland for my eighth year. It's a brand new center, beautiful and full of new technical challenges. I continue to be passionate about being an instructor in the high school's CNA Program and the adult education department. The Personal Support Specialist Program is something I've taught for three years now. It's been a real eye opener to me as I initially taught for MDST in the 1980s in the old building, so I'm very pleased to be part of the move into the new technical center. I'm again a volunteer alumna and coach in the Pen Bay YMCA Livestrong Program, a program designed for cancer survivors. This has kept me physically active and has also given me the opportunity to give back to the community. However, enough's enough, and I plan to retire in June 2020 to work on the rest of my Bucket List, which includes traveling and exploring new horizons.

Mary Frost Laplant reports: "I worked for Edwards Co. for 46 years, while raising our four sons with my husband, Steve. We also have six wonderful grandchildren. We sold our bigger home in Pittsfield in 2012, the same year that we retired. We moved to a mobile home park where we have been for the last seven years. On September 27th, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We spend February and March in Ruskin, Florida, getting a little reprieve from the cold and snow! We enjoy getting together with **Anna Parker**

and **Danny Oakes**, who also live in our park.

Linda Abbott Morgan, "the gypsy," has moved again.... this time back to Georgia where she has a daughter, son, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A small group of us – **Vicki Boetsch Harriman, Dalen Mills, Norby** and **Chris Young, Dan Oakes, Anna Parker** and **Kathy Sweet Waugh**) had a mini reunion after the annual reunion on campus. We met in Rockland, Maine, on a beautiful autumn day, had a delicious meal at Archer's Restaurant on the pier, lots of fine visiting and laughs, and then we went to see Vicki Harriman's new digs in Rockport. She has a beautiful place there!

Terry Ranney continues to be active with the Celtic music scene in Vermont with Highland bagpipers in the "Catamount Pipe Band" as Pipe Sergeant, and leader of "Cauld Winds," a Scottish small pipes ensemble. He's also active as a solo piper for weddings/memorials and other events. Terry recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Joanne.

I just learned that **Sharon Savasuk** is a Class of '66 alum – just not from MCI. So because Sharon does a fantastic job in the Advancement Office for all of us, I decided to adopt her into our MCI Class of '66 as we did with some others who never actually graduated with us. Sharon recently visited Arizona where I used to live and emailed me this news about her trip: "I had a wonderful time! I didn't realize Arizona was so beautiful! I've driven across it a few times, but guess I was just trying to get to the next place. We went to Sedona and to Casa Grande, plus visited Payson and other places. My friend lives near Chandler. It was 100 the whole time I was there!"

Alan Shumway lives in Amherst, Massachusetts, which is where he's been his whole life. He is partners with his two sons in Shumway Roofing. Alan has five children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He says he's "slowed down being the age I am, but I still go to work every day and have no plans for

retirement." Over 53 years ago at MCI – wow!

Claude Sniezek and his wife celebrated their 51st anniversary in August 2019. They are both retired and winter in Florida on the west coast in the small town of Englewood. They still reside in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in the summer. They keep busy with all the activities that Florida has to offer. Their oldest daughter teaches fifth grade in Fairhaven, and their youngest daughter works for a hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire. Their son is a police officer for the town of Fairhaven. "We have five grandchildren: the oldest graduated for Plymouth State College with a degree in finance. Her brother graduated from Kennett High School in New Hampshire and is working towards his license as a gas and propane installer. Our son's oldest daughter is in her second year of nursing school at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts. His youngest daughter is a senior at Fairhaven High School and plays volleyball and softball. Our youngest grandchild is in his second year at Fairhaven High School and plays baseball for the high school team. Although I have never been back to MCI for any of the reunions, this may be the year for that trip to Maine."

Kathy Sweet Waugh feels very fortunate to be in good health and grateful for this time to enjoy life. Charles is happily working on new anthologies, while she is working hard and having fun remodeling, reorganizing and redecorating their house. Their hearts are warmed by 7 grandchildren and their feet are by a big brown dog and furry black cat! They are hoping for a cozy winter.

Thanks to everyone!

Class Agent:
Anna Parker

Class of 1968



Classmates from 1968: first allow me to apologize to you. I did not submit any news about our Fabulous 50th Reunion in 2018. Those of you who attended know that we all had a wonderful time! We made it a three-day event with a gathering on Friday evening at the home of **Steve and Dora Barrett Miles**; on Saturday, we attended the Reunion Luncheon where we were made a fuss over being it was our 50th. Saturday afternoon we were welcomed for a class party at the home of Rose Ann and **Ellery Hathorn** on Unity Pond where we had a wonderful time together extending our day. On Sunday morning, Paul and **Kathy Starbird Warburg** invited all to their summer home on Unity where we had a delicious breakfast brunch and toured the lake on party boats. What was so great was the fact that we spread out our celebration, allowing some people to come to at least one of the gatherings if they were unable to come to the luncheon. Pictures of our 50th are posted on our Facebook page. At this year's Reunion Weekend, Jesse, **Dawn Peterson Cox** and I attended some of the events on campus including the luncheon where Dora joined us. As it was the 50th for my sister, **Bonnie Jean Hanson Gulliver '69**, we tagged along with her and her class, attending the class party at the beautiful home of Amy and **Gary Fitts '69** on Sibley Pond. It was great to have the opportunity to catch up with some of our *younger* MCI classmates. A few of us had the chance to visit the Pittsfield Historical Society's beautifully restored Railroad Depot. It is worth a visit if you get the opportunity to go sometime! On Tuesday of the following week, Steve and Dora, Jesse and Dawn, Ellery and Rose Ann, Paul and Kathy, Bonnie Jean

and I went up to Moosehead Lake and took the three-hour Katahdin Cruise followed by dinner at the Stress Free Moose and a stop for ice cream in Dexter on the way home. We had a surprise visit prior to our boat cruise with **Cheryl Foster Duplessis** who was getting ready to sign papers on the sale of her house in Greenville. She will be living year round now in her home in Sebastian, Florida. It was lovely to see her, even for a short visit. Congratulations to **Jean Hammond Watts** who is on [this month's] cover of *Maine Seniors* magazine. There is a wonderful article highlighting our beautiful friend that celebrates her teaching, her art and her travels. I could just hear her voice and her delightful laugh as I read her quotes. Do yourself a favor and check it out!

Cheryl Foster Duplessis writes "I sold my Greenville home in August and as of yesterday, I'm once again an official resident of Florida after 20 plus years. I'm still working as business manager for The Birches Resort in Rockwood, so expect I will be returning to Maine on occasion to touch base. How fortunate I am to have such a beautiful location to return to and a boss who allows me to work remotely! It was great seeing the classmates who made the trip to Greenville for the cruise on The Katahdin. Wish my schedule that day had been such that I could have spent more time with all of you, but that was my last day in Greenville. Maybe I can plan one of my trips to Rockwood around next year's reunion time and be able to join all of you for next year's road trip. Looking forward to seeing you in Florida this winter!"

As the time flies by, we learn the importance of keeping in touch with friends. Please connect with our Facebook page and feel free to add your comments and photos. Here is the link to follow: www.facebook.com/groups/MCIClassof1968

Wishing you all healthy days and many blessings in your lives.

Class Agent:
Sharon Hanson Ringuette

Class of 1969

The MCI-Warsaw Class of 1969 held our 50th reunion this past year and more than thirty class members were present as well as many family members and significant others to add to the large group.

Many enjoyed the reunion brunch sponsored by Judy and **Jim Rowe** as well as the reunion luncheon, sponsored by Elaine and **Gregg Patterson**. The class party was held at the camp of Amy and **Gary Fitts**. We had a special guest as **Rowena Butler Turner** – who was an eighth grade teacher for many of us – and she looked the same. We all had a wonderful time sharing old memories and making new ones as well. Also, wanted to share that the Class of 69 reached its financial goal of reaching over \$69k for the fiscal year.

Please feel free to add to the class notes in the future by email (sryman@comcast.net) or adding comments to the MCI-Warsaw Class of 1969 Facebook page.

Class Agent
Susan Furbush Ryman

Class of 1970

Martha Lloyd and her husband, Jim Evans, have continued to enjoy their traveling, this fall to Dayton, Ohio, for Jim's 50th high school reunion, and then drove to New Orleans, stopping at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Civil War sites in both Chattanooga and Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the way. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on a five-day trip to *The Big Easy*, which was lots of fun!

Class of 1970 50th reunion is NEXT summer, July 31st - August 1st, so put it on your calendars! The planning committee of **Bill Cunningham, David England, Alan Kennedy, Amos Davis, Darrell and Dennis Goodridge, Joe Roberts**, and myself are hard at working and seeking more volunteers: contact me (mlloydjevans@gmail.com) if you would like to join. We have reserved the Pinnacle

as our class party venue for August 1st, starting mid-afternoon, and you will be receiving intermittent reminders with more details along the way.

Kip Files sold the *Victory Chimes* and is now living at Sugarloaf. He works for the local TV station, WSKI TV channel 17. You can catch him every weekend live streaming at 0730 to 900. He's also on the board of the Ski Museum of Maine. Kip is looking forward to the 50th next summer!

Bill Cunningham writes, "I'm looking forward to doing some serious cross-country skiing this winter with ski club trips planned to Camp Mercier and St. Anne in Quebec, West Branch Pond Camps near Greenville, Sky Lodge in Jackman, Kidney Pond Camps in Baxter State Park, and ten days in central Norway (the country!). I've spent most of October getting my mother, now 98, settled into an assisted living apartment in Orono after she was hospitalized due to two bad falls she had in late September. She is now doing fine because of all the extra daily care she is receiving."

David England writes, "This past summer, Susan and I decided it was time to downsize. We put the house on the market and it sold quickly. We are now living in what we call "Cozy Cottage" – a little one-bedroom bungalow just outside of Wickford, Rhode Island. I am still running my plumbing business, just taking the jobs that I can handle by myself. Susan is filling in at her school when she is needed. Life is good right now. We get to kick back and enjoy each day. I am very excited about our upcoming reunion. I know that I don't have to remind any of you what year we will be celebrating. The class of '70 reunion committee has already started putting together a gathering for Saturday afternoon following the luncheon that will be held on the lawn in front of Founders Hall, or as some of us refer to it as, the Institute Building. I hope that all of you can make it to this milestone occasion. **Bill Cunningham, Martha Lloyd Evans**, myself, and the rest of the reunion committee will continue to keep you informed of the plans for the class party. Please save the date, Saturday,

August 1, 2020. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you there. It's a biggie!"

Note: The classes of '69 and '71 are invited to join us for our class party.

Class Agents:
Martha Lloyd
Bill Cunningham
David England

Class of 1971

Here we are, one year from our 50th reunion. We are putting together a committee to plan and execute our Class of '71 MCI-Warsaw 50th Reunion. **Tam Wright Monette, Milton Webber** and I have started with preliminary planning. If you are interested in helping, let any of us know!

Please Facebook friend me, **Laurie Fitts Loosigian**, if you want me to include you on our MCI '71 Facebook page. Also, update your address, email and phone with the MCI Advancement Office so we can get in touch with you.

In taking stock of where we all are at this stage of life, I have learned of classmates enjoying grandkids: **Jean Zarate, Cindy Nash Dempsey, Colleen Peterson Seremet, Tam Wright Monette, Deb Morancie Giallombardo**; and **Linda Sweet Thornton** visited son, Dylan, in Montana for granddaughter's tenth birthday; **Milton and Kathy Webber** write about their six-month old grand twins; and retired **Mary Lloyd** and Bill Smith celebrated 43 years of marriage and they welcomed their 4th grand in August and look forward to a fifth! **Tam Cianchette** babysat for a year in Maryland for her first grandson and she is headed down for another year to babysit for new redheaded grandson; and **Cushing Titcomb** spent a family vacation with grandkids in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and also completed the 165 mile Pan Mass Challenge to raise money for cancer research.

Moving, downsizing, vacation homes and retiring: Retiree, **Linda Wiles** (not

Linda Viger Wiles) bought a townhouse in Rochester, New Hampshire, and volunteered at our apple orchard while I recovered from a herniated disc; **Greg Saunders** has worked on his house in Arizona in order to rent it; we are switching houses with our daughter's family so she can take over the apple orchard and we will work for her!

Activities: **Krista Pease** has just taken a cruise; I see **Tom Cianchette** boating in Venice, Florida, and fishing with a grandchild; Brad and **Laura Kennedy Hanson** are involved with baseball in California and took a long trip back east, visiting family and touring all around Maine; **Tam Wright Monette** takes daily walks outdoors; **Colleen Peterson Seremet** enjoys her life on Pettengill Pond in the Sebago Lake region; and she loves to play pickleball, especially at her new place in Venice, Florida!

Johnna Furbush and **Jeff Farkas** came back to Pittsfield for the class of '69 reunion.

Roxann Souci writes that she is fostering and training West Highland White Terriers in Denver, and she has two of her own. She owns a social media company and is currently writing a book about her experiences as an international ghost writer of love letters for a year.

Brek Hamilton and Barbara are living in Pittsfield. Married 48 years. They enjoy having five grandchildren and a great grand. They have traveled to Costa Rica, Europe and Bahamas. They won a Powerball cruise and 5K last year. He is a partner of True North Hemp, which grows hemp for CBD and is busy as ever!

Sadly, we say goodbye to **Marilyn Lloyd** who passed in April and we send condolences to the Jones family as **Bud and Barbara Jones** both died this fall within a month of each other. Colleen also lost her mom last March. I'm sure many of you are facing family illness and deaths and we wish you well on this journey!

Retiree **Richard Ingraham** is cleaning up projects at home and camp, got his real estate license, guided, drives a school bus

and is substitute teaching. Wow, does this sound like retirement??

Thanks for such an amazing response for news!

Class Agent:

Laurie Fitts Loosigian

Class of 1973

Hi classmates. I hope you all had a great summer and are enjoying these terrific fall days. Our summer was a busy one so we are now enjoying a slower pace. David is still operating his business and enjoys his work. He can be flexible with his schedule, which is nice. I am again back at my former school filling in as a substitute two days a week, which I enjoy. It's nice spending time with my former colleagues and students. Please become a member of our class Facebook page - MCI Class of '73 (Maine Central Institute) - as well as the MCI Alumni Association (Maine Central Institute) page. It's a great way to stay in touch with classmates and friends as well as learn what's current with student life, sports news and activities at MCI. Best wishes to you all.

Class Agent:

Susan Smith England

Class of 1976

Condolences to **Penny Marcia Dana** on the death of her mom. At **Mark Jones's** mom's viewing, I saw Coach Beveridge and his wife. The Coach looks the same as he always did. Mrs. Beveridge must keep him in a canning jar till she needs him for something!

Condolences to **Colleen Dunphy Martin**, her brother, and the rest of the family on the death of their mom, **Dot Dunphy** on October 12, 2019.

Before I go much further, I must add a couple of other sad notes: condolences to **Ted Cianchette** and his sisters of the passing of their mom, Terry. Now how am I gonna get news about you, Teddy? (I

used to get it from your mom when I'd see her.) Also to the Jones family for losing both Bud (Sumner) and Barbara within weeks of each other, and to **Jeff (Hadley) Chandler** and his family for losing his Mom. We also lost **Tom Richardson, Jr.** to cancer. Condolences to Patty, Trent and his sisters.

Hobbled (Yes. Hobbled. I did something to my right knee in my last fall this last early spring, trying to cross the only remaining ice on the bloody street) down to the Pittsfield carnival this July to do my thing calling Beano for the Kiwanis and found when I got there that the Masons were doing it. I stayed awhile and had some food while resting for the hobble home. I shan't go down next year unless somebody gives me a ride both ways.

In other news, I'm the curator at the Depot House Museum, which is still a work in progress with some work having been finished in time for the Bicentennial of Pittsfield this summer, which saw the Railroad bring the Office Car Special to us for tours. (I now have a better understanding of how cramped and narrow those corridors were back in the old days as I ain't as skinny as I once was 40+ yrs. ago!) FYI: It costs over \$5K a day for that train to run. They also gave us an old Putt-Putt logoed for the old Boston & Maine RR to display next to the retired Caboose. The remaining work is to restore the men's restroom, put the heat in, replace the floor in the ladies restroom, and bring some artifacts back to the museum from storage.

Also congrats to **Patty Davis** on getting hitched to my cousin, **Steve DeBeck '75**, last October.

Dave Collamore: I met the folks who are now living in your old home who are transplants from Florida and they have a dog that reminds me of Spotty in that he almost knocked me over as I passed by a few weeks ago. He's not a coach dog like Spotty was -- I think he's a brown-colored Retriever.

All from here for now. Please get your computers out and drop me a line or two

or drop me a snail mail. See you next time!

Class Agent:

Don Hallenbeck

Class of 1978

Paul Kohler writes, "Hope all is well. Just an update on us. I am a professional engineer and senior vice president at S.W. Cole Engineering and have been with the company for almost 35 years. My wife Sue just retired from Central Maine Power after 33 years. We live in Standish, Maine. Our son Matt is a respiratory therapist in New Hampshire, and our daughter Katie is a registered nurse in Portland. We spend time in the summer on our boat on Sebago Lake. We still ski in the winter. We also like to see my forever young classmates from MCI down in the Old Port when we can. Take care."

Class Agent:

Robert Stackhouse

Class of 1979

A big thank you to all the classmates of 1979 who came to reunion. It was one of our best attended yet! We had over forty classmates get together over the three-day weekend, from golfing to Saturday lunch, then class party at the Masonic Lodge, followed by an evening on the porch at the Putter. Some people even carried over to a barbecue at **Steve Lancaster's** on Sunday. We had a great time catching up and reminiscing. Hope to see everyone again at our 45th!

Class Agent:

Kathy Kelley

Class of 1984

Susan Ross McFarlin writes, "At our 35th class reunion, Danny surprised me in front of our classmates by asking me to spend another 35 years with him! We are

celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary in November, so on October 12th, in front of family and friends, we renewed our vows and recommitted one to the other. It was a special moment that was supported by our two children, Joshua and Jennifer, who stood up with us. Here's to many more wonderful years together!"

Class Agent Needed

Class of 1993

Diane Howes Leahy writes, "We have a two-year old granddaughter who lives in Rockland and we love spending time with her! She also loves to walk the Breakwater with her Nai (Grammy). We spend a lot of time at our new camper in the Millinocket area."

Class Agents:

Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo
Kristin McCaughey Gagnon

Class of 1999

Claude Tozier is living in Waterville and working as a Hub Coordinator for O'Reilly Autoparts in Augusta.

Shannon Davis Ring and **Tyler '01** recently celebrated seven years of marriage and are staying busy with their four-year old daughter, Riley. Shannon continues to work in Bangor as a recruiter and has enjoyed lots of fun summer family time.

Stephen McCarron lives in Pittsfield with his family and continues to be a part of the Newport Fire Department.

Nikki Cianchette Steeves lives in Pittsfield with her husband **Pat '98** and sons Cole and Drew. Nikki continues to work as a college recruiter and stays busy as the President of the MCI Football Boosters.

Abigail Ross Varga is a partner at Lambert Coffin in Portland Maine. She lives in South Portland with her family and loves that work. Friends and family

regularly bring her back to Pittsfield!

Faye Mack lives in Machias where she graduated from college in 2005. Faye teaches third and fourth grade in Machiasport at Fort O'Brien Elementary School, nestled between the ocean and the State Historic Site. Faye coaches cross-country and stays involved in her community. She has two daughters, 7 and 11, and a wonderful boyfriend, who all keep her very busy.

Natalia Mayhew Hall lives in Pittsfield with husband, **Ben Hall '01**, and their two children, Laney (age 8) and Luke (age 6). Natalia continues to work as a Manager at Northern Lights EMMC in Bangor and keeps busy volunteering in town during her free time.

Laura Wyly Johnson, Ph.D. lives in Texas. In 2018, Laura became Baylor University's Title IX Coordinator, following an extensive career in student life at other institutions, including Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students/Title IX Coordinator at Georgetown College. In November this year, she was promoted to Baylor's Associate Vice President for Equity in addition to her Title IX duties.

Class Agent:

Natalia Mayhew Hall

Class of 2000

Stephanie Sweatt is living in Knoxville, Tennessee, and works as an Accounting Specialist at NeuroScience Associates.

Class Agents:

Hillary Stevens
Michael Thompson

Class of 2006

Lana Smithner writes, "I've started a non-profit community service called "death, me, dying tree." It hosts free events around the country helping people to release fear of death in order to live more fully.

The accompanying online resource I'm building for it is all about green burials, home funerals, and ways to give back to the earth in death. If any of you would like to attend an event, become involved, donate, or learn more, don't hesitate to email me at deathmedyingtree@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/deathmedyingtree/. Hope to connect with many of you through this work!"

Class Agent:

Andrew Moody

Class of 2008

Joanna Carpentier is currently living in Boston, where she works as a global copywriter for Converse/Nike.

Class Agent:

Tyler LePage

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James Arsenault '59
Nichole Braley '05
Malcolm Cianchette '69
Steven Cox '63
Charles Deguisto '80
Arnold Dunning '62
Lawrence Dysart '59
George David Fenderson '53
John Griffin '56
Kenneth Hatch '66
Marie Larochelle Heffren '50
Barbara Jones
Sumner Jones
John Judson '49
David Lary '66
Gunnar Lovely '15
Jean Purinton Maynard '41
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Helen Mosher
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Thomas Pierce
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Molly Lawler Tash '76
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David Varney '69
Ellen Hanscom White '85
Terry Sherwood White '86
Roy Williams '09
Stanley Wyman '46

The Advancement Office extends our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who have passed on. We try to accurately record the names of the alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office about the passing of MCI alumni/ae and friends by calling (207) 487-5915 or by email (alumni@mci-school.org).

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Cianbro Corporation; a company founded by his father, **Carl '37**, in 1946. He is survived by his partner and loving wife of 36 years, Judy Cianchette; his son, **Aaron Cianchette '92** and partner, Jennifer LaChance of Windham, Maine; daughters, **Megan Kelley '95** and husband, Daniel, of Quincy, Massachusetts, **Nicole Steeves '99** and husband, **Patrick '98**, of Pittsfield; four grandsons, **Cole '21** and **Drew Steeves '23**, Jack and Luke Cianchette; three granddaughters, Bridget, Fiona, and Shannon Kelly; brothers, **Brian Cianchette '61** and wife, Sonia, **Steven Cianchette '77** and wife, Lisa; sisters, **Janice (Cianchette) Harkins '59**, **Carleen Carlson '64** and husband, J.C., Jill Lambert and husband, Ron; several nieces, nephews, and many other relatives. He leaves behind two special cousins, **Charlie '78** and **Earle Cianchette '73**.

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and famine, and his challenges as a refugee in Kenya. Mr. Iftin is now a professional interpreter, author and college student majoring in political science.

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