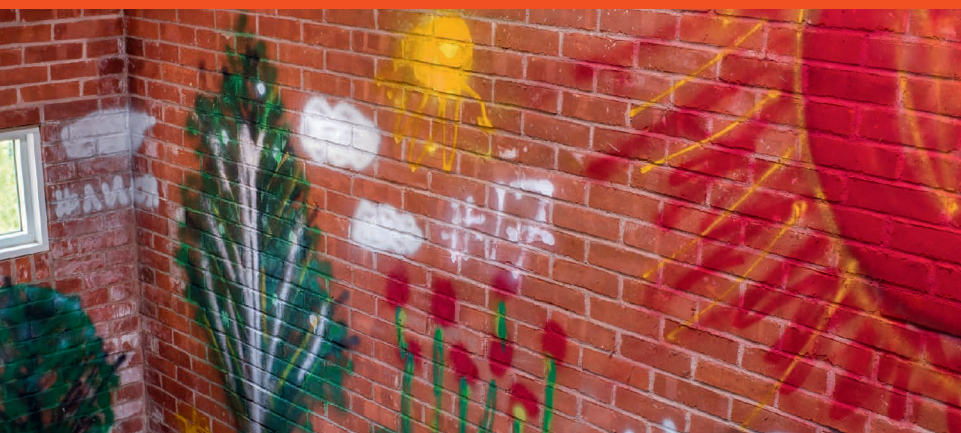




# SUFFIELD

SPRING/SUMMER 2017







#### ON THE COVER

For the final time, students left their creative mark on Memorial Building. While preserving its historical façade, the complete renovation and expansion of Memorial will fully integrate Suffield's main classroom building into the academic quadrangle along Bell Hill.

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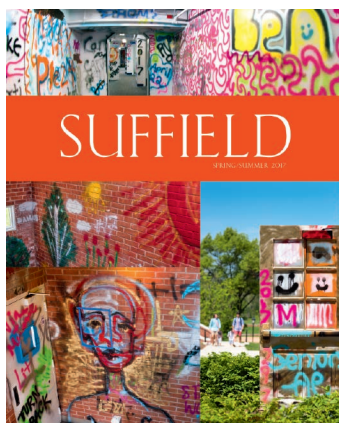
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THE NETWORK OF PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH SUFFIELD NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME. THERE IS A SHARED COMMITMENT TO OUR CORE VALUES, ESPECIALLY KINDNESS. TAKE THE STORY OF **SUZY VOGLER P'11**.



In September Brodie Hall will open in the space between our historic Main Street dormitories and Kotchen Quadrangle. It includes the restoration of a colonial New England barn and a dormitory addition. Along with the expansion of Memorial Building, Brodie Hall completes Suffield's most recent campus master plan and symbolizes our continued renaissance. It is named in recognition of Suzy Vogler's generous, broad commitment to Suffield. In her typically thoughtful way, Suzy asked that instead of naming it for her we do so for her parents, Don and Barbara Brodie.

So here's how the web unfolded this time. A long-time friend of mine named Shelley Dorfler was the secondary school placement director at Town School for Boys in San Francisco. In the fall of 2006 Shelley called to tell me about Brodie Vogler, who would visit Suffield in a few weeks. Brodie was an 8th-grader at Town, and he and his parents, Suzy and Bill, were headed east to look at boarding schools. Shelley told me Suffield would be perfect for Brodie academically and for him to further his passion for golf, and fortunately it was within a few hours of the Voglers' farm in Greene County, New York.



Suzy, who I had never talked to before, hugged me the first time we met. They loved Suffield, and Brodie enrolled in September 2007. He flourished. In 2010 Suzy joined our Board of Trustees and she has played a leading role in our community ever since. She is now on the Board's Executive Committee. Her genuine passion for Suffield—for its central values and deep investment in each student—makes her a wonderful trustee. So that's how I met Suzy and how she became involved with our school. The more interesting story is how the Suffield family helped Suzy trace her personal roots.



In 1958, Don and Barb Brodie adopted Suzy from an orphanage in South Korea. They had three children (Kent, Jenny, and Sara), and were known as incredibly kind, giving people. They lived in Woodstock, Illinois and Don ran Coilcraft, a leading manufacturer of microscopic step-down inductors (coils). A few months old, Suzy had been abandoned in Gwanju. Through the state of Illinois and the Christian Children's Fund, the Brodies saw her photo and fell in love. Eighteen months and \$120 later, they met Suzy on an airplane tarmac at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. Kent Brodie was nine, Jenny seven, and Sara five, and they now had a new baby sister. Suzy had an idyllic American childhood and went on to California College of Arts and Crafts. She has never moved from the Bay Area except when she and Bill come east in the summers to run their farm.

Three years ago Suzy mentioned that she would like to join me for a Suffield reception in Seoul. She thought it might also be the right time for her to trace her roots. I introduced her to Tae Sok Park P'12, a friend whose daughter (Su Sie) went to Suffield. A public prosecutor for three decades, Tae Sok has extensive connections throughout South Korea. We hoped they could help trace Suzy's path.

Sure enough, following our Suffield event in Seoul in December 2014, Tae Sok arranged for Suzy and her sisters to visit the orphanage in Gwanju, South Korea. They found her file and learned more about her personal history and journey to America. The friendship of Suzy and Tae Sok symbolizes what is great about Suffield. We cannot wait to open Brodie Hall and are so fortunate to have Suzy Vogler helping lead Suffield forward. 🌸

**From top to bottom:**

Suzy and Headmaster Cahn  
Suzy's adoption agency photo

The Vogler family:  
Bill, Brodie, and Suzy

Tae Sok Park, Sara Brodie Foszcz,  
Jenny Brodie Stoddard,  
Suzy Brodie Vogler, Ms. Yoo Kim





ALONG WITH THE EXPANSION OF MEMORIAL BUILDING, BRODIE HALL  
COMPLETES SUFFIELD'S MOST RECENT CAMPUS MASTER PLAN AND  
SYMBOLIZES OUR CONTINUED RENAISSANCE.







## THE KEN LINDFORS HISTORY PRIZE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN HISTORY

Board of Trustees President Fred Powers '83, P'14 called former Headmaster Ken Lindfors last November to tell him that after discussion with alumni, Headmaster Charlie Cahn, and trustees, the school's graduation award for notable achievements in history would be named the Kenneth I. Lindfors History Award. Ken was on Suffield's faculty from 1961 to 1987. In addition to serving as Headmaster, Ken was the Director of Studies, Assistant Headmaster, and History Department Chair. He conveyed his passion for history to hundreds of students. Fred Powers said, "While we have Ken's portrait on the headmaster's portrait wall in Fuller Hall, we wanted to further honor him as one of Suffield's great figures by having this Commencement prize in his name." The Lindfors History Prize honors outstanding achievement over the course of studies in history. The 2017 recipient was Morgan Islam.

## THE SOLON E. GOLDSTEIN CLASS OF 1916 LEADERSHIP AWARD RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP

The Solon E. Goldstein Class of 1916 Leadership Award was established in 2016 to recognize two students at graduation who have shown noteworthy commitment to Suffield's Leadership Program and sustained leadership in the community. The gift was made possible through an endowed contribution from Jerry Goldstein, Solon Goldstein's son. In researching his father's life, Jerry learned that Solon's time at Suffield was important and meaningful to him. He reached out to fellow Dartmouth alum Jeff McElnea '67, P'12 (a Suffield trustee), and along with Headmaster Cahn they devised the gift's criteria and purpose. Solon then made the contribution in recognition of the 100th year of his father's graduation from Suffield. The winners of the Goldstein Awards receive framed prints speaking to the prize criteria, and they work with Headmaster Cahn to help direct funds from the endowment to areas of school life they feel can be enhanced. It is hoped that this prize will help further compel the winners to remain involved with Suffield for many years, and that they will play a leadership role in the alumni community. The inaugural recipients of the Solon E. Goldstein 1916 Leadership Awards were Lauren Henzy and William Burke.





## SENIOR SEMINARS A FOCUS ON LIFE AFTER SUFFIELD

Suffield seniors annually participate in a three-part seminar that serves as a concluding aspect of the school's Leadership Program. The meetings highlight important topics Suffield wants graduates knowledgeable about as they head on to the next stage in their lives. Led by CFO Patrick Booth, Academic Technology Coordinator Matthew Graham, and Headmaster Charlie Cahn, this year's seminars focused on financial awareness, digital footprints, and Title IX. The seminar led by Patrick Booth hit on topics including credit scores, types of debt, and credit cards, and then moved to more global topics such as the 2008 financial correction and recession. The goal was to help students understand the connection between the financial markets and the larger culture, and to be responsible about their personal financial decisions. Matthew Graham's seminar centered on the trail left when surfing the internet.

It looked at social media, password protection, net neutrality, and the 2017 ISP privacy sellout. The emphasis was on being positive digital citizens in a world of cyber anonymity. The seminar on Title IX covered the history of this legislation, its impact on higher education and American culture, and current issues facing students and schools related to sexual misconduct. It included candid and important dialogue about behavior and responsibility.

### [dig·i·tal foot·print]

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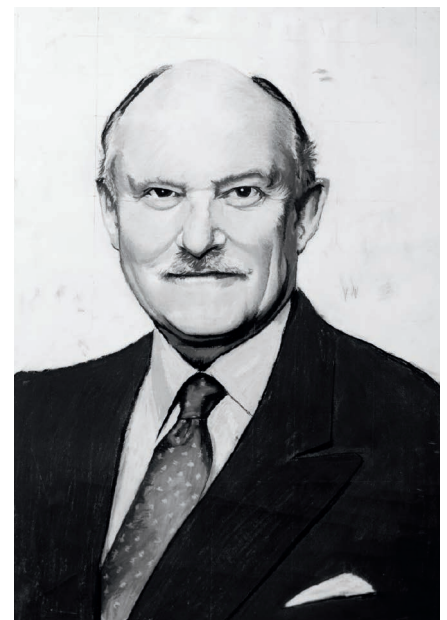
1. one's unique set of digital activities, actions, and communications that leaves a data trace on the internet or on a computer or other digital devices and can identify the particular user or device.
2. the information about a particular person that exists on the internet as a result of their online activity.

"The senior seminars are an important part of our Leadership curriculum. We focus on timely topics related to personal responsibility and citizenship. This year's seniors were engaged in the content and showed their deep commitment to the school and to each other." —Headmaster Charlie Cahn

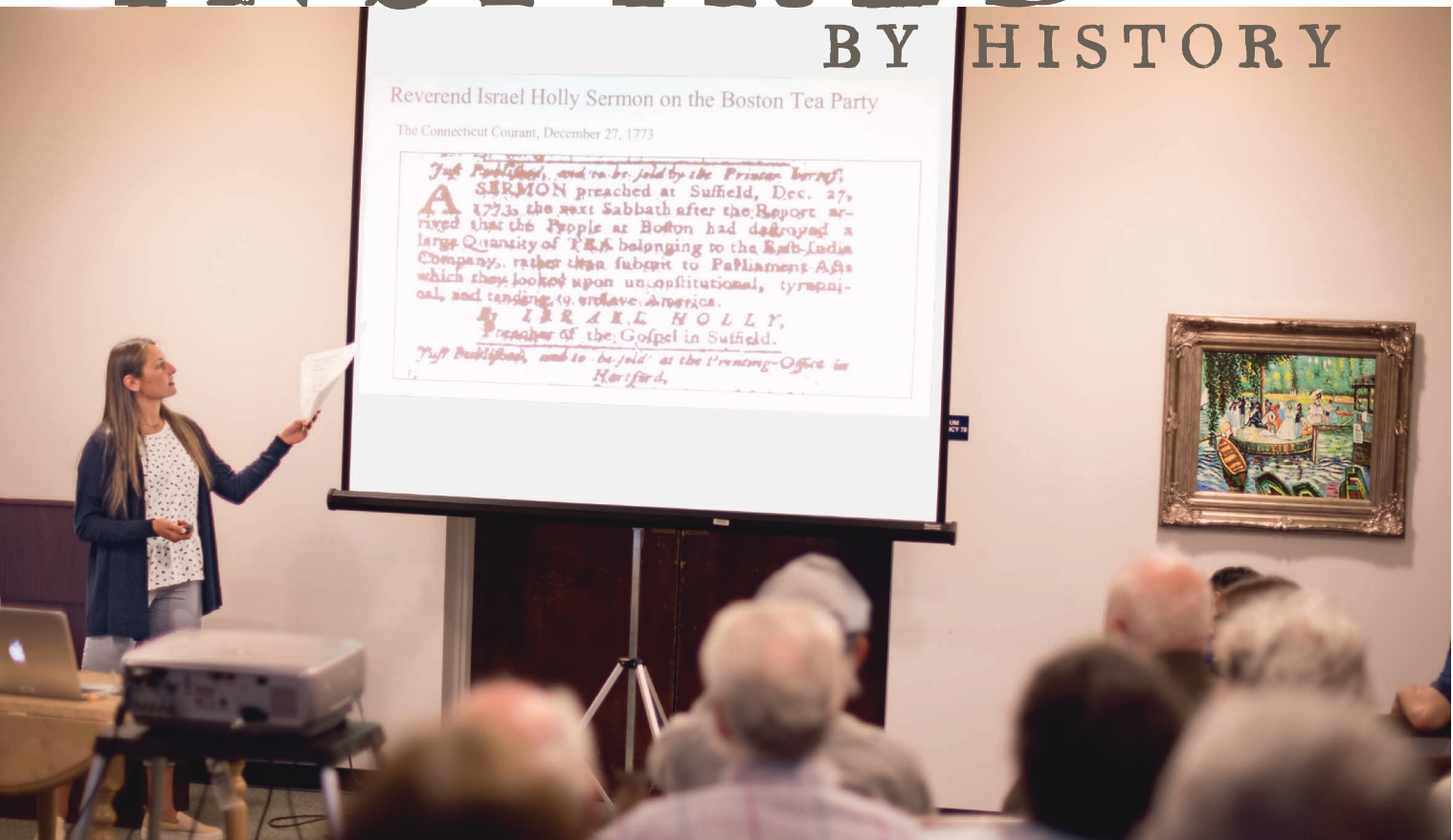
## CLASS OF 1966 AND MANNY CHUKWU '17 HONORING MASON NYE

Manny Chukwu attended Suffield Academy as a postgraduate from Purchase, New York. Of Nigerian descent, his drawings depict landscapes, cityscapes, animals, and portraits often deeply rooted in his connection to African culture. Mason Nye served the Suffield Academy community for 39 years as a member of its faculty. He spent 15 years as the English department chair, 13 as Director of Studies, and was also Assistant Headmaster and Acting Headmaster. His dedication to his students and love for the school permeated the culture of Suffield. He was a collector of art and himself an accomplished landscape painter. The Class of 1966 recognized Mason in many ways in honor of their 50th Reunion. They raised funds to support an endowment established for Mason, and a classroom will be named for Mason in the new Memorial Building. Manny's portrait will be one of two in the room.

"It was an honor to draw this portrait of Mason Nye," remarked Manny. "It is evident he has left behind a lasting impression on this school and the Suffield community. I tried to convey in this piece a sense of respect and spirit, loyalty, and high quality of character."



# INSPIRED BY HISTORY



## SUFFIELD IN 1774

Bill Sullivan's American Studies class presented a free lecture at the town's senior center during a meeting of the Suffield Historical Society. The class, which investigates a different local history topic each year, shared what they discovered about the complexities of freedom and slavery in the town of Suffield during 1774. The students also manage a blog where other schools in Connecticut can view their local history and contribute their findings to a collaborative space.

The year 1774 was chosen for two reasons: it marked the highest recorded number of slaves in Connecticut with 6,464, and 37 enslaved Africans were held in the Town of Suffield. The class also uncovered what part of the population supported the growing patriot cause, who accepted the dictates of the British Parliament, and who remained neutral.

A senior from Bermuda and part of the panel of student presenters, Tanner Moore remarked, "I thought I knew a lot about the Town of Suffield after going to school here for four years. However, while researching I discovered so much that was very intriguing about this historically relevant area. The town had a huge impact on helping to fight for independence. Masses of local men fought in battles, and even wrote a draft of resolutions very similar to the Declaration of Independence years before it was drafted."

"I enjoyed showcasing all we worked on throughout the winter and spring terms," concluded Tanner. "We all put a lot of effort and time into research, and being able to share this and collaborate as a group was very rewarding."



# MUSEUM PROJECTS

The Museum Projects were a highlight of the winter term in the Junior History Area Studies Program. Students in Latin American, European, and China & East Asia Studies selected and researched thematic topics and produced presentations based on their findings.

## 2017 PROJECT THEMES

Latin American Studies | The Collision of Cultures

China and East Asia Studies | Asia Rising After 1945

European Studies | United or Disunited? A Journey Through History

Their posters, slideshows, games, specialty foods, and interactive displays engaged many members of the community. Visitors who attended the Museum Projects were given a chance to vote for their favorites. Below is a list of the results.

## CHINA AND EAST ASIA STUDIES

**Best Overall** *East Asian Medicine & Cures*  
Max Shlafstein & Petch Arpornpattanapong

**Most Scholarly** *Megaports*  
Sasha Derby & Kevin Kuzmeski

**Most Creative** *Megacities*  
Wes Bartlett & Max Bass

## LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

**Best Overall** *Human Rights in Cuba*  
Caroline Gingold & Bryan McLennan  
*Haitian Voodoo*  
Maya Grant & Leticia Sadilina

**Most Scholarly** *Brazilian Sugar Industry*  
Shaun Johnson

**Most Creative** *Latin Music*  
Pat Cordes & RJ Mhoon

## EUROPEAN STUDIES

**Best Overall** *European Espionage*  
Carlin Molander & Jack Godfrey  
*The Soldier's Experience*  
Katherine Kelley & Eva Hafner

**Most Scholarly** *The Hundred Years War*  
Anton Davydenko & Cian Beaulieu

**Most Creative** *The Berlin Wall*  
Jack Pumphret



"The Museum Projects are the culmination of weeks of hard work. As the capstone of our Area Studies Program, the event allows our students to showcase their creativity and research skills while also giving them the opportunity to present their projects to the community. The history department is proud of the commitment made by our students and teachers to make this an outstanding event on campus." History Department Chair Bryan Brissette



## WINNER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BICENTENNIAL ALUMNI AWARD

### MATTHEW KOTCHEN '89



As one of University of Michigan's 200-year anniversary celebration, Matthew Kotchen was chosen as one of just 20 Bicentennial Alumni Award winners. Michigan President Mark Schlissel wrote, "The awards were designed to highlight the excellence and impact of recent graduates and reflect a desire to acknowledge the university's past contributions and herald the future achievements of the Class of 2017 and beyond."

Matthew Kotchen is professor of economics and associate dean at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. He is also a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Matt's research centers on the intersection of environmental and public economics and policy in areas including energy, climate change, "green" markets, corporate social responsibility, development, and applied game theory. After graduating from Suffield, Matt earned degrees at University of Vermont (Bachelor's in Environmental Science), University of Maine (Master's in Resource Economics and Policy) and University of Michigan (Master's in Resource Policy and Behavior and Ph.D in Economics). Prior to joining the Yale faculty in

2009, he held visiting positions at Williams College, University of California (Santa Barbara and Berkeley), Stanford University, and Resources for the Future.

## CONNECTICUT COACHING HONOR BRETT VIANNEY '70, P'12, '14

Brett Vianney was recognized this year by the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association with the Outstanding Coach of the Year Award. For exceptional coaching accomplishments and support of the shooting sports, the award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the mantra of the association: a coach who is willing to change with the times and adapt to new coaching techniques. It has been several years since a coach was last honored by the association.

An Eagle Scout and widely respected English teacher, Brett has co-coached Suffield Academy's varsity and junior varsity riflery programs for the last 16 years, which included seven consecutive Connecticut State High School championship titles. The team's 2017 co-captains Matteo Calderan '18 and Collin Parrow '18 presented the award to Coach Vianney. When asked about what the award means to him, Brett responded and as a true sportsman and gentleman stating, "My colleague Anna McCarthy deserves equal billing. What I did in the last 16 years is a product of the program she created and what I learned from her. She too received this award before me, and it is my honor to share these accolades with her."







# parents' association auction

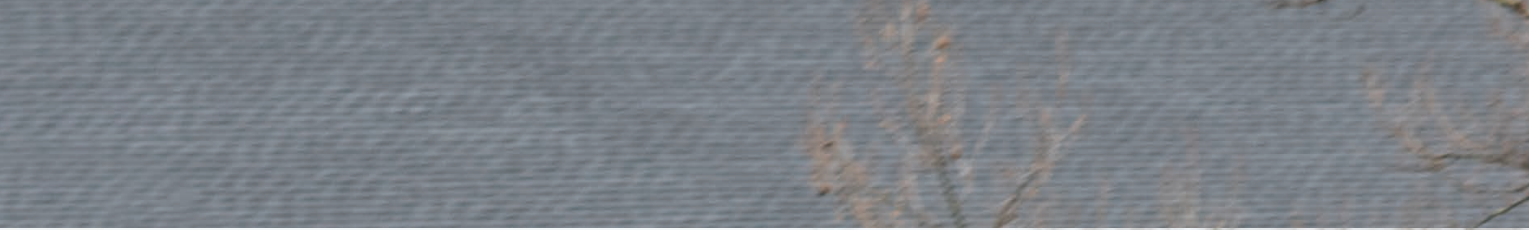
Over 265 parents, faculty, alumni, and trustees attended the 18th Annual Parents' Association Auction. Headmaster Cahn shared auctioneer duties with voice actor Colter Rule P'19. Proceeds from this year's auction helped support the renovation and expansion of Memorial Building and a new full-sized travel bus for Suffield students. Featured auction items included two tickets to *Hamilton* on Broadway, a vacation on Gulf of St. Tropez in the South of France, a 1941 replica of a Columbia Special Streamline girls model F10T bicycle, one week at an English Country Cottage in Somerset, a bottle of Chateau Lafite Rothschild 2013, and a three-day RV rental. The winner of the 2017 Audi Q3 SUV raffle was Chester Kuvás '47 from West Suffield, Connecticut.

Special thanks go to the many parent volunteers and the auction co-chairs, Mary Bonavita P'18 and Maureen Moryto P'16, '18, for their effort and support. The event served as yet another reminder that Suffield is very important and deeply valued by parents.

## PHOTOS

TOP Left: Colter and Katy Rule P'19  
Right: Tyler Sylvester '20 and Ben Sylvester P'18, '20  
BOTTOM Left: James and Vinnett Michel P'12, '17  
Right: Mary-Jo Toczydlowski P'17 and  
Barbara Johnson P'13, '15, '18





spring

## PARENTS' WEEKEND

Parents and families of Suffield students were welcomed to campus to enjoy the start of a new season and the many fun events that fill the spring calendar. The schedule included college counseling and advisor meetings, classroom visits, a discussion with guests about adolescent psychology, athletic contests, and the 18th Annual Parents' Association Auction.

Photos: (left) Liz Sacco '17 and Mary Beth Ogulewicz P'10, '16, '17, '19 (right) John Mosby P'17 and Robin Cappon





# CHILL *on the* HILL



Suffield's annual Chill on the Hill included a boot camp and wipe out challenge, gladiator jousting, mechanical bull, inflatable rock wall, laser tag, airbrush tattoos, and a caricature artist. "It was a refreshing break from our academic work and helped relieve a lot of a stress," said Jayda Reisman '17. Classmate Alayna Miller added, "I looked forward to Chill on the Hill every year. It is one my favorite memories of spring at Suffield."







## ALUMNI LACROSSE



Suffield welcomed back 15 former Tiger athletes from the Classes of 1975 to 2016 for an alumni lacrosse game this spring. The event took place on the turf field in front of a large group of family and friends. Serving as a platform to bond students and alumni of different generations, the friendly competition connected the school's past, present, and future. After an exciting but grueling performance, the boys' varsity team defeated the alumni by a final score of 11 to 7. While the result is not about winning or losing, the game represents a fun afternoon of sport shared between Tigers of all ages. Suffield looks forward to hosting the event the same time next year.

## BOSTON RECEPTION



Suffield Academy hosted a reception for alumni at the Bostonia Public House in Boston. Representing the Class of 1964 through 2012, 40 spirited alumni gathered to celebrate the school. A warm atmosphere of rekindled friendships and new alliances was highlighted by the many fond memories of a high school experience they all shared. The festivities lasted well into the night, while graduates continued to reminisce on the positive impact the Academy had on their lives. The many in attendance hope to make this wonderful commemoration of memories an annual event.



**ALUMNI LACROSSE** 1. Kiernan Flynn '88, Zane Hodgkins '20 21. (front) Erich Seifert '11, Ben Bailey '16, Hunter Newman '16, Connor Keogh '16, Cole Rogalin '16, Eddy Akel '75 (back) Kiernan Flynn '88, Brett Trask '08, Kevin Barry '14, Chase Crean '14, Charlie Cahn, Haven Williams '16, Sam Seifert '09, Conrad Mish '12 3. Cole Rogalin '16, Hunter Newman '16

**BOSTON RECEPTION** 1. (front) Sarah Thomsen '07, Rosemary Chandler '07, Alison Leonard '06, Kaela Keyes '08 (middle) Meghan Thomsen '05, Jeannie LaPlante '04, Franklin Hardy '64, Matt Jones '07, Rena Bartlett '84, Juan Ortiz '90, Susan Pratt '82, Robin Byrne Corsi '90 (back) Phil Riegel '87 P'20, Nancy Brooks '87, Mick Scully '73 P'04, Ross Singmaster '99, Eric Yale '03, Dave Tivin '03, Bob Lally '04, Colin Dowd '11, Tom Burton '89, Ross Currier '06, Neil McCullagh '87, Sam Boyd '06, Dennis Leary '05, Bob Hildreth '75 P'12, '17, Ted Fuller '05, Katrina Smith '08 2. Kaela Keyes '08, Matt Jones '07, Rosemary Chandler '07 3. Sam Boyd '06, Dennis Leary '05



# telethon

For more than a decade Suffield students have annually nominated and chosen non-profit programs or charities to support through fundraising and volunteer efforts. Previous organizations receiving Suffield's support have included Circle of Care, Spouts of Water, Jambo Tanzania in Ghana, Autism Speaks, HARC, Camp Sunshine, Interval House, and Jimmy Fund.

During a three-hour, live-streamed telethon featuring the talents of more than 100 students, Suffield Academy continued school-wide fundraising efforts in support of Akshaya Pātra. Nominated by Yash Patel '17 and his sister Aashi '20, Akshaya Pātra is the world's largest non-profit mid-day meal program serving food to over 1.6 million children from 13,210 schools across eleven states in India. It aims to fight hunger and afford critical access to education.

The telethon raised more than \$32,000 in support of Akshaya Pātra, supplementing the \$4,000 accrued by the school's color run in November and another \$12,000 raised by a charity week in the spring. With a new event organized each day, charity week involved a campus-wide game of capture the flag, a Red Robin restaurant donation dinner, water balloon fight outside the quad dorms, live music on Bell Hill, and a flash dance in the Student Union. A \$40 donation earned participation in all the events, a week of exam dress code, and entrance into a daily raffle performed at lunch.

With two ways to show support—Fund a Meal or Fund a Truck—Suffield's goal was to provide 800 thousand total meals with every nickel providing a nutritious meal for a child hungry to learn. Suffield's combined efforts awarded a distribution vehicle which will give an additional 3,000 meals every day and serve as a long-term impact. The Suffield Academy school seal is printed on the truck to show Suffield's lasting, valued support.

[suffieldacademy.org/akshayapatra](http://suffieldacademy.org/akshayapatra)







akshaya pātra





*Helping*

SOPHOMORE **LEADERSHIP** PROJECTS

*in the Community*







*An important element* of Suffield Academy's Leadership Program, members of the school's sophomore class plan and execute service leadership projects each spring. This year's activities included volunteer cleanup efforts at Hilltop Farm, landscaping and organizational projects around campus, and teaching group and individual leadership skills to local 5th-grade students at McAlister Intermediate School and 1st through 6th-graders at the Enfield Montessori School. Students learned how to work together to accomplish collective goals for classmates and for those outside the Suffield Academy community. "It's great to see our students take initiative to better our community and help these local organizations," said Leadership teacher Mary Mitchell '10. "The efforts made are both gratifying and rewarding."

Describing what she learned from the experience, Laura Pires from Brooklyn, New York commented, "Leadership comes in various forms. It is a tool we use in our daily lives and emerges in many different scenarios. Whether it is in making an important decision or going through our daily routines, we have to learn when to take initiative, apply ourselves, and direct others."

"I learned a lot about working with young kids," noted Georgia Hannock from Williamstown, Massachusetts. "It was very eye-opening for me, and I gained a lot of respect for teachers. As a result of this project I discovered a passion for working with children." Speaking about the value of Suffield's Leadership Program, Georgia acknowledged, "Studying leadership is important because it teaches students to broaden their horizons, gives them more confidence, and provides an outlet to discover themselves and their passions. These are the qualities necessary to be successful in life." 🐾



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# B COLLEGE UND



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017 WILL HEAD TO 74 DIFFERENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE FALL. THEY SUBMITTED NEARLY 1000 APPLICATIONS TO OVER 280 SCHOOLS. THEIR COLLEGE CHOICES REFLECT THE DISTINCT TALENTS, INTERESTS AND AMBITIONS FOUND IN THIS GRADUATING CLASS. BELOW ARE SOME COLLEGES THEY WILL BE ATTENDING.

Bentley University  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
CalArts  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado School of the Mines  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College

Dartmouth College  
University of Denver  
Dickinson University  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Hamilton College  
Indiana University  
Loyola Marymount University

Miami University  
University of Michigan  
Middlebury College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Parsons School of Design  
Pitzer College  
Providence College

Syracuse University  
Trinity College  
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University of Oregon  
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Washington University in St. Louis  
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## 50th NIGHT

April 6 marked the beginning of the final 50 days at Suffield Academy for the Class of 2017. The 50th Night dinner is one of Suffield's great traditions, as seniors and faculty spend time together reflecting on the road traveled thus far and planning for what lies ahead during the final weeks of the academic year.

Headmaster Cahn welcomed the senior class encouraging them to savor their time together as they march closer to the school's 184th Commencement. Highlighting the work of professor Adam Grant, author of *Give and Take*, Cahn remarked on three types of people. Takers try to get as much as possible from others. Matchers, if they do you a favor, expect one back (and vice versa). Givers go out of their way to support and help you, expecting nothing in return. "As you move on from Suffield and into the next stages of life," he advised, "remember that being someone who genuinely wants to help other people will make you successful and happy."

### CLASS OF 2017 SPEAKERS

**PETER KELLEY** - I'm truly grateful to be surrounded by all of you. There is nobody else I would want to spend the last remaining days of high school.

**JULIA MURPHY** - All good things take time, and time is what we needed to fully grasp what it means to be part of this community. The little things will find a way to stay in our hearts and in our minds.

**GARRETT STEPHENSON** - Do not let these 50 days be an end for us—let them be a beginning.





## CUM LAUDE

FOUNDED IN 1906,  
THE CUM LAUDE SOCIETY  
HONORS SCHOLASTIC  
ACHIEVEMENT AND  
LEADERSHIP. SELECTIONS  
ARE MADE BY SUFFIELD'S  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE  
AND ONLY THE  
STUDENTS RANKED IN  
THE TOP 10% OF THE  
CLASS ARE ELIGIBLE.



### 2017 CUM LAUDE INDUCTEES

YASH PATEL, SHANE PORNPRINYA, JEREMY GREER, EMMA PAUL, MORGAN ISLAM, KIRSTI KOKKO, SARAH PAJOUH, JASON LOURO, AMELIA HERN, ANNA WILSON, CHRIS DONOHUE, AND ANDREW ROBITAILLE.

## TORCH SOCIETY

THE TORCH SOCIETY  
DATES BACK TO 1928  
AND HONORS STUDENTS  
WHOSE SERVICE AND  
SPIRIT MAKE A PROFOUND  
DIFFERENCE TO THE SCHOOL.  
INDUCTEES ARE SELECTED  
BY CURRENT MEMBERS  
AND VOTING MUST  
BE UNANIMOUS.




### 2017 TORCH SOCIETY INDUCTEES

**SENIORS** CARI CYR, JEREMY GREER, KATHERINE KALILL, PETER KELLEY, DANIEL MITTELMAN, JULIA MURPHY, YASH PATEL, ISABELLA PESARESI, ISABELLE RICKE, AND GRAHAM SHANNON.

**JUNIORS** DEVINA BHALLA, SASHA DERBY, EVA HAFNER, SUSANNAH JOHNSON, KEVIN KUZMESKI, JACK PUMPHRET, JUHI RAYONIA, MICHAEL ROBIDOUX, AUBREY SANFORD, AND SARAH SWANSON.





# BACCALAUREATE

HEADMASTER CAHN, CLASS OF 2017 ADVISOR BROOKE DEPELTEAU, AND SENIORS ASHLEY SARRIS AND MAX TOCZYDLOWSKI SHARED WORDS WITH GRADUATES AND PARENTS AT BACCALAUREATE.

THERE ARE CERTAIN MOMENTS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU'LL ALWAYS TREASURE, AND YOU'LL CHERISH THESE MOMENTS BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO SHARED THEM WITH YOU. AS YOU RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA TOMORROW, RING THE BELL ONE LAST TIME, AND LEAVE BEHIND THE CAMPUS THAT HAS BEEN YOUR HOME, I HOPE YOU'LL TREASURE THE MEMORIES YOU MADE HERE AND THE PEOPLE WHO SHARED THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY WITH YOU.

—BROOKE DEPELTEAU





NEVER WILL WE BE IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH ABOUT OUR LIVES. WE WON'T HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE ASK HOW WE ARE DOING AND GENUINELY WANT AN ANSWER. BEING ALUMNI OF SUFFIELD ACADEMY IS NOW A PART OF OUR IDENTITY. *—ASHLEY SARRIS '17*



SUFFIELD HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO US AND IT BREAKS MY HEART WE ARE LEAVING. THERE IS NO DOUBT WE ARE READY FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES, BUT IT WILL STING TO MOVE ON. *—MAX TOCZYDŁOWSKI '17*







## 184TH COMMENCEMENT









## 184TH COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

WILLIAM A. BURKE III P'13, '15, '17, '19



“BILL IS AN EXCELLENT LEADER WITH A DEEP CONNECTION TO SUFFIELD. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM AS A KEY PART OF OUR 2017 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES. I KNOW IT WAS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL FOR BILL, AS HIS FATHER SPOKE AT HIS GRADUATION FROM ST. SEBASTIAN’S SCHOOL IN 1978.” HEADMASTER CHARLIE CAHN

Bill is the Chief Operating Officer of Newell Brands, one of the leading consumer goods companies in the world. The company has a large portfolio of well-known brands including Sharpie, Paper Mate, Parker, Yankee Candle, Coleman, Marmot, Rawlings, Graco, Calphalon, First Alert, Jostens, and Rubbermaid. Prior to taking on his role with Newell Brands, Bill served for the newly acquired Jarden Company. Before joining Newell Rubbermaid Bill spent 20 years at Black and Decker in various leadership roles. Bill and his wife Cindy have had four children attend Suffield: Haley '13, Kelsey '15, William '17, and Christopher '19. Cindy is on Suffield's Board of Trustees and Bill is a trustee at Springfield College and Loyola University New Orleans.



Mr. Cahn, Trustees, esteemed Faculty of Suffield Academy, honored guests, graduating class of 2017, parents, family, and friends: thirty-nine years ago I sat in a chair like you are today. The occasion was my high school graduation. The commencement speaker was my father. Leading up to my graduation, I remembered telling him: "Dad, please keep it simple and short." You see, he had a tendency to be very philosophical and deliberate in his messaging. His response to me was: "All I need to do is deeply connect with one person and if that person benefits from my talk, I will have done my job." On that day, I will never forget waiting nervously in anticipation for him to speak. He gave the talk and, no, he did not listen to me.

Just to give you a flavor of his speech, I quote from one of his statements, "We have on the one hand television's tendency to falsify the reality of human energy and on the other audio media's proclivity to slip people too easily out of the real world and its problems. I site both of these media as no longer being just entertainment, but as being significant conditions of our culture. As such, they are powerful psychological modifiers and have disoriented our way, often enough towards individual autonomy thereby creating the true identity crisis." Now, that was one of the lighter examples from his remarks. Needless to say, I was pretty sure he did not hit his target. I was not even sure if anyone who was there understood a thing he said. But wouldn't you know, later that night at a graduation party one of my classmates came up to me to tell me how my dad's comments resonated with him in a meaningful way. At first I thought he was joking, but then I realized he was truly moved in a way I could not explain. So here I am today to hopefully improve on my dad's results.

There are three things I want to talk about: brand management, purpose, and Suffield Academy. I will explain to you why I think these seemingly independent topics are very much connected topics and how they impact each and every one of you.

First, brand management. A brand like Facebook or Gucci is something that has meaning to a consumer and can be a huge value to the company that owns it. A brand value is measured in three key areas.

1. The Practical value of the brand to the consumer: In other words, how relevant and useful is it? So, for example, a brand like Crest must be able to clean your teeth.
2. The economic value of the brand to the company: This is often measured in financial terms. Take the brand, Apple. The Apple brand was just valued at \$170 billion dollars. The amazing thing is that the brand is only 40 years old.
3. The value of the brand to society: One of the products my company makes is car seats for infants. We have a very simple purpose for our Graco brand. It is to protect the lives of children. The people who work on Graco do it because they fundamentally believe in their ability to protect babies and toddlers from harm.

Another example is Suffield Academy. This brand is 184 years old. Think about its importance to society: to promote academic excellence, athletic prowess, and leadership development. The people who work here, the faculty and staff, have dedicated their professional lives in pursuit of this purpose. This extends far beyond any commercial value, yet its impact to society is priceless. >>







Think of brands that you treasure and the products you like. They don't exist magically. There is always someone responsible for managing that brand and making it successful. A brand manager is the guardian of the brand they manage. It is a high-paying job where people get fired for screwing it up and get rewarded for building a beautiful brand. So this morning I want you to think of yourself as a brand manager and the brand you are managing is your brand. There are many similarities between how we manage a brand and how we manage ourselves. The common ingredient is how as brand managers we want people to perceive a brand and how as individuals we want people to perceive us. A strong brand is built by creating positive interactions that people can experience.

The beauty of being your own brand manager is you get to decide what your brand stands for. But you also must realize that there are many constituents that want to have a voice as to what your brand is, like your parents, your teachers, your coaches, and your friends. But ultimately, it will be up to you to determine how you want to position your brand. Remember this, a strong brand, like your reputation, is hard to build and maintain but really easy to destroy. Many brands are built on integrity, confidence, and performance. Brands fail, like people, when they do things that undermine the positioning. Look at brands like Volkswagen and more recently United Airlines. A brand can easily be damaged and sometimes ruined when people have negative experiences. The same can be said of people. Your reputation is your brand. A good reputation, like any strong brand, is priceless. That value is often found in relationships and friendships. A bad reputation can cost a company a fortune. A bad reputation can also waste a life.

Let me outline the key components of what a brand manager must do. Pricing is important in determining the positioning of a brand. Do you want to be a luxury brand, a premium brand or a

value brand? No price position is wrong. However, a brand that is overpriced will fail. Don't ask a lot in return for what you do. If you work hard and selflessly, people will believe in you and they will reward you. The way a brand looks is its packaging. It can be as important to creating a beautiful brand as anything else. Think of the Nike shoe box; it is distinctive and high quality. You have to look the part of the brand you are building. That Nike box I just mentioned is not loaded with stickers or cluttered with graphics. It is the iconic orange box with a swoosh on it. Or, how about the famous blue box that is recognized all over the world as a gift from Tiffany's. That simple packaging warms the hearts of those who receive that special gift. You have responsibility for your own packaging and, remember this, your packaging is always on display.

Great brands listen to their consumer. It is called "research and insight"—asking the consumer what is important. It is critical in understanding what improvements could be made to be more effective. Feedback is essential to not just building a brand but making ourselves better, too. All too often we shy away from feedback due to fear of criticism. I say, embrace it, seek others who will have the courage to be honest and tell you what you need to do to improve.

Advertising helps promote a brand. Companies spend millions of dollars advertising brands. You also have an opportunity to advertise your brand. When you meet someone, you immediately form an opinion based on your interaction and how someone acts. You control your own behavior. Controlling one's self can be a tough thing to do, but necessary if you want your brand to flourish. But you can't advance your brand hanging out with your peeps or with your nose in your phone with headphones on. Force yourself to meet new people. Get them to know you. We all know that no brand is perfect. There are many mistakes that have been made. Years ago, Coke changed its formula >>







and people did not like the new taste. Coke recovered by being open and honest and returned to the original taste. We all make mistakes; no one is without flaws. We will be judged not by our mistakes but how we react and recover from our setbacks.

So as you can see, there are many similarities in the way a brand is managed and how we manage ourselves as we aspire to greatness. I like to use the example of a great brand that is dominant. Sharpie is one of the strongest brands in the United States. It has an 86% market share. So that you remember this talk, I am giving each of you a personalized Sharpie with your name on the marker. Please reach under your chair and you will find a GOLD Sharpie. This is no ordinary Sharpie. This is a special Sharpie and you will see there is no brand on the marker except yours. It is also gold so that you remember to cherish your brand, nurture your brand, grow your brand and, most importantly, be proud of your brand.

This leads me to my second topic: purpose. You remember earlier I talked about the purpose of the Graco brand, to save lives. Let me now talk about purpose of an individual. I think purpose can be defined as Aristotle stated, "Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation." A great example of this can be found in the Suffield Academy themes that are picked each academic year. The theme for your freshman year was "Identity," followed by "Balance" in your sophomore year, and "Conviction" in your junior year and now in your final year, "Service." How fitting it is that the theme in your final year is service. As Ms. Yeager said at Convocation, "When you make yourself available to assist others, you learn more and grow and develop in immeasurable ways."

I actually watched how you brought purpose and your theme to life in this year's telethon in support of Akshaya Pātra. You decided to raise money for this organization whose mission is to not only feed the hungry, but make dreams a reality by educating over 1.6 million children in India. Purpose can have no greater meaning than that.

Purpose is a universal force. In Joey Riemann's book *The Story of Purpose* he says, "Since the dawn of human thought, purpose has guided us, inspired us and given us reason to believe in something greater." We are living in a period where purpose, moral conflict and passion have met at a crossroad. And the question arises, what happens next? People will look at the New England Patriots players who chose not to go to the White House to celebrate a Super Bowl victory with disdain. The fact is, whether you support their actions or not, they chose to do something they believe in. People all over the world are persecuted for what they believe in. But make no mistake, believe in something.

On a June day 50 years ago, Robert Kennedy gave a speech in South Africa. His words happen to be my moral compass and remind me to have courage. They are as meaningful today as they were in 1967. He said: Few are willing to brave the disapproval of their friends, the censure of their colleagues, and the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change. And I believe that in this generation those with the courage to enter the moral conflict will find themselves with companions in every corner of the globe.

That is a great example of purpose, moral courage for a world that moves far too quickly and a social media that consumes people and thereby creates the true identity crisis.

And, finally, my third topic, Suffield Academy. On this past September 9, when you gathered at the onset of your final year, your headmaster, Mr. Cahn, told you what it means to be a member of this community. I quote: "To be part of this community, you have to be kind and considerate to others. Nothing is more important to us than this. Life at Suffield is a uniquely human existence where people from all different backgrounds and interests are thrown together in a wonderful exercise of community life."

Close your eyes and think about your days here: Tiger Games, spirit week, chapel, holiday dinner, Color Course, *Sister Act*, Chill on the Hill, 50th Night, senior speaker series, prom, and now this moment in time. Never forget your days here, the lessons you learned, or the connections you made. As you think about your days outside this special place, I would like you to think of your brand and the confidence you will have to build a mega brand. I would also ask you to think of your purpose. No matter what you choose, it can make a difference in this world we live in. No matter what you do, if you get a chance, take it. If it is a shot in the dark, I know you will make it. May you never forget this day and your responsibility to create a purposeful brand, the most important brand—your brand.

As I close my remarks I leave you with a gift that was given to me upon my high school graduation. A convent of nuns was located down the street from where I lived and, on my graduation, I was given a plaque by the community which I display in my office today and have for the past 39 years. It is a reminder for me as I hope it will be for you about how to live each moment. It reads, "Let anyone who quits striving for excellence move over for those who will not." 🌸





#### EXCERPTS FROM BEN GODIN'S SPEECH

From our senior speaker series and four years of classes together I've learned that we're a group of smart, funny, talented, and driven young adults. Our time at Suffield has blessed us with mentorship and invaluable life skills, and it shows. Behind us is a source of distilled strength and wisdom. Now we stand before a great precipice beyond which lies the rest of our lives. With it comes the vastness of unknown possibility and the inherent uncertainty in the way forward. But we are prepared for this. We are ready to face that great unknown. Our teachers have given us the tools and shown us the first steps forward. We are the very definition of potential.

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# MARY & MARGE





# A CAREER OF

# SEE V I C E



BEFORE ARRIVING AT SUFFIELD ACADEMY IN 1982, MARY PRATT WAS MAKING AIRLINE MEALS FOR AIR LA CARTE AT BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIRTY-FIVE YEARS LATER MARY'S MAC N' CHEESE IS A LEGENDARY STAPLE IN THE DIETS OF THE SUFFIELD COMMUNITY AND IN THE MEMORIES OF MANY GENERATIONS OF ALUMNI. LANDING JUST FOUR YEARS LATER, MARGE MILLER WORKED ALONGSIDE HER FRIEND MARY SINCE 1986. THE YEAR 2017 MARKED SUFFIELD'S 184th COMMENCEMENT, THE ADDITION OF BRODIE HALL, THE START OF A MAJOR RENOVATION TO MEMORIAL BUILDING, AND THE LAST YEAR MARY AND MARGE WOULD SERVE MARY'S MAC N' CHEESE AT SUFFIELD'S TRADITIONAL SIT-DOWN LUNCH. MARY AND MARGE HAVE RETIRED AND LEFT A KITCHEN AND COMMUNITY THEY SERVED AND CALLED HOME FOR OVER THREE DECADES.

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"Suffield students have kept me young at heart. I love to cook, but they were the reason I stayed here so long."

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# Mary's Mac n' Cheese



## Ingredients

- 50 lbs. Elbow Pasta
- 60 lbs. Hand-grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 5 lbs. Butter
- 4 lbs. Flour
- 7 Gallons Milk
- 3 lbs. Corn Flake Crumbs

## Directions

- 1 → Combine butter and flour over medium heat to make a roux. Heat until light brown color.
- 2 → Heat milk over medium heat.
- 3 → Add roux to thicken.
- 4 → Add shredded cheese to thickened milk.
- 5 → Pour over cooked pasta.
- 6 → Mix corn flake crumbs with melted butter and some shredded cheese and sprinkle over macaroni and cheese.
- 7 → Bake for 30 minutes at 300 degrees.

Both from Westfield, Massachusetts, Mary and Marge arrived to work at 5:30 a.m. six days a week ready to prepare breakfast and lunch meals daily until 1 p.m. They remember a time when the menu included only an entrée, small salad, and maybe a soup. The dining menu is much more elaborate now and they agree it was a necessary evolution. Commenting on the changes to Brewster Hall, the addition of the servery, and the renovations to the kitchen Marge said, "All the changes made over the years have been for the better. Charlie Cahn has done a great job here as headmaster. The dining room is now a showcase and a major selling point for the school."

Mary and Marge agree it is the students they will miss the most. "We've really enjoyed working with students in the kitchen during their work jobs and getting to know them better. We've seen many generations come through here and again when they returned for reunions. We are proud to have provided service to this community." Mary added, "I've enjoyed the work but won't miss the labor. Suffield is a special place, and I talk about it with a passion. The students kept me young at heart."

Mary's granddaughter Savannah Ziba is a member of the Class of 2019. Mary calls her "the apple of my eye." Marge has had two granddaughters attend Suffield Academy. Julia Miller graduated in 2014 and Alayna Miller graduated with the Class of 2017. "It was wonderful seeing my grandmother every day," said Alayna. "It is one more element that made Suffield feel like home." 🌸



"Suffield is a special place  
and we will miss it dearly."



# WADIYA DIYA PETERSON '90

WADIYA "DIYA" PETERSON WAS 13 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE BEGAN HER FRESHMAN YEAR AT SUFFIELD ACADEMY. A NATIVE OF THE BRONX, IT WAS THROUGH A PROGRAM CREATED BY HER 8TH-GRADE TEACHER, MRS. BROWN, THAT SHE BEGAN HER TREK TOWARD THE PRIVATE SCHOOL WORLD OF NEW ENGLAND. MRS. BROWN ENCOURAGED HER TOP STUDENTS TO LOOK FARTHER OUTSIDE THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. SHE HELPED DIYA STUDY FOR SECONDARY TESTS AND INVITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BRONX TO MEET HER STUDENTS. IT WAS THROUGH ONE OF THESE VISITS THAT DIYA WAS INTRODUCED TO BILL DESALVO, THEN SUFFIELD ACADEMY'S DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS.

Diya remembers meeting with many schools but says Mr. DeSalvo had "a comfortable presence" that helped convince even her mom to allow Diya to attend boarding school. The Peterson family chose Suffield Academy and welcomed a new version of educational opportunity. Diya embarked on her journey to Connecticut in September of 1988 and quickly realized she was not fully prepared for what was to come. Suffield was a big change from the diverse, concrete landscape of New York City. She recalls, "There was not a single person of color working there when I enrolled. Imagine what it felt like for the 15 black and Hispanic students who attended school with me. We had no one to talk to about our cultural differences but each other. It was socially very shocking."

Out of a need to gather as a group and discuss their difficulty adjusting to the community, they used the Multi-Cultural Association as a forum for support. Under the guidance of faculty members Elaine Mitchell and Amparo Samii, Diya praises this experience as engagement of the best kind. "We could sit and discuss our differences and stick together as a group who all came from assorted backgrounds," she explains. "It was really helpful for me to connect with other students going through a similar cultural transformation."

Excited to further educate the campus about cultural diversity and inclusiveness, Diya took a leadership role in recognizing Martin Luther King Day her sophomore year. Celebrating the talents of African American dancers, storytellers, and speakers, she brought a taste of what she was exposed to her entire life. "My peers judged my culture by what they saw on television shows," she explains. "But that was not a fair depiction of who we were or where we came from." This was only the beginning of giving back for Diya. Acting as Class Agent for the Class of 1992 for the last 12 years, Diya believes Suffield Academy has a

great deal to do with who she is today. She was challenged to live outside of her comfort zone, play a sport every term, and learn the balancing act of managing her academic responsibilities. She admits, "College was made a lot easier for me because of the structures put in place by Suffield."

Diya spent her undergraduate years at one of the most prestigious historically black college and universities (HBCUs) in the United States. It was there at Spelman College in Atlanta where she furthered her passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Armed with her degree in a field that does not see many women invest their future, Diya makes it a priority to encourage young women and African Americans to get involved in the technology wave. She says, "I was lucky to have the guidance I had in my life, and I am happy to share my story and inspire others to seek careers in STEM." Diya now lives with her husband Roger Wynn and sons, Micah (9) and Noah (6) in Maryland. At the time I interviewed Diya for this article, she was getting ready to fly to Australia as part of her new job with Amazon. "With this shift in work environments, I will have the flexibility of being a telecommuter," she says. "Family time is very important to me, and I don't want to miss being present for valuable moments with my family like I've done in the past."

When asked if she had any advice to give to current students at Suffield, Diya was quick to say, "Lean into every experience and be very present. You have little idea of what will lead you to your future path. Challenges have a way of making us stronger and more open to the world around us." Diya likes to sign the bottom of her emails with "Grace & Peace." It means, "To walk with grace and live in peace." I believe this is something we can all strive to accomplish in life. It seems Diya has certainly made it work for her. 🌸





in the



classroom



# planting a seed in education



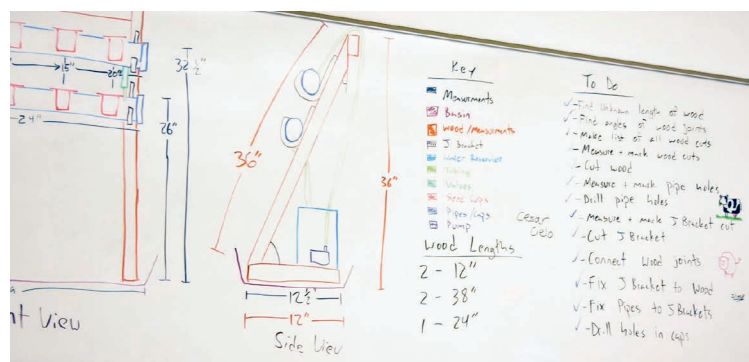
FOUNDED IN 1820 AND NEARLY 25 MILES FROM SUFFIELD IN OLD WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT, COMSTOCK, FERRE & CO. IS THE OLDEST OPERATING SEED COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES. HAVING AT ONE TIME SUPPLIED THE ENTIRE NATION WITH SEEDS, THE COMPANY CLOSED ITS DOORS IN AUGUST 2009. BY THE FOLLOWING JUNE, FOUNDER OF MISSOURI-BASED BAKER CREEK HEIRLOOM SEEDS JERE GETTLE PURCHASED AND REOPENED COMSTOCK TO RESURRECT ITS BUSINESS AND PASSIONATELY PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF HEIRLOOM GROWING PRACTICES. A SECTION OF THE NEW MARKET IS DEVOTED TO ABOUT 18,000 VARIETIES OF BAKER CREEK'S HEIRLOOM SEEDS AND REMAINS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING AND ADVANCING THE HISTORIC BUSINESS' LEGACY. THIS REMARKABLE PLACE PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN ELEMENTS OF FOOD SCIENCE, ONE OF SUFFIELD'S FASCINATING SENIOR ELECTIVE SCIENCE COURSES.





In agriculture and gardening, “seed saving” is the practice of retaining seeds from vegetables, grain, herbs, and flowers and annually reusing them to grow crops. This has been a traditional way to maintain farms and gardens for 12,000 years. Early humans selected the best wild plants to feed themselves and passed the varieties along by saving and sharing seeds. In recent decades there has been a major shift to purchasing new seeds annually from commercial seed suppliers. Many varieties have therefore been lost to industrialized farming that is focused on yield and seed consistency rather than open pollination for reproduction. Interestingly, age-old heirloom varieties are disappearing at an alarming rate—90 percent of the crop varieties grown 100 years ago are already gone. According to Rural Advancement Foundation International, we went from 497 varieties of lettuce to 36. We went from 288 varieties of beets to 17. We went from 307 varieties of sweet corn to 12. Even the popular heirloom tomato has taken an enormous hit, having lost at least 80 percent of its diversity over the last century. In response to these snowballing losses, a movement to save seeds is sweeping the nation. Seed saving and crop rotation used to be a way of life on America’s family farms, but much of the grassroots seed-saving activity today is the work of home gardeners, chefs, and now Suffield Academy students.

Taught by Nick Zanussi and now in its fourth year, Elements of Food Science is a full-year course that celebrates experiential learning. The class visits Comstock, Ferre & Co. in the early spring to select heirloom seeds they then plant in gardens on campus. “The goal of the course is to give an educated perspective on the reality of what food is and where it comes from,” explains Zanussi. “We are not necessarily encouraging students to change how or what they eat, but educating them on the many variables that influence their food choices. In the fall we focus on the food industry and the concept of farm-to-mouth, how food is grown and consumed. In the winter we



“While working in the garden and greenhouse we applied what we learned in an interactive and relevant way, and I am now much more cautious and aware of what I eat.”





expand into food chemistry, diet, and nutrition by systematically tracking our food intake and analyzing its effect on our health. In the spring we move outside and into botany, the logistics of creating and maintaining a garden and greenhouse. We planted the seeds we obtained from Comstock, Ferre and successfully grew several types of corn, some edible and others for decoration. We also grew squash, melons, and herbs for the dining hall, and we even created a flower meadow. We stepped outside the classroom and learned how to create and maintain a productive garden and viable food source."

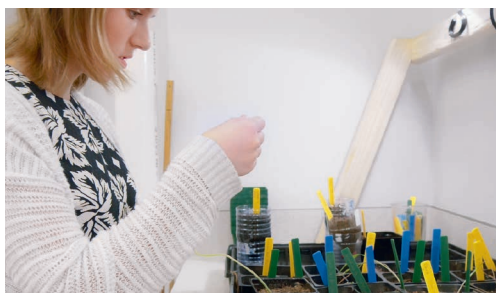
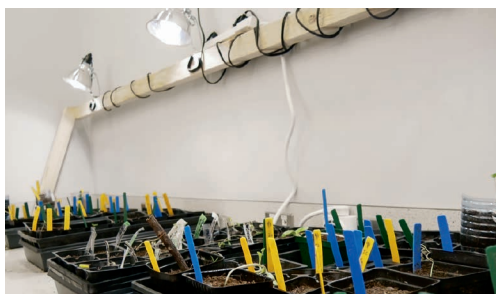
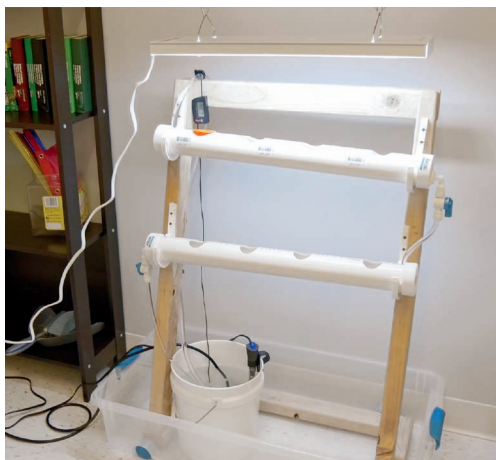
As noted above, valuable heirlooms have been replaced by massive expanses of genetically engineered (GE) crops. In fact, 94 percent of US soy and 88 percent of US corn are now genetically engineered. Four agrichemical companies now own 43 percent of the world's commercial seed supply, and 10 multinational corporations hold 65 percent of global commercial seed for major crops. As a result, many farmers are dependent on patented GE seeds and must buy them every year from large companies. In short, the vast majority of what we eat is far evolved from its original form.

This has created new, big challenges in the seed industry, especially in allowing species to adapt and change. "If we are going to continue to farm and want farmers to be successful, it is not going to be through the efforts of large monopolistic corporations," Zanussi explains. "It is going to be from small, local farmers that are using well-established farming practices. These include crop rotation and diversity, seed saving, locally selling their products, prioritizing seasonal products, and community support. Seed saving is critically important because it allows for a species to evolve and adapt to the specific environment in which it is being grown and develop beneficial relationships with other natural organisms. Not only are we respecting our environment and health by preserving the species, we are honoring the efforts of those seed savers before us."

What students learn in the course is that valuable heirlooms have been replaced by massive expanses of genetically engineered crops. There are complicated tradeoffs involved in this topic. Because GE's are designed to be more resistant to pests and weeds, they can be more reliable and produce a higher yield. As such, they have become the backbone of American farming. Yet organically grown products are usually higher in nutrients and flavor and are better for your health and the ecosystem. While hybrids have their benefits, choosing open-pollinated seeds conserves the genetic diversity of garden vegetables and prevents the loss of unique varieties in the face of dwindling agricultural biodiversity. Furthermore, focusing on heirloom varieties creates a historical connection to gardening and food production, building a more sustainable future by carrying on our gardening heritage and helping conserve natural biodiversity.

A member of Suffield's Board of Trustees for nearly 35 years, Jack Robinson '60 is no stranger to sustainable living and seed saving. His parents Ed and Carolyn wrote *The "Have-More" Plan: A Little Land—A Lot of Living* in 1943, detailing the family's journey out of New York City and into the country to pursue a homesteading lifestyle. After spending several years in the city longing for independence and freedom, they set out to Norwalk, Connecticut to rediscover an American dream: to own land and grow their own food. According to the Robinsons' book, there are simple and significant benefits of growing their own food; most important are health and happiness. "No man, no matter who he is, can break the rules of health and escape the consequences," they write. Noting the exciting revolution taking place in agriculture and soil conservation, the Robinsons identify a quotation from >>





Pulitzer Prize winner, author, and conversationalist Louis Bromfield: "The American farmer has worked largely against Nature. Our new agriculture will be based on the principle of working with Nature."

"The 'Have-More' Plan was written to solve a problem and morphed into becoming the solution," further explains Robinson. "It evolved through challenging times. During the Second World War there were shortages of food and gas, and both were extremely expensive. Most Americans understood the value of keeping a garden and growing their own food. In fact, the Navy purchased 60,000 copies of The 'Have-More' Plan for its deployed veterans to prepare them for civilian life. Since then the benefits of this book and importance of sustainability have grown worldwide."

One organization that sees the value of sustainability is the United Nations. In 2016, the UN established 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an effort to "transform our world" by 2030. Their new plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity seeks to provide leadership in promoting and coordinating internationally agreed development goals, including the 17 SDGs and 169 associated targets at its core. Jack argues, "Seed saving pertains to nearly half of them, including the solution to world hunger. These SDGs are a set of standards designed to save our planet. Goal #1 is directed towards zero poverty, while #13 aims at solving climate change. Goal #17 further seeks to promote vehicles for mobilizing and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies, and financial resource to support the achievement of the SDGs in all countries, particularly developing ones."

The SDGs are integrated and indivisible, balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social, and environmental. "We are not just talking about mitigation but also adaption," Jack continues. "These goals cover all walks of life. We must support diversity in humans, plants, and animals. Crop rotation and seed saving promote diversity in the makeup of all three. This stuff is not going away and everyone needs more exposure to it. Sustainability is still the fastest area of growth in all aspects of life. We must remain ambassadors in sustainable development and continually find ways to add value and consistency towards evolution and growth. Exposing these concepts is crucial in securing a healthy balance, and I am proud Suffield is taking initiative to invest in innovative electives like Elements of Food Science. The future for our students and school has never been brighter."

Ben Marciano of New Canaan, Connecticut commented on what he enjoyed most about Elements of Food Science: "After about three months tracking our food intake on a cronometer, I gained a better understanding of the healthiness of foods. I also learned you cannot trust a product simply because the word "organic" appears somewhere on its label. There are many factors to consider before an organic product is actually grown organically. While working in the garden and greenhouse we applied what we learned in an





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interactive and relevant way, and I am now much more cautious and aware of what I eat. Being healthy is not only about our food choices; it is about how the food is grown, where it is grown, what lives inside the soil, where the seeds come from, and how deeply the roots connect to earth. When I consider disease, sickness, and alterations in our ability to defend against allergens, I have to wonder if the cause is in fact our own fault. We are what we eat, aren't we?”

“I didn't know what to expect when I signed up for Elements of Food Science and was delightfully surprised with what I learned,” said Leyza Okojie, from Lagos, Nigeria. “The course gave me a new, detailed outlook on what's inside the food we eat and how it affects our bodies. I knew nothing about GMOs or in what ways masses of food are processed, especially here in the United States. We explored several topics I never gave much thought to before. I learned more about our spot in the ecosystem and our responsibility to make educated, informed decisions about what we put into our bodies. The wide range of senior electives at Suffield is part of what makes the educational experience so excellent and meaningful.” 🐾



# ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARDS

DAVID R. HOLMES '60

&

H. JANICE LEE '99



THE SUFFIELD ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CREATED THE ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM TO HONOR SUFFIELD GRADUATES WHO HAVE DISPLAYED NOTABLE LEADERSHIP IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREER OR A HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOR. THE 2017 AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO DAVID R. HOLMES '60 AND H. JANICE LEE '99. BOTH RECIPIENTS SPOKE ABOUT THEIR CAREERS AND THE REMARKABLE INFLUENCE SUFFIELD HAS HAD ON THEIR LIVES.

THE AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE WAS COMPRISED OF ED KAPLAN '77, DAVID ROCKWELL '58, PHIL RIEGEL '87, AND MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017: DAVID EMERSON, CHRIS ENNIS, MORGAN ISLAM, ZACH MOONEY, CHLOE ROGALIN, AND TYREEK SCOTT-GRAYSON.



## DAVID R. HOLMES '60 CO-DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE ON CHARACTER AND ADMISSION

David R. Holmes, an accomplished educator and nonprofit leader, was Headmaster of Suffield Academy from 1991 to 2004. After graduating from Suffield, he attended Middlebury College where he earned a degree in political science with honors and captained the football team. David also earned degrees from Columbia University (MA) and University of Denver (PhD). He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a tenured professor at the University of Vermont, where he created the all-university center for teaching excellence. David helped found College for Every Student, a national project that helps disadvantaged youth on the path to college, and Escola SESC, a boarding school in Brazil that serves low income students throughout the nation. He headed a \$25 million grants program for innovation at the US Department of Education from 1987 to 1991. His leadership of Suffield was marked by a dramatic strengthening of the school, positioning Suffield for great future success. After his years as Suffield headmaster, David directed a center for youth with learning differences and served as Head of the Community School in Sun Valley, Idaho from 2011 to 2015. He now serves as Co-Director of the Institute on Character and Admission and plays a leadership role nationally in elevating character attributes in youth education and in college.

I am honored to be here today at my old school and for this purpose. I am thrilled, too, to be standing here with Janice Lee, a student at Suffield when I was headmaster. I am proud that Janice went on to such great things. Suffield Academy is a special place, a place that has been truly important in my life. In fact, I have landed at Suffield three times. Three different times with fresh eyes.

The first time, I arrived as a junior boy from a large public high school in Maryland. I was not a juvenile delinquent, but it may sound like it. I attended 10 schools between grades 1 and 11, and Suffield was the 10th. How does that look on a resume? In truth, I never got thrown out of school; we just moved a lot since my father was in the Foreign Service.

I can report that I was an unspectacular C-student when I arrived, and, in short order, Suffield changed my academic life in a permanent way. When I got my first B+, a B+ on a Thoreau paper from my demanding English teacher Mason Nye, I felt a lot better about being here. Early on, I learned that you had to play a sport every season. No idling in the afternoons, my old style. Suffield required me to do what I loved to do anyway. Sports.

My second arrival was when I returned 25 years later to be Headmaster. This was an exhilarating and eerie moment in my life. Why eerie? The legendary English teacher, Mason Nye, was still here. My hard-nosed football coach, Wasky, was still here. My science teacher, George Pervear—who believed I could really do biology—was still here. And other legends of Suffield's history were still on the scene. They thought, I am sure: "That skinny, academically-behind kid from Maryland is now our headmaster? What is the world coming to?" Equally important, my legendary headmaster, Ap Seaverns, still lived in town. Ap saved this school...and me...more than once.

I mention this history because I want you to remember that Suffield was not inevitable. Dedicated and caring faculty, inspired leaders, and grateful students—such as you—have made Suffield what it is today. >>





Today is my third arrival. I am overwhelmed by the campus, the faculty and you, Suffield students. I will let you in on a secret. I hired Charlie Cahn. This kid just out of the University of Michigan—an English major and lacrosse player—was looking for a job in the summer of 1992. Well, we needed an English teacher and new energy in lacrosse, so throwing caution to the wind I signed him up. And here he sits today. Now that was a great decision.



SO, IN THE SPIRIT OF WHAT SUFFIELD TEACHES SO POWERFULLY, WE MUST STAY INVOLVED AND STRIVE FOR SOLUTIONS. THIS, WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT BY THIS SCHOOL.

So, what did I learn from all this, from this school that has touched my life since I was callow youth of 16? It's a long list, but two things stand out, things I suspect you agree with. Character counts. Yes, the strengths of character that really shape who we become. Above all else, Wasky, Mason, George and Ap—names you probably don't know—insisted on our doing the right thing and finishing what we started. They insisted on honesty, grit, resilience, optimism, hard work, and caring.

Maybe caring more than anything. One Saturday night in January, with my parents 12,000 miles away, after a last-second, overtime loss to Loomis, and my roommate away on a weekend, I was in the dorm alone and kind of depressed. George Pervear, on weekend duty, somehow knew this and came into my room and checked on me. He cheered me up. That is the essence of Suffield, both then and now: caring for others.

Here is the second thing I took away from Suffield: if you want to make a difference, you have to be in the game. You have to be involved. I am a child of 1960's and 1970's, a tumultuous time that Rocky has taught for years. Racism and the Civil Rights Movement. The Vietnam War. Watergate. The War on Poverty. Stokely Carmichael was a young radical who marched with Martin Luther King, and he put a question to the nation: "Are you a part of the problem or are you a part of the solution?" Yes, are you a part of the problem or are you a part of the solution? What he meant was: no between. You have to take a stand and act on it. Stokely's question has vibrated in my head ever since.

We live in a world that faces real and enduring problems: racism, poverty, global warming, violence against women. In the spirit of what Suffield teaches so powerfully, we must stay involved....and strive for solutions. This, we have been taught by this school. Well, enough pontificating. Thanks for having me here today. I am very grateful. And thanks for listening.

## H. JANICE LEE '99 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYER AT MORGAN LEWIS IN WASHINGTON, DC

H. Janice Lee was born in Seoul, Korea, and attended Cornell University after graduating from Suffield. There she earned a degree in Materials Science and Engineering, magna cum laude. Janice also earned degrees from Johns Hopkins University (PhD) and Georgetown University (JD). She brings a background in science and engineering to her legal work and most frequently focuses on biotechnology, chemistry, and materials engineering matters. She guides clients through patent procurement and litigation matters. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Janice developed bio-synthetic hybrid polymer materials and stem cell coculture systems for musculoskeletal tissue engineering.



I want to first tell you how I got here. I don't think I deserve this award, at least not yet, but I can say I've done my best so far. I arrived at Bradley Airport this morning at 9:00 a.m. and couldn't help but remember the first time I landed here in May of 1996. At that time, my school back home had asked me to leave because I led a demonstration centered on equality for female students in Korea. They basically kicked me out (I'm sure Dr. Holmes didn't know that). I was angry, obviously, at my school for making me leave because I was demonstrating for justice, and I was mad at the teachers for not doing anything about this injustice. I was also mad at my family who didn't know why I was so angry. >>



===== SUFFIELD CARED ABOUT ME AND  
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OTHER PEOPLE.

The first place I looked to go was the UK because I love guys with British accents (it's a good thing my husband isn't here today). My grandfather, on the other hand, believed the United States was the best country in world. He was paying my tuition, and so I had no other choice but to come to the US. I didn't take the SATs, I had never been to America, and I didn't even know who the president was. In total, I applied to 30 or 40 schools. I was an excellent student and second in my class. I was determined to cure cancer if I couldn't cure my country. Although I applied to all these schools, they denied me because I didn't have any test scores. Suffield was the only school to respond

and Mr. Cahn told me he didn't rely on standardized testing alone to judge applicants. He said he read my essay and recommendations and reviewed my grades. He saw potential in me that no one else cared to take the time to see.

I was accepted to Suffield Academy but didn't yet know anything about the school. However, I can tell you all right now that coming here the best decision I ever made. It was a long journey from Korea to Connecticut. When I landed at Bradley to attend summer school, I had only two large suitcases. The first person I met was Mr. Andy Lowe. When he came to pick me up at the airport I thought he was the biggest person I had ever met in my entire life. His voice was really low, just as it is now. At first he reminded me of the Terminator, but I soon realized what a kind and gracious human being he was. When summer school ended and I couldn't remain on campus for the month of August, Mr. Lowe kindly invited me to spend the summer with his family on the Cape. I got to know his family well. His kids were really cute and they made me forget all the anger I had inside of me.

When I came back to school in September as a sophomore, I studied really hard. While I still felt some anger, I came to realize there was no reason to be angry at Suffield. As students, the faculty here actually listened to us—to our problems or suggestions—and changed things to help us. For example, at that time the dining hall did not offer a salad bar and so we suggested to create one in addition to some healthier meal options. Soon after we were provided what we asked for; a new salad bar. You see, there was nothing to be angry about or any reason to feel divided by this school or its administration as I had felt in Korea. It was simply a great place to be. So I figured I would just go ahead and study hard and cure cancer. That was my first year here at Suffield Academy.

During my second year, my grandfather nearly went bankrupt and couldn't support my tuition any longer. I feared I was headed back home. But to my surprise, Mr. Cahn found a scholarship that secured a place for me here my junior and senior years. I really appreciate that even more now. So that's how I stayed in America. I later received scholarships to Cornell and Hopkins Medical School for my PhD. Of course, I was very fortunate and didn't pay for my JD either. I got a scholarship for that, too.

What I have learned most of all in the United States is there are good people who care about other good people. I think that is the best lesson I learned at Suffield Academy. Suffield cared about me and helped me learn to care about other people. Again, I don't think I deserve this award yet, but I consider this a reminder and encouragement to continue to work harder. Hopefully, with the power I'm going to have in five years or so, I really hope to do something worthwhile for other good, hard working people. Thank you everyone and Suffield Academy for making me a better person. I thank each and every one of you who does something to care about people today. 🌻





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“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.”

*Renowned Christian theologian and philosopher St. Augustine of Hippo*

Initially existing in perfect harmony, Augustine viewed the human being as a balanced unity of soul and body. Categorized separately, he described the body as an object that lives and exists while the soul is a superior entity fit for ruling the body with intelligence and reason. His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview, believing that the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom. He asserted that Christians should be pacifists as a personal and philosophical stance, yet peacefulness in the face of a grave wrong that could only be stopped by violence would be a sin.

In essence, the pursuit of peace must include the option of fighting for its long-term preservation.





A hundred years before the advent of Hitler, the German-Jewish poet Heinrich Heine declared: "Wherever books are burned, human beings are destined to be burned too." On the night of May 10, 1933, an event unseen in Europe since the Middle Ages occurred as German students from universities once regarded as among the finest in the world, gathered in Berlin to burn books with "unGerman" ideas. Before Hitler, German university towns had been counted among the world's great centers of scientific innovation and literary scholarship. Under Hitler, Germany's intellectual vitality quickly began to diminish. Truth, rational thinking, and objective knowledge—the foundation stones of Western Civilization—were denounced by Nazified students and professors in favor of mysticism, speculation, and collective thinking toward a common goal of a glorious future for Germany.

"The past, that is always with us, is both an anchor and  
beacon for our lives." *Peter Stern, survivor of the Holocaust*



Under Hitler's New Order, anyone refusing to conform was simply removed from society and sent away for a special kind of re-education within the confines of a concentration camp. There they would be broken physically, mentally and spiritually until they either submitted completely or died. The first such camp was Dachau located near Munich. It was so successful that it became the model for all subsequent concentration camps, and there would be hundreds of them. Today written on a wall at Auschwitz Concentration Camp are the words of Spanish-American philosopher, essayist, poet, and novelist George Santayana: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

A group of 43 Suffield students and faculty traveled to central Europe over the school's March break, visiting Berlin, Prague, Kraków, Budapest, Vienna, and Munich. A two-day sightseeing tour of Berlin delivered an in-depth education of its history, including stops at Checkpoint Charlie Museum, Potsdamer Platz, the iconic Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, and Victory Column. The group then traveled to Prague via Dresden, stopping for lunch and a visit to the Zwinger Museum's famed collection of porcelain. Three days in Prague included a city walk to the St. Vitus Cathedral, Hradčany (Prague Castle), Charles Bridge, Malá Strana, Old Town Square and Jewish Quarter, a futbol match featuring AC Sparta, and a full day excursion to Český Krumlov. While in Krakow the group toured Auschwitz Concentration Camp & Memorial, Wawel Hill, Wawel Castle & Cathedral, medieval Market Square, Drapers' Hall, and St. Mary's Basilica. Welcomed

by the beauty of Budapest, the group visited Castle Hill, Royal Palace, Hungarian Parliament, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, and spent an evening cruise on the Danube River. In Vienna they entered the Mozarthaus and enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Schönbrunn Palace, Parliament, Ringstraße, Hofburg, Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the Lipizzaner horse school. Stopping in Salzburg for a city walk and lunch to commemorate *The Sound of Music*, the group ended their travel in Munich, where they saw the Nymphenburg Palace, Alte Pinakothek, Deutsches Museum, BMW Headquarters, Olympic Site of 1972, Frauenkirche, Neues Rathaus, and Marienplatz.

Faculty member and Director of Academic Support Kim Wiggin P'06 has been leading the school trips since 2004. "I love seeing the world through the eyes of the students," she says, "and bringing them to places that

may make them feel a little uncomfortable. This forces them to step outside the comfort zone we provide at Suffield. There are a couple of very positive influences that come from these trips. The first is students get the opportunity to know other Suffield students who they may not really know well before we go. It changes their Suffield experience for the better. The second factor is it allows students to put into practice important skills we try to teach at Suffield: cooperation, flexibility, perseverance, good manners, kindness." Associate Director of Development Beth Bailey P'12, '16 has joined Kim on five school trips as chaperone. "Each trip offers its own unique adventures," she >>









## “Only through travel can we learn knowledge to make an informed decision

unique experience of being away from home in a foreign country, it is not unlikely that a strong bond will emerge. Being with a small group of 40 to 50 students for two weeks lends itself to a familiarity that only increases with the scouring of a new country and its people. I always return from a Europe trip with a strong kinship to the students and accompanying faculty.”

A senior day student from Windsor, Connecticut, Jason Louro is a frequent visitor to Portugal, and has also spent time in Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. “Having the opportunity to see the world is extremely important,” he says. “A global perspective is an incredibly valuable thing to have—you can learn so much from other cultures and their ideals.” He particularly appreciated this year’s trip and spending time with faculty and friends. “Traveling teaches you a lot about the other people you travel with,” he explains. “I felt like the relationship between student and faculty was more person-to-person rather than strictly student-to-faculty, perhaps because both students and faculty found themselves thrown into a completely new environment. I enjoyed this dynamic immensely—it felt like in conversation I was trading information back and forth with another person rather than just noting down the opinion of a superior.” Amelia Hern, a senior day student from West Hartford, Connecticut, notes, “Traveling with faculty gave me a new appreciation for how much they really care about the students and how they want to encourage us to learn new things. It also gave me profound insight to how it must be for our international students to be so far away from home while adjusting to our culture and the rigorously paced life at Suffield.”

A strong advocate of critical thinking, Augustine is considered an influential figure in the history of education. Believing that students should be given an opportunity to apply learned theories to practical experience, he recommended adapting educational practices to fit three types of students: those who have been well-educated by knowledgeable teachers; those who have had no education at all; and those who have had a poor education, but believe themselves to be well-educated. Perhaps the most difficult students of the three types are the ones with an inferior education who believe they understand something when they do not. Augustine stressed the importance of showing this type of student the difference between “having words and having understanding.” When students are engrossed in culture, they >>

explains. “I have loved them all and have specific special memories of the students, accompanying faculty, and sites. First, I love the students. You cannot chaperone one of these trips and not get excited about the prospect of sharing different parts of the world with them. The diverse travel and built-in educational components are a great draw to traveling with the school.”

While Suffield Academy is itself a diverse culture of international and domestic students, it is an environment that proudly encourages its members to extend themselves outside the boundaries of its community. Faculty members serve as teachers, coaches, dorm parents, and advisors. The shared experience of Suffield’s school trips provides an experiential platform for students to learn and faculty to teach. “I think we enter these trips with an advantage over typical day or public schools,” adds Kim, “in that our students are already used to seeing us in more roles than just teachers. But having the opportunity to literally share the world with each other—climb the crazy stairs up to Macchu Pichu, walk on the Great Wall of China, get lost in a subway in Paris, shed painful tears at Dachau or Auschwitz—those experiences humanize all of us together.” Beth Bailey adds, “When sharing the



from the rest of the world, gathering enough  
on how we want to live our own lives." *Jason Louro '17*

are learning. When they are learning, they are understanding. When they are understanding, they are becoming more open-minded, perceptive, and knowledgeable about the diverse world we all inhabit.

Because these trips are such a valuable educational resource for its students, the Academy ensures there are two different scholarship programs available. One is an endowed gift that can be used to help defray the cost of one or more students, and the other is an annual gift that is given anonymously to help support both the March trip and the Ghana trip. The school's tour company, Explorica, now also offers a fundraising platform that

she wanted to go. "I was really grateful to receive the help," she says. "It was an adventure and unique opportunity shared with my best friends, wrapping up my senior year and time at Suffield in the most memorable way possible. I will always remember it."

The school trip to the old world of central Europe was a 15-day excursion celebrating education and history, architecture, culture, art and music, food, friendship, and liberation. For the Class of 2017 the trip added more details to their already full book of memories made during their time at Suffield. For underclassmen, it provided yet another opportunity to learn and grow. The evening's cruise along the Danube River in Budapest was collectively the

group's favorite memory of their time spent together. Passing beneath the city's iconic Chain Bridge with the brightly lit and breathtaking Neo-Gothic style House of Parliament on the Pest side and Royal Palace and Castle District glowing like gold on the Buda side, it was a seemingly frozen moment in time now secured in their hearts for a lifetime—teenagers of varying ages, and each with a story of their own visiting cities rebuilt and survived by a history of war, conflict, and genocide. Traveling together teaches you as much about the people you are traveling with as the people and culture you meet along the way. Ruled and strengthened by intelligence and reason, the body and soul exist democratically and in harmony. "Life can be lived in millions of different ways," concludes Jason Louro. "Out of those millions of ways, we see only a tiny percentage in our own country. Only through travel can we learn from the rest



is available on the student's personal account page. This allows the students to set up their own crowd-sourcing campaign, and the donations are directly applied to the balance on their Explorica account. From West Hartford, Connecticut, Lauren Henzy '17 is one of 13 students who received scholarship funds to attend this year's trip after submitting a page-length essay explaining why

of the world, gathering enough knowledge to make an informed decision on how we want to live our own lives." The past is what we are and where we come from, but it is not who we are or where we can go. We are built to discover. We are built to travel. Form follows function. 🍀



# CHAPEL SERIES



## SENIOR SPEAKERS

SPRING TERM BROUGHT THE CONCLUSION OF SUFFIELD'S 2016-2017 SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES. EACH MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 2017 PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY AT CHAPEL. HEADMASTER CHARLIE CAHN NOTED THAT THIS INITIATIVE AIMED TO CREATE ANOTHER CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND FURTHER ENHANCE SUFFIELD'S STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT EACH SENIOR. IT WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR—AS EACH SENIOR HEADED TO THE PODIUM—THAT THE SPEAKER SERIES WILL BECOME A VALUABLE SCHOOL TRADITION. FROM TALKS ABOUT HOW THEY ENDED UP AT SUFFIELD AND HOW THEIR EXPERIENCES HERE UNFOLDED, TO GOALS FOR THE FUTURE AND LESSONS THEY HAVE LEARNED, THE CLASS OF 2017 EMBRACED THIS OPPORTUNITY AND HELPED BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUFFIELD STUDENTS.





**SARAH ALAIMO**  
14 SIGNS YOU GREW  
UP AS A CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL KID



**ALEX CLARKE**  
RECOGNIZING THE  
POSITIVE INFLUENCES  
ON MY LIFE



**ANDREW ROBITAILLE**  
OVERCOMING OBSTACLES



**ISABELLE RICKE**  
A GREATER  
APPRECIATION FOR THE  
LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE



**LAUREN HENZY**  
FINDING PEACE BY  
PLAYING THE FLUTE



**SHANE PORNPRIYA**  
LEARNING FROM  
ROOMMATES AND  
BEING A PROCTOR



**BEN TOCZYDLOWSKI**  
THE PROS AND CONS  
OF HAVING AN  
IDENTICAL TWIN



**CHLOE ROGALIN**  
HEALING, KINDNESS,  
AND MOVING ON  
FROM TRAGEDY



**LEYZA OKOJIE**  
"WE ARE"... CELEBRATING  
THE MANY TALENTS OF  
MY PEERS



**EMAN WONG**  
ME, MYSELF, AND  
MY ELECTRIC GUITAR



**MATT JUSCZYK**  
FACING MY FEAR  
OF HEIGHTS



**JULIA MURPHY**  
BURDENED BY THE  
FEAR OF FAILURE



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**ZACH MOONEY**  
EMBRACE WHO YOU  
ARE AND WHERE  
YOU COME FROM



**JOHN LEE**  
THE BRAZILIAN  
GOVERNMENT AND THE  
2016 OLYMPICS IN RIO



**DARIA KOVALEVA**  
LESSONS FROM MY  
SUMMER ROAD TRIP  
ACROSS THE U.S.



**HENRY MORENO**  
CONFIDENCE, PATIENCE,  
AND COMPOSURE



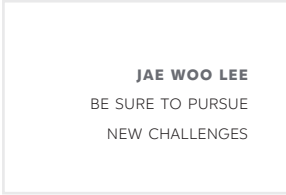
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OF THE UNITED STATES



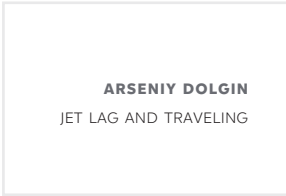
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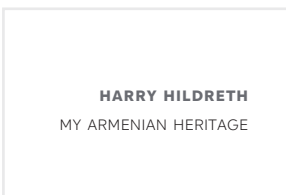
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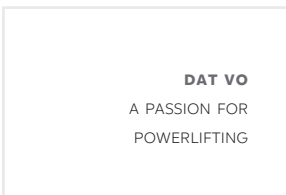
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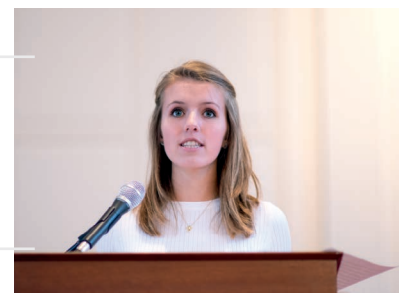
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## IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Suffield recognized Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by celebrating the work and legacy of an important American icon. With an introduction by faculty member Liz Warren, The following students discussed topics addressing race, stereotypes, and labels:

Hannah Arthur '17	Kaelena Daniels '17
Jon Lopez '17	Bailey Hyland '18
Juhi Rayonia '18	Dana Mills '18
Maya Grant '18	Aubrey Sanford '18
Niah Samboy '19	Tim Bell '19
Audrey Arthur '19	Jalin Sinclair '20
Annie Daramola '20	Akira Alleyne '20



WHO WOULD YOU BE IF THE  
WORLD NEVER GAVE YOU A LABEL?



Reflecting on misconceptions and racial ignorance, the students discussed the importance of education and awareness, diversity and culture. "Who would you be if the world never gave you a label?" asked a short video presented by Bailey Hyland. "Labels are not you; they are not me; they are just labels. Who we truly are is not skin deep. Who we truly are is inside." Hannah Arthur spoke about reclaiming these labels and issues that arise from such stereotypes. "Just like you should never judge a book by its cover, you should never judge a book by its title," she said. "Labels can only have the power that we give them. If we allow them to become a mode of discriminating our differences, rather than celebrating our differences, we are failing ourselves and each other."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day honors courage in defiance of oppression and ignorance. It serves to remind that "all men and women are created equal and shall not be judged by the color of their skin but rather by the content of their character."



## KENT-DAVIS SPEAKING COMPETITION

A great Suffield tradition continued with the annual Kent-Davis speaking competition. The Kent Prize is awarded to a student who presents the best original speech, and the Davis Prize goes to the student presenting the best adaptation of another's writing. The Kent Competition participants this year were Hannah Arthur, Brooklynn Hayes, Ryder Mosby, Jonah Perry, Andrew Robitaille, Liz Sacco, and Maggy Skaugen. The Davis speakers were Riley Carrier, Eva Crouse, Cari Cyr, Lauren Henzy, Amelia Hern, Katherine Kalill, Julia Murphy, Emma Paul, Isabella Pesaresi, Shane Pornprinya, Isabelle Ricke, and Megan Varney. Winning the Davis Prize, Cari Cyr presented Patricia Marx's "Dr. Me: Adventures in Home Diagnosis" as published by *The New Yorker* in 2015. Liz Sacco was awarded the Kent Prize, speaking passionately during her speech titled "The Game."



KENT PRIZE

### LIZ SACCO EXCERPT FROM HER ORIGINAL SPEECH "THE GAME"

We have been pushed, battered, and beaten into the molds society has created for us the moment the doctor announces a sex. Once in this mold, a beautiful being is condensed to a mere game piece in a twisted competition. But ultimately, nobody can win this game, unless they choose not to play. Society almost won. It had her convinced that it was her body that was betraying her, not him. It had her avoiding hugs and wearing baggy sweatshirts in a desperate attempt to veil what was beneath. It had her thinking that somewhere along the line she must have put out some signal that she wanted him. It had her feeling that this was her fault, that she asked for it, that she should just accept being sexualized without her permission because that's just the way the world is. She fights every day to remain true to her own being and not to be stifled by the requirements of society's game. She will not be reduced to her physical form and she will not tolerate those who cannot see past that. She will win this game because she chose to remove herself from the board. She will become a sexual being when she chooses. Not when demanded.



DAVIS PRIZE

### CARI CYR EXCERPT FROM PATRICIA MARX'S "DR. ME: ADVENTURES IN HOME DIAGNOSIS"

Am I sitting down? I have some bad news to break to me. A lot of doctors would have texted, but I wanted to tell me this in person. This case wasn't easy to diagnose, even for someone like me, who graduated from med school (WebMD Online University, Class of 2011). But first I'm going to have to ask me some questions. Do I take any medications—other than Splenda, of course? Has anything changed since I saw me during my last visit, this morning? On a scale of one to ten—ten being chapped lips—how much does it hurt when I push here? Three and a third? I see. The medical community is divided on this, but the latest studies posted on WikiSicky.org and AlternativeToAlternativeMedicine.net indicate that I could be suffering from circuitous spleen, an allergy to elevator air, or feline tonsillitis. There is also a chance that it's a disease so rare that I am the only one who has ever had it. Hey, hey. Chin up. Worst-case scenario, we get a malady named after me. And, come on, remember the incurable hair cancer? And how I pulled through, even though all the commenters on EwCan'tLookAtThat.net, PerniciousHangnail.org, HelloHospice.co.uk, and BiblicalHealth.gov said, Two days to live, max. Life goes on, or at least it did then. Despite how proficient I am as a healer, though, with regard to that symptom—the one which presented itself late last night, obliging me to extend my office hours—I am sorry, but it is in fact what I thought it was. Was that indelicate? Let me rephrase this in clinical terms. What I meant to say—and, believe me, I feel my pain—was that, when your number's up, your number's up.

# faculty trips

*cultural connections*

*the roots of greek mythology*

*the path of gothic literature*



**Summer sabbatical funds were raised by Charlie Cahn in 2011 and Suffield Academy proudly offers these to faculty members. Proposals are submitted annually and have been used by teachers in all departments.**



## **gis-xi nahmens** *southern spain*

Gis-Xi Nahmens is not only a Spanish teacher; she is of Spanish descent. "Throughout my years teaching Spanish and trying to share Spanish culture, I came to realize that many of my students tend to forget that culture is not the result of a single event or unique to one specific country," she explains. "There are multiple elements of each country's culture that overlap with its neighbors or even with others from across the ocean. It was through traveling, invasion, and conquests of these physical places that the culture of each individual country was shaped."

During her two-and-a-half-week summer sabbatical, Gis-Xi traveled to La Mancha and Andalucia in southern Spain to perform research on the influence of the Moors in Spanish culture. She visited the cities of Toledo, Malaga, Marbella, Torremolinos, Cadiz, Tarifa, Córdoba, Jerez de la Frontera, Granada, Sevilla, Gibraltar, Ronda, and Casares. She discovered that much of the influence there was not only of the original Arab culture but also a collection from many areas of the Middle East and north of Africa. Religion, music, food and cooking, bathing, architecture, and medicine were therefore all heavily influenced by the Arabs who arrived to the Peninsula.

While the Spaniards were Christians and the Moors Arabic, there were also Jewish people who lived in Spain and coexisted within some of the walled cities. Influenced by the Muslims, music and instruments would lead way to the guitar and flamenco. Herbs and spices would become as important as the chickpea. Public baths would honor the customs of the Arabs and Allah, and architecture would support both the esthetic and urbanism building techniques. And finally, the advanced state of the Arabs' medicine with respect to the Spaniards added to the founding of universities and more precisely of medical faculties, sealing the Arab contribution to the medical evolution.

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## **amy pentz** *the rhine river*

Strongly influenced by Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Amy Pentz P'15, '19 toured the Rhine River in June 2016 to see for herself what inspired so many artists' imaginations. In teaching two English elective courses, *The Literature of Evil* and *The Literature of the Servant*, Amy is particularly interested in the gothic element of many classic works and the life of the European servant. Amy started her journey with several days in Amsterdam, viewing the Anne Frank House and various 18th and 19th century canal homes which still feature the upstairs/downstairs life of the family and the servants who cared for them.





*i appreciated the sights that inspired many great writers and am thankful to Suffield for this enrichment opportunity*



## rebecca strong *mykonos, santorini, and crete*

Rebecca Strong's summer sabbatical certainly lived up to its inspiration. Designed to enhance her teaching of Greek mythology, including *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, and to develop ideas for a new elective course on World Mythology, Rebecca and her family spent 12 days in August exploring ancient sites described in myth and literature. Her tour of Greece incorporated travel by boat to capture the feeling of Odysseus and the other soldiers returning from Troy.



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"I began my trip in Athens and explored sites like the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, and the Roman Agora," she recounts. "I then took a ferry to Mykonos, from where I hoped to visit the sacred island of Delos, supposed birthplace of Apollo and Artemis." Unfortunately, high winds cancelled all boats to Delos the day she was scheduled to visit. "Indeed it wouldn't have been an odyssey without boat travel being influenced by the weather," she jokes. "It seemed I had angered Poseidon somehow as ferries from Mykonos to Santorini and Santorini to Crete also experienced delays. However, I eventually made it to these destinations,

without even having any crew members eaten by monsters." On Crete she was excited to visit the partially reconstructed ruins of the Palace of Knossos, legendary home of King Minos and his Labyrinth. Of the overall value of her sabbatical Rebecca concludes, "It was wonderful to have the chance to speak from this hands-on experience when telling these stories to my classes this year, and I was also thankful for the opportunity to introduce my own children to these famous sites." 🐾





## ALUMNI COUNCIL OF ADVISORS

### CAREER MENTORING

WITH THE CLASS OF 2018

Twenty-five members of the Alumni Council of Advisors were back on campus for their spring meeting in April. As part of their agenda, they participated in a career mentoring session with the Class of 2018. An initiative of the college counseling program, students and alumni were divided into small groups to discuss how a college or major can lead to a professional career. A central and comforting concept Suffield's rising seniors learned is that the college or major they select may not always determine where they might end up professionally.

A graduate of St. Lawrence University, Peter Snedeker '02 majored in Economics. From 2006 to 2014 Peter worked as an analyst, then associate, and finally vice president of Morgan Stanley. Peter noted to a group of nine students that, "When I was younger I thought I needed to settle for being a financial banker to get where I needed to be. While thinking about college I had the same mindset. But college may not be the solution to all your problems like you think it might be." When the financial crisis hit in 2008 Peter recognized it was time for a change. "I thought working at Morgan Stanley meant more than it actually did," he admitted. "Be careful about latching onto a brand for status." In 2014 Peter joined a small hedge fund (Abdiel Capital) initially as the director of operations and now as chief operating officer. Preferring to work with a growing business and with more individual control, Peter advised that great business is about "great leadership, great culture, and profit."

Since graduating from University of Virginia as an English major Tom Casey '09 has held positions in software and technology as an account executive for Bullhorn Inc., in real estate as an analyst for Waldorf Capital Management, and also in real estate as a private equity fund analyst for Admiral Capital Group. "Sometimes you think you know what you want to do, but that can change and shift," he said. "The college you choose is a major decision, but it is not the most important decision of your life. It's okay to not know exactly what you want to do yet." As an English major now in finance he offered valuable advice: "Learning to communicate is a critical part of education and is extremely applicable to my

role at work. Utilize what you enjoy and what you're good at. The rest will fall into place."

"Liberal arts teaches you how to think," said Laura Monty '08 a graduate of Amherst College who previously worked as a fixed income trader for HIMCO. "No matter what happens in your career you can always fall back on thinking and communication. Don't limit yourself to believing you have to follow only one direction. If you major in English you can still work for Goldman Sachs. No matter what field you go into communication skills are really important."

A public health major with a minor in Chinese from Johns Hopkins University, Sydney Greenberg '07 took some time off after college to recharge her batteries and reflect. Later a high school math teacher with Teach for America, Sydney will graduate this year from medical school to specialize in internal medicine. "I wanted to learn if teaching was the right career for me. While very rewarding, it confirmed for me I wanted to go into science." Acknowledging the benefits of her time on Bell Hill, Sydney commented, "Suffield was the thing that set me up for success. I give it more credit than college. You learn here quickly how to recognize your strengths and weaknesses, and that will take you a long way. Suffield prepares you how to learn without guidance and this is very valuable in college. Also remember that your experiences outside of school will make you a more interesting person, better during interviews, and fuel your passions. Medical school was the right choice for me because it provided options. Be happy about what you're going to spend a lot of time on."

As rising seniors prepare for the college application process next year they are heavily supported by their college counselors and alumni mentors. While it is an extremely important decision in their adolescent lives, the career mentoring sessions allowed an opportunity to relieve some stress and acknowledge unanswered questions about their future. There are many ways to accomplish goals and achieve happiness, but the confidence and communication skills developed at Suffield will be keys to success. 🌱

# LEGACY

## PROFILES

LEGACY FAMILIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT SUFFIELD ACADEMY. AS AMBASSADORS OF TRADITION, THEY SYMBOLIZE HISTORY AND TENURE. THEY ARE FAMILIES THAT BRIDGE MEMORIES ACROSS GENERATIONS. THEY ARE CONNECTED TO THE PAST AS THEY LOOK AHEAD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE. WHILE THE SUFFIELD EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL, THE BONDS BETWEEN LEGACIES ARE SIGNIFICANT AND RELEVANT. TOGETHER THEY REPRESENT A UNIFIED NAVIGATION THROUGH ADOLESCENT YEARS. IN THIS EDITION OF SUFFIELD, WE PRESENT TWO FAMILIES: ONE WHOSE JOURNEY BEGAN ON AN ISLAND IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN AND ANOTHER WHOSE STORY STARTED RIGHT HERE IN TOWN.



**FRANK '88 & CARLIN '18 MOLANDER**



**IZZY DUTRANOIT '19**

**LUC DUTRANOIT '17**

**TISH (GUTTERIDGE) DUTRANOIT '85**



## FRANK & CARLIN

She is confident and strong, intelligent, witty, and extremely composed. A day student from Suffield, Carlin Molander '18 is a conscientious scholar-athlete. Sitting in our communications office just before Labor Day and the start of her senior year, she arrived from a dorm on campus where she worked all summer as a babysitter. She would later trek down to her grandmother's and mom's real estate agency on Mountain Road to help in the office. There is no doubt she works hard and deserves the success she has found at Suffield Academy.

Carlin has achieved honor roll or high honors status every term. Her group's junior museum project in European Studies won best overall for a presentation on European Espionage. She captained the diving team since her sophomore year and last season was awarded the Most Outstanding Diver. She will also captain the softball team in the spring. She is a teaching assistant in Suffield's Leadership Program and a tour guide leader. She upholds that if you are passionate about something you will be successful at it. What is most notable about this young woman is not only her work ethic; it is that she is humble and selfless.

Carlin believes success follows passion. "I wouldn't say that I am gifted at softball or diving; I work hard at them," she explains. "I don't think I have natural ability for these sports or any sport, but anyone who puts in the effort can achieve athletically. I want to always be the best teammate I can be and do what I can as an individual to help us as a whole. Suffield taught me to become more confident in myself and my abilities and develop a go-getter attitude. Being independent is a skill I learned to master here. You cannot expect opportunities to bump into you; you must discover and create them."

In her final year at Suffield, Carlin decided to push herself even further. For the first time she entered a fall pre-season as a member of the cross country team. She appreciates the mental and physical challenge and looks forward to sharing a new experience with a fresh group of athletes. "I hope to be a contributor and a positive support system," she says. "I really enjoy being part of this community and want to give my very best to it before I leave. I think this is the perfect time and place in our lives to explore our interests and see what we're capable of accomplishing."

A common question we often ask our legacies is to speak about a favorite class or influential faculty member. Without hesitation Carlin began speaking about three of them: former faculty member Thomas Salamone and current faculty members Demetrius (Toutou) Toutounas and Erika (Picciotto) Zanussi. "There is a common thread here about how the faculty teaches and guides us," she says. "They are genuine and find natural ways to connect. As a result, we form mutual respect and I can always find something positive to take away from each class. I was very nervous entering French I as a freshman but Mr. Salamone calmed

my anxiety with his humor and positivity. Toutou is fun, interesting, and worldly. Mrs. P is like a second family. She encouraged me to try diving and step outside my comfort zone with confidence. At first I had more bad dives than good ones, but with persistence and her support I learned how to progress and earn."

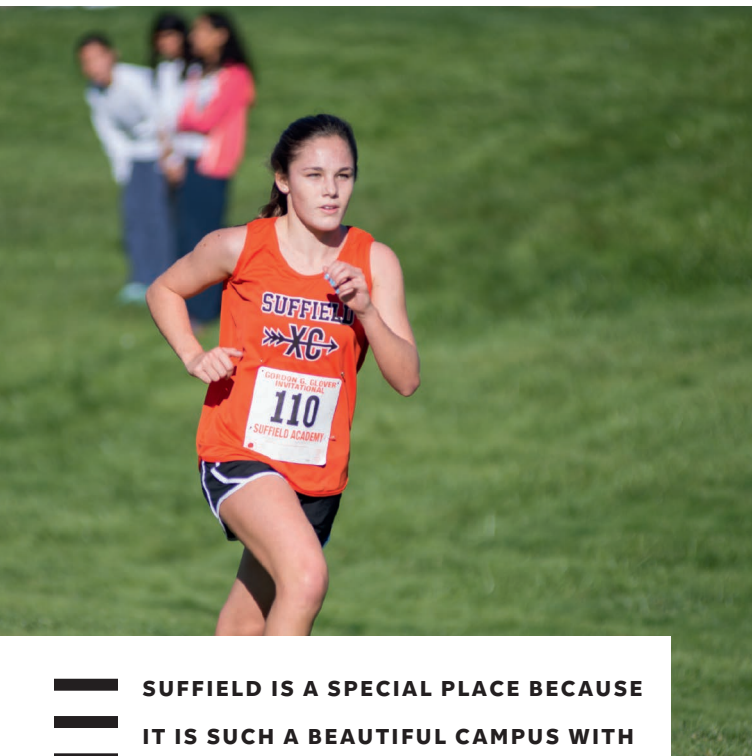


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Frank Molander '88 also grew up in town and attended Suffield Academy as a day student 30 years ago. His mother was on the Board of Trustees. Two cousins (Brad Linsley '78 and Mike Russo '86) godfather Charles Alfano, Jr. '77, and younger brother Nick '91 are also alumni of the school. In 1992 Frank graduated from St. Lawrence University with a combined major in Environmental Studies and Political Science. He would later attend Vermont Law School, graduating in 1995 with a JD and primary focus on alternate dispute resolution (negotiation/mediation/arbitration). He has spent 18 years as a consultant to utility companies designing and implementing energy efficiency programs across the United States and Canada. For 12 years he and his wife Kellie, with daughters Sophia (14) and Carlin (17), have lived on Prospect Street in Suffield and they have together witnessed the evolution of the Academy's two Master Plans. "The changes to campus have been exciting to see develop over time, especially being here in town and watching it all first hand," says Frank. "Having traveled to a number of other schools over the past four years for >>

athletic events it has continuously struck both me and my wife how well Suffield maintains its campus. The combination of new facilities and the maintenance of older ones really makes our school stand out.” It is important to protect what you believe in and take pride in the things that matter to you most. Pride in their school is most likely the most significant bond a legacy can share. It is also this same concept that has proven Suffield Academy’s success over time.

“When I look back 30 years ago to my time at Suffield,” says Frank, “the thing I miss the most is the sense of being a part of something that was bigger than myself—and the people that created that sentiment, both friends and faculty. While I miss that from my time at Suffield I also learned to recognize and appreciate that sense of community when I found it again. I have been fortunate in both



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my professional and personal life to be a part of companies and groups that have that same ethos. What I first learned at Suffield about contributing to a larger group has been invaluable. It is often easier to see when that sense of community is not present and it is very difficult to create it from scratch. The fact that the Academy has maintained this over time is impressive. And the chicken pot pie...I really miss that, too.” Carlin adds, “I think anyone who attends Suffield has pride in this school, and I am even more proud to represent a legacy. This is a very specific experience to have with my dad. We now share the same blood,

sweat, and tears through this age in life. Legacies demonstrate an invested part of Suffield’s community and history. It is an honor to see dad’s name written on these walls as captain of the hockey team and member of the Torch Society. And now my name shares similar real estate as captain of the diving and softball teams. That’s pretty special.”

Frank and Kellie met in Burlington, Vermont and will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary this year. Doubling up on her science classes with a passion for biology and education, Carlin plans to attend medical school. Although her college destination is still undecided she may be leaning towards an undergraduate program at the University of Vermont. Like her parents, she enjoys the Vermont lifestyle. She is grateful for her time at Suffield and hopes her sister Sophia will add to her family’s legacy. “My dad always told me Suffield would give me a leg up by the time I got to college, but for me it already gave me independence and confidence I never had before. Everyone here supported me to grow and succeed. The most important thing I’d like to say is that I am very thankful for being here at Suffield Academy. Not a second has been wasted. I’ve made the most of it.”

## IZZY, LUC & TISH

“I think the changes to Suffield are incredible,” she says. “When I met with Sean Atkins for Izzy’s interview, I mentioned that although there were many beautiful physical changes to the campus, the spirit of the school had remained the same. It still felt very familiar. I always tease the kids and tell them that they are attending a country club—there was no fold and fluff, we had to do our own laundry in a damp basement. There were no wheels on luggage to zip across campus and we had to wait to use the single pay phone in the dorm. The new dining hall (and food) is spectacular. Stiles Walk is such a beautiful addition to the campus. The school is consolidated now, making it easier to be a part of the community. It is a stunning campus.”

Tish Gutteridge Dutranoit '85 discovered Suffield Academy from the Independent School Guide and did not know much about the school until she visited campus and met with Headmaster Ken Lindfors. After her tour, she immediately knew Suffield Academy was the right school for her. Her dad and brother attended Canterbury, but Tish chose a different path. She would have three sisters, a nephew, a son, and a daughter also choose to attend Suffield Academy. Bradley Airport offered a direct flight from Hartford to her home in Bermuda, and this convenience along with the school itself sold Tish. “The size of Suffield Academy appealed to me and so did the town,” she recalls. “It had a friendly, small, comfortable community feel but seemed big enough to enjoy new experiences.”



Tish was an avid swimmer and a proctor. "The swim team was a very important part of my life and a strong influence on my decision to attend Suffield," she recalls. "However, by being a proctor I forged close relationships with the faculty involved in the program. I remember Mr. Currier, the head of the program, taking me to the hospital for shoulder surgery in the spring as my parents were unable to make it in time. It was a privilege being a proctor for Mr. and Mrs. Cleary in Curtis House. They treated us all like part of the family, and that made the experience very special. They had a wonderful sense of humor and their constant support and encouragement were greatly appreciated." While she cherished the support and encouragement from the faculty Tish says Suffield allowed her to become independent. "I learned how to advocate for myself and navigate a larger environment," she explains. "There was a level of support where I felt safe but also a force pushing me outside my comfort zone. When I walk around campus now I still see students and teachers who look happy and connected. I feel the faculty and staff know their student body and are willing to give extra time and support to help the students meet their goals."

### **EVERYONE IS SUPPORTIVE BUT READY TO PUSH AND CHALLENGE YOU WHEN IT'S NEEDED.**

It was a pleasant surprise for Tish when her son Luc and daughter Isabelle (Izzy) decided to attend Suffield at the same time. Luc matriculated as a junior and graduated in the spring with the Class of 2017. Izzy arrived at Suffield as a freshman, with Suffield's strong swimming program luring her to the school. Izzy and Luc say that it was the friendly and genuine atmosphere on campus that truly convinced them Suffield was a good fit. Both strong athletes, Luc played basketball and lacrosse, and captained the boys' varsity soccer team his senior year. He also earned the Coaches Award. Izzy is a tri-varsity athlete in swimming, track, and cross country and an honor roll student. She received the Coaches Award her freshman year from the cross country team and values that accomplishment tremendously. "I think Mrs. Krasemann has had the biggest impact on my life so far at Suffield because she helped me realize how much I enjoy running," she remarks. "Now I run both cross country and distance events in track. I never tried running competitively before coming to Suffield, and I would have never realized I have a talent for it. I am very proud to have placed 11th in cross country New Englands last year."

Izzy says that Suffield is teaching her how to be more outgoing, positive, and willing to try new things. Her brother Luc agrees. "It is a great faculty and staff, who have created a relaxed atmosphere where students are able to be themselves," he describes. "Everyone

is supportive but ready to push and challenge you when it's needed. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Brissette especially pushed me to be my best, believed in me, and helped me when things weren't going my way. Suffield had expectations for me and encouraged me to meet them. In return, I challenged myself more in the classroom and on the athletic fields."

When asked about their fondest memories of Suffield, Luc and Tish each spoke about graduation. "It was so beautiful seeing my entire class gather on Bell Hill in their white dresses and coat and ties to celebrate our accomplishments," commented Tish. "Commencement is when I realized how much I was going to miss my friends, coaches, and teachers," said Luc. "Ringing the Bell at graduation was definitely my last remaining win." Tish graduated from Boston College before returning to Bermuda and taught kindergarten, first, and second grades until 2008.



For 19 years she taught at Saltus Grammar School in Hamilton and now has the flexibility to visit her children, attend their sporting events, and meet with their teachers. "I've loved being part of their experiences at school," she says. Luc matriculated to the College of Charleston in the fall and joined the Class of 2021. Izzy will remain at Suffield until she rings the Bell in 2019.

"Suffield is a special place because it is such a beautiful campus with a great sense of community that allows you to feel at home," she explains. "I think it is really cool to continue my family's legacy here. My advisor (Andy Lowe) used to coach my mom in swimming, and other faculty members on campus taught my aunts. That is seriously very cool." 🍀





# TIGERS

## WINTER



### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Matching the record of the 2013 New England Championship team, the Tigers completed their 2017 season 20-4. In a year highlighted by success, Garrett Stephenson '17 scored his 1000th career point and was named 1st team All-New England alongside teammate Tyreek Scott-Grayson '17. Griffin Kornaker '17 was named 3rd team All-New England and Jeff Depelteau '02 was honored as Coach of the Year. The team achieved big wins against Kent, Exeter, Taft, MacDuffie, and three times against Avon Old Farms. Entering New England's, the Tigers won exciting playoff games in the Elite Eight against Trinity-Pawling and in the Final Four over Avon Old Farms. There was great depth on this team as five players averaged double figures in points and three more between five and eight points per game. The team graduated seven seniors: Bryce Butler, Manny Chukwu, Brad Hawkins, Griff Kornaker, Matt Redhead, Tyreek Scott-Grayson, and Garrett Stephenson.

**Photos** (top) Tigers in semi-finals  
(bottom) Tyreek Scott-Grayson '17





## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Led by the team's lone senior Casey Kaplan, the Tigers had an 11-9 winning record with notable defeats over Hamden Hall, Williston Northampton, Hotchkiss, Choate, Westminster, and Kingswood-Oxford. Highlights of the season include defeating Class A finalist Choate at home, two wins over Williston Northampton, and outscoring Miss Hall's in overtime. Juniors Bridget Carey, Ramona Fontaine, Erin Hayes, Bailey Hyland, Susannah Johnson, Dana Mills, and Lexi Mnich return to lead the Tigers, while freshman Claudia Carey, Karly Higgins, and Isabelle Lussier look forward to building on their improvement as varsity players. Bailey Hyland and Casey Kaplan were chosen to play in the NEPSAC Class B All-Star game.

**Photo** Bailey Hyland '18



## ALPINE SKIING

Dominating the slopes with a regular season record of 13-1, this year's varsity team included Zach Mooney '17, Sam Cuda '18, Maggy Skaugen '17, Johanna Risan '18, Taro Makihara '18, Jason Choi '19, Jack Cobb '20, Ethan Ash '20, and Lexi Roberts '20. Veteran champions Mooney and Skaugen returned to win both the slalom and giant slalom at the Brigham Ski League Championship. Skaugen also won the slalom at the New England Class A Championship while Mooney repeated to earn 1st in both the slalom and giant slalom, leading this group of skiers to finish 2nd overall out of the 12 teams competing in the Brigham Ski League. Cobb finished 3rd in slalom and giant slalom at the Brigham Ski Championship, while Ethan Ash placed 9th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom. Cobb also raced to a 3rd-place finish in the giant slalom at New England.

**Photo** Zach Mooney '17





## SQUASH

**GIRLS'** The girls were proud to receive the Sportsmanship Award at the New England Class B Tournament. Highlights of the season included two wins over Williston Northampton and exciting play from its entire team of seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Senior co-captains Hannah Arthur and Ryder Mosby were the recipients of this year's Coaches Award, while fellow captain and junior Tori Hargreaves-Spear Tryon was awarded the MVP. Megan Varney added to the list of graduating seniors. The Tigers return juniors Hattie Bauchiero, Sedley Benitz, Caroline Gingold, and Sarah Swanson, and sophomores Gabi De Simone, Laura Pires, and Tayla Ziadie.

**Photo** Tori Hargreaves-Spear Tryon '18

**BOYS'** The boys finished 6-9 and earned an invitation to the New England Class B Tournament, finishing 8th out of 16 teams. Led by co-captains Ping Virameteekul '17 and Sasha Derby '18, Suffield also saw consistent play from four seniors: Jeremy Greer, Peter Kelley, Henry Moreno, and Brandon Qiu. Kelley posted the second best record on the team (8-6) and finished 2nd in the #5 draw at New England's. Sophomore Deke Kemper played at #7 most of the year and posted the third best record on the team, finishing in the top half of his draw at New England's. Ric Yamamoto '19 bounced between #3 and #4 and was a significant contributor to the top of the ladder as a rookie. With the best record on the season, Jonathan Walker '19 finished 10-5 and earned 4th among the best B players in New England, earning him the MVP honors for the season.

**Photo** Jonathan Walker '19





## WRESTLING

The team reestablished Suffield's great wrestling tradition with a winning record this season. With only two seniors (Matt de Haan and Sergey Morozov), the young pack of Tiger wrestlers earned big wins over Canterbury, Salisbury, and Trinity-Pawling. They finished 5th (out of 15 teams) at Western New Englands, with Milo Marcus '18 claiming the individual title in the 145-pound division. Norm Cotteleer '18 and Luis Perez '20 finished 4th and de Haan earned 5th. Five Tigers qualified to compete in the New England tournament: Matt de Haan, Milo Marcus, Micheal Robidoux '18, Jesse Polansky '19 and Norm Cotteleer. Polansky earned 2nd at New Englands in the heavyweight division followed up by a 2nd-place finish at Nationals. The team will miss the leadership of de Haan and Morozov but return a powerful group of Tiger athletes.

**Photos** (left) Norm Cotteleer '18 (right) Matt de Haan '17



## RIFLERY

The riflery team ended the season with a 6-2 dual meet record. They finished second in their conference, competed successfully in several state and national competitions outside of the Connecticut high school league, and qualified for the league's final shoot-off. At the heart of the program were several talented juniors: Leticia Sadilina, whose scoring average led the team, Pat Cordes, and co-captains Matteo Calderan and Collin Parrow. Ivan Zakharov, the Tigers' only senior, recorded his highest score in the year's most critical meet. Other strong shooters included sophomores Elaine Wang and Kari Vinje and freshman Tim Cordes. Not far behind this season were sophomore Vaughn Rogers and freshmen Zane Hodgkins and John Cremins. In the state championships, Sadilina posted the highest score of all 50 competitors, a 198 out of 200, with a perfect 50 in the standing position.

**Photos** (left) Elaine Wang '19 (right) Matteo Calderan '18



## SWIM RECORDS TUMBLE AT LOOMIS

Suffield's Swimming & Diving teams took to Loomis' Benjamin Van Doren Hedges Pool like it was home water, breaking a number of pool and New England records on February 8. The first record to fall came early in the second half of the meet, when Sydney Winters '19 smashed a pool record in the 100-meter butterfly by more than a second, finishing in 1:03.69. Shortly after that, Winters joined teammates Samantha Hagberg '20, Eva Crouse '17, and Devina Bhalla '18 to break the pool and New England Prep record in the 200-meter freestyle relay, eclipsing a record recently set by the Loomis girls and lowering it from 1:52.02 to 1:50.62. Three of the four (Bhalla, Winters, Crouse) would later join Shaun Johnson '18 and repeat the feat in the 400-meter freestyle relay, breaking both pool and New England records. The foursome broke the existing mark by 3 full seconds, cruising to a speedy 4:00.38. Four individual efforts by members of the boys' team nearly netted New England records, as well. In separate efforts, Brandon Liao '17 and Cameron Auchinachie '17 swam to 52.51 and 52.37, respectively, in the 100-meter freestyle, just shy of the 52.25 record. Auchinachie also barely missed the 100-meter backstroke mark, swimming to a 58.15 just shy of the 58.08 record. Max Miranda '18 challenged one of the best records on the board in the 400-meter freestyle, but his 4:02.08 just missed breaking the New England prep standard.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

**GIRLS'** During a stellar dual meet season, the girls swimming and diving team defeated Deerfield, Exeter, Andover, and, for the first time in program history, Peddie. At the Eastern Prep Championships, Eva Crouse '17 and Sydney Winters '19 took the top two places in the 100 breaststroke, with each breaking the previous New England record and achieving automatic All-American status. Crouse and Winters were joined by Devina Bhalla '18 and Shaun Johnson '18 on 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay teams that set New England records and earned All-American recognition, while Brooklynn Hayes '17 teamed with Johnson, Crouse, and Winters to form an All-American 200-yard medley relay squad. Carlin Molander '18 topped a strong Tiger diving contingent with her 10th-place finish at the New England Diving Championships.

**Photos** (top) Eva Crouse '17  
(bottom left, facing page) Carlin Molander '18





**BOYS'** In a boys' swimming and diving season highlighted by wins over Deerfield and Exeter, all of the team's relays earned automatic All-American. The Tigers finished 2nd at the New England Championships, where they topped 8 of 11 swimming events, including two of the three relays. Cam Auchinachie '17, Brandon Liao '17, and Max Miranda '18 each won a pair of individual events before teaming with Matt Titterton '18 and Cian Beaulieu '18 to capture the 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays, respectively. The diving contingent also had an outstanding season, with Charlie Tilney-Volk '19, Sam Henderson '17, and Kevin Kuzmeski '18 finishing 2-3-4 at the New England Diving Championships. Drake Muth '17 would have also finished in the top eight but for a rule limiting teams to three entrants in the final round.

**Photos** (top) Cian Beaulieu '18 (bottom right) Sam Henderson '17





## SOFTBALL

The Tigers concluded a successful II-4 season by advancing to the finals of the Western New England tournament for the second consecutive year. Suffield roared into the championship game on the arm of senior tri-captain Julia Murphy who hurled a perfect game in the semifinal against Wilbraham & Monson, while the Tiger bats erupted for eleven runs. Unfortunately, the bats went cold and the Tigers suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss in the finals. The team will miss tri-captains Murphy, Kristen Kertanis, and Becca Collins, but a solid nucleus of players return including rising seniors Susannah Johnson and Carlin Molander, along with juniors Aaliyah Lopez and Kate Killam.

**Photos** (right) Laura Pires '19 (bottom) Julia Murphy '17







## BASEBALL

The varsity baseball team reached its goal of qualifying for the 2017 Western New England Prep Baseball League playoffs. The team had a great win at Salisbury in the semi-finals but came up short in the championship game against Cheshire Academy. Seniors Zach Mooney, Brandon Qiu, Caleb Wurster, Kevin Haley, and Cuba Birnbaum will be missed. However, the future looks bright as the Tigers started two freshmen, two sophomores, and two juniors in the majority of the games this spring. Haley earned Second Team All-League, and Ben Bonavita '18, Jackson Pentz '19, and Tyler Van Dyke '20 earned First Team All-League. Wurster received Co-Pitcher of the Year in the Cleary Division. Bonavita, Carter Cousins '19, Pentz, and Van Dyke earned bids to the underclassmen All-Star game. With a 0.370 batting average and earning the Most Improved Player award, Van Dyke was second on the team in hits and runs batted in. The Coaches Award went to senior catcher Zach Mooney. The season's MVP was shared by Wurster and Pentz. Wurster led the pitching staff with a 5-0 record, allowing just 16 hits and three earned runs while striking out 46 batters. With a near .400 average, Pentz led the team in hits, doubles, stolen bases, and on-base percentage. The team finished with a 12-5 record.

### Photos

(top) Kevin Haley '17

(bottom) Ben Bonavita '18





## TRACK AND FIELD

Fielding one of the largest programs in Suffield's history, 44 boys and 23 girls made up this year's track & field team. Daniel Krasemann '19 finished 2nd place in New England's and broke a 20-year-old school record by over 7 seconds in his 3,000m run. Amelia Hern '17 finished with All New England honors in both the 1500m and 800m, earning 6th place in each. Walker finished 5th overall in the 800m. After notable wins over Cheshire, Berkshire, Wilbraham & Monson, Canterbury, Miss Porter's, and Millbrook, the boys and girls concluded their seasons by finishing 10th in the New England Championships. The Coaches Award went to Abou Diaby '17 and Dana Mills '18, while the Gordon G. Glover & David Rockwell MVP award was earned by Jonathan Walker '19, Bailey Hyland '18, and Amelia Hern. Seniors for the boys included Noah Cyr, Matt de Haan, Abou Diaby, Emerson Genovese, Brad Hawkins, Matt Jusczyk, Dan Mittelman, and Ben Toczydlowski. Seniors for the girls included Hannah Arthur, Kaelena Daniels, Amelia Hern, and Lea Kvadsheim.

**Photos** (left) Westley Bartlett '18 (right) Amelia Hern '17

## GIRLS' WATER POLO

The girls' varsity water polo team had a very successful spring, finishing the season with a record of 13-5 and a 3rd-place finish in the New England Final Four tournament. Charged by seniors Alli Hayden, Brooklynn Hayes, Emma Paul, Isabella Pesaresi, and Megan Varney, this was an experienced and balanced team that took advantage of the chemistry created by playing together for several years. Hayes led the team in scoring with 42 goals (and also broke the 100-goal barrier for her career at Suffield), but all six starting field players had double-digit scoring totals for the season (Jenna Polidoro '18: 35, Amber McKenzie '18: 33, Megan Varney: 24, Alli Hayden: 21, Devina Bhalla '18: 12). Even goalie Isabella Pesaresi scored three goals in addition to accumulating a career high 255 saves this season. A highlight was the team's 9-7 defeat of Greenwich Academy, the only loss Greenwich has experienced in its two years in the league. At the New England Final Four tournament, the Tigers played an excellent semifinal game only to lose a heartbreaking sudden death overtime decision to Hopkins, 10-9. However, just an hour later the girls returned to the pool for the consolation final and defeated Williston Northampton 12-4 to claim 3rd place in convincing fashion. Devina Bhalla was named to the All-New England team.

**Photos** (left) Alli Hayden '17 (right) Amber McKenzie '18







## CREW

Suffield's crew returned to the waters of the Connecticut River for another successful season. In its third year, enrollment grew to 25 rowers, and with only two seniors (Brandon Liao and Jerry Tang) the program had outstanding momentum. The team prepared for competition in the indoor rowing tanks and ergometers in Tisch Fieldhouse and then headed outdoors to the boathouse in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Rowing in 4- and 8-person boats in both novice and experienced events, Suffield had outstanding races against Marianapolis, Wilbraham & Monson, MacDuffie, Rumsey Hall, Northampton High School, Eagle Hill, Lenox High School, and Holyoke Boathouse.

**Photos** (top) Clara Kummerer '19, Millie Gao '19, Eva Hafner '18, Lexi Roberts '20, Katherine Kelley '18 (bottom) Dylan Litt '19, Max Miranda '18, Walter Kress '18, Brandon Liao '17, John Cremins '20, Tommaso Calderon '20, Tim Cordes '20

## GOLF

With a record of 12-8, all six varsity starters (Phakorn Chansrichawla '17, Graham Shannon '17, Nick Mayo '17, Poom Srirathaikul '17, Bryan McLennan '18, and Timothy Oravec '19) posted rounds of sub 40 during the season. After impressive wins against Avon Old Farms and Westminster, the team collected their lowest total of 191 in a match against Northfield Mount Hermon, the lowest combined score posted in coach Stan McLennan's 10 years heading the squad. Bryan McLennan earned his first ever 34 (two under par) and held the lowest stroke average of 38.2, earning him the MVP for the 2017 season. McLennan also finished 2nd overall in the First Annual Suffield Invitational.

**Photo** Bryan McLennan '18





## LACROSSE

**GIRLS'** After some tough losses early in the season, the Tigers finished strong by winning their last games over Miss Porter's and Pomfret. While the team graduates seniors Nina Begley, Cari Cyr, Marissa Flevotomos, Katherine Kalill, Casey Kaplan, Maddie Kauffman, and Isabelle Ricke, a solid core returns. Bridget Carey '18 was a reliable player on both the attacking and defensive ends, scoring 40 goals and controlling 33 draws. She shared team MVP honors with Alina Ryan '18, who earned 60 draw controls, scored 20 goals, and tallied 11 assists. The Dedication and Improvement Award went to Georgia Hannock '19 and Maddie Kauffman, while Jenn Ungerleider '18 earned the Coaches Award. Carey, Ryan, and Ungerleider were selected as Western New England Prep School All Stars, and Carey was also named to the US Lacrosse All-Academic Team.

**Photo** Casey Kaplan '17

**BOYS'** The young team's season was highlighted by wins over St. Luke's and Hopkins, as well as the All-American selection of goaltender John Kuzmeski '17 (see opposite page). Kuzmeski's 60% save percentage and strong leadership will be missed, as will senior defenders Luc Dutranoit and Andrew Mercein. The Tigers return 17 players, however, including First-Team All-League members Jake Selbst '18 and Kevin Kuzmeski '18 and five freshman starters. With 96% of the team's scoring coming back, the Tigers aim to take a significant step forward this year.

**Photo** Aidan Kennedy '18







## TENNIS

**BOYS'** Captains Peter Kelley '17 and Sasha Derby '18 led Suffield Academy to a competitive 6-5 season, featuring exciting wins against Westminster and Kent. The team will greatly miss Kelley, who will be playing collegiate tennis at Loyola Maryland, and Teem Durongkapitaya '17, who made a stunning recovery from knee surgery to play both doubles and singles this season. Leonard Hoermann '18, Ben Bonavire '19, Anton Davydenko '18, Milan Ghosh '18, Colter Rule '19, and Max Shlafstein '18 all improved markedly over the course of the season and the future looks bright with so many returning upperclassmen. Suffield was fortunate to also have an infusion of young talent as Andrew Zielinski '19, Charlie Tilney-Volk '19, and Aiden Owen '20 all made significant contributions to the team.

**Photo** Peter Kelley '17

**GIRLS'** The Tigers showed continual progress throughout the season and concluded with an excellent 2nd-place finish in the eight-team, season-ending Suffield Invitational. Chloe Rogalin was the team's only senior, and other consistent performers included juniors Kate Rookey, Jovana Kovac, and Hattie Bauchiero; sophomores Paityn Bergstol, Mia D'Angelo, Jessica Fedor, Eliza Gregory, Courtney Marshall, Maddie McCreesh, and Anna Wilcox; and freshman Laura Mittelman. The girls earned big victories against Williston Northampton and Wilbraham & Monson. Given the large number of returning players and solid junior varsity program, the future is very promising.

**Photo** Kate Rookey '18



## JOHN KUZMESKI '17 EARNS ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION

A two-year captain for the Suffield Academy Tigers, John Kuzmeski '17 adds the program's first ever All-American recognition to a host of other awards garnered in his time donning the Orange and Black. He was First Team All-League as both a sophomore and junior and was named team MVP or co-MVP each of his three seasons. For his competitive spirit, sportsmanship, and commitment to his teammates, Kuzmeski also earned the school's Rachel Carey and Courtney Robinson awards. Despite facing over 500 shots this spring, John recorded career highs in save percentage (60%) and total saves. He also led the Tigers in ground balls, collecting 46. Head coach Thomas Foote notes, "We are so proud of John. He is a talented goaltender, a driven competitor, and an outstanding leader. Since he arrived from Eaglebrook as a 10th-grader, John has been the backbone of our defense and the vocal and emotional pioneer of our team. We are so pleased to see his hard work and stellar play recognized by the US lacrosse and the Western New England lacrosse coaches." John matriculated to RIT in the fall, where he studies engineering and joins a Tiger team that reached the D3 National Championship Game last season.



PERFORMING ARTS/SPRING PLAY  
THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The tragic story of Anne Frank and her family has become one of the best known chapters in the history of the Holocaust. Chronicled in the diary kept by Anne Frank, the play depicts the joys, tensions, yearnings, and the passion for life expressed by Anne in her own words. Suffield Academy's production team aimed to find a balance between Anne's descriptions and the brutal reality of Nazi tyranny. By including audio and visual elements to enhance the authenticity of their situation, the team strived to tell a story of hope set in the reality of a nightmare. When the cast explored the Holocaust, they visited with Margot Jeremias, a survivor, in Hartford. She told her story and it became clear to this group of students why the production is so significant. They were reminded to remember, even if some of those memories are hard to re-imagine.





# THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK



## CAST

ANNE FRANK  
Riley Carrier '17

OTTO FRANK  
Max Wiener '18

MRS. VAN DAAN  
Ashley Sarris '17

MR. VAN DAAN  
Sergey Morozov '17

MIEP GIES  
Meg Durhager '18

PETER VAN DAAN  
Dominic Colangelo '19

MR. DUSSELL  
Mac Keating '18

MR. KRALER  
Jonah Perry '17

MARGOT FRANK  
Arianna Saxton '18

EDITH FRANK  
Michaela Domino '20

COLIN REESE PARKER  
& GARRIT BOLKESTEIN  
Graham Shannon '17

GERMAN SOLDIERS  
Winfield Hunter '17  
Brad Hawkins '17  
Cuba Birnbaum '17

## STAGE CREW

STAGE MANAGER  
Laura De Los Santos '17

SOUND DESIGNER  
Dan Mittelman '17

SET DESIGNER  
Jack Pumphret '18

LIGHTING DESIGNER  
Oak Chaisathaporn '19



# 14th annual connecticut halo awards



Seven Angels Theatre, Greater Waterbury's only Equity Professional Theatre, hosted the 14th Annual High School Halo Awards to honor student participation in all areas of high school theatre throughout the state. This year the program recognized 65 schools divided into two divisions, primarily along geographical lines. Between six and nine students in each of over 45 categories were nominated in both divisions.

## **Suffield Academy Halo Recognitions - 18 Nominations and 3 Awards:**

### **Best Contemporary Musical**

Oak Chaisathaporn '19 for Best Lighting and/or Execution  
for both *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Sister Act*

### **Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical**

Katherine Kalill '17 as Deloris Van Cartier in *Sister Act*

## dance show

» STEPS » A Unique Dance Competition based on Fox Network's *The X-Factor*

### **2017 Dance Team Members**

**Seniors** Cari Cyr ... Kaelena Daniels

**Juniors** Isabella Attianese ... Meg Durhager ... Caleigh Horrigan ... Juhi Rayonia ... Mia White

**Sophomores** Becca Matalon ... Alessia Martini ... Sarah Longhi

**Freshmen** Akira Alleyne ... Sabrina Louro ... Sohi Shah ... Laurel Vardakas ... Caroline Walsh

**Host Billy Baxton** ... Max Wiener '18

**Judge Genevieve** ... Ashley Sarris '17

**Judge 2** ... Graham Shannon '17

**Judge 3** ... Mac Keating '18

**Contestant #642** ... Amelia Hern '17

**Director** ... Gis-xi Nahmens

**Script** ... Carlos Plaz

**Choreography** ... Jeanette Cox, Matt Wiggin '06,  
Joseph Oko Adokwei, dance company members

**Special Appearances** Griffin Kornaker '17, Garrett Stephenson '17, Katherine Kalill '17, Lea Kvadsheim '17, Ameera Moumina '17, Maggie Skaugen '17, Eva Hafner '18, Jack Samenuk '18, Aubrey Sanford '18, Vivian Riegel '20





# guitar shows



## » Vocalists and Instrumentalists »

**Seniors** Graham Shannon ... Amelia Hern ... Riley Carrier  
Ryder Mosby ... Winfield Hunter ... Nick Mayo ... Katherine Kalill

**Juniors** Matt Moryto ... Carlos Salguero ... Mac Keating  
Max Wiener ... Arianna Saxton ... Caleigh Horrigan ... Mia White  
Meg Durhager ... Isabella Attianese ... Amber McKenzie  
Ala Ietta ... Michael Robidoux

**Sophomores** Clara Kummerer ... Sarah Longhi

**Freshman** Justin Hern



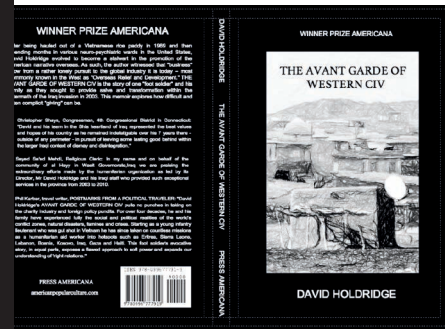
# ALUMS

## TYLER ARNOLD '10 A&R REPUBLIC RECORDS



As Vice President of A&R at Republic Records, Tyler's job is to discover, sign, and develop artists he believes in. Among the main acts he signed and works with are Post Malone, Metro Boomin, and Jeremy Zucker. After leaving Northeastern University to pursue his dream job in A&R at Republic, it took Tyler nearly six months to sign the latest musical sensation Post Malone. Since then Post Malone's debut album *Stoney* has reached RIAA certified platinum with 1 million albums downloaded in the US and 2 billion streams worldwide. Malone's latest single "Congratulations" has sold 5 million singles in the US and was in the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100 for four weeks straight peaking at #8.

## DAVID HOLDRIDGE '62 AUTHOR OF *THE AVANT GARDE OF WESTERN CIV*



David's newest book *The Avant Garde of Western Civ*, was published in February 2017. It is the story a foot soldier and his family as they sought to provide salve and transformation within the aftermath of the Iraq invasion in 2003. This memoir explores how difficult and often complicit "giving" can be. After being hauled out of a Vietnamese rice paddy in 1969 and then spending months in various neuropsychiatric wards in the United States, David evolved to become a stalwart in the promotion of the American narrative overseas.

## SARAH ZELLWEGER '04 **EMPOWERING STYLES**



London-based designer Sarah Zellweger of SZ Blockprints teamed up with J.Crew to create a summer collection ranging from colorful tunics to mix-n-match tops and skirts. Made in collaboration with local artisans in Jaipur, India, SZ Blockprints is known for its completely handmade prints, which are created in Jaipur using carved blocks. A portion of the proceeds go towards Zellweger's non-profit SZ Foundation, supporting local female education and empowerment initiatives.



# IN THE NEWS



## TODD GATES '88 NBA IN INDIA

The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced the official opening of NBA Academy India on May 9, an elite basketball training center at Jaypee Greens Integrated Sports Complex in Delhi National Capital Region for the top male and female prospects from throughout India. Todd, a former coach at the NCAA Division I level for 10 years, will serve as the Strength & Conditioning Coach. The first of its kind in the country, NBA Academy India employs a holistic, 360-degree approach to player development with focuses on education, leadership, character development, and life skills. As part of the program, the students compete against top competition throughout the year and will have an opportunity to be selected for travel teams that play in international tournaments and exhibition games. NBA Academy India builds on the NBA's existing basketball and youth development initiatives in India.



## JAMES HAGAN '80 ACHIEVEMENT & SERVICE

After earning an MBA in 1988 from American International College, Jim received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree awarded for outstanding achievement and service in the field of commerce at the school's Commencement on May 13. At Westfield Bank in his more than 20 years, Jim served as vice president of commercial lending and chief operations officer before becoming president and chief executive officer. A resident of Westfield, Massachusetts, Jim is currently serving a second term on the Board of Trustees for Westfield State University, where he previously served as Board Chair. In addition, Jim is a member of the Board of Directors for Stanley Park of Westfield, the Trustees of Westfield Academy Westfield, and the Greater Westfield Babe Ruth League. Jim is also a member of the St. Mary's Parish finance council, Westfield Athenaeum, and is a Greater Westfield Babe Ruth League coach.

## PAM AUTUORI '08 TOMI CARRY YOU



Signed by RCA (Sony) and recording under the named TOMI, singer and songwriter Pam Autuori released two new songs off her debut album. Written and produced by Autuori, "Carry You" and "Hideaway" can now be downloaded on Spotify, Apple Music, Google Play, and Amazon Music.

*A class notes...  
thankful*



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## 1940

### BETTY REID MCDONALD

In May 2016 I moved to a 684-square-foot cottage on my granddaughter's property in Shoreline, Washington, from my Seattle condo of 40 years. Love my cottage and my kitty named Ellie. I now have my first great-great-granddaughter, whose name is Avriann. Time marches on and life is good!

## 1942 REUNION 2017

### TOM MARTINELLI

I am still practicing law in Springfield, and enjoying it. No recent trips but my wife Lynn and I plan to go by train from Montreal to the West Coast to see my grandson. He works for Microsoft in Seattle. That is exciting to me. I did a walking tour of Suffield with my daughters not long ago. It is quite beautiful, and quite different from when I was there.

## 1948

Gene Spaziani

### GENE SPAZIANI

I had a heart attack on April 10 and went to the Lawrence-Memorial hospital in New London, Connecticut. I was then transferred to Yale-New Haven where, on April 13, I had open-heart surgery because four arteries were clogged and had to be bypassed. I spent a week in the hospital, another week in the Avalon Health Facility, and then home for extended rehabilitation. Doing fine and getting better, but it is not easy and it is not painless.

## 1950

### JASON PEARL

The most exciting event in my life in a long time was last week when my eldest grandchild, Alyssa Rubin of Southington, graduated from Northeastern University summa cum laude. She is working for a non-profit in Boston but will undoubtedly go back for an advanced degree.

## 1956

Peter Olin

### JOHN FERGUSON

Still reflecting upon my return to Suffield for Ap Seaverns memorial service. Visited [John Taylor '56](#). Evident I had not made a forever impression; he had no recollection

of the freckled redhead. But Ap Seaverns' kids did, and I drove away thankful for that and my years at Suffield.

### BOB HOUGHTON

Marcia, my high school sweetheart, and I continue to enjoy gardening, and I continue to enjoy fishing.

### DAVID JELLISON

I am trying to adjust to senior citizen status and to age gracefully. We continue to live in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Highlands, North Carolina, where I work part-time for the Town of Highlands at the Recreation Park/Civic Center, as well as at the police department.

### PETER OLIN

Even though I am retired, I continue to run garden and adventure tours for the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Last fall we toured the Boston area, this March we were in Costa Rica, and we visited Rhode Island and Connecticut in May. Next is the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia in September.

### JOHN TAYLOR

One of the challenges in retirement is determining what you plan to do. While at Suffield, on Saturdays there were what you might call "enrichment courses." In one I remember listening to symphonic music and the other was an art class. In that art class a girlfriend sent me a note card with a picture of a dog's head. I took that on as my project and painted it in oils. I still have the picture. Our family had some art talent. My grandfather was a self-taught artist and one of his paintings that I have is of the Coast Guard training ship called the Bear. During the Second World War, my father was stationed at the Coast Guard Academy. My brother starting drawing with pen and ink and entered Uncle Ray Column in the New London newspaper, *The Day*. He had a couple of his drawings chosen to be put in the paper. He now creates notecards in pen and ink and they are sold at various shops in the area of Old Lyme, Connecticut. So, I am now oil painting and have completed a picture of two women soccer players getting control of the ball. I did the picture and gave it to the retiring Brown University women's soccer coach who was a student of mine. I am now working on an America's Cup 12 meter yacht painting for my son who races sail boats in Newport. It is challenging to get a painting to tell a story.

## 1957 REUNION 2017

Ralph Jennings

### DAVID SZYMANSKI

Still hunting on my land in Winchester, Connecticut. Got two bucks with a rifle: 8 points and 4 points. I was on the Suffield riflery team for two years. At age 76 not a bad feat—one shot was at 110 yards!

## 1958

Mike Sheridan

### DOUGLAS GREENE

At the 2017 Commencement at Southeast Missouri State University, I was awarded a Honorary Doctorate of Business. I expect that a couple of the Suffield professors will be quite surprised at this accomplishment considering I was a "get by" student at Suffield. We are at our California home until the end of May and then back to Vancouver, Washington, for the summer. Hope all is well with the Suffield Tigers.

### DAVID ROCKWELL

It's been a long, rewarding ride at Suffield. I plan to retire from teaching in May 2018 after 54 years. It will be difficult leaving Suffield, but I think Bonnie and I will manage quite well on the Coast of Maine.

### PAUL SULLIVAN

Melinda and I donated 14 pieces of our DuPaquier porcelain collection to The Frick collection in New York City in August of 2016. The museum curators were asked to pick 14 pieces from our collection. They are currently on view in The Museum at East 70th Street. Beginning June 8 there will be an exhibition of other pieces from our collection until mid-August 2018. The exhibition will be in the Portico in the museum. We are now living in a new home in Naples, Florida, during the winter and spend our summers in Nantucket at a home we purchased in town last June. I have been able to connect with classmate [Jay Tompkins '58](#) since being in Naples. He has been most kind to include me in some fishing and golf outings. We met by chance at our beach club shortly after we moved into the Naples house after not seeing each other for 55 years! We maintain our home in New York City and visit regularly. This fall we will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary with an extended trip to Europe. Our eldest grandchild, Calvin Sullivan, will be a freshman at Hobart College. Time certainly flies.



01 Hunter Brown's '60 Flat-Coated Retriever puppy

02 Jack Plotkin's '59 view of Yosemite Falls on a recent trip

03 **Top:** Peter Olin '56 on a recent trip to Costa Rica, standing with fellow travelers under a large "magic" tree at the Tropical Agricultural Research & Educational Center  
**Bottom:** Peter (kneeling on the right) and other travelers at his friend Ileana Teran's home on her husband's coffee plantation

04 Douglas Greene '58

05 Tom Shemwick '60 with his wife Gayle celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary

06 Jerry Kargman '61

07 Tom Walker '61 standing behind five Patriots Super Bowl trophies

08 Adrian Corbiere Jr. '63 and Sandy Prouty '63 reunited

09 Con O'Leary '62 (far right) and friends skiing in Park City, Utah

10 Bob Horne '63 enjoying sailing on Lake Champlain in his 18 ft. Marshall Catboat

11 Harvey Waite II '63

12 Oak Acton '64 with his wife Linnea, his sister Mary, and her husband Pat, in St. Petersburg, Russia outside the Hermitage Museum



## JAY TOMPKINS

I just finished my 50th Anniversary from Columbia Business School in April and my granddaughter Savannah recently completed her sophomore year at Suffield.

# 1959

Paul Grimmeisen

## JACK PLOTKIN

We, the products of the 50s, seem to be a pretty quiet bunch. The same (few) suspects seem to take advantage of class notes. And I am one of them. I have not seen (most of) you for 58 years. The downside (for me): an unsatisfied curiosity. The upside (maybe for you): in my mind I see you as an 18-year-old. For example, when reading about [Mike Daly's](#) death in *The Hartford Courant*, I learned about his successful life. But for me, I still see Mike on the field house basketball court, standing at the head of the key. He has the ball in his hands, and there is a certain look in his eyes. He does a little step fake and drives to the basket. It never fails. And that is the way I'll always remember him. My class note: Susan and I did a fun birding trip to Ecuador in March, and we were lucky enough to be in Yosemite in May when the waterfalls were at their max and the dogwoods were in bloom.

# 1960

David Holmes

## HUNTER BROWN

All is well with us. We have a new puppy, also named Kenzie. The original Kenzie died last fall after a battle with cancer. We were sad, but vowed to find another Flat-Coated Retriever and we succeeded with this girl from a breeder in Windsor, Connecticut. Typically crazy, she is all we could ask for. She's now close to five months. We're busy with travel: United Kingdom, India, Sri Lanka and India again late this year. I am training at the gym several times a week and running, trying to do better at the 2017 Litchfield Hills Road Race. Spend a lot of time with the church and its choir. We will try to pay a visit to Suffield in the early autumn.

## GILBERT LAVOIE

I continue to work in medicine and I'm presently on the Board of Directors for the Medical Institute for Sexual Health in Austin, Texas. I do medical literature research in the primary prevention of

HIV. We focus on the protection of children and young adults. I continue my studies on the Shroud of Turin and am working on another book. My colleague and I have nearly completed a website on magnificent photos of the Shroud taken in 1978. If anyone is interested in any of the above subjects please email me at [glavoie@massmed.org](mailto:glavoie@massmed.org).

# 1961

Jerry Kargman, Mike Menzies

## JERRY KARGMAN

Still trying to decide on and commit to my next act, now 13 years into retirement. In the meantime I'm trying, improbably, to become a marathoner again (last was New York City in 1986), with my training for Chicago (October 9), now starting in earnest. I have had some success recently on the local New York City running scene, at least in my age group, placing 3rd in a 5K in March and taking 1st in a Mother's Day 10K. No need to ask about my time or how many competitors there were in the 70+ age group. My 25-year-old son Charley has been running with me, which is sweet. The young whippersnapper beats me every time. Kids have no respect for their parents these days. Hope you guys all still have, and keep, your original issue knees and hips (at least mostly), if not hair and teeth, until our 60th. See you there, Lord willin' and the crick don't rise. Best to all.

## TOM WALKER

Still working part-time for the New England Patriots in the VIP sales department. Working training camp, preseason games, all home games and all concerts held at Gillette Stadium. Its probably the greatest job in the world! I am hoping for a sixth Super Bowl trophy this coming year. If any alumni visit the Putnam Club, please look me up.

# 1962 REUNION 2017

[Paul Connor](#), [Andy Spector](#)

## JOHN COX

Fully retired, still singing and running competitively (for my age group). After spending the year after graduation in the United Kingdom, it's both my 50th college and 55th Suffield Reunion in the same year.

## DAVID HOLDRIDGE

My recent book *The Avant Garde of Western Civ*, published in February of 2017, was a Prize Americana Memoir Winner. After being hauled out of a Vietnamese rice paddy in 1969, and then spending months in various neuropsychiatric wards in the United States, David Holdridge evolved to become a stalwart in the promotion of the American narrative overseas. As such, the author witnessed that "business" grew from a rather lonely pursuit to the global industry it is today—most commonly known in the West as "Overseas Relief and Development." *The Avant Garde of Western Civ* is the story of one "foot soldier" and his family as they sought to provide salve and transformation within the aftermath of the Iraq invasion in 2003. This memoir explores how difficult and often complicit giving can be: [avantgardeofwesternciv.com](http://avantgardeofwesternciv.com).

## CON O'LEARY

Been to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to visit [Ken Kirk](#) and his wife Aurora this winter and then to India in January. I also stay in touch with [Peter Wylie](#) who is in DC working and keeping in shape. [Don Livingston](#) and I get together several times a year. He will be here for my brother's 70th birthday.

## ANDY SPECTOR

I am looking forward to returning for the 55th Reunion of our class. Hope to see many of our classmates there.

# 1963

Sandy Prouty

## DICK ANTHONY

Susan and I are heading North after our second winter and year in Florida. All seems well. Just finishing my second book and included some experiences from Suffield. We are traveling as much as we can. Will stop and see Elisabeth's two children and hopefully Sam's two boys. San Diego is great. Take your grandchildren to the Zoo and Balboa Park. The model train exhibit is spectacular. Planning trips to Scotland, Iceland, and Italy conditions permitting.

## BILL BRESLAU

Enjoying an "of counsel" status at the law firm after 44 years. Participated in a Navy VIP on-board arrested landing on the aircraft carrier Nimitz in the Pacific recently. Life is good!

**BOB HORNE**

I'm enjoying retirement, but don't have enough time. I have an 18-foot Marshall Catboat that I sail on Lake Champlain (not a Great Lake, but a pretty good lake) and I'm building a 15-foot catboat to a 1910 design. I'm using mostly wood cut on my land and milled on my sawmill. My wife Pat and I will head out soon for my 50th Reunion at St. Lawrence University to visit with the other relics of our time. At 71 I still play pick-up co-ed soccer with my son and daughter-in-law and their friends. It does take me a few more days to walk straight afterwards. **Alec Lyall '62** called me when he moved to a Middlebury, Vermont, retirement community and we have visited a few times. He is heavy into Pickleball as are many retirees (not me). I have connected with **Pete Hayman** on Facebook and enjoyed his retirement postings.

**SANDY PROUTY**

Last month **Adrian Corbiere** and I had a mini '63 Reunion when we discovered we are living in neighboring towns. He is retired after a very successful career in commercial real estate.

**DAVE SCHULZ**

After working for 17 years with intellectually disabled people at Lambs Farm in Libertyville, Illinois, I decided to retire on April 7. As much as I loved the residents at Lambs as part of my own family, I'll have to admit retirement is a pretty good deal! It certainly is nice not to have to live by the alarm clock and to be able to really enjoy my first cup of coffee every morning! I'm not entirely out of the loop, though, as I still work in a show choir program with disabled people. Singing has always been a passion of mine. In addition, Noreen and I are the proud grandparents of Caleb and Audrey who just turned eight and five, respectively. Finally, our one daughter just got engaged. All the best!

**HARVEY WAITE II**

I have just retired from my very successful business, and I'm looking forward to spending more time at my summer place in Maine. I enjoy gardening with my son Michael and my peaceful life with my wife Rose Ann.

**1964**

Jon Booth, Ned Smith,  
Nat Stevens, Tom Webster

**OAK ACTON**

Last July Linnea and I, along with my sister Mary and her husband Pat, spent four weeks touring Scandinavia, Russia, and Scotland. We started in Stockholm, where we explored the

old city. We then cruised to Tallinn, Estonia, and spent three days in St. Petersburg, Russia. Then it was on to Helsinki and Copenhagen. From there we flew to Bergen, on the west coast of Norway. We took the train, "Norway in a Nutshell" to Flam and Oslo, touring the magnificent fjords and small farms. We ended the trip in Edinburgh, Scotland. We experienced cities and cultures we had only read about in the past. Each city and country was unique, from the quaint old towns to the magnificent splendor of the Russian palaces.

**DAVID ROMSEY**

David is Corporate Fitness Director at Castle Aviation in North Canton, Ohio. He also does private personal training. His job entails continuous assessment of employees' fitness parameters and one-on-one personal training of each employee in efforts to improve the overall health and wellness of the entire company population.

**PETER SYMASKO**

Heading out for a short project in Senegal with plans later in the fall to walk the Camino De Santiago De Compostela through France and Northern Spain. Enjoyed reading about classmates sailing on the Great Lakes. "Fair winds and following seas" for all on future voyages.

**ALEX VYCE**

I'll never forget my experience as a PG. **Wasky, PV, Dennis Kinne** and of course my baseball coach **Ap Seaverns**. Great memories!

**1965**

Tim Hemingway, Bill Kelly

**LARRY HYDE**

Looking forward to our Serengeti trip with Anne and **Tim Hemingway!**

**PETER KINNEAR**

Living outside of Houston on a 120-acre ranch with my wife Jeanne. She is an animal lover so we have four horses, three dogs, three barn cats, eight chickens, and a small herd of cattle. After spending 40 years in the oil and gas service industry in Houston, I retired as the Chairman and CEO of FMC Technologies. We also have a home outside of Vail, Colorado, where we go during the summer for a couple of months. Attached is a photo of our trip to Hawaii. Looking forward to our next Reunion.

**JIM LO DOLCE**

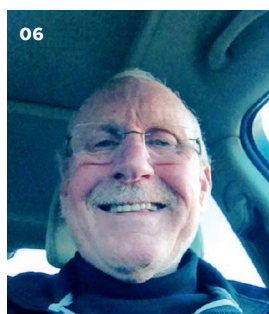
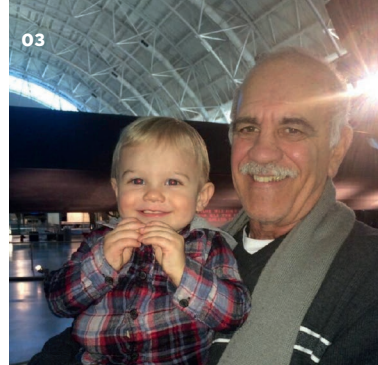
I hope this finds all my classmates well. It has been a good year. I retired from active

family medicine May 2016. I have been doing some per diem work in a local urgent care center. I am trying to develop a consulting business to train primary care physicians to work efficiently in the electronic world of outpatient medicine. I published a book on Amazon to serve as a tutorial for this training program: *Sail Through Your Office Practice by Adopting Efficient, Effective Workflows: A Tutorial for Primary Care Providers* (<http://amzn.to/2sawzix>). I am recovering from a total ankle replacement performed in November 2016. Overall it was successful. Donna and I took a nice three week drive in March to Atlanta, Nashville, Raleigh, Appomattox and back. Nashville was great fun. Played a couple of rounds of golf in Pinehurst. Looking forward to a good summer of sailing on Lake Ontario again. However, we have to wait for the Great Lakes waters to recede. The level is too high to launch Lo Dolce Vita VII for the summer. If anyone is in the Syracuse area this summer, look me up and we can go for a sail. Last season we took **Ned Smith, Tom Webster**, and **Jon Boot**, and spouses for a sail on a beautiful day, celebrating **Tom's** 70th birthday. It was a great reunion. We just bought a big van and are planning a cross country trip, with plans to leave Syracuse in early October. I am in the process of building a queen size bed into it. We will travel to the Northwest for a few weeks, fly home, leaving the van for a month or so, then fly back for a second leg to the Southwest, leave the van again for a month or so, then come back for the third and final leg, traveling to the Southeast then home by May. Should be fun. May try to look up classmates on the trip if I plan it right.

**KIT WHITMORE**

I am semi-retired after forty-something years in the film business. Started in New York in the early seventies after graduation from Cornell. Worked my way up from gofer to director of photography. Worked on a couple thousand commercials in New York and later in Toronto where I live now. The commercial business died off in the early nineties so I went into long format which at the time was feature films and cable movies of the week. When the business went digital four years ago the feature business got to be kind of boring because everything featured special effects—guys on cables hanging in front of green screens pretending to attack Batman or something similar—but the TV business became huge due to the expansion of streaming video on the Internet. I did four years on a show called *Murdoch Mysteries* (a little Canadian show in its eleventh year now). The last 35mm film I did was last year. It was a little film aptly named *Kodachrome*. Engaged





**01** Andrew Tisch '67 at Old Faithful—lucky enough to take a snowmobile through the park on a picture perfect day

**02** Peter Kinnear '65 and his wife Jeanne in Hawaii

**03** Chris Harlambakis '67 and his grandson Luke, Suffield Academy Class of 2031

**04** Charlie Claggett's '66 grandson Charlie Heinzel (2), preparing to teach history at Harvard

**05 Left:** Bill Jayson '67 and his wife sailing **Right:** Bill Jayson

**06** Len Renery '67

**07 Left:** Jim Lo Dolce '65 and his wife Donna  
**Middle:** Jim's sailboat the *Lo Dolce Vita VII* on Lake Ontario  
**Right:** Jim's newly published tutorial for primary care providers

**08** Dave Sperry '69 with first grandchild Julie Sterling, born October 29, 2016

to my girlfriend whom I have been with for four years, but whom I met in 1971 in Cleveland when I was busy trying to overthrow the Nixon government. We got back together. Blame the Internet. Exchanged emails with **Tim Hemingway** a couple years ago. Other than that I have been out of touch. Oh, went sailing with **Phil Grant** in 1966. Damn near drowned, but we didn't. It was intense. That's about it. Hope everybody is okay.

## 1966

Charlie Claggett, Fred Doepeke, Bruce Fletcher, Chris Frost

### CHARLIE CLAGGETT

Katie and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary on May 17!

### BRUCE FLETCHER, CHARLIE CLAGGETT, CHRIS FROST, FRED DOEPKE

30 classmates, many with wives and girlfriends, loved returning to Suffield for our 50th Reunion in October 2016. A 73-page Reunion book will soon be mailed to each classmate (for whom we have postal addresses) with pictures from the reunion, classmate bios, and stories of life at Suffield. We are close to raising a \$50,000 Reunion gift to the **Mason Nye English Chair Endowment Fund**. Calling all '66ers! Look for our next reunion in 2018: the dedication of the Mason Nye Memorial Classroom in the newly renovated Memorial Building (we'll know the date once the renovation is complete) and our collective early 70s birthdays. It will be a wild party with beautiful women (our wives and

girlfriends), and the three b's: booze, boys, and bull. And we'll all be in bed by 10 pm.

### TODD NEWMARK

A quick summary of the past half century: Suffield graduation in 1966; Vietnam Army service from 1969 to 1970; Oberlin College (BA) in 1973; the London School of Economics (M.Sc.) in 1974; odd jobs in the DC area; moved to West Virginia to the family's "country place" in 1977; more odd jobs and some freelance writing; published in *The Wall Street Journal* (op-ed), *Commentary*, *Vietnam Magazine*, *The Charleston Gazette* (West Virginia), *Country Magazine*, *Goldenseal*, *Wonderful West Virginia*, and others; worked at a local post office for 15 years; retired in 2010. Into genealogy: descendant of Walter Chiles (Jamestown,

1638), John Page (instrumental in founding Williamsburg and the College of William & Mary), Ludovic Grant (a prominent Scottish trader with the Cherokees), and Judge John Martin, who became first Chief Justice of the Cherokee Nation after the Indian Removal. My father, Howard J. Newmark, whose parents came from Eastern Europe, was a lawyer and economist who negotiated American air bases in Europe during the formation of NATO. At 68, I'm still very active, writing a bit, maintaining the land, trying to remain healthy as long as I can. I'm "dad" to five ornery rescue cats.

## 1967 REUNION 2017

Chris Harlambakis

### CHRIS HARLAMBAKIS

One of Yogi Berra's maxims is a good way to illustrate my passion for Suffield Academy through the years until this day. As Yogi would say, "Whenever you come to a fork in the road, take it." I did in 1963 deciding to attend Suffield Academy and to this day I don't regret it and look at it as one of the more significant decisions in my life. Thirty years of Military Active Duty and Reserve Duty in the Air Force mixed in with 35 years of working in the Aerospace business were all cemented in life lessons and skills learned while at Suffield Academy. Whether in the classroom with the likes of **Nye**, **Lindfors**, **Wasky**, or **Pervear**, or on the field with **Wasky**, **Kinne**, **Waldman**, or **Glover**—all those lessons were packaged up and used throughout my career. Along with those lessons were great friendships both in the classroom and on the field. My cousin **Bob Goss**, who challenged and scared **Binky Smith** in Freshman History every day, **Lombardi** helping me pass **Nye's** and **Lindfors'** finals, or **Rathmell**, **Parker**, **Moriarity**, or **Renery** showing me what it was to be tough, street smart, and resilient on and off the field: these memories I have cherished and still remember from over 50 years ago. Personally though, my greatest achievement is manifested in my three children and now grown up young adults: Nick, Beth and Ashley and the four grandchildren (Luke, Caleb, Claire, Greyson), and soon to be 5th grandchild (Riley) that will join the family in July. After all, our families are our true legacy and the extension of ourselves beyond, and I could not be prouder of them. It has been a great ride with all the ups and downs we endure. I am looking forward to Reunion in October and am hoping many of our Class of 1967 are able to attend or send a note.

### BILL JAYSON

Hello All! I will be sorry to miss our 50th Reunion in the fall. Are we really that old? I continue to enjoy most of the things that have filled my time all my life. I spend lots of time on the water sailing and boating. I just returned from a two-week trip on my boat to the Exuma Islands in the Bahamas and prior to that sailed in a Grandmasters Team Race out in Newport Beach, California. I have slowed down on the hill but still got 15 days of skiing in this past winter in Vermont and Utah. Once a week or so I pick up a tennis or platform tennis racket. I have been happily married to Anne for 43 years now and am fortunate to have all my children living nearby, with five grandchildren at last count. We continue to live in Rowayton, Connecticut, and spend some of the winter in Florida now. I take an occasional trip to Europe or somewhere to enjoy the sights, food, and wine. I guess that's why I will never wrestle at 138 lbs. again!

### LEON LOMBARDI

Can it really be true that 50 years have passed since we all gathered on Bell Hill for Commencement? I hope as many classmates as possible will attend Reunion in October. For those who have not visited the campus in recent years, you are in for a big surprise. The school looks truly fantastic. After retiring in 2008 as a judge of the Massachusetts Land Court, I have been spending about four months each year in Florida with my wife, Sara. When back in Massachusetts, I am doing some mediations and arbitrations dealing with a wide variety of land use issues. On our return from Florida this past May, Sara and I paid a visit to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The National Park Service has created a beautiful and moving memorial to **Don Greene** and the other passengers and crew who died on 9-11-01. It is only fitting the Class of 1967 is leading the way to dedicate a classroom in Memorial Building in **Don's** memory. See you in October.

### LEN RENERY

I am alive and well in the San Francisco Bay Area where I have lived with my wife for 36 years. I'm still working in the educational sales business but not for much longer! One of my most precious memories is the year I spent at Suffield, not only because of teachers like **Mason Nye** and **Gordy Glover**, **Mr. Pendleton** and **Mr. Kinne** and coaches like **Mr. Waldman** and **Paul Sanderson** but also the quality of the guys I had the opportunity to play sports with—soccer teammates like **Peter Van Arsdale**, **Andy Tisch**, **Bob Hazen**, **Mike**

**Lavery** to name a few and, of course, **Solomon Gomes**—and baseball teammates like **Chris Harlambakis** and **Tom Kolodziej**. I can still feel the pride we all felt wearing Suffield colors as we stepped onto the baseball and soccer fields to compete against teams like Deerfield. Along these lines, I can't wait for our 50th Reunion this October. I look forward to seeing all of my teammates and classmates so I urge everyone to be there. Hey, it's the 50th after all! Make the effort guys. See you in October.

### ANDREW TISCH

Ann and I have been married for 25 plus years. Our two younger daughters have just graduated from college so we are empty-nesters. Our two older children are in their upper 30s and both have given us grandchildren, the super-dividends. We have both been very active in business and in the community. I have worked at Loews for over 45 years and Ann went from broadcast journalism to public education and has been a real trailblazer in education reform. I have dedicated my spare time to Cornell, politics, foreign affairs and conservation. I'm still an avid skier and very much into bicycling and other exercise.

## 1968

Tyler Bumsted, Tom Christian

### SETH WHITAKER

I continue to enjoy my retirement in the beautiful wine country of Sonoma County California, though the long desired wet winter and the flooding it brought to the nearby Russian River made getting around more challenging from time to time. I continue to split my time between Los Angeles and Forestville, which allows me to visit old friends and my oldest son in the South, and to hike, bike, and generally revel in the beauty of Northern California. Over the winter holidays I traveled to Ireland with my girlfriend of the last three years, Anina Minotto, (Emma Willard '68) whom I met when we were ESU exchange students in England in 1968-69. We had a wonderful time visiting her daughter who is a graduate student at Trinity College Dublin and with my son, daughter-in-law and grandson who flew up from their home in Berlin, Germany. I plan to keep traveling and am currently scheduled to visit Memphis, Oak Ridge and Nashville, Tennessee in June.



## 1969

Greg Putnam

### GREG PUTNAM

I have to say, social media is really something. I get to stay in touch with [John Ludwig](#) and [Ted Dudley](#) with an occasional "hey" to [Sandy Orr](#). I wish more '69ers would get on board. In the meantime, I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. A reminder to make your donation to the Annual Fund. Have a great summer!

### DAVE SPERRY

I must be getting old cause I cannot remember exactly what I wrote for the last issue. My son Brett and his wife are expecting their first child July 2. That will make me a grandpa times two. Brett finished his second Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in June in Heart Transplant and Heart Failure Cardiology. He's accepted a position at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City and begins in August. At 34 he finally has his first full time job after 12 years of post-college medical education. Who said doctors have it easy?!

## 1970

Kit Warner, Chris Weeden

### BRETT VIANNEY

I just completed my 37th year at Suffield Academy teaching English to freshmen, honors sophomores, and PGs. I am the Academy's riflery coach and honored to have recently received the "Outstanding Coach of the Year" award from the Connecticut Riflery and Revolver Association. In addition, through Suffield's faculty summer sabbatical grant, I am planning to visit several historical sites associated with Kenneth Roberts—one of my favorite authors. My wife Molly is in her 29th year as a Suffield Academy AP History and AP Government teacher. My oldest daughter [Grace '12](#) graduated from Washington and Lee in May 2016, and his youngest daughter [Caroline '14](#) completed her sophomore year at RISD.

## 1971

Pierre Genvert, Leo Letendre,  
Doug Rebert

### JOHN WATSON

John and Lauren Watson live in Noank, Connecticut. This year we are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary (yes, we went to the senior prom together—true high school sweethearts), and the arrival of our first grandchild, Caroline. Our children live in Hawaii and the Boston area, and we have had some wonderful vacations with them. John is a director of special projects for Liberty Mutual in New York and Boston. He continues to love soccer, tennis, and skiing.

## 1973

Jody Cranmore, Jim Knight

### JIM RAPORTE

It's been fun watching my daughter [Julie '20](#) blossom at Suffield this year as a boarder. I've also enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with the school more intimately as a parent. Listening to [Brett Vianney '70](#) conduct class during Parents' Weekend Spring 2017 brought back colorful memories of class with [Mason Nye](#) in the same Memorial Building with the same exceptional teaching that ensured we all learned how to write the King's English. The renovation plan for Memorial Building is superb and will further energize the classroom experience for generations to come. Parents' Weekend was also my first time attending Suffield's Annual Parents' Association Auction which was lots of fun, beautifully executed, and very successful.

### JOHN WOODRUFF

Participated in a great rally ride with [Matt deGarmo](#) and keeping in touch with [Roger Williams](#).

## 1974

Blair Childs, Bud Hancock,  
Tom Leonard

### BOB COLE

I achieved my goal of cycling to the summit of Haleakala (10,023') by my 62nd birthday. I have been riding about 100 miles per week with a group of people here on Maui. Work has taken

## In Memoriam

2015

MATTHEW S. FORELLI '56 | MAY 9

2016

SUSAN WHIPPLE BISSELL '41 | SEPTEMBER 29

GRAHAM L. WALDRON '45 | OCTOBER 26

HOWARD E. CALDWELL JR. '46 | SEPTEMBER 3

ALEXANDER "SANDY" MACNABB '46 | NOVEMBER 25

WALTER HOESEL '55 | APRIL 20

HON. JEFFREY R. MERRILL '63 | DECEMBER 30

2017

JOSEPH L. ORGANEK '35 | JANUARY 16

JOHN FARNUM '38 | FEBRUARY 26

ROBERT E. STEMLER '44 | APRIL 28

DAVID W. BRAY '46 | MAY 11

S. LEE MILLER '50 | MAY 29

DAVID BAKER '51 | MAY 16

SAMUEL S. MARKS '51 | APRIL 18

STEPHEN MACKAY '54 | APRIL 27

FRANCIS A. LESIAK '55 | APRIL 1

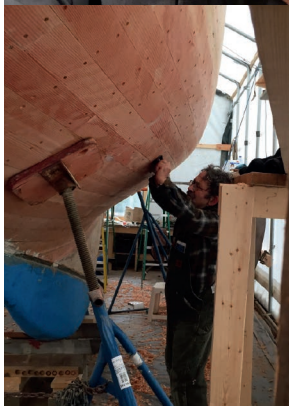
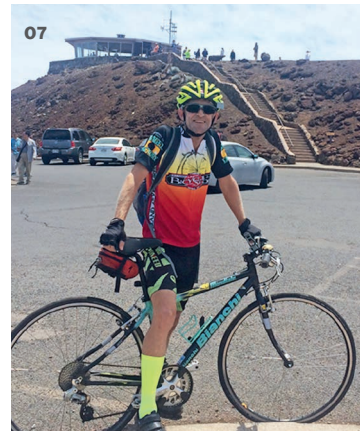
ALEXANDER T. RESS '10 | MAY 9

WILLIAM GEORGE "WILL" MORYTO '16 | JANUARY 16



WILL MORYTO '16

WILLIAM MORYTO '16 FROM SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT, PASSED AWAY JANUARY 16, 2017. WILL WAS A TALENTED STUDENT AND CREATIVE, KIND YOUNG MAN. HE WAS A FRESHMAN AT STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. HE WAS WIDELY RESPECTED AMONG THE SUFFIELD ACADEMY COMMUNITY AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED. OUR DEEPEST PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES ARE WITH WILL'S WONDERFUL FAMILY.



- 01 Top:** John Watson's '71 granddaughter Caroline  
**Bottom:** John with his wife Lauren
- 02 Top:** Richard Weil '71 on the left flank and Paul Loether '71 with the upright bass playing in The Silver Strings MD band  
**Bottom:** Richard and Paul waiting to perform at Washington National Cathedral
- 03** Ed Bauchiero '76 with former President Jimmy Carter, who is not saluting Ed B—the sun was blindingly bright on the Mongolian steppes that afternoon.
- 04** Steve Peer '74 and Blair Childs '74 atop Snowbird
- 05** Jim Hogg '74 with Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima in the background
- 06** Peter Lane '75 wearing an "1833" cap given to him from his students several years ago for teacher appreciation week

- 07** Bob Cole '74, who cycled 10,023 feet to the summit of Haleakala in Hawaii
- 08** John Woodruff '73 photographing the tower at the Mohegan Sun casino
- 09** Claes-Johan Geijer '76 with his wife Elizabeth, son Christopher, and daughter Sophie
- 10** Mark Sollinger's '76 daughter, Sam
- 11 Top:** Pancho Cole '72 with his motorcycle license  
**Bottom:** Pancho Cole '72 planing the hull of an International One Design (IOD).

#### Facing page:

- 12** Ken Turnbull '73, Jaye Tyler '73, Chris and Leslie Regan P'12
- 13** Mark Teed's '75 family: Reagan '08, Debby, Joseph '12, Mark '75 and Marissa at son Joseph's '12 graduation from the US Air Force Academy in May



a back seat to, but not disappeared from, my day-to-day and it is wonderful to be done with cold New England winters. I am doing some photogrammetry of ancient Hawaiian artifacts for Hawaiian Islands Land Trust as a digital preservation and research method. I am also developing a digital model of the Makali'i voyaging canoe for VR and iOS. My wife Karen and I are visiting Japan this autumn, and maybe later on Tahiti, the Cook Islands, Singapore...

#### JIM HOGG

I had a trip of a lifetime in March when I went to Saipan, Mariana Islands, to see where my father spent his time in WWII. I literally walked in his footsteps. I also visited Tinian and walked Runway Able, and saw the bomb bay that serviced the Enola Gay before it left to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. But the real treat was my visit to Iwo Jima, where I stood on the spot where that famous flag raising took place in 1945. It was an amazing visit.

#### TYRONE MILLER

Thank you to everyone who was behind my "A Better Chance" Scholarship and Suffield for providing me both the environment and the resources that enabled me to accomplish much more than I ever thought possible. Coming from Trenton, New Jersey, I would have never dreamed I would one day start a business that over the course of 20 years would employ thousands of people all over the country, with several hundred starting their own businesses. After selling my employment agency in 2015, I thought I'd just work behind the scenes in my role on the Governor's Diversity Inclusion and Small Business Advisory Council. However, all that changed when I was approached by members of my community asking that I form and lead the establishment of a Certified B Corp Employment Agency whose mission is to create a workforce development pipeline focused on eradicating poverty. Lancaster Work at ASSETS not only provides career and employment opportunities, but also wrap-around human service supports that help ensure that our disadvantaged community has equitable access to everything they need to reach their goals and full potential. I know there were many organizations and individuals behind the opportunity that was given to me (one of those disadvantaged people) many years ago, and I plan to spend this next phase of my life thanking them by providing many others the opportunity to live life the way it was meant to be lived! I invite my entire Suffield family to stay tuned as I build this poverty eradicating entity that will, no doubt, evolve into a national model.



## 1975

Jim Plante, Mark Teed

#### PIA BUNGARTEN

We returned to Germany in 2014 and now live in Bonn. I am currently responsible for the Ebert Foundation Scholarship Program for German and international students. Our son Anton studies in nearby Aachen. We are well but worry about Europe and the US.

#### PETER LANE

I resigned from my teaching job in Florida in 2015 and moved to Vermont looking to reinvent myself and make more time for family. After 27 years of oceanographic research and eight years teaching marine science near the beach I needed some time in the mountains. My wife and I have three fabulous grandkids and we travel to North Carolina and Georgia when we can to visit them. I set up a Facebook account after I quit teaching, PVZ Lane, and would be interested to hear from any old classmates.

#### MARK TEED

We celebrated our son **Joe's '12** graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs on May 24, 2017. Joe is now off to pilot training school in San Antonio to learn to fly the RPAs which are remote piloted aircraft or drones.

## 1976

Ralph Adler, Scott Craig

#### ED BAUCHIERO

After a few years into retirement, I was nudged to turn a long-time recreational passion into an adventure business. So, Reel Destinations, Fly Fishing Adventures was born. My angling exploits continue to pilot deep into remote and wild places—the Alaskan bush, isolated cays off the coast of Belize, the Canadian Rockies—and so far I haven't landed in too much trouble. While disappearing into the Mongolian steppes on a recent journey I unexpectedly wound-up



sharing a helicopter ride with another fly angler and former US President Jimmy Carter proved great company, a true gentleman, and proficient with a fly rod. Over 90 years of age, still active, still sharp, still skillful (hopefully endemic qualities bestowed by this sport upon all who participate). I credit numerous Suffield teachers, and the Outdoor Club, for encouraging my early interest in outdoor activities and environmental conservation. Over 40 years floated by, yet I regularly find myself reflecting on Suffield days and the many friends not seen in too long of time. So, anyone interested in going fishing?

#### CLAES-JOHAN GEIJER

I was really sad that I had to change my plans and was not able to make it to our 40th reunion last fall. My wife Elizabeth and I are still based in Luxembourg where we have been for the last sixteen years. After leaving my bank career more than five years ago, I have been pursuing a career as an independent director and advisor to a number of companies and institutions, both in Luxembourg and abroad. Our son Christopher is pursuing a military career and after a deployment with our troops in Mali is now attending the Military Academy in Stockholm. Our daughter Sophie is in Oslo, Norway attending the University for Medical Studies (my wife is from Norway). We get to see our young adults when we go skiing or during the summers in our summer house in Norway. I did notice in the last issue of **SUFFIELD** that **Jan** who is living in Sweden, had organized a small Suffield gathering there. Next time you do, please let me know as I am in Stockholm frequently.

#### TIM RICE

I just completed my fourth masters degree in education, completing work towards a CAGS for superintendent of schools to go with my CAGS in K-12 curriculum administrator, MALS in Science, and 6th-year degree in administration and principalship. I just hit my 60th birthday and feel as young as ever—well maybe not as flexible—but otherwise all is good. I'm completing my 11th year as principal

of a rural New Hampshire K-8 elementary school (and enjoying every bit of my job). My oldest son, a prep school graduate of St. Paul's in Concord, New Hampshire, and Georgetown University, is working for a think tank in Washington, DC. My daughter is graduating from the University of New Hampshire with honors in nursing. She worked at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital summer 2017. Her twin brother is headed to a semester abroad in Dublin, Ireland (currently at Northeastern University). My wife Anne and I live in Gilford, New Hampshire, just down the road from my brother **Hugh '79** who lives in Belmont, New Hampshire, and up the road from **Kevin Stone '79**, who lives in Alton, New Hampshire. If you are in the area, we could probably run an alumni meeting in central New Hampshire, or at least have a few beers and tell some old stories (and laugh a lot). Best to all.

#### MARK SOLLINGER

Life is good here on the beach in St Martin. Attached is a picture of my daughter Sam... hopefully Suffield Academy Class of 2022. She's 13 now and six feet tall (my God! Absolutely no idea how I got from there to here.... Talking Heads "Once in a Lifetime"? ...she's thinking water polo and volleyball. I hope all of my friends from the Class of 1976 are happy and healthy!

## 1977 REUNION 2017

Charlie Alfano, Bob Clark, Ed Kaplan

#### JIM BAKER

I am planning on coming back to my 40th Reunion in the fall. I have not been back to Suffield since my PG year in 1977, even though it was one of the best years of my life. Without Suffield, I would not have been able to attend Wesleyan and then go on to work for Unilever for 32 years. I still have fond memories of playing football, basketball and golf at Suffield, and always tell people my one year at Suffield was the best academic year of my life. My wife and I have two daughters (one married) and both are doing great pursuing their own careers. We spend a lot of time on Fishers Island and I still get a chance to play a round of golf every now and again. Thank you, Suffield.

#### KARL EKSTEDT

Now have three grandchildren keeping my wife, Linda, and I young! Hello to all!

#### JOHN HEFFERNAN

John Heffernan received a doctor of education degree in May, 2017. For his doctoral thesis, John studied the engineering

design processes of elementary aged children comparing by gender, age, and experience.

#### CYNTHIA RICHTER

It is hard to believe but this June I completed my 36th year of teaching art to high school students. Nine years were spent teaching, coaching, and being a dorm parent in boarding schools. I must say I have a greater appreciation for the dorm parents at Suffield! For the last 28 years I have been at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, Connecticut. Five years ago they built a large addition to house the fine arts department so I am now able to teach pottery courses along with drawing and painting. I keep busy teaching kayaking during the spring, summer and fall with L.L. Bean in Danbury as one of their ODS instructors. I must say, after being inside all week spending my weekends on the water is great. During the summer I teach kayaking at a YMCA facility on Lake George. This will be my 42nd summer there. I am not looking to retire for another few years as I love what I do. I highly doubt when I do retire that I'll be sitting around. I have way too many interests for that. Hope everyone in my class is doing well and maybe I'll see you at Reunion this fall.

#### GRETCHEN SCHWABE WILCOX

Hello to all of my friends that I met at Suffield many moons ago! Life is very good for me. I continue to run my firm, GS Wilcox & Co, which I founded 23 years ago. It's a commercial real estate banking firm and is thriving. My son joined the firm last year, which brings me much joy. Both of my children graduated from Bucknell and have gone on to receive their Masters in the commercial real estate field. My daughter now works at Loews Corporation in New York City. I have such fond memories of my days at Suffield and am looking forward to our 40th Reunion!

#### TOM SKEELE

Recently landed in Santa Cruz, California, where I am working with the nonprofit Trailblazer Foundation engaged in rural community development work in Cambodia (close to the world-renowned Angkor Wat temple). Still regularly seeking recreational and musical adventures, most recently to Jamaica and Florida for music festivals, and southern Utah for some canyon country backpacking. Enjoyed hanging out with **Rick Smith** at the festival in Florida.

## 1978

Lisa Longo, Ed Palomba

#### BETH BOGLE REYNOLDS

My dad had a huge Bogle reunion for his 90th birthday! I traveled east and it was amazing! All is wonderful. So grateful for all friends and family and having the gift of going to Suffield. Best to all.

#### MURIEL (BUNNY) MAGAURAN BENTON

My son, Ian, married Abby Nourse Van Meter in May 2016. My husband of 30 years, Brian Benton, MD passed away on April 27, 2017.

#### ED PALOMBA

We are happy grandparents. Our son Eddie and his wife Lizzie brought us a lovely granddaughter, Emilia Grace Palomba, last August. Enjoying every minute of it!

## 1979

Matt Cartmell, Ruth Kennedy, Renee McDaniel Margolis, Lisa Palomba Deni, Bob Stanley

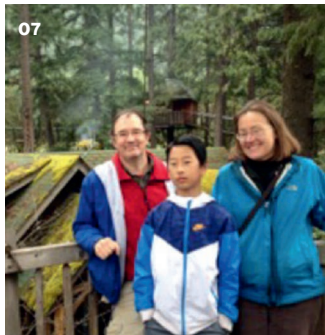
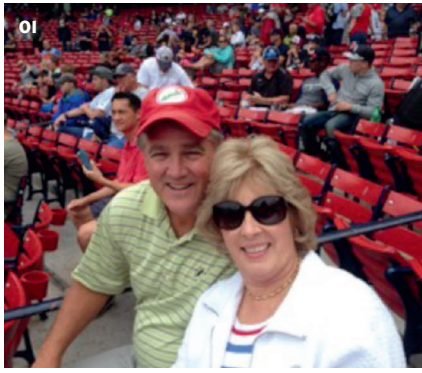
#### PAUL FRAUTSCHI

I have a daughter (better late than never), Amelia (12), and she is 5'8". I am no longer with Sysco. However, I have two partners in a new, soon-to-be blockbuster company called USFoods and Pharmaceuticals. We have discovered how to grow bone. In three years we will be able to replace lost limbs. We will use your own stem cells to modify the growing process. Also products for military to enhance bone health. When asked I say "we grow bone." This technology is here. We are excited to think of all the people who will benefit. I fish in pro musky tournament in my free time. Not much money in it. My old school buddies turn out later in life as some of the few people you can actually trust in this world. At 56 looking back, I am glad that I was sent to prep school. I would not give up some of my amazing friends I made at Suffield Class of 1979. Thank you, Suffield, and all my old friends.

#### JOSH SMITH

In another ten years my wife Kathy and I will be empty-nesters. Anyone else there? When I get there I will set off on the adventure of looking up my old (and we will be old), Suffield friends on Facebook. Since Suffield, I traveled and moved around the world for the last 37 years, but settled in Corvallis, Oregon since 1997. **Rod Frechette** and his family came to visit last summer, and it was great to see an old Suffield friend after so many, many years. In 2012, while on assignment in Singapore,





- 01 Jim Baker '77 with his wife Diane at a Red Sox game
- 02 Gretchen Schwabe Wilcox '77 and her children, Wes and Bridget, at top of Freedom Tower
- 03 Tom Skeele '77 on Sentinel Dome in Yosemite National Park
- 04 John Heffernan '77 receiving his Doctor of Education in May 2017
- 05 Jim McCrea '78 with his family at the top of Mt. Whitney in California. This was Jim's 5th time to the summit, but the first for the entire family
- 06 Dawn Rudder Zeffiro's '80 daughter Renee
- 07 Josh Smith '79 with his wife Kathy and son Colin (13) at Oregon Treesort
- 08 Beth Bogle Reynolds '78

I was able to visit **Prapin Abhinorasaeth** in Thailand. He is happy and well, and was a most wonderful host. I remember many of my teachers at Suffield but it is **Mr. and Mrs. Samii's** quotes that always come to mind. Of course none of these can be published so I will leave it to the audience to remember.

## 1980

Mary Carroll, Jim Hagan, Graham Lewis, Joe Palomba

### JOHN EDGCOMB

President of Cutting Edge Connect, Inc: ([ceconnectinc.com](http://ceconnectinc.com)), and President of Fresh Start Business Incubator ([freshstartbi.org](http://freshstartbi.org)). My wife Nanci and I have two rescue dogs Buddy and Grace. Saw **Chris Gleason** and **Graham Lewis** last summer—old Suffield buds!

### JIM HAGAN

I received an honorary doctorate from American International College at their commencement at the Mass Mutual Center on May 13, 2017. I also had the chance to watch the Suffield varsity baseball team play Salisbury. Congratulations to **Coach Brissette** and the entire team on a great season. The campus looks fantastic!

### DANIEL PEASE III

Going to Bermuda this year and plan to look up Suffield Alumni there.

### TODD WOLFE

I am retired in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, with my Thai family.

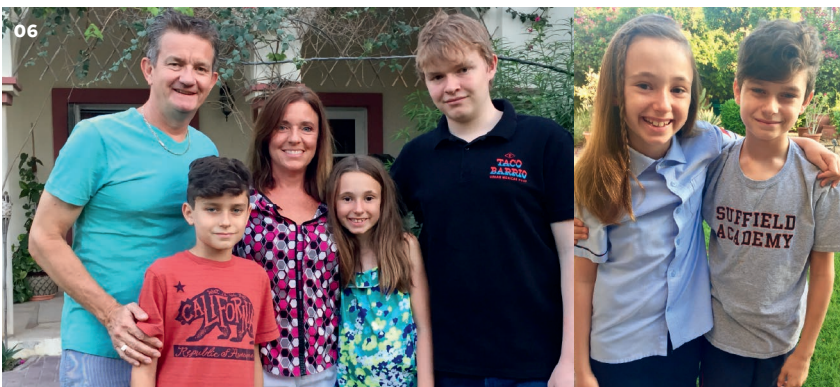
## 1982 REUNION 2017

**David Carangelo, Elaine Coombs Holmes, Margaret Figueroa Hern, Madeline Phillips**

### ELAINE COOMBS HOLMES

I am living in Southborough, Massachusetts, and married to my husband for 29 years. He is a commercial real estate broker, and I am currently teaching economics part time at Babson College in Wellesley. We have four daughters. My oldest is out of college and working in Boston. My middle two are in college at HWS and Union. My youngest daughter will enter high school in the fall (yikes!). I am very grateful for the many blessings in my life, including having **Mr. Downes** my senior year at Suffield for the economics elective I took in the fall. I knew from that class that I wanted to study economics in college! I also felt very been a pretty laid-back and agreeable baby. I have





**01 Left:** Judy Killam Campbell '83 with dog Sunny.  
**Right:** Judy with her daughter Jane and son Ben

**02** Brinley Ford Ehlers '86 with her daughters Lucy and Kathleen

**03** Marilyn and Joe Connors, faculty from 1967 to 2007, at their New Jersey home with their grandchildren, Jack and Declan, sons of Jon '88, and Malachy and Kelty, sons of Joseph '86

**04 Left:** Ed Kemm's '87 daughter, Jacquie (front left), receiving the gold medal in 4 x 100 unified freestyle relay at the state meet  
**Right:** Ed and Jacquie

**05** Sheryl Townsend Williams '86 and her son Nate

**06 Left:** Alan Hopps '82, son Hayden (II), his wife Dina, daughter Lucienne (10), and son Forest (17)  
**Right:** Lucienne and Hayden wearing his Suffield Academy t-shirt

**07** Piya Sosothikul '89 with his family on a ski trip in Hokkaido, Japan



prepared for college after graduating from Suffield. I am currently really enjoying my role as a class agent for Suffield and getting to contact members of the Class of '82.

#### ALAN HOPPS

We are still in Dubai where I fly as Captain for flydubai. Have been here for seven years, hard to believe time flies by. We recently spent a week in Sri Lanka and a few days in Paris celebrating Lucienne's 10th birthday. Hayden and Lucienne are looking forward to seeing the campus this summer time permitting. They want to continue the legacy of the Hopps! They love swimming, baseball and softball. Forest will finish his senior year here in Dubai and then off to college in the US. Regards to all and congratulations to the Class of 2017! See you in the fall for the reunion. I hope to make it from Dubai.

#### TARO KONO

I have been in the Japanese Parliament for 20 years. I ran for the leadership of the Liberal Democratic Party, and will be the Prime Minister of Japan in 2018.

## 1983

John Boozang, Marybeth DiBuono-Riley, Mike Sabellico

#### JUDY KILLAM CAMPBELL

I have been in North Carolina for 10 years now and I love it here! Still teaching Physical Education at Cannon School in Charlotte, North Carolina. My daughter Jane, graduated from college in the spring of 2016 and is now working in Charlotte also! My son Ben will be a junior at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall. Life is good in North Carolina and I hope to see Suffield Academy when I visit this summer!

## 1984

Shelley Frazier Pelletier, Hossein Pourmand, Scott Owsiany

#### JAY MULLINS

Life is good up in Concord, New Hampshire. I have two beautiful daughters, Megan and Sally, who are wrapping up their school years: Megan at Colby-Sawyer College and Sally at the Derryfield School. My wife Jenny and I are truly enjoying the benefits of living in New Hampshire with plenty of skiing, hiking and an occasional 5K. My professional life is full of rewarding challenges running an investment firm: DL Carlson Investment Group. A big shout out to **Dan Sokol** and **Steve Martinez**. Come to New Hampshire to play golf with me!

## 1985

Andy Glover, Michelle Hashioka Lord, Chuck McGavern, Jack Way

#### JINNIE LEE SCHMID

After two years of study, practice and testing, I earned the entry level credential offered by International Coach Federation ([coachfederation.org](http://coachfederation.org)), and am now excited to be an Associate Certified Coach. I'm continuing to grow my coaching practice which includes life coaching, career exploration and navigation (great for high school and college kids, new graduates, and adults considering a change or needing to improve performance), and a particular specialty in grief recovery and end of life—yes, I am available for coaching by phone! Family-life is good, except that my beloved dog, Buddy, went "over the rainbow bridge" after 12 years together. Planning to spend a whole month in Bologna, Italy, in October 2017.

## 1986

Sean Federowicz, Brinley Ford Ehlers, Kristin Hostetter Pandit, Niko Mosko

#### BRINLEY FORD EHLERS

I just finished my 22nd year of teaching at St. Luke's School. Coaching varsity field hockey and tennis wasn't enough... so added varsity ski team to my resume! Successful varsity tennis season resulted in repeating as NEPSAC Class C Champs. My daughters, Lucy and Kathleen, finished 8th grade and are heading into high school—wow! I recently started consulting for Beautycounter, an amazing company whose mission is to get safe skin and beauty products into the hands of everyone ([beautycounter.com/brinleyehlers](http://beautycounter.com/brinleyehlers)). We are heading back to Camp Kiniya in Northern Vermont for the summer. All is well with the Ehlers Family. Don't forget to make your gift to the Suffield Annual Fund!

#### JODIE NEWBERRY FEDDER

Jodie is now a grandmother to a gorgeous young man, Aiden Fuller, born 21.5 inches long and 9+ pounds. Jodie's mother Mary Jo Newberry is a very proud great grandmother.

#### SHERYL TOWNSEND WILLIAMS

Sheryl's son, Nate Williams graduated in May 2017 from Christ School in Arden, North Carolina. He currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina, and soon will be attending Appalachian State University for business and graphic design. Nate is an avid outdoor downhill mountain biker and received The Harris Outdoor award

for outstanding leadership in coaching and leading the outdoor program at Christ School. Sheryl is a very proud Mom.

## 1987 REUNION 2017

**Betsy Coughlin Tod, Jeff Martini, Phil Riegel**

#### WENDY BIRMINGHAM ALLERTON

So happy to have moved home to Suffield this year! Can't wait to see everyone at Reunion.

#### ED KEMM

I was so proud to be a Suffield Alum when I saw the fall/winter magazine reporting the track team participating in an unified Special Olympics event. As a parent of Down Syndrome girl, we have found Special Olympics to be beneficial for everyone that participates. I applaud the leadership team and students for participating. Job well done Suffield!

## 1989

Tom Burton, Michelle Motta Stewart, Jed Nosal, Aimee Scherer Hodgkins, Rose Yap Thomas

#### AIMEE SCHERER HODGKINS

After living in Annapolis for over 20 years, **Tom** and I moved to the Sarasota, Florida, area. We love living in Florida but miss our younger son **Zane '20**, who just completed his first year at Suffield.

#### ROSE YAP THOMAS

After leaving Microsoft, I started my own consulting business, RMTMediaWorks. The firm provides business development services to help content producers build, share and monetize their digital content assets efficiently and profitably through partnerships. I have a great portfolio of clients in Los Angeles and New York who are very active across web, mobile and social.

#### HEIDI CURRIER

#### FORMER FACULTY MEMBER

My late husband **Phil Currier** and I were at Suffield Academy from 1975-1986. I remember those years fondly. Two of our three children were born in Hartford, Connecticut and we made many wonderful friends, both faculty and students, with whom I am still in touch with. SA looks to be thriving—hurrah!

## 1990

Steve Canter, Kelli Chamberlain Tosone, Tom Hamilton, Amy Newman Vaughn, Courtney Wilson Nixon, Bob Yap

### REID RICCIARDI

Twenty-two years after accepting my first gig in institutional fundraising this spring (thanks Suffield and [Liz Erickson](#)!), I was given an opportunity for a significant professional shift at North Carolina State. As the new executive director for talent management, I'm building-out an office focused on supporting recruitment and on-boarding, training and professional development, as well as career planning and ladder for the division. So far so good. Although what's become clear is that a degree in counseling may have served me better for this new challenge than one in political science and history. Beyond work, Julie and I continue to enjoy life in the south. Would love to connect with any SA alumni traveling to the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill).

## 1991

Kim Ames Ide, Pat Kennedy

### JENNIFER GAINES MAYNARD

Since graduating from Suffield Academy, Jennifer has been busy moving throughout the US. Her career started with Alcon Laboratories in Salt Lake City, then took her to Los Angeles, Fort Worth, Atlanta and now back home to New Jersey. At Alcon, a pharmaceutical company, Jennifer started in sales and moved all the way up to senior district sales manager in her fourth year at the company. She won President's Club, reserved for the top 10% of the sales force, seven out of 14 years there, two of those times finishing the #1 District Manager in the Nation and again as the #1 Medical Sales Rep in the Nation. Then in 2014 she left Alcon Laboratories to pursue a career in Medical Device Sales for Medtronic Diabetes. There she finished the #1 Territory Manager in the Nation again out of 344 total Territory Managers. She then got promoted in year 2 to a Regional Sales Manager where again she finished the #1 Regional Sales Manager in the Nation and in 8 short months got promoted yet again to now Area Sales Manager for the Entire Eastern Region. She oversees 2 Regional Sales Managers, 9 Territory Managers, 10 Sales Reps, 1 Clinical Specialist and 1 District Clinical Specialist from Florida to Maine. Jennifer is also busy raising her two boys, Brody age 10 and Alex age 6. They love to vacation as a family and can often be seen skiing in Utah or sunning in Florida! Life has been fun and exhilarating and has never been

shy of a dull moment. If ever in Ridgewood, New Jersey please look her up. She would love to make time for a fellow Suffield alum.

## 1993

Alexa Economou Rice, Pam Eisen, Lauren Roginski-Strelec, Marla Zide

### LINDA HELLSTRÖM

Sending a greeting from our vacation home on Mallorca, a place we visit as often as we can. I am living in Stockholm these days. I ended up as a legal counsel and I am now running a RegTech company in the finance sector. Maximus, my 11-year-old son, just started his first company. My youngest son Alexander is crazy about hockey and so is my husband Klas who is also an entrepreneur. Let me know if you are passing Stockholm or Mallorca and would like to meet. Take care everybody!

## 1994

Eric Feijo, Alison Kennedy Auciello, Scott Sartwell

### BILL METZGER

The Metzger household is growing! On May 11, we welcomed our third child, and first daughter, Julianna into our family. Baby is healthy and Mom is recovering quickly. Our house will soon be expanded to make room—for some reason my family didn't agree that one bathroom was enough for a five person family!! Last month I took a new job as Head of Finance and Accounting at Eargo Hearing, Inc. We have also been lucky enough to meet up with some Suffield Alums that are living in the bay area—[Thomas, Chris and Sarah Knapps Saven '96](#), [Rehana Parsons](#), and [Sue Dempsey Hughes '96](#) are always a delight to see. Hope everyone is doing well, and if you have a chance, say a prayer to bring me sleep and sanity!

### KATHERINE MOONEY CONLON

Currently I am a reading specialist at a public Montessori charter school. I am married with two children, Teagan (6), and Quinn (4).

## 1995

Leigh Murphy, Bryson Tillinghast

### ADRIAN SETO

Our daughter, Olympia, is just over 1.5 years old now, and our son Gabriel is now 4. We still live in Hong Kong and are very happy here. Will be spending the summer in Vancouver, Canada, so any SA alums in the area please drop by to say hello.

## 1996

Tabitha Bliven Heidorn, Ryan Dowd, Fatimah Guienze

### CRISTINE KIRWAN

Well a lot has happened over the past years! I've gone from doing three years in the Peace Corps in Thailand to managing The Ritz-Carlton spa in Aruba. I've now been with The Ritz-Carlton for over 10 years and am a licensed massage therapist and esthetician living in Tucson, Arizona. I got married to my amazing wife Emily in 2014, and now we have a baby girl, Charlie Rose Kirwan. I'm feeling so blessed to have come so far and thankful for the foundation that Suffield Academy has provided. Shout out to all my Suffield family! You are often in my thoughts. Love to all.

## 1997 REUNION 2017

[Lewis Dunn](#), [Brian Hetzel](#), [Aysha Moore](#), [Danielle Therriault](#)

### AYSHA MOORE

I recently moved back to Suffield after 10 years in Dallas and have enjoyed getting re-acclimated to town and seeing all the changes on campus. I have had the pleasure of connecting with old friends from our class [Brian Hetzel](#), [Erica Heath](#), [Kevin Swider](#), and [Lindsay Knapp](#). I am looking forward to seeing many more old friends at our 20th Reunion this fall and have even volunteered to be a Class Agent. Excited to be back.

## 1998

Mickey Allen, Sarah Fletcher Meaney, Sarah Hotchkiss

### SARAH FLETCHER MEANEY

My husband Doug and I are expecting our first baby, a boy, this summer—August 18. I continue to work as a preschool teacher for an urban school district in central Connecticut. Hope everyone is doing well.

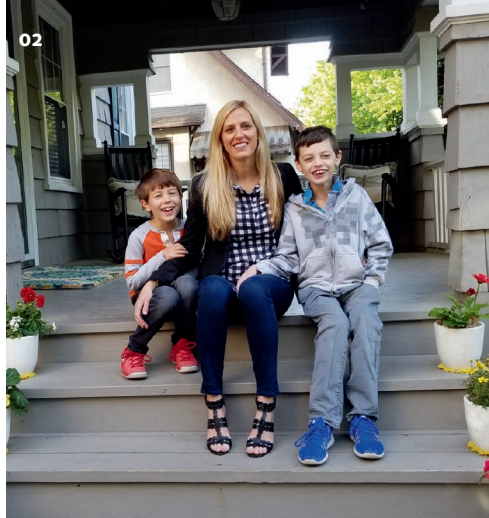
## 1999

Steven Darling, Maura Deedy, Larry Griffin, Mark Sotichcheck, Patrick Stone

### MATT GROGAN

Sara and I welcomed our first son John Daniel Grogan on July 20, 2016. He has been keeping us plenty busy but overall has been a pretty laid back and agreeable baby. I have been training to complete my first full Ironman distance race in Mont Tremblant, Quebec in August of 2017. Last year I finished two 70.3 Half-Distance Ironman races along with my first marathon in Philadelphia. We are still





**01** Ana Dulce Simoes Rabelo de Santana '99

**02 Left:** Jennifer Gaines Maynard '91 and her two sons Alex (6) and Brody (10)

**Right:** Jennifer and her sons skiing in Utah

**03** Marla Zide '93 and Lindsay Martin '92 at Small Batch Organics in Manchester, Vermont

**04** Alan Bruderer '93 and his family on a recent trip to Berlin, Germany

**05** Pam Eisen's '93 daughter Jamie hanging out with Alexa Economou Rice's '93 son Holden

**06** Adrian Seto '95 and family on a recent trip to Perth Australia

**07** Reid Ricciardi '90 and his wife Julie in New York City

**08** Linda Hellström '93 with her husband Klas and sons Maximus and Alexander

**09** Cristine Kirwan '96 with her wife Emily





**01** Carrie Meckel '04 on her graduation from Quinnipiac University School of Law May, 2017

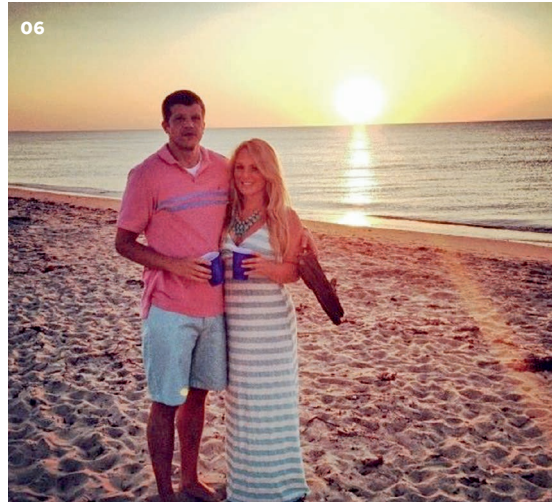
**02 Left:** Dan Matchett '08 with his wife Keegan, Kathy and David Matchett, Kristin Matchett '04, and her fiancée Robert Gillis Jr.  
**Right:** Dan with his plane

**03** Katrina Smith '08, Harrison Kramer '08, Rip Furniss '08, Will Cooley '08, Matt Werblin '08, Charlie Ferguson Jr. '09, and Lorenzo Bernardez '11 celebrating Adam Pistel's '08 birthday

**04** David Schnaak '03 with his twin sons Owen and Drew

**05 Left:** Hannah Thompson '07 and Kelly Van Ingen '06 reunited in Aspen, Colorado  
**Right:** Hannah and Kelly biking in Aspen

**06** Lexi Bosee '06 recently engaged to Michael Jeske





living in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. I hope all is well for everyone in the Suffield Community and hope to get back at some point for a reunion weekend or alumni water polo game.

#### **ANA DULCE SIMOES RABELO DE SANTANA**

I still live in my hometown in Brazil and since last September, I've been working in my former school (Pan American School of Bahia) as a middle school counselor. This is a dream job for me and I am very happy to work with education and adolescents.

## 2000

Paige Diamond Kraft, Kate Dineen, Greg Hearn, Russ Hearn, Ashton Jones

#### **KATHERINE SHILLO BEARDSLEY**

We are excited to announce our daughter Gunnison Grey Beardsley (details in births section). She is named after Gunnison, Colorado, where my husband Nicholas was born.

## 2003

Lindsey Pell, Lindsay Rousseau, Eric Yale

#### **DAVID SCHNAAK**

Jamie and I are packing things up as we speak and preparing for our move to Monterey, California, for my next two year assignment getting my master's at the Naval Postgraduate School!

## 2004

Kate Braden Mounkhal, Jake McComb, Alex Naboicheck, Anthony Rousseau, Andrew Scully, William Taylor

#### **GUILHERME DIETZE**

I'm living in Sao Paulo, where I run my own business on economic analysis and surveys, which is doing very well, despite our political issues. Besides this, last April I had a wonderful trip to St. Barth where, in a small ceremony, I married Odile Ginaid. I'm so happy with this moment and I would like to share it with my SA friends.

#### **CARRIE CARPENTER MECKEL**

Law school is not an easy journey for anyone, but it was an especially difficult road for me. I was hampered by family and personal health crises for, what felt like, every step of the way. But, after six long years of hard work and study, I am proud to say that on May 14, 2017, I graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law. As hard as I worked, I cannot claim all the credit for this accomplishment. I was supported at every turn by my wonderful

professors, friends, and family, especially my husband, Steve. There were many times that I felt unequal to the task before me, incapable of overcoming the next obstacle. My community never doubted me. Every time that I fell, they were there to encourage me, to push me, and to aid me when I needed it. I could not have done it without them. I received two awards at graduation, in recognition of my efforts.

I was recommended by my professors for significant contributions to class discussion and received an award for Superior Classroom Performance. During my time at QUSL, I worked in the low-income taxpayer clinic and also for a skilled nursing facility in New Haven that focuses on improving community health for high risk, high need patients with multiple chronic illnesses. I was recognized for excellence in clinical practice. I am unsure of my next steps or what the future holds, but I hope that I will make Suffield Academy, Trinity College, and Quinnipiac University proud to count me among their esteemed alumni.

#### **KRISTIN MATCHETT**

I recently got engaged to Robert Gillis Jr.

## 2005

Rick Devlin, Dan Fisher, Steph Shaker, Casey Shanley Kegelman

#### **JASON LAVINE**

After eight years, it's finally time for the next chapter in my life. Working for the Jets has been something I will never forget. I met a lot of amazing people who helped me grow into the person I am today and for that I will forever be grateful. With that being said, I could not be more excited to be joining the Los Angeles Chargers as they make this move up the coast. I've waited my whole life for this opportunity and it's going to be a blast. Let's roll, Los Angeles.

## 2006

Kim Autuori Weisberg, Alison Leonard, Eric Litmer, Luke McComb, Gina Petrone, Chris Stafford

#### **LEXI BOSEE**

Hello, Class of 2006 (wow that seems like such a long time ago). I am sad I did not make it to the reunion this year but I wanted to update you all on some of the more major things that have been going on in my life. I recently got engaged to my long-time boyfriend Michael Jeske of New Orleans and will be planning our wedding there. I also started my own business called Sound Wellness LLC (a mental health and yoga facility) in Norwalk, Connecticut. I hope all of you are well and keep in touch.

#### **PETER FARNSWORTH**

Life in New York City these days is fun! I've been working as an assistant director for the past six years on films like *While We're Young* and *The Dark Tower*, and TV sets including *30 Rock*, *Boardwalk Empire*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, and *Homeland*. Next time you're in New York City and you see a film set, come say hi!

#### **KELLY VAN INGEN**

Hi Suffield! I hope everyone is well. I am still in New York City working for an art advisor and loving life. Very excited to travel to the Amalfi Coast and Morocco this summer. Hope to get up to SA and visit soon; it has been too long!

## 2007 REUNION 2017

Mike DiPietro, Sydney Greenberg, Katy Heydinger Doar, Matt Jones, Harry Melendez III, Catherine Mis, Erik Osborne, Meredith Rarus, Sarah Thomsen, Rob Zammito

#### **TREVOR DALGLISH**

Plenty has changed for me over the past year, with the biggest news being that I moved from Boston to Barcelona to co-found a company. The year has been a roller coaster of experiences with business, but also adjusting to a whole new culture here in Spain. Barcelona is an amazing city with beautiful weather and an endless amount of things to do. I have even been fortunate enough to get visits from fellow Suffield alums Erik Osborne, Tim Bautz '09, and Will Cooley '08. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10th Reunion this year.

## 2008

Becca Bathrick, Kirsten Chalke, Thomas Drummond-Hay, Barbara Kaplan, Joel Glassman, Rebecca Joslow MacGregor, Kaela Keyes, Isy Zellweger, Adam Pistel

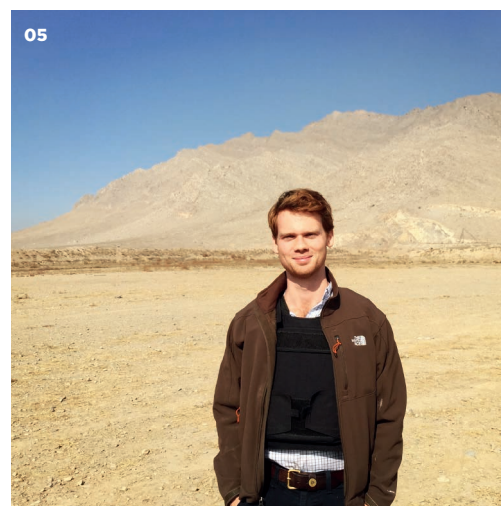
#### **HARRISON KRAMER**

I am currently living in New York City, entertaining at private events as well as running after school enrichment programs through my company After School Magic. Get in touch if you are in New York City!

#### **DAN MATCHETT**

Hey all! I just finished up a quick five years in Texas as a T-38 Instructor Pilot at ENJJPT. I'm moving to North Carolina soon to start training on the F-15E Strike Eagle. Keegan and I have had a great time exploring Texas and are looking forward to what the Air Force has in store for us in the next few years. A huge congrats to my sister Kristin on her recent engagement. I hope to see you all soon!





**01** Patrick Tolosky '11 (left) on a camping trip in the California Los Padres National Forest with his college roommate Alex Weissman

**02** Jay Prasad '13, Andrés Fernández Vélchez '13, Adam Brown '13, Nick Brown '13, Mike Simmons '13, Daniel Berchuck '14 reunited in Nassau, Bahamas

**03** Reed Barbe '12 and Patrick O'Brien '12 on the field at a Patriots vs. Ravens game

**04** Sam Auch '13 in Granada, Spain with the Sierra Nevada Mountain range in the background

**05** Duncan Renchard '11 in Kabul, Afghanistan

**06** Joe Teed '12 shaking hands with the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Dunford, at the US Air Force Academy graduation

**07 Left:** Lorenzo Bernardez '11 and Robert Zhang  
**Right:** Lorenzo with Bridget Walsh '10 and Shinelle Baker '10 on Bridget's 25th birthday



## Remembering Henry Thevenin '10

On the 6th anniversary of the passing of Henry Thevenin, friends and classmates remember him with flowers at his memorial bench at Suffield Academy. Suffield honors Henry's memory with an award given at Commencement. In addition, in the years since Henry's death, his teammates and coaches, joined by other college and professional football players, host a one day football camp in his hometown of Brockton, Massachusetts. The camp is attended by hundreds of local youth where they enjoy a day of great coaching and a barbeque.



### ERICA SIVER TAUPIER

I am currently in Norfolk, Virginia, where my husband is stationed for the Navy. We just bought a house as his orders have us here for several years, so I have been spending most of my free time channeling my inner Joanna Gaines. I finished my masters' of science in nutrition last year and am currently working as an outpatient dietitian. Hope everyone is well!

## 2009

Tom Casey, Rosemary Chandler, Liz Monty, Amy Samenuk, Sam Stone, Kyle Vigneault

### LEXI LEE

I have just finished my second year in the clinical psychology PhD program at Case Western Reserve University. My research centers on the longitudinal correlates of pretend play in early childhood.

### SAM STONE

I moved out West last summer and I'm proud to call sunny San Diego my new home! I'm pursuing a master's in non-profit leadership and management at the University of San Diego, and working for a family foundation in town. Spending the bulk of my free time volunteering to tutor and coach at inner-city squash and tennis programs has been a great introduction to the non-profit scene here. Plus, I'm thankful every day for being able to enjoy hiking, running and lots of tennis under these blue skies! Looking forward to connecting with more Suffield folks out here and of course I'm counting down the days until my next opportunity to visit campus.

## 2010

Michelle Autuori, Justine de Chazal, Mariah Hayes, Tom Leonard, Alyssa Palomba, Lucas Traber

### CAROLINE ALDRICH

Michael Jacobs '09 and I are getting married in September!

### BRENDAN DOYLE

Following my graduation from Rollins College I returned to Bermuda and accepted a position within the insurance brokerage arm of Willis Towers Watson. In January 2017, I was seconded to WTW's London office to work on the carrier management team. Although I haven't been back to SA since graduation it remains near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to visiting in the near future.

### EMILY PURTILL

I just finished my first year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania. I worked as a clerk for a Federal Judge in Connecticut summer of 2017.

## 2011

Joe Begley, Serge Derby, Kachenta Descartes, Colin E Dowd, Didi McDonald

### LORENZO BERNARDEZ JR.

Protect your inner peace and don't let anyone or anything compromise it. Sometimes we may jeopardize our own well being for the sake of making others happy. If you aren't happy then you can't worry about the happiness of someone else. If you don't love yourself it is hard to love someone else. Focus on being the best version of you that you can be. Surround yourself with people who want that for you as well. Not people who don't want the absolute best for you.

Energy is important and the energy you surround yourself with is just as important. Still coaching baseball and I love it. Making more money doing it, which is good but the important thing is that I was patient and paid my dues. Follow your passion and fulfill your purpose in life. People may judge you and that's alright because it is important to adjust to life and also be an individual and not conform to the everyday norm of everyone else. Peace and love to the Class of 2011.

### DUNCAN RENCHARD

After graduating from Tulane University and working for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New Orleans, I decided to leave the "Big Easy" for Washington, DC. I now work for Chemonics International, which is one of the world's largest international development firms. I spent the last year managing a USAID agricultural development program in Southern Afghanistan, which was equal parts interesting, challenging and surreal. I recently transitioned from the Afghanistan region to Chemonics' Corporate Partnerships division, which is spearheading the company's client diversification efforts as the current administration looks to cut the foreign aid budget. So far it's been an incredibly fascinating experience to see how the private sector is providing innovative and sustainable solutions to some of the world's most pressing social, economic and humanitarian challenges. Apart from that—Gordy Murphy '10 and I are still writing music together and very much miss the Suffield Guitar Show.

### PATRICK TOLOSKY

This year, Patrick spent time working on multiple farms in the New England area as well as Santa Barbara, California. He wanted to learn more about sustainable agriculture, permaculture, and land management

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before matriculating to Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College in the fall. He also continued to fundraise in his role of health center development advocate at Willka Yachay, a Peruvian-based non-profit organization dedicated to collaborating with the Q'eros people. Patrick lived in Q'eros in 2015 to aid in the construction of a community health center funded by a Davis Projects for Peace Grant that Patrick secured. Patrick is particularly interested in the intersections of poverty, environmental sustainability, health policy, and illness, and will pursue a specialty in medicine that explores global and domestic community empowerment through health.

#### MAX WARNER

Hope Suffield is doing well. Last October was my five year reunion which had an amazing turnout. Was nice reconnecting with a lot of people. My brother was married on June 10 in Philadelphia which was very exciting. I look forward to visiting Suffield in the future.

## 2012 REUNION 2017

Reed Barbe, Colin E Dowd, William Evangelakos, Jameson Everett, David Huang, Connor Kaplan, Caroline Leonard, Izzy McDonald, Alex Porter, Carly Smith

#### FRANK BOLELLA

It has been five short years since graduating from Suffield Academy and I am pleased to say that I am off to a great start to my career. After graduating from Boston University last May, I landed a role as a business analyst at Cognizant Technology Solutions working for a client that is one of the world's largest convenience store franchises based out of Dallas, Texas. I can confidently say that Suffield laid a solid foundation for the leadership skills that I fine-tuned at BU and beyond, which has allowed me to succeed thus far. I am extremely excited to reconnect with classmates at our 5th Reunion in October!

## 2013

Georgina Blakeley, Andrés Fernández Vélchez, Jay Fields, Jamie Johnson, Wynn Mason, Chris McCormick, Paul Metscher, Noel Nakamura, Jay O'Brien, Jay Prasad, Emilio Rocha, Mike Simmons

#### OLIVIA FIALLO

Earlier this year I worked with homicide survivors in the National Crime Victims & Research Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. I graduated from College of Charleston and will spend one month in Cambodia and Vietnam conducting an independent study. I will be applying to PhD programs in Clinical Psychology.



# 2015

Nick Alfano, Sarah Apkin, Mike Barit, Hannah Bellorado, Abby Blyler, Olivia Caligiuri, Rhi Fletcher, Brad Gibson, Andy Guo, Owen Hern, Piper Holliday, Gray Johnson, Jahi Locke, Emily Lowe, Marysa Massoia, Kim Meunier, Endy Morales, Sarah Pickup, Kelly Taylor, Ingunn Ukvitne, Ali Veitch, Christian Wilkins

## AMANDA BAILDON

**Kira Demitrus** and I have moved to China to teach English to young students! I write this note as I stand in the airport about to depart for this journey. We are both very excited for this adventure and have been reflecting on our times at Suffield that brought us here. All the best!

# 2016

Cecilia Arntzen, Oyikwan Asante, Derek Dai, Bella De Simone, Maura Eagan, Quinn Egan, Tahj Herring-Wilson, Miles Johnson, Baek Kang, Katie Kuzmeski, Trevor Lyne, Melissa Malley, Ang Vecchiarelli, Elijah Wilson

## KIERSTEN NESS

I am currently swimming for the University of Richmond Spiders. This year we won the Division I Atlantic IO Conference Championship which was a very exciting experience as a freshman! I owe a lot my success to all the amazing coaches and teachers at Suffield Academy. I would like to thank **Mr. Lowe** in particular. He helped me with the recruiting process and shaped me into the swimmer I am today over my four years at Suffield. Even though I am a Spider now, I still proudly represent the Tigers in the pool!

## MILES JOHNSON

Just finished my first year at Johnson & Wales in the college of culinary arts. This summer I lived on the Academy campus with my family and it was fun to be able to hang out with some Suffield alums who were working at Summer Academy. I recently finished an internship at Vinted in West Hartford, Connecticut, where I worked with amazing chefs and realized how much I truly love cooking. Looking forward to my sophomore year—if you're ever in the Providence area hit me up and we'll grab a bite to eat!

## ELIJAH WILSON

I finished my first year at Wesleyan University in May. After adjusting to the demands of college, I enjoyed a great balance between academics, athletics, and social life on campus. The university's resources were a great help during my period of acclimation and also aided in deciding my major. As a member of the men's basketball team, we finished a successful season ranked in the top 25 of Division III. I enjoyed being home this summer with family and friends and even spent some time at Suffield during Summer Academy. There's nothing like the breakfast, lunch, and dinner made by our fine kitchen staff (**Mary, Marge, Sean, Rich, Nick, Jill, Manny, Ian, Frankie, Lynette**). I also visited Cuba, connecting with a large part of my family for the first time. The trip was humbling and impacted me greatly. I look forward to getting back to school, as my freshman year and this summer have defined what my dreams and aspirations really are.

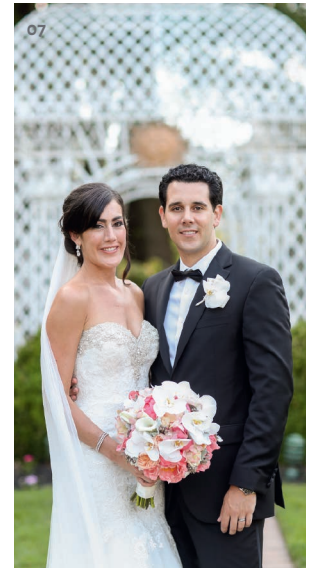


- 01 Julia Miller '14 and the Franklin Pierce University Women's lacrosse team in February, 2017
- 02 Alessandro Togni '15 snowboarding in St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 03 Drew Glennon '14 and Anna Walker '14 in Miami for spring break
- 04 Inigo Ugarte '16, Save Boonsoong '16, Izzara Ugarte '14, Quinn Egan '16, and Baek Kang '16 in Croatia
- 05 Kiersten Ness '16 with some of her Richmond Spiders at the Atlantic IO Conference Championship
- 06 Conor Keough '16 (#6) playing in his first lacrosse season at Manhattanville College
- 07 Miles Johnson '16 working as a chefs' intern at Vinted in West Hartford, Connecticut
- 08 Elijah Wilson '16 meeting his cousin for the first time in Cuba this past summer





# WEDDINGS



01 JACQUELYN PANNELL '04 TO TROY ZINCK ON 12.30.16 ON THE SUFFIELD ACADEMY CAMPUS

02 LAUREN OKANO '07 TO JESSE DEOMS ON 08.05.16  
LEFT TO RIGHT PHILIP GIALOPSOS '14, MARISSA GIALOPSOS '07, LAUREN OKANO '07, JESSE DEOMS, MARK BALDWIN '71 (JESSE'S UNCLE),  
AND NANCY AND GERRY LAPLANTE

03 REBECCA JOSLOW '08 TO JUSTIN MACGREGOR ON 10.15.16  
LEFT TO RIGHT KRYSTLE CORALLO '08, JOEL GLASSMAN '08, JAN-PHILIPP PREYER '08,  
REBECCA JOSLOW MACGREGOR '08, EMILY MEJER '08, ISI MONTERO '08

04 SARA MIGA '04 TO ERIC EGAN ON 12.04.16

05 KATE SHILLO '00 TO NICHOLAS BEARDSLEY ON 07.29.16  
SISTER BRONYA SHILLO '03 WAS MAID OF HONOR AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBER LISA TENEROWITZ READ AT THE CEREMONY

06 GUILHERME DIETZE '04 TO ODILE GINAID ON 04.27.17

07 DREW INCANAMORT '03 TO LAUREN HUNTER ON 06.11.16



# BIRTHS



01 MEGHAN O'REILLY GIAMPAOLO '00 AND HUSBAND JUSTIN | A GIRL, VICTORIA ELIZABETH GIAMPAOLO ON 04.11.17

02 BILL METZGER '94 AND WIFE MARYLOU | A GIRL, JULIANNA ON 05.11.17

03 KATE SHILLO BEARDSLEY '00 AND HUSBAND NICHOLAS | A GIRL, GUNNISON GREY BEARDSLEY ON 04.19.17

04 MELISSA CAREY FITZPATRICK '06 AND HUSBAND MICHAEL | A GIRL, HAILEY RAE FITZPATRICK ON 12.20.16

05 MATT CAPONE '07 AND WIFE CHRISTINA | TWIN BOYS, COLE AND MAXTON ON 03.29.17

06 STEPHANIE EAGLES-FOX '06 AND WIFE JULIANNA | TWIN BOYS, BRODY AND JORDAN ON 12.21.16

07 MATT GROGAN '99 AND WIFE SARA | A BOY, JOHN DANIEL GROGAN ON 07.20.16

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APRIL II ..... BOSTON - BOSTONIA  
MAY 2 ..... WASHINGTON DC - TEDDY AND THE BULLY BAR

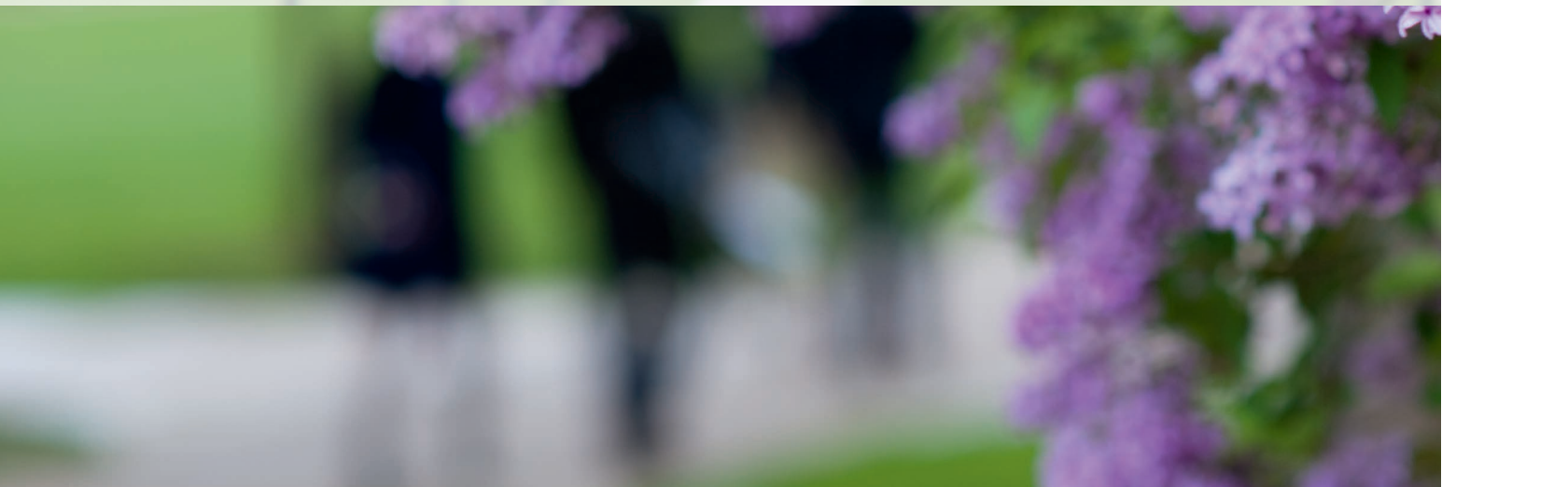
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OCTOBER 26 ..... GRANDPARENTS' DAY
- 2018 APRIL 20 ..... PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AUCTION

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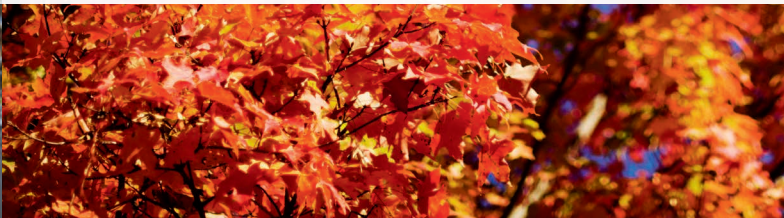
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