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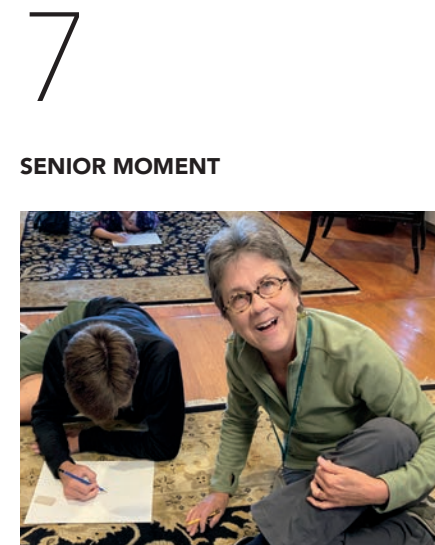
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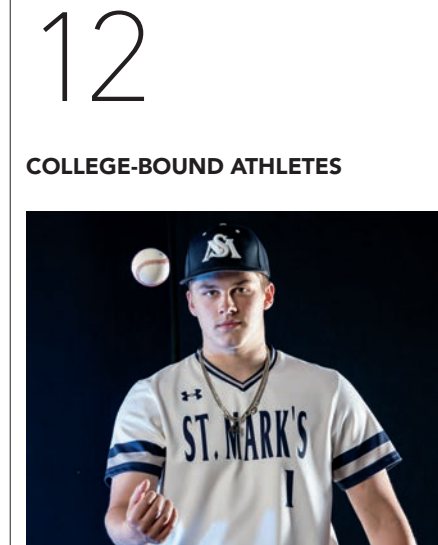
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Returning, Stronger

We have all been touched by COVID-19 in one way or another, and the memories of the pandemic will be with all of us for years to come. The physical and mental toll on everyone has been substantial, and for those who lost loved ones and livelihoods to COVID, the toll is even greater.

As I reflect upon that reality, I especially appreciate the approach of our students to the 2020-2021 academic year. While the word “resilience” has, perhaps, been overused to characterize their approach to the year, it is an apt descriptor.

Although spirits understandably flagged upon occasion, students were determined to make the best of the situation. Again and again I heard students say, “this year is what we make it.” Indeed, our students’ strength of character showed through. I cannot emphasize enough the care and support provided by faculty and staff, which was essential to keeping student spirits positive and to ensuring extra attention to individuals at moments of academic or emotional need.

Admirable student leadership focused our attention on events in the larger world beyond our campus, especially important in 2020–2021. During our February Community and Equity Day, students led group conversations for peers and adults reflecting on the meaning of the phrase Black Lives Matter, analyzing biases that can attach to gender identity, and asking the extent to which social media helps or harms a social movement.

Students made School Meeting an opportunity for learning and reflection too, with the Asian Students Association presenting a video documenting instances of recent violence against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, and Students 4 Sustainability providing suggestions for reducing your carbon footprint and making the case for urging government leaders to impose carbon dividends. Informed by advice from student leaders, the Dean’s Office organized conversations for reflection on the context and outcome of the Derek Chauvin trial.

While limitations caused by COVID-19 remained in the spring, we also saw harbingers that provide optimism about a more normal 2021-2022. Vaccination trends are encouraging. We have every confidence that we will be allowed to organize our classrooms in a manner that makes group interaction easier.

Whether our students are heading to college next year or returning to the full program we plan to resume in the fall, these St. Markers will be stronger because of the admirable way they have met the challenges of 2020-2021. St. Markers who are returning will, surely, be all the more ready, because of this year’s experiences, to welcome new students, collaborating to build that strong community which is a hallmark of our School.

John C. Warren

JOHN C. WARREN '74, ED.D.
HEAD OF SCHOOL

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IN BRIEF

LESSON PLAN

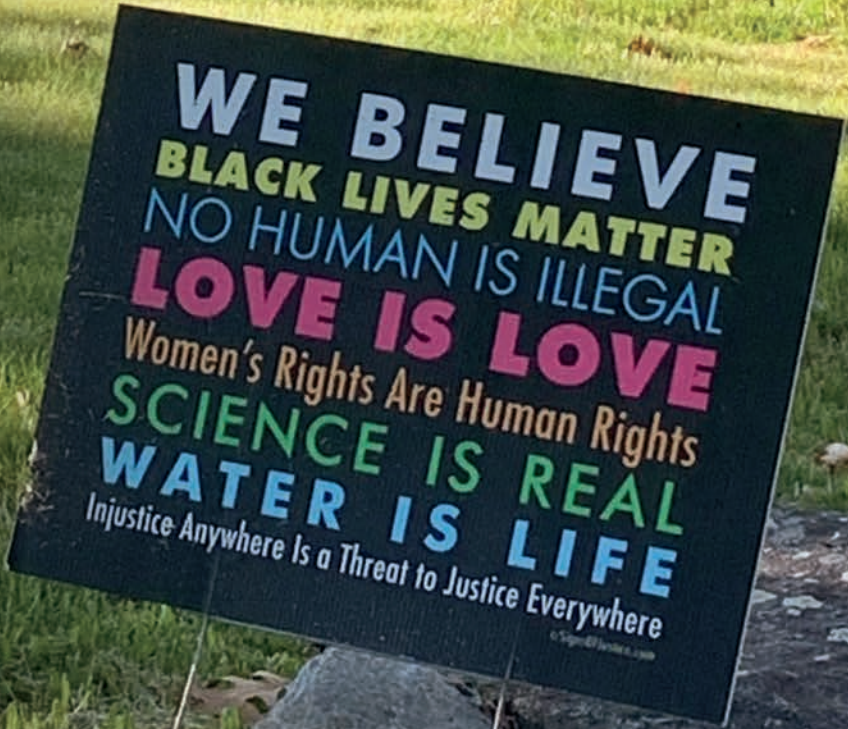
Toward a More Inclusive Curriculum

During a typical year, summer is a time for teachers to take a break from school, but 2020 was not that kind of year. Instead, four faculty members from St. Mark's History and Social Sciences Department met (virtually) to brainstorm effective ways to create a more equitable learning environment for their students—specifically to help ensure that curriculum planning and faculty intentions reflect “a decidedly antiracist department in support of an antiracist school,” according to History and English teacher Rex (Dejai) Barnes.

THE CONVERSATION AROUND THE TABLE—which included Barnes, Adam Jewell (history teacher and chair of the History Department), and history faculty members Rob Calagione and Dave Lyons— included self-reflection and accountability. The group tackled issues like uprooting habits that could favor one group of students over another and questioning the need to add or subtract certain readings to provide ample time for a deep dive into an issue.

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“We don’t just want to exclusively teach white, presidential history, for example,” Barnes says. “It would be boring, for one, and it would do a disservice to the students, as presidential history represents only one narrative among a complex constellation of narratives informing U.S. history.”

Jewell adds, “To look at this nation today—the past few elections, the Black Lives Matter movement of last summer to today, the January 6 insurrection on the Capitol, the Derek Chauvin murder trial—and combine that with what our Pathways Prefects and Black@SM have done and asked for, and what our AAPI [Asian American and Pacific Islander] students are saying today, you can see the sheer weight of history is upon us.”

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Antiracism curriculum, both implicit and explicit, is not something new for the History and Social Sciences Department, according to Jewell. But events like the murder of George Floyd added a level of accountability and the need “to be more intentional and deliberate in what we did.”

One example: adding depth to two required courses, The Global Seminar (TGS) and U.S. History. “They are surveys; they by default lack depth in many areas. We have made an attempt this year to work on that and add in areas we can go deeper,” Jewell says. “It has not always worked and it is an iterative process, but the value within cannot be understated.”

He notes specific changes to TGS, led by Shelly Killeen, Colleen Finnerty, and Laura Appell-Warren. “They really nailed down the ideas of alterity, point of view analysis, identity studies and in general how to look at the world with openness and empathy while also asking how do these really young kids fit in in this world

in general, and also what is their burgeoning position in these really complicated issues at St. Mark’s and beyond.”

Barnes has found success by integrating current events into his curriculum. He kicked off the fall term, for example, with a section on the popularity of American yard signs supporting various movements or beliefs.

“The activity was an opportunity for students to engage with ideas and ideologies literally and figuratively around our school,” Barnes says of signs in neighborhoods surrounding St. Mark’s. “Most importantly, it set the tone for this year as one that would approach history as living or lived—the idea that the historical discipline is not a litany of names and dates that occurred a long time ago. Rather, when handling and discussing texts, images, ideas, and events, I want my classes to think about the ways in which these historical phenomena remain with us today.”

Barnes also encourages meta-conversations with students on how they would introduce an antiracist approach to the historical curriculum. “At the beginning of the year, a student pointed out that, after assigning Howard Zinn’s reading of Christopher Columbus—a highly critical perspective of the Columbian legacy—Donald Trump warned parents that to use Zinn was tantamount to indoctrinating students and inviting them to ‘hate’ America. Moments like these are opportunities for discussion. As another student asked in class: ‘Is this really about hate or even guilt, as Trump states? Are we supposed to feel guilty about this heritage?’ We keep returning to these tough questions over the course of the year; they haunt our curriculum, and that’s a good thing.”

—KRISTEN WALSH



NEW CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNOUNCED

ON EARTH DAY, April 22, St. Mark’s School announced the release of its new Climate Action Plan. Titled “Lions Live Green,” the plan focuses on actions the School is taking to combat climate change, including lowering greenhouse gas emissions, conserving resources, and inspiring students to become leaders of environmental stewardship.

As noted in the plan, the School has set a goal of reducing emissions by 10 percent below 2015 levels by 2025 through a combination of energy efficiency projects, green building design, and renewable energy.

“What I am most proud of in regard to our campus sustainability commitment is that we are truly walking the walk,” says Sustainability Coordinator Lindsey Lohwater, a faculty member in the Science Department. “One of the most exciting, tangible representations of this is the new residential facility (currently under construction), which is built to passive house standards, contains all electric heating and cooling systems, and will be crowned with a solar array providing over 60 percent of that building’s energy use.”

To read the full Climate Action Plan, visit www.stmarksschool.org/campus-life/sustainability.

Remote Student Teaches CAD

WHILE ATTENDING ST. MARK’S as a remote student in 2020-2021, Zifan (Carl) Guo ’22 decided to take on a teaching assignment of his own, instructing IV Formers on the use of Computer Aided Design (CAD) as part of the School’s experiential learning program.

Carl’s interest in CAD began as a III Former, when he joined St. Mark’s FIRST Robotics competition team as a winter sport. As a member of the team, he sought to expand his knowledge base by researching resources shared by the greater FIRST robotics community online.

“I found an excellent forum called Chief Delphi (chiefdelphi.com),” Carl says, “with numerous teams discussing their obstacles and sharing their successful experiences with the community. I was fascinated by the mind-blowing amount of technical information and became a regular visitor and contributor to the forum.”

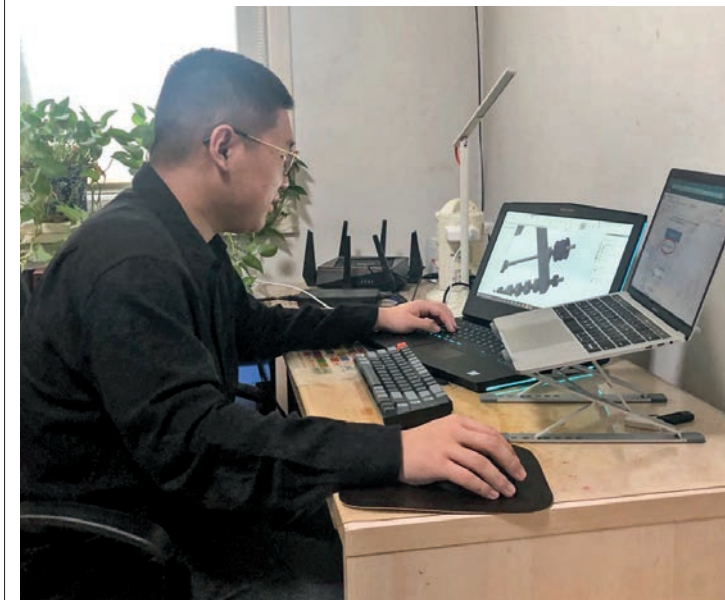
On the forum, Carl saw that top teams were designing their robots with CAD and then machining the parts based on their CAD, a process Carl found more efficient than the St. Mark’s team’s previous design and build process. So in 2019, Carl taught himself CAD, which helped him design and build a drivetrain for robots that resulted in the second-best season in the history of St. Mark’s robotics.

But Carl sought to take things a step further. He had a big idea: to have the whole team proficient in CAD so that they could design a whole robot—not just a drivetrain—on CAD. He originally planned to open a regular Saturday class so his teammates and other interested

classmates could familiarize themselves with CAD over seven 2.5 hour sessions. When COVID hit, Carl took his plan remote, teaching seven different sections of IV Formers.

“I faced a lot of challenges as I experienced what it is like to be a teacher,” Carl says, “such as adjusting the level of difficulty so the material is less overwhelming and making sure no one is distracted in breakout rooms. Different groups certainly had different paces, and as the teacher, I had to adjust on the spot. I definitely feel more empathetic to my teachers after doing these seminars.”

Carl feels that there is an even greater benefit to learning Computer Aided Design, as CAD skills learned in high school can have great implications beyond high school. “Many mechanical engineers design with CAD for their careers,” he points out, “so this is a way for people to get a glimpse of what engineering can look like beyond high school.”



Carl Guo ’22



SENIOR TEACHER MAKES HISTORY

VETERAN ART TEACHER Barbara Putnam made St. Mark’s history in 2020-2021, becoming the first woman to hold the title of Senior Teacher. Ms. Putnam just completed her 42nd year on the St. Mark’s faculty and replaces Rick Umiker, who retired in 2020, as the longest-serving current member of the St. Mark’s faculty.

An internationally renowned artist, Ms. Putnam has held the William Wyatt Barber Jr. Faculty Chair at St. Mark’s since 1997. She teaches Advanced Art History, Studio Art from beginner through advanced, drawing, painting, and printmaking. From 1986 through 2012, Ms. Putnam chaired the St. Mark’s Art Department.

“Ever since I began as Head of School in 2006, Barb Putnam has provided me with wise counsel and important perspective,” says John C. Warren ’74. “Barb is such a splendid role model for so many at St. Mark’s. Her commitment to our School, to our students and her colleagues, and the extraordinary quality of her teaching are truly inspiring. Just as Barb learned the essence of what makes St. Mark’s St. Mark’s from veteran teachers when she started out, Barb is providing that same insight to recent generations of new teachers.”

INSIDE MY WORLD

ENJOYING THE RIDE

Eric Monheim, Director of College Counseling

FOR MANY ST. MARK'S STUDENTS, the journey to a successful college experience begins in their III Form year, when they are introduced to the Office of College Counseling, led by director Eric Monheim since 2013.

Using a detailed, Form-based approach that includes St. Mark's Saturdays courses aimed to empower students to take control of their own educations, Eric and his team guide students through the entire college process. Here, Eric provides a glimpse of his office in the Main Building.

1. "These small cups and a pitcher are used for a traditional Chinese liquor called Baijiu. On the bottom of each individual cup is a replica of the Chinese Zodiac or Sheng Xiao. The set, as well as the ceramics and drawing above, were gifts from former students."

2. "The bike and the book were gifts from a colleague. During my days off, I can often be found on my bike roaming the area looking for smooth roads, wide shoulders, and hills. I love the challenge of a good climb. This summer, I plan to complete my fifth and sixth century rides. I continue to be motivated by a former colleague who scoffed at my mention of a century ride as I was getting back into biking."

3. "The basketball, autographed by Villanova men's coach Jay Wright and by Josh Hart, now a member of the New Orleans Pelicans, was sent to me by Josh as a thank you. Josh played with my older son Aidan in high school, and I had the opportunity to serve as Josh's college counselor. The baseball is from a game my son Aidan pitched in high school. He was lucky enough to pitch at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. I've had

few more nerve-wracking experiences as a parent. I was fortunate enough to travel to Scotland a few years back to visit colleges. The golf ball is a souvenir from the 'Old Course' at St. Andrews."

4. "I am a proud 1987 graduate of the only college I am aware of that is quite literally surrounded by battlefields, Gettysburg College."

5. "The picture is of my son Liam, St. Mark's Class of 2016. He is also responsible for the ceramics masterwork as well! The miniature London bus was a gift from an admission representative at London School of Economics."

6. "A number of the books featured here point to two key elements of our philosophy or approach as college counselor: the developmental nature of our work and our hope to help students discover paths that align with our mission as a school. Books like David Brooks's *The Road to Character*, George Anders's *You Can Do Anything*, and Bill Bennett and Dave Evans's *Designing Your Life* also continue to help frame our thinking as we plan for our St. Mark's Saturdays 'Preparing for the Journey' class."

CLAIR RECEIVES HARVARD MEDAL

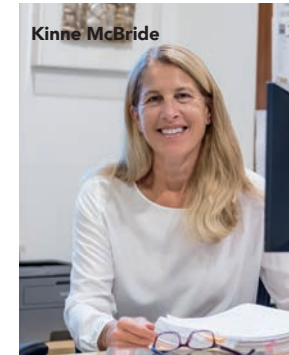
DR. WALTER K. CLAIR '73 WAS recently named one of three recipients of the 2021 Harvard Medal, presented by the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA).



First awarded in 1981, the Harvard Medal is given to those who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the university in a variety of areas, including teaching, fundraising, leadership, innovation, administration, and volunteerism. Alumni, former faculty and staff, and members of organizations connected with Harvard are eligible for consideration.

"A deeply committed leader and mentor, Walter Clair has strengthened collaboration across Harvard's schools and supported generations of students," read the HAA announcement. "Throughout his career, he has dedicated himself to supporting students of color, including through his work with the nonprofit mentoring program 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, which seeks to enhance educational and economic opportunities for young Black men."

Dr. Clair, executive director of the Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute from 2015 until this year, and now professor of clinical medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and vice chair for diversity and inclusion in the Department of Medicine, received the St. Mark's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. He was the Prize Day speaker in 2017.



Celebrating 20 Years

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, Head of School John C. Warren '74 formally recognized three new members of the St. Mark's adult community for reaching the 20-year milestone for service to the School.

At a socially distanced ceremony in the Faculty Room, Mr. Warren presented Tim Capenito, Scott Dolesh, and Kinne McBride with beautiful glass bowls commemorating their 20 years at St. Mark's. Framed photos of each were also unveiled. They will be hung along the corridor between the dining hall and the Hinkle Room, alongside the pictures of other faculty and staff who have served St. Mark's for 20 years or more.

All three arrived on campus in the fall of 2001. Tim Capenito has been the plumber in the School's Facilities Department for the past two decades. Scott Dolesh has been a member of the Mathematics Department during that time and has also coached athletic teams, including ice hockey and golf, at various levels. Another math teacher, Kinne McBride has worn many hats during her time at St. Mark's. For the past several years she has been the School's associate dean of academics and academic scheduler, and she also coaches crew. Congratulations to all!

THANK YOU, SUE!

AFTER SERVING MORE THAN 30 YEARS in the Office of the Dean of Students, Sue LaFreniere retired from St. Mark's following the 2020-2021 academic year.

"Sue has served countless St. Mark's students, adults, and families over the years, helping all of us with needs both large and small," said Dean of Students David

Vachris. "Many of us are in disbelief that Sue will not be on campus in the fall," he continued, noting Sue's "caring nature, steadfastness, and collected institutional knowledge."

The St. Mark's community wishes Sue all the best in her retirement. Thank you, Sue!



Moore Named New Board President

MICHAEL B. MOORE '80 is the new president of the St. Mark's Board of Trustees, the School has announced.

"Michael is the perfect choice to lead the St. Mark's Board of Trustees," said Head of School John C. Warren '74. "We are fortunate to go from strength to strength, as Michael follows Alys Reynders Scott '85, P '21, '23, who has led the Board so well."

Michael is a seasoned business and community leader, board member, keynote speaker, and author. He is a thought leader on brand strategy and consumer behavior, social justice, and African American history.

He has been a tireless advocate for St. Mark's as well. During the School's 150th celebration, he was a featured speaker at the TEDx event. Michael has served as a School trustee since 2012 and prior to that was a member of the



Alumni Executive Committee. Michael served as chair of the External Relations Committee and currently chairs the newly established Board committee on Antiracism: Community and Equity. In recognition of his service to the School and dedication to social justice in the broader community, Michael received the School's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Members of Michael's family also have connections to St. Mark's. His mother, Helen Boulware Moore, served on the Board of Trustees and his sister, Robin (Moore) Jenkins graduated in 1989 and is a member of the St. Mark's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Michael earned his A.B. in Political Science at Syracuse University, and his M.B.A. at Duke University. He went on to become founding president/CEO of the International African American Museum, and CEO of Glory Foods, Inc. Michael is currently the diversity and inclusion officer at Blackbaud—the world's leading software company powering the social good community. Michael is the first person to hold this position at Blackbaud.

Michael is married, the father of four sons, and lives in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.



Lingoscope Receives Acclaim

Lingoscope, an interscholastic, multilingual online publication launched by Christine Ling '23 earlier this year, has received international acclaim, including a recent article in the *South China Morning Post*, one of the most-read English newspapers in Asia.

Lingoscope is a wholly student-run online platform in which students learning foreign languages can engage with each other and publish their work. The *Lingoscope* team includes 17 students, and the premier issue featured 18 language pieces in eight languages—Chinese, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, and Spanish—written by students from 10 different schools in four countries.

To read *Lingoscope*, visit <https://www.lingscope.net/>.

WINTER PLAYS TAKE THE (VIRTUAL) STAGE

"NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION," as the well-known proverb reminds us. And so, in an academic year in which the pandemic has taken so much away, the St. Mark's Theater Department doubled down on its presentation of the annual Winter Play, with not one but two digital productions directed by Theater Director Chris Kent.

Dead Man's Cell Phone and *Eurydice*, both by Sarah Ruhl, were made available to the St. Mark's community via video from March 11 through March 14.

"These plays were staged as much as possible as recorded live scenes, most of them performed over Zoom with minimal editing," Chris said. "These were then inter-spliced with recorded cinematic moments that helped to develop the mood and atmosphere which would normally be established through a set or lighting design. We rehearsed the scenes as usual before creating a recording window to capture the scenes. We also were able to turn our Black Box Theater into a sound stage and record almost all of our cinematic scenes in the space."



CHATTER

PEAK PERFORMER

MEGAN MIANTSOKO '21, a boarding student from the Bronx, New York, is a leader on and off the water, serving as a Monitor for 2020-2021 in addition to earning a scholarship to row crew at UMass Amherst for a women's program that has won the Atlantic-10 championship 16 times.

"Megan is a highly competitive athlete who performs at her best when the stakes are greatest," says St. Mark's crew coach Caleb Corliss. "She is an observant, inclusive leader who pays attention to what her teammates need and challenges them to improve every day."

HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED WITH ROWING?

I started rowing my freshman year at St. Mark's. I didn't know anything about the sport before but was approached by Coach [Liz] Cavanaugh, our former crew coach, and she was able to convince me to join the team. Over time, my love for the sport grew and I decided to continue rowing.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE SPORT?

I love how I am working hard for both myself and my boat. I am constantly pushing myself and growing as an athlete to get faster times and move up to higher boats. At the same time, I am able to train and compete with a boat full of girls who are all working and moving together to win.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT ST. MARK'S?

One thing I will miss about St. Mark's is the supportive community. Through different sports teams, residential houses, and affinity groups, I have connected



"Since we aren't allowed to wear shoes on the boat, I usually wear my Crocs since they are so easy to put on and take off."

with many faculty members and peers who were able to support and encourage me as I navigated St. Mark's. It has been very helpful for my growth and learning how I can support others as a student leader on campus.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CREW MEMORY?

My favorite part of the season is always competing at the NEIRA championship. The night before our final race, we typically have a team dinner which is a fun time to bond with everyone and mentally prepare for the day ahead. We are usually out at the boat-house from early in the morning until the evening, but watching all of our boats race and make it into finals makes it all worth it.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNG STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO ARE CONSIDERING CREW?

Come into the sport with an open mind and a willingness to push yourself. It can be very demanding at times, yet there are so many rewards to be gained from the sport. I encourage all young student-athletes considering the sport to be patient with themselves and be persistent.

—CALEB COCHRAN



SPORTS ROUND-UP

NEXT LEVEL

NINETEEN MEMBERS of the Class of 2021 are committed to college and university athletic programs for the 2021-2022 academic year. Nine student-athletes will be suiting up for Division I programs, while 10 will be playing at the Division III level. Congratulations to all!



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| <p>1. Trevor Neff, Holy Cross</p> <p>2. Robert Taylor, Wagner College</p> <p>3. Christian Dwirantwi, Trinity College</p> <p>4. Kartik Donepudi, MIT</p> <p>5. Megan Miantsoke, UMass Amherst</p> <p>6. Delaney Grace, Hamilton College</p> <p>7. Catie Summers, Brown University</p> | <p>8. Jake LaMalva, Hamilton College</p> <p>9. Will Lucy, Hobart and William Smith Colleges</p> <p>10. Prince Nuamah, Colby College</p> <p>11. Jacob Silvester, Springfield College</p> <p>12. Bobby Bartlett, St. Lawrence University</p> <p>13. Jeremiah Ojeah, Kenyon College</p> <p>14. Jackson Coutu, Providence College</p> | <p>15. Alicia Souliotis, University of California Berkeley</p> <p>16. Lauren Tolve, UMass Amherst</p> <p>17. Erin Murray, Hobart and William Smith Colleges</p> <p>18. Jake Oblak, Middlebury College</p> <p>19. Madison Michals, Boston University</p> |
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Prize Day Weekend



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A most extraordinary 2020-2021 academic year at St. Mark's concluded in festive fashion with the 156th Prize Day Exercises on Sunday, May 30, wrapping up a weekend that also included a special diploma ceremony for the Class of 2020 as well as Baccalaureate on Saturday, May 29. At left, snapping a photo at the Class of 2020 diploma ceremony. Below, Class of 2021 graduates line up for the Prize Day ceremony.



CLASS OF 2020

Almost a full year after graduating from St. Mark's, members of the Class of 2020 returned to Southborough to receive their diplomas. History teacher David Lyons, P'14, '16, '20, '22 and Head Monitors Ashley Battiatia '20 and Alexander Sumner '20 spoke to the class before Head of School John C. Warren '74 presented the diplomas. Tarah Breed '00, a trustee and president of the Alumni Executive Committee, then officially welcomed the class to the Alumni Association.





CLASS OF 2021

Steady rain and brisk temperatures couldn't dampen the spirits of a resilient Class of 2021 on Prize Day, as 103 VI Form students graduated on Belmont Field. Nicholas Braun '06 of HBO's *Succession* presented the keynote address, while Jake Oblak '21 gave the valedictory address. Beining "Cathy" Zhou was the recipient of this year's Founder's Medal. For a full list of prize winners, visit <https://stmarksschool.today/2021>.



1. Alys Reynders Scott '85, P '21, '23
2. Nicholas Braun '06
3. Valedictorian Jake Oblak '21
4. Head Chaplain Barbara Talcott, P '15



Why We Love St. Mark's

"St. Mark's gave me the opportunities and support to explore any and all of my passions. Every minute on campus was spent on some new adventure that I did not think would be possible in high school."

—JACK GRIFFIN '20

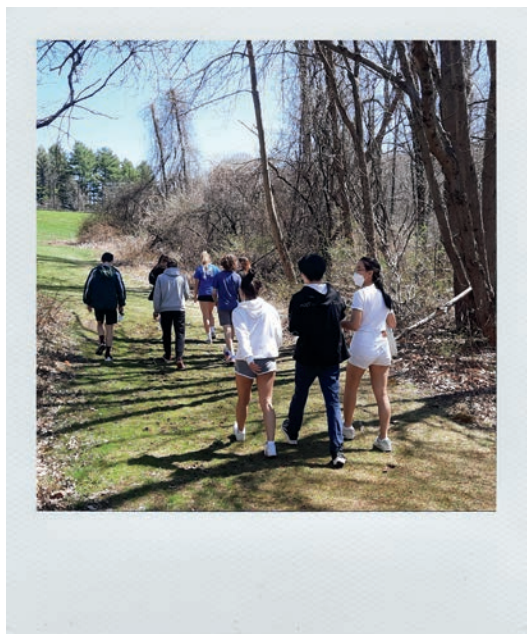
"The School provided me some valuable lessons and secrets on how to be relatively successful at this thing called life..."

—EVAN EUSTIS '83

When the next history book on St. Mark's is written, the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 academic years will almost certainly warrant their own chapter. From the COVID-19 pandemic to a social justice uprising brought about by years of systemic racism, the 12 months spanning March 2020 to March 2021, in particular, will almost certainly go down as one of the most challenging stretches in the history of the School.

This spring, with a COVID vaccine finally a reality and thoughts of a return to a somewhat "normal" St. Mark's in the not-too-distant future beginning to take shape, we asked members our community—students, faculty and staff members, alumni, parents, and friends—to tell us why they love it here. Here's what you said.

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AL WILLIAMS



“What’s not to love? One of many things we love, as parents, is the very responsible atmosphere, combined with a certain casualness that enables high school aged children to be real and to flourish.”

—LIZA JONES,
PARENT

“We love the St Mark’s community! Students are energetic, proactive, hardworking, and they are demonstrating serious responsibilities on both school and social affairs! Teachers and staff members are kind and caring, with different styles they importantly offer inspirations beyond knowledge in textbooks.”

—STELLA XIE,
PARENT

“It is well-meaning, curious, brave and humble. It is centered.”

—BARBARA TALCOTT,
HEAD CHAPLAIN

“I love that in over 10-plus years of working here, I’ve developed meaningful friendships with faculty, staff, alumni, and parents that will last a lifetime and that the work I do helps the School educate the next generation of students who will go out in the world to make it a better place.”

—STEPHANIE KATZ,
DIRECTOR OF
ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS

“THE COMMUNITY.”

—STEVEN ZHANG,
III FORM

“The small community that is very diverse and intimate.”

—AMBER LEE,
III FORM

“The small environment at St. Mark’s provided William with the feeling of a safe, caring community of acceptance, where he was able to grow and blossom as an individual. We wish he could stay one more year!”

—LISA LUCY,
PARENT



“I love that St. Mark’s accepts all different people and religions.”

—MARI CARTAGENOVA,
PARENT

“I love that every member of the St. Mark’s community genuinely cares about the students as a parent would. The faculty and administration challenge our children, and help them grow as scholars and people. They keep the students at the forefront of everything they do.”

—JOANNE BUTTERFIELD,
PARENT

“I love the energy that St. Markers provide to motivate me to do my best.”

—HANSON HUANG,
III FORM

“The warm kindness of the community.”

—SARAH MCCANN,
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

“The way people say ‘hi’ to each other every time they see each other in the hallways.”

—LILY WANG LUO,
VI FORM

“I am grateful that St. Mark’s has been a place that honestly wants what is best for the students and the extended community. I can feel the big heart and sincere intentions, for this I am grateful.”

—AGGIE BELT,
ARTS DEPARTMENT
AND PARENT

“Warm community, very supportive environment, caring teachers and staff and happy students.”

—AZITA AND SHARIAR MOTAKEF,
PARENTS



“In chapel, my favorite part is to hear VI Formers reflect on their lives, dreams, and unique identities—it is a sacred gift to hear so many different voices and perspectives on what it means to be human.”

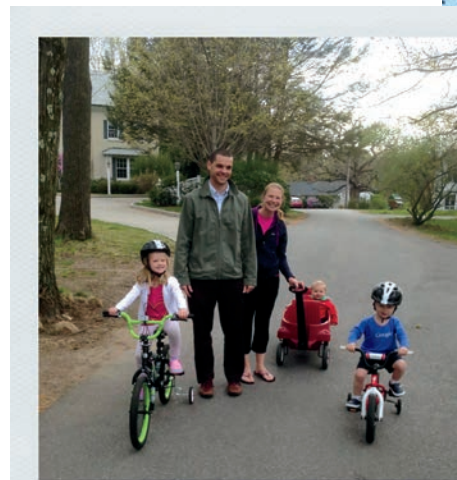
—REV. KATIE SOLTER,
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

“The community and education offered by St. Mark’s paired with the opportunity to be independent, pre-college, was a growth experience that will forever be with me.”

—LYNNE MADDEN MCDONOUGH ’83

“Of course I love the fact that my child has blossomed into a driven, passionate learner, athlete and caring human being—a clear result from the St. Mark’s community she has been immersed in. I also love the balance between tradition (i.e Groton week) and innovation (i.e Lion Term).”

—HILARY ELKINS,
PARENT



“To me the best part about St. Mark’s is its amazing people—the students, faculty, staff, everyone! People here are kind and genuine, talented and passionate. This is my first year here but I already feel so welcome and integrated into the community.”

—DOWNING BRAY KRESS,
MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



I LOVE THAT WE ARE FAMILY

I remember coming home from work in the fall of 2007, a few months after I started working at St. Mark’s, and saying to my husband, Chris: “I love it here. This is where I want to stay. This is where I want to raise our family. This is home.”

He looked at me, shook his head and laughed. “Elise, you have worked here for less than three months,” he said. “How can you possibly know this?” he asked. “Chris, just wait until you meet the students, the faculty, the staff. There is something different about this school—just wait, you will feel it too,” I responded. He gave me a wry smile, shook his head again and said: “We’ll see.”

Shortly before Thanksgiving that same year Chris looked at me and remarked: “I get it Elise, you are right. This place is different. I can see why you love it so much.”

That fall, Chris had a chance to attend St. Mark’s sporting events with me on the weekends, he joined me for dinner in the dining hall several nights a week and he helped me welcome my advisees at our apartment in Pine/Oak for dinner a few times that fall. He saw how genuine everyone was and he noticed how everyone said hello and held the door as we walked around campus. St. Mark’s is a place where we all work hard, play hard, and most importantly, treat one another with kindness.

During my first four years at St. Mark’s, my three children were born. I will never forget walking into the dining hall many evenings with Emily, age 3, Erik, age 21 months, and Christopher (a few weeks old), while Chris was stuck in the lab finishing up his PhD, and immediately three to four St. Markers would run up to me, grab Emily and Erik, help them get their food and get them situated in their high chairs. When they spilled their milk (which they did every night) different St. Markers would quickly come over to help us clean up and, at the end of dinner, another group of St. Markers would take Emily and Erik outside to play for a bit in the VI Form quad so I could eat a few bites in relative peace before taking the three kids home for tubs and bed.

This community has meant so much to me and to my family. I love that we all care about one another, I love that we are a family, I love that character, kindness and cooperation are omnipresent. I love St. Mark’s.

—ELISE MORGAN, DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

“What I love the most about St. Mark’s are the faculty members, Health Services nurses, and FLIK staff. These people make my life at St. Mark’s easier by providing me with food, knowledge, and making sure that my health is good.”

—CHARLENE MURIMA,
IV FORM

“The teachers and staff connect with the students at a level that brings out the best in them; challenging them and at the same time surprisingly them at their own potential in a safe environment.”

—UMRAZ SYED,
PARENT

“Great challenging academics.”

—BENJAMIN MARKLE,
III FORM

“I love all of the opportunities that I have been provided as well as how understanding all of the faculty is.”

—LARYSSA BARBOSA,
V FORM

“The teachers and curriculum at St. Mark’s have really helped my daughter re-engage with learning. I haven’t seen her enjoy school this much in years! I also appreciate the culture at St. Mark’s, and its focus on diversity and spirituality.”

—ILDI MORRIS,
PARENT

“The care from teachers about personal success and their commitment to ensure we have the resources and tools to pursue what we verbalize passions about. I have been getting really into the production side of the songs I compose and write the lyrics for and Mr. Eslick has spent his time helping me work the software I use, Logic. He has also lent me materials I need like speakers, a microphone, and an audio interface so I can pursue this out of school passion to the best quality I can right now. That kind of personal encouragement and help does not happen at every school! And I am so grateful.”

—FRANCES HORNOSTEL,
VI FORM

“Incredible masters, Stan Shepherd in music. Great classmates. Many successes.”

—HENRY WINSOR, '55-'56



“I have never worked with a greater group of colleagues who have supported me both professionally and personally. St. Mark’s has been the perfect place to begin my second career.”

—JENIENE MATTHEWS,
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

“FLIK does a wonderful job at creating a variety of offerings.”

—RON BOSTON,
A.V. TECHNICIAN

“The faculty are simultaneously brilliant, inspirational, and warm.”

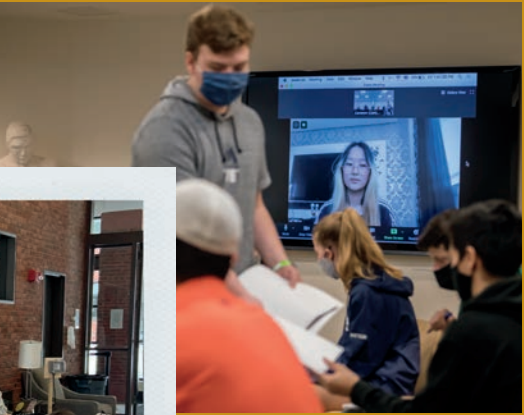
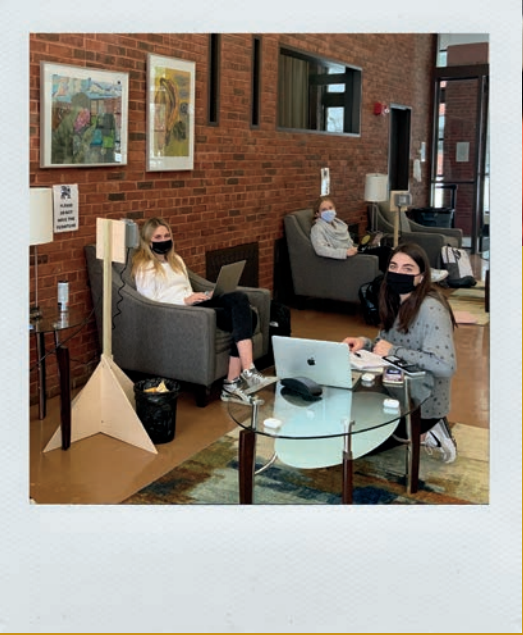
—PAULA AND JOHN HORNOSTEL,
PARENTS

“Our passionate and committed faculty; it’s an amazing place for faculty kids to grow up; our deep commitment to our values of perspective-taking, empathy, respect, understanding and welcoming of differences.”

—SAMANTHA BRENNAN,
ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL
AND DEAN OF FACULTY

“I love warm, sunny days when the students are all outside enjoying the warmth and each other’s company in the athletic quad and the VI Form quad. That is when you see the joy and playfulness of the students!”

—LAURA APPELL-WARREN,
DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



“THE STUDENTS.”

—KATELYN YANG,
III FORM

“My teachers and advisor are most helpful and understanding in helping me navigate remote learning. They have coped with challenges regarding teaching very well, and I deeply appreciate how they are able to adapt adroitly. My classmates are also amazing—most of us care about our studies and are very kind to each other. I love the atmosphere even when I am not physically on campus.”

—YUNXUAN CHEN,
III FORM

“St. Mark’s was a great foundation on which to build my education. It was new, different, and difficult at times living so far from home. But there I was able to explore, try new things successfully and not so successfully (ice hockey rings a bell) and learn from those experiences. I look back and appreciate what that school gave me.”

—DR. CARTER GRAY '91

“I love the atmosphere of St. Mark’s and how kind/welcoming the faculty and students are.”

—JASMINE JAMES,
III FORM

“The students, faculty, and staff I’ve grown close with.”

—BETHANY BATISTA,
VI FORM

“The hospitality of the teachers and the other students.”

—DREW VO,
III FORM

“...Last night two of my children who are at home taking online classes shared how much they love their St. Mark’s teachers. St. Mark’s teachers are caring, supportive, and interested in their students. They play an integral part in each student’s life—creating a safe space for these children to grow into adults.”

—DIANA DOTSON,
PARENT

“My advisees! I love watching them grow and mature over four years of high school. They take on new challenges, try different sports, struggle, and change in the most incredible ways. My favorite part of my job at St. Mark’s is supporting them and cheering them on throughout all their adventures.”

—VERONICA BARILA,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

“The cross-country community. From the day my son arrived on campus he has been welcomed into this special community. They piled into his dorm room when we were unpacking and have carried him through his two years at St. Mark’s with unrivaled friendship, love and support. Headed by Mr. Lyons, this community is one of the things we love most about St. Mark’s.”

—ALEXANDRA ROME,
PARENT

"SPORTS."

—CATIE SUMMERS,
VI FORM

“Many, many reasons, especially tennis and musical memories.”

—ERIC MOORE '52

“David Lyons and SMXC.”

—JOSHUA BERGERS,
V FORM

“Sunsets and XC races on West Campus.”

—PRINCESS ALEXANDER,
V FORM

“I love St. Marks because it provided me an opportunity to flourish. I was able to meet young people from all over the world, live and enjoy a beautiful campus and take advantage of all the travel and engagement opportunities my enrollment afforded me.”

—HAWA LASSANAH '97



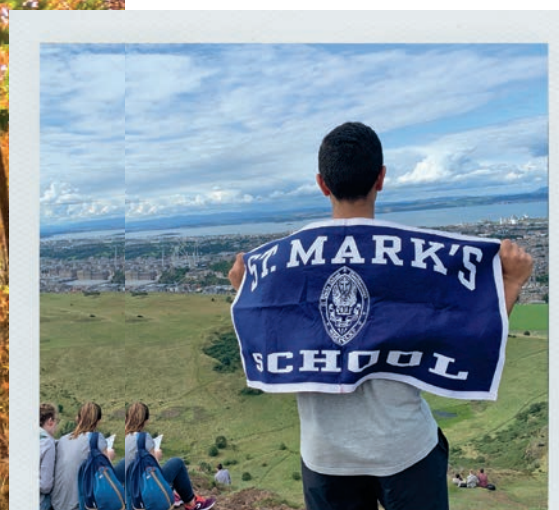
“The robotics team.”

—CARL GUO,
V FORM



"GREAT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES."

—KEYAO XIA,
III FORM



“We love the experiential learning programs that allow students the opportunity to become global citizens and contribute to the world around St. Mark’s.”

—MICHAEL PELLINI,
PARENT

“I really love the environment in Coolidge. The way everyone supports and encourages one another is such an amazing thing to see. Also, everyone makes the most out of these workouts and commits to improving.”

—EVE ELKINS,
VI FORM

“We love that St. Mark’s has offered our son multiple travel opportunities.”

—GREGORY MATTHEWS,
PARENT



"I love how independent the school allows us to be and the freedom that we have."

—VICTORIA MERLO, III FORM

"The overall sense of freedom and self ownership given to students daily."

—HARLAN JACKSON, IV FORM

"THE IMMEDIATE SENSE OF BEAUTY."

—SARAH ENTERLINE, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

"I remember smelling burning leaves and the feel of the turf on the football fields in the autumn. I appreciate the values the school espoused and the kindness of the staff."

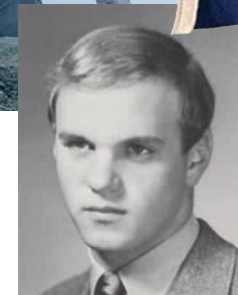
—DAVID DICICCO '59

"THE FRIENDS FOR LIFE."

—WILDER BELLAMY '70

"I belonged to a wonderful class full of lifelong friends. We were taught by a great faculty."

—MICHAEL CARTER '45



"I love St. Mark's because it gave me a strong community of intellectually curious and driven individuals, many of whom I still consider lifelong friends."

—KEELY DION '17

"I love St. Mark's because it challenged me academically, prepared me for studying on my own in college (Pavlovian bell went off at 7:30 every night), while also feeding my soul through chapel. I found a group of friends and also faculty who treated me like family."

—LOUISE KAY CHILDS WOODSIDE '87

"The friendships formed there during my 'difficult' teen years are among the most important in my life!"

—BRUCE FORBES '80

"Lifelong friends that go from classmates to godmothers!"

—CECILY GEORGE '06

"Many reasons but mainly the liberal arts education, the classmates, and its willingness to see me through thick and thin."

—CROSBY (JC) BROWN '75





Sally King McBride '03
launched The Letter Nest
in 2019.

INDIVIDUAL EXPRESSION

BY KRISTEN WALSH

Chauncey Pratt Boothby '02, Lucy Grogan Edwards '05, and Sally King McBride '03 have each carved different niches in the art world: Boothby as interior designer and owner of Chauncey Boothby Interiors; Edwards as vice president and jewelry director at Grogan & Company; and McBride as an illustrator and founder of The Letter Nest.

Together, they share common threads. Childhood exposure to the arts. A medium that spoke to them. And inspirational 'art moments' in St. Mark's classes with Art Department Teacher Barbara Putnam.

The three women reunited as panel presenters at an Alumni Executive Committee-sponsored event in January 2020: "Art & Design in the Instagram Age." Following is a glimpse into their abstract worlds.



'A NATURAL IMPULSE'

SALLY KING MCBRIDE '03 looks natural as she sits in her New York City apartment, dipping her brush back-and-forth from a colorful palette of paints to a mason jar full of water. The intent of her watercolor illustration is simple: “Joy.”

“My process is driven by making art for others,” McBride says. “My ideas are clearer and my expression more effective when there’s an intended client in mind.”

Among her work: landscapes, house portraits, wedding invitations, birth announcements, and alphabet paintings for children. The latter—born when she wanted to create unique gifts for friends and family who were having babies—became a niche business in 2019, when McBride launched The Letter Nest. She offers a series of watercolor alphabet and letter prints, each with a level of detail that

combines her rich background in the arts, including over 10 years working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Making art is what McBride calls “a natural impulse.” She vividly remembers her early childhood drawings: renderings of staged choreography including “elaborate drawings of ballerinas in their final pose” that reflected her love for dance and musical theater.

“It was always art tied to dance or art tied to music,” McBride recalls. “I loved connecting one discipline to another.”

But the idea of becoming a career artist developed at St. Mark’s. “Barb Putnam put a brush in my hand, and I took to it. Watercolor came more naturally to me than any of the other mediums that we had been using. I liked the immediacy of it; the fact that you get one shot.”

She painted “obsessively,” even completing a rendering of the entire St. Mark’s campus. Her first professional commission came during her IV Form year: a portrait of her advisor’s home.

“Having that validation as a very young person gave me confidence that I could sell my artwork—it set me on a more formal path,” says McBride.

Today, she is a successful businesswoman in the art world. “Letting my artwork stand on its own and speak for itself has been the most rewarding part of the experience.”

The mother of two young sons, McBride has received recognition from Eva Chen, Instagram’s director of fashion partnerships, writer and actress Jill Kargman, and lifestyle blogger (and daughter of actress Susan Sarandon) Eva Amurri. But McBride remains humble. “What really moves the needle is new customers discovering my work,” she says.

“I try to approach Instagram as a just an extension of my creative activity, and striking a balance between the practical and the personal.” —SALLY KING MCBRIDE '03



LUCY ON THE ROAD

LUCY GROGAN EDWARDS '05 jokes that she inherited an “art history gene,” but she may be right. Her parents met while working at Sotheby’s auction house in New York City and later opened their own auction house, Grogan & Company, in Boston. Edwards is vice president and jewelry director of that family business and makes appearances on the popular PBS TV show *Antiques Roadshow*.

“Growing up, there was little divide between work and home, but in a good

way,” Edwards recalls. “Pieces would come and go from the house—a new rug or a painting or a piece of furniture would appear.”

And Edwards took note. “As soon as I could walk and talk, I would ask about the new additions. I had an eye and an affinity for art, but I never really associated it with a career. It was just part of my childhood.”

At St. Mark’s, she got approval as a V Former to take Putnam’s AP Art History class. Though it was humbling

Lucy Grogan Edwards '05 joined Grogan & Company in 2013 and established the firm's jewelry department.

“I like to use Instagram as a platform to demystify the auction world for my peers. The internet has proved to be a remarkably democratizing force for the auction business.”

—LUCY GROGAN EDWARDS '05

to work among her older classmates and tackle the rigorous curriculum, it was inspiring, nonetheless.

“I had heard or read about many of the paintings we were studying,” Edwards recalls. “But experiencing them in an academic environment was eye-opening. It was a revelation for me to be able to study history through the lens of art.”

It clicked enough that Edwards went on to major in art history at Trinity College and then graduated from the Gemological Institute of America. Another revelation came while working for the Jackson Hole Art Auction in Wyoming.

“I discovered that for me, the auction business is the most interesting part of the art world,” she recalls. “I find the faster pace and object turnover of auction houses to be more engaging than other areas of the commercial art market.”

Edwards joined Grogan & Company in 2013 and formally established the firm’s jewelry department. Much of her time is spent on the road with clients to appraise jewelry for potential inclusion in an upcoming auction. This is where her passion for art history comes into play.

“It’s gratifying to act as a steward for these treasured family heirlooms,” Edwards explains. “There is so much more to it than the value of a piece; it is about listening to stories and preserving history.”

Chauncey Pratt Boothby '02 was named one of House Beautiful magazine's Next Wave Designers in 2018.



INTERIOR INSPIRATION

CHAUNCEY PRATT BOOTHBY '02 was 11 years old when her parents gave her the go-ahead to redesign her bedroom. The ceiling popped in a bright blue. An outdoor lantern lit up the closet. Vintage prints from a trip to Hong Kong hung on the walls.

“I had strong opinions and I wasn’t afraid to share them,” says Boothby, who spent many weekends thumbing through wallpaper books when her parents were redoing a room in the house. “From a young age, they allowed me to take the lead.”

Today, she takes the lead with her clients. After graduating from Trinity College with a bachelor’s degree in classics and art history, she worked for some of the country’s top residential design firms in New York City—including David Easton, Charlotte Moss, and most recently, Ashley Whittaker. In 2016, she founded Chauncey Boothby Interiors, focusing on large-scale residential projects throughout the east coast.

“I worked for a number of firms with very different styles, ranging from traditional to modern,” Boothby explains. “I’ve melded it all together to develop my own design style, introducing mid-century and contemporary pieces into a more traditional aesthetic.”

“It creates a room with multiple layers. “My clients appreciate the mix of new

and old; it is more livable and less like a showroom.”

But they aren’t the only ones taking notice: In 2018, Boothby was named one of *House Beautiful* magazine’s Next Wave Designers. She is humble about her accomplishments and quick to credit those who have inspired her along the way. Among them is Putnam.

“Barb was always encouraging us to try different mediums and see things in a different way,” Boothby says. “She would put together still lifes full of all sorts of odd and interesting objects; vintage life jackets, old containers, things with various layers of texture. I try to incorporate the same level of thinking when using unexpected materials or colors for design clients and layering photoshoots and styling accessories in a similar manner.”

When asked about decorating ideas for do-it-yourself interior designers, Boothby offers practical advice. “I’m a big fan of reusing pieces you already have. A fresh coat of paint goes a long way if you have a piece of furniture that is aged and in rough shape. Pick a fun color or add new hardware, and you can turn it into something completely new.”

To see photos from “Art & Design in the Instagram Age,” visit stmarksschool.today/AEC.

“Instagram provides a perfect forum for highlighting pictures of my work and connecting with an audience throughout the country and even the world. It’s a huge asset to designers and everyone in a creative and visual field.”

—CHAUNCEY PRATT BOOTHBY '02

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Uncommon Story

Peter Kazickas '11 Takes Tech on the Road

It didn't take long for Peter Kazickas '11 to recognize that "leading a life of consequence" wasn't just a School catchphrase, but an attribute St. Mark's expected students to develop through their high school career and then apply to their world beyond campus. He also knew he'd have ample support in achieving this mission because of the stories his sister Annalina Kazickas '07 would tell him about her time as a student and player on the St. Mark's basketball team.

HE THEN EXPERIENCED the School's dedication to its students himself, playing from 2009 to 2011 for basketball coach David Lubick, whose tireless efforts led the St. Mark's boys' basketball team to several NEPSAC championships.

"There's a bond we all shared, regardless of whether we played together or not, that is about way more than just the game," Kazickas explains. "Pushing yourself past the point of mental and physical exhaustion, day after day, teaches you a lot. This work ethic and sacrifice stays with you long after basketball, too."

Kazickas applied that work ethic to his time volunteering in Zimbabwe the summer after graduating from St. Mark's, where he experienced true poverty, but also discovered a true happiness about his work. He went on to Hamilton College, which led to a Silicon Valley post-graduation program where he developed a love for technology. He then taught coding and robotics in New York City, where he witnessed the vast gap between those who have and those who don't. This experience got him thinking about how he could

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bring a cutting-edge technology education to people who don't have it, or to places that don't have electricity or the internet. His idea ultimately led him to start Uncommon.org, a sustainable nonprofit that brings access to tech education and jobs to everyone, beginning with the most low-income communities.

"We believe it is imperative, for the wellbeing of the entire world, that everyone everywhere has an opportunity to learn and create wonderful, technological things," he says.

Now, through Uncommon.org, Kazickas is not just leading a life of consequence—he's helping others do the same.

"We are training young adults to be purpose-minded, tech-savvy entrepreneurs who want to make a positive impact in their communities and world at large. Every level of our organization is embedded with an altruistic spirit. Our learners are teachers. Our business team designs, builds, and markets products to generate revenue to sustain our Education mission," he explains. "We dare our students to step outside the norm, to be creators, to be uncommon. If they can do that, leading a life of consequence will become not an end goal, but a way of life."

—JIM MONTALTO

Peter Kazickas '11

CLASS NOTES

1945

Michael Carter is living in the independent living section of RiverMead, a continuing care facility in Peterborough, New Hampshire, with wife Lillian. "We have been married for almost 72 years."

1948

Terry Haight and wife Mary Jane reside in North Branford, Conn. Terry, whose last birthday was his 90th, is a senior United States district judge, sitting in the New Haven courthouse, although the coronavirus keeps him for the most part working at home, conducting hearings on Zoom rather than in the courtroom.

1952

During the pandemic **John Austin** has kept busy composing. He writes, "The necessity of 'putting little black dots on paper' as one of my mentors liked to say, causes problems for sure, but I feel unbelievably lucky to have been swept up by that imperative as early as my St. Mark's years. Which brings me to J. Stanley Sheppard, the 'Doc', who, on a beautiful pre-football- game Saturday, took this homesick and flunking second former in hand and, sitting, pipe in hand on the stairway leading to the old Alumni Office (behind the reception desk), banished the guesswork—in my case, mess-work—out of what subjects to attack in which study hall, thus beginning an association that lasted until a few weeks before he died." John also fondly remembers Ned Hall, Dr. Begg, Mr. Gaccon, Butch Sawyer, and William Wyatt Barber.

1955–1956

Henry Winsor writes, "We have happily been in New Zealand for 15 months. Almost no virus here and can freely travel the entire country. We have had a lovely home here for the past 20 years and two of my children and three grandchildren are here also. Have many friends here, ride a Triumph, hike, fly fish, golf, and Facetime with family and friends. Deeply saddened to lose Beloved classmate, Harry Hare.

1958

Richard (Dick) Jackson writes, "I have completed my tenure at Athens College but stayed on in Athens for the foreseeable future. For sanity in the pandemic, I've taken on an ambitious project on 80 Years of American diplomacy in Greece as told by American diplomats in their own words, linked in some way to this bicentennial year of Greek independence. I doubt many are travelling during the lockdown, but classmates of course welcome, preferably vaccinated.

1959

During the pandemic, **David DiCicco** is thankful that he has been able to be outdoors at his golf club with friends. "I have remained connected to other friends through zoom and email. My wife and I are looking forward to travel in the near future."

Brian Thompson shares, "The organization Marie-Claude and I founded back in 1980 to work with inner-city kids (evkids.org) is still

celebrating our 40 years of service." He notes the success of many virtual events and programs, including the gala, summer camp in Vermont, and the tutoring/mentoring program. "Our College Success program gets our EVkids into college and matches them with mentors throughout their college career. Our older son Eric, a children's rights lawyer, has been ED for the past eight years and, with the support of an active and committed Board, has developed the program in amazing ways. We are equally proud of Dan, a professor and assistant chair at Berklee College, who has also adopted, along with his wife Beth, three sisters from Social Services. They are doing a remarkable job! Luckily for us, the kids live five minutes away and we get to see them and their families. We are truly blessed."

1961

Julian Harvey has a CD coming out on the Centaur Records label called *Sweet was the Song: Music by Julian Harvey*. (julianharveymusic.com.) "Incredibly, I have recently been dabbling in countryish pop songs," he writes.

Sixty years after leaving SM, **Peter Walker** reflects on the values and work ethic instilled in him. "As a retired doctor, I credit St. Mark's for the success I have had in my life, a successful medical career, a happy marriage, six children and 16 grandchildren, several of whom are about to graduate from college. Thank you St. Mark's for also educating our eldest daughter who married her St. Mark's classmate and our eldest son for his time at the school where he became an avid lacrosse player and coach for

the coming generations. Learning to live with humility and generosity are among the greatest gifts."

1964

John Correa writes, "After leaving St Mark's in the fall of 1960, I went on to Tabor, which was a very good fit for me due to a lifelong interest in sailing. I then went on to Miami University where I flunked out after a couple of years, was drafted, and then went through OCS, serving in 14th Armored Cav in Fulda, Germany. After this awakening experience, I went to the University of Southern Maine where I took education more seriously. I went on from there working in the marine industry with some of the best Maine boat yards and builders, Bass Harbor Marine mostly in service, Morris Yachts in sales, and finishing at the Hinckley Company in sales, a rewarding and interesting career. While I have not been in touch with any of my St. Mark's classmates I do get the newsletters and keep up with things from behind the scenes. I retired in 2009 and have enjoyed spending a life in boats."

1965

Hugh Law closed his law firm in April 2020 and is enjoying retirement. "My timing was right for the lockdown. My wife and I are enjoying golf, streamed cinema, and cooking, and we are both in good health, a few creaks aside. I serve on a charitable board for an environmental law center. Fully vaccinated, we are becoming bolder. I expect to become a grandfather for the first time in early September. I lift a glass to absent friends."

1966

To restore animal spirits, **Jerry Toth** recommends running a mile a day and lifting weights. (Photo shows Jerry and wife Mira in Austria).

1969

Due to COVID, **Matthew Pease** had to suspend substitute teaching. "I have focused on my guitar, practicing songs that I've written the last couple of years. When I feel I'm happy with my presentation, I want to play publicly, with a bucket for tips."

1970

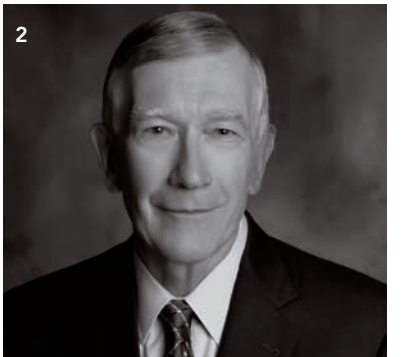
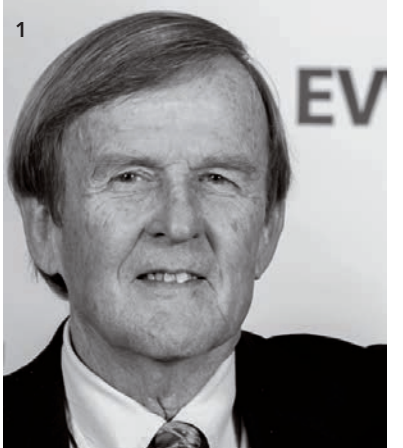
Wilder Bellamy is writing a science fiction novel about telepathic wolves. **Nelson Stone** and his wife Gloria went on a biking trip early April to Tucson, where the city built a 140-mile bike road. "Second day we did 40 miles," he writes. He is also helping with his son's new surgical education company SIM, Inc. for physicians to learn and practice new procedures on medical devices (www.simsurgeries.com). He is enjoying retirement. "Now that both Gloria and I are vaccinated we can visit with the grandkids and plan to be in NYC for the summer."

1971

Jerry Garfield and his wife Laurie are still living in the house we moved to in 2002. He writes, "She is four years away from retirement; I am out to pasture."

1975

Crosby (JC) Brown and his wife Pippa enjoy living in London but miss family and friends. "Been doing some painting (pics and doors), writing, upholstery, reading and a ton



1. Brian Thompson '59

2. Hugh Law '65

3. David DiCicco '59

4. Walker Shields '58

of dog walking (and almost whatever she asks). Things are looking up here though and spring is promising with the garden starting to bloom. Little things mean a lot.”

Evangeline Wollmar writes from Georgetown Island in Maine. “I have switched careers from teaching figure skating and children, to elder care and I love it. It’s not a job. I feel as though I am going home every day I get to spend with the couple I care for.” She and husband Doug continue to sail in the midcoast region and look forward to becoming grandparents in July. “Life is wonderful.”

1976

Elizabeth Goodhue published *The Truth About Down Syndrome: Lessons Learned from Raising a Son with Trisomy-21*, which traces her journey

beyond the maze of social, governmental, medical, and school bureaucracies that accompany people with disabilities. She says that her mission “has always been to bust the stereotypes people create, not just around Trisomy-21 (Down syndrome) but around anyone with a difference.” The book is targeted toward parents or prospective parents of children with Trisomy-21, educators, people interested in meeting the needs and recognizing the humanity of people with disabilities, and people interested in others’ growth and development in relationships.

In March, Hewston Baltzell, Mich Barry, Mike Calvin, Rick Cheadle, Dan Danello, Hartley Pond, Rod Spencer, Tony Vassello, and **Paul Watford** virtually reconnected on Zoom. Watford reports, “Mike is now living in Albuquerque after

leaving Dallas due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mich is in the Bay area working for a software company. Hartley, who resigned from 30 years of business traveling, is not doing start-up business. Rod, who has been married the longest of anyone in the class, is still doing screenwriting in California. Tony Vassello is home recovering from a four-level heart bypass performed in December 2020. Baltzell is in Brooklyn with his wife and twin sons who are both in ninth grade. For the past 20 years, he has spent his waking hours as an entrepreneur in energy efficiency systems designed to reduce emissions. Danello is still practicing law in D.C. so he can settle his accounts on college tuition. I recently took on a new role as director of administration for a tuition-free community music school in Chicago.”

1978

Classmates **Roger Post**, **Hod Irvine**, **Richard Pritzlaff**, and **Eric Von Eckartsberg** shared a 60th birthday mini reunion for Richard Pritzlaff (a year late due to COVID-19). Included in the celebration was Frank Strasburger, SM teacher, alumni, chaplain, admissions director etc.. and advisor who also married several of us!

1980

Bruce Forbes writes, “Being a single parent of two young children (11 and 9) during Corona has been extremely challenging. On the other hand, my house on a remote river way out in the forest 13 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Finland has been a wonderful place for us to ride out the COVID-19 storm!” He is enjoying work leading a large, EU-funded research project on Arctic biodiversity

in a changing climate (www.charter-arctic.org). He remains in regular contact with Nicholas Naylor-Leyland, Antonio Ponvert, and Josh Wallace, and this last year connected with ‘80 classmate Ginnie Hough on WhatsApp! “Two years ago Tonio and I met in London and Cambridge, UK to see Nick Mason’s Saucerful of Secrets playing all pre-*Dark Side of the Moon* era Pink Floyd. My vinyl record collection is now 6,000 strong and just as eclectic as ever. I welcome people to visit my 100-year old log farmhouse outside Rovaniemi in Lapland. Plenty of room and a wood-fired sauna right by the river!”

1981

Kimball Crossley is in his third year as a professional scout for the San Diego Padres. He writes, “I got back more into acting the past two years and have been able to be involved in some small films and TV shows. I continue to coach high school basketball, and still write some, when I can. My daughters are now 12 and 16. Life is good.”

Rick McCarthy writes about his unusual year. “I last worked on March 1, 2020, doing a trip to Rome. Cait and I then went on vacation, and thankfully returned in time for all the craziness that ensued.” Once he recovers from a second rotator cuff surgery, he will train to fly a Boeing 777 following the retirement of the Airbus 330 in his fleet. He and wife Cait love living in Milton, Mass. “My sister Chrissy and brothers Matt and Justin, all St. Mark’s graduates, are healthy along with their families. Hopefully 2022 will allow a true reunion at SM.”

Randy Needham married Julie on May 16, 2020. “All’s well for us in New Jersey.”

1981–1982

Mark Noble is “still in CT with the sibling unit!” He reports that all are healthy and safe.

1983

Evan Eustice writes, “Here’s hoping that everybody has made it relatively unscathed through this last year, trying times at best. Sadly, not all did; RIP Posie, you will be missed by not only your classmates, but by everyone else who has had the pleasure of sharing space and time with you.” He spent last year on a solo musical journey resulting in a wide variety of musical experiments that he is happy to share. “The rest of my time was spent behind the wheel of either a concrete truck, a dump truck, or an 18-wheeler: a boyhood dream come true as a part time retirement job; lucky me!”

Lynne Madden McDonough and her husband Paul moved back to Chicago two years ago with their youngest of four children. “We have lived there before for grad school and our early careers. We love being back and reconnecting with old friends. Our three older boys love exploring Chicago when they visit from college and boarding school.”

1986

Suze Fowl is preparing for an empty nest as her daughter is in college in Colorado and her sons has plans to start at the University of Oregon in the fall. She teaches biology at a community college in western Massachusetts. “Pandemic teaching has been a challenge, but I’m grateful for the increased curiosity (messenger RNA is not so boring after all!). I have been following SM’s



1. Jerry Toth '66
2. Nelson Stone '70
3. Rick McCarthy '81
4. Richard Pritzlaff '78

5. Evangeline Wollmar '75
6. Elizabeth Goodhue '76
7. Jerry Garfield '71
8. Randy Needham '81

9. Bruce Forbes '80
10. Evan Eustis '83

antiracism actions and policies, and I look forward to improved awareness, inclusion, and healing.”

1987

Meg Landry moved from Hong Kong to Concord, Mass., to be close to family and friends. After a career as a speech-language pathologist, she decided to combine her passion for homes and people by working at Barrett Sotheby’s International Realty as a sales associate. Stop by her office in Concord Center to say hello if you are in the area.

Brian McCarthy shares about his “crazy” year. “Team McCarthy’s adventure continues and moves to the midwest as I take command of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, in June. As is typical for us, I will be heading overseas with the brigade shortly thereafter for nine months in Europe, but Adhana, the little man and I should be all under one roof again in early 2022 after she completes her Ph.D. in San Diego. #neverboring.”

After 20 years in Seattle, **Bob Pulliam** and his family returned to the east coast to Charleston, South Carolina. “Thanks to COVID (how often do you hear that?!), I am able to keep my same job and as I told my team “My background has changed.” It isn’t easy to move your entire family during a pandemic, but my wife and boys (ages 6 and 3) are loving the new area. Drop me a line if you’re in the area!”

Louise Kay Childs Woodside shares news of daughter Lowrie attending George Washington University in the fall. She will be graduating from the Ellis School in

Pittsburgh, an all-girls school, where four generations of women in my family attended but never stayed to graduate. Very exciting!” Daughter Sara has been ninth-grade class president at Ellis. Louise enjoys playing year-round tennis, but sadly reports that she lost her mother in March and her stepfather in December. “However, I know they are in heaven together with my dad.”

1990

A silver lining of the pandemic for **Hugh Weidinger**: “I would like to thank COVID19 for helping the Class of 1990 avoid the reminder of how old we have become by preventing our 30th reunion last summer. Conversely, I missed seeing everyone on campus last year and hope to see you all soon.”

1991

Throughout the pandemic, **Carter Gray** has continued working as an obstetrician, now in her 18th year in private practice. “I delivered about 175 babies and was even voted top local Ob-Gyn in Wake county.” She was flooded with St. Mark’s memories as she dropped off her eldest son at boarding school in Asheville, N.C., in August 2020. “Still working on my golf and tennis games but knowing full well that there is not much to work with so I certainly will not be quitting my day job!”

1995

Carmen Bombeke is in Maine working in structural engineering and enjoying the outdoors. “Some tough experiences with loved ones in recent years led me down some unexpected paths, including a deep dive into our nation’s dysfunctional mental health

care system. I spoke at the 2020 Kennedy Forum Agenda for Change event in D.C. as a consumer advocate and hope to continue my advocacy efforts when COVID allows. I have become a Board Certified Patient Advocate and will soon be a Certified Parent Coach, both with an eye toward helping families navigate the challenges of the mental health care system, fight unfair denials, and find ways to continue to move forward when life threatens to overwhelm! I have also written a mental health insurance benefits guide for families which will hopefully launch online this summer. (All very different than my day job!). My husband and I are enjoying our new routine of “coffee time” in the mornings, and other change-ups, thanks to COVID. Our son is a freshman at Penn State

(regional campus). It has not been the normal college experience so far, but we appreciate that PSU has offered on-campus options both semesters, and even with a semi-shut-down campus, it is more exciting than Maine! I hope all my SM friends and acquaintances are staying healthy and happy during these strange times.”

Duane Iselin reports, “Me and Barbara going hog wild in Florida. Happy 66th everyone.”

1997

Howa Lassanah started a hybrid social enterprise called Discerning Eye Community Agriculture (DECA) that addresses issues of food insecurity through urban farming and mobile food production. “As of April 2021, we are just

beginning our second season and in the top five cohort for a regional competition called “The Great Social Enterprise,” which highlights and promotes companies with a triple bottom line: people, planet, profit. Besides a revamping of my career, the Covid year has taught me much more about enjoying the life I have and the love that surrounds me. I have fortified my relationship with the natural world and am so happy for it. This year calls for trips cross crossing the U.S. visiting urban farms all over the country and a little bit of vacation time in Spain and Liberia, Africa, my paternal homeland and the next proving ground for DECA—as soon as the world opens up again.”

1998

As the pandemic shut down New York City in March 2020, **Brian A. Balke** left Manhattan to move to Washington D.C. for “a dream job” as public policy director for the Community Development Bankers Association. “One year and a health and economic crisis later, D.C. seems like a nice place—from what I’ve been able to see of it. We’ve landed well in the NW neighborhood of Forrest Hills, just south of the Maryland border. Please let us know when you’re in town.”

Though **Elizabeth Stone** stated she would return to New England the first chance she got after law school, she still resides in the Raleigh-Durham area (“I blame the balmy North Carolina winters.”). After many years in private practice and a brief stint with the Department of Justice, she accepted a position as legal counsel with

Pinnacle Bank, “a significant change of pace, but a welcome one. What free time we have is spent traveling for soccer games and tournaments, shuttling kids to baseball, and scouts, and music lessons, etc. and, when we’re able, visiting my parents in New Hampshire. I always get nostalgic when we drive by the boathouse on Lake Quinsigamond; hope to return one day!”

Stephany Tousignant published a bedtime board book called *The Middle of the Night Book*; a tool to help soothe children back to sleep using a body scan meditation. She writes, “Our family (Matt Gamble ’97, River 12 yrs, and Cortland 8 yrs) has learned to live, work, and school together 24/7. We are grateful every single day to be living in beautiful Northern California and for our extended family’s continued health.”

2000

Alex Feenie ’00 and Rich Sparrow ’88, P’22 got together in Hong Kong in 2020.

2001

Alyssa Baker and her husband Ryan welcomed their fourth child, Paul Thomas, this year. “We recently moved to Dover, Mass., and have taken on the project of renovating a circa 1810 farmhouse,” she writes. “I started a small interior design business two years ago: Alyssa Baker Design. It has allowed me to stay creative while balancing life as a mom of four.”

2002

Morgan Davis recently earned an MFA in creative writing from



1. Alyssa Baker ’01

2. Jack Griffin ’20

3. Meg Landry ’87

4. Howa Lassanah ’97

5. Alex Feenie ’00

6. Stephany Tousignant ’98

7. Michael Greenwald ’02

8. Kelsea Ames Gray ’11

9. Lucie Rollins ’05

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MEMORY BOX

SEAL OF APPROVAL

The inkwell pictured here, featuring the St. Mark's seal, was a gift from Head of School William Greenough Thayer to Edward A. Taft, Class of 1900, presented to Taft in 1923. The photos were submitted by Edward Taft '69, a third generation St. Marker and former board member who, with his wife Pamela, has been a generous contributor to the School over the years.

the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where she staffed *Ecotone Magazine* and Lookout Books. She had four pieces published in 2020: Her debut short story appears in *storySouth* and was featured as a Longform Fiction Pick of the Week; her first creative non-fiction, a reflection on leaving West Virginia, is in *Barely South Review*; and two flash pieces are in *Press Pause Press*. She has been the associate prose editor for *Shenandoah* since 2019. She writes that she spent most of

2020 hiding out on Mount Desert Island, falling in love with Maine, and hopes to spend August there this summer, but for now has returned home to the redwoods in Marin County, California”

Michael Greenwald married Nolan Wein in an intimate family ceremony at Michael's family home in Brookline, Mass., on October 4, 2020. The couple lives in Palm Beach, Fla., and plans to renew their vows in a special celebration once gathering in large groups is appropriate.

2004

Courtney Hanna had been living in D.C. doing nonprofit work and moved back to the Boston area in June 2020. She and her husband, along with their two kids, are eager to get back to normalcy after a long year of quarantining. They are planning to take their 3-year-old and 1-year-old on a camping trip at Lake Superior this summer.

Roger Hunt III reports “Three out of 10 companies remain and are profitable. We also began hiring our first full time employees March 2021.”

2005

Lucie Rollins and Ricker welcomed daughter Cecily (CeCe) Rollins to the world October 2020. They're excited for the vaccine to introduce her to “the growing gang of future St. Markers and alumni as well! Her first social outing was visiting classmate, Annie Stuart, at the gallery where Annie works in NYC. Annie was an excellent educator on shapes and colors!”

2006

Cecily Brennan George is living with her family in her hometown of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. She and her husband were childhood neighbors who got together later in life. She has two daughters and hopes they will be future Lions. The godmother to her youngest daughter, Quinn, is fellow '06 Lion Sarah Napoli.

2011

Kelsea Ames Gray welcomed daughter Eva Margaret Gray on November 8, 2020. “Cooper (age 2) has loved being a big brother!”

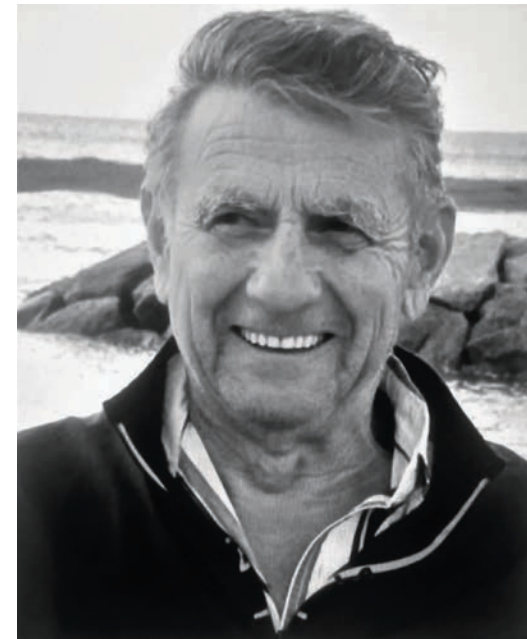
2017

Keely Dion will be starting a master's in international security at Sciences Po this fall. “Looking forward to spending the next two years in Paris, France!”

2020

The big milestone for **Jack Griffin** is taking a gap year to hike the Appalachian Trail! “It's been incredible, but I still am looking forward to taking some days off for graduation.”

IN MEMORIAM



JOHN MAURO 1932-2020

John Mauro, who worked as a member of the St. Mark's staff for a record 58 years, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was 88.

While in high school, John began working on the St. Mark's maintenance staff under the watchful eye of his father, Joe. This was a family tradition of sorts. Joe Mauro spent 45 years at St. Mark's, eventually running the School's grounds crew. Joe's brother spent 40 years as the School's carpenter. John continued working at St. Mark's after his graduation. He took a leave of absence from St. Mark's to serve in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, but returned to campus to take up his old job and ultimately retired as head of the School's grounds department.

In 2004, John was one of the first recipients of the Burr Staff Prize, recognizing exemplary long-term service at the School. He decided to retire in 2009-2010, when he began to regard the prospect of driving the School snowplow with reluctance. “I just didn't think I could face another winter,” he said. “So maybe it was time to retire.” Of John's unprec-edented career, then business manager Bob Meyer

noted that “with an ever-expanding number of fields and improved landscaping, John managed to keep everything running smoothly and somehow make St. Mark's look picture perfect. His dedication to our School goes well beyond just being our grounds superintendent. He is truly a part of the fabric of St. Mark's and he has the longest tenure of any faculty or staff member in the history of the School.”

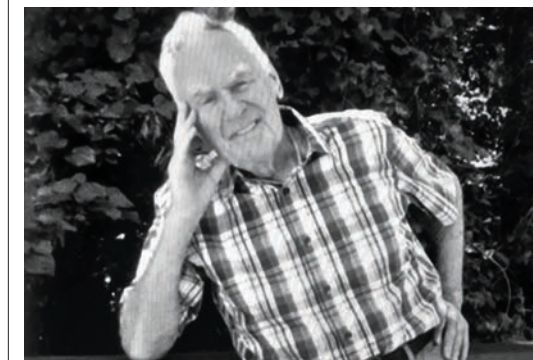
At a special ceremony, the new maintenance facility at St. Mark's was named “The Mauro Grounds Building” in his honor with a sign crafted by School carpenter Tom Slocombe. The usually reticent John stepped forward to thank everyone there and to express his gratitude for the tribute.

Reflecting on John's passing, Head of School John Warren '74 observed that “we have lost such a special member of the St. Mark's family. John's depth of caring for our School was extraordinary—truly second to none. That caring was reflected in every aspect of John's work and surely rubbed off on those who worked with him, inspired by the example he set.”

John proudly served Southborough as a call firefighter for 50 years retiring at the rank of lieutenant, and he was an elected member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for eight years. He was a past member of the Southborough Firefighters Association and the Fayville Athletic Association.

John was known by those who knew him as a hard-working, giving, caring, and selfless person willing to help anyone. A quiet man, he had a quick wit, and when he did speak he always had a funny comment. He had a great sense of humor and loved playing practical jokes on his friends and grandchildren. John was a talented craftsman and loved working with his hands tending to his garden and flowers all around his yard, building and repairing boats, and making wooden furniture for his family and friends. His happiest moments were spending time with his family and friends during celebrations, holidays, and around the swimming pool.

John is survived by his wife, Ann “Connie” (Gennari) Mauro of over 63 years; his three sons: John and wife Ellen of Northborough, Mass.; Richard and wife Heather of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Joseph and wife Wanda of Shrewsbury, Mass.; as well as his six grandchildren: Vincent, Victoria, Ian, Connor, Mark, and Christian. He leaves his brother William; his sisters-in-law Angie O'Toole, Rheta Gennari, and Rose Camden and her husband Owen; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



ROB WEEDON 1925-2020

Former faculty member Mervyn Stewart Menzies Weedon, known as “Rob” to everyone, died peacefully at his home in Cary, N.C., on May 31, 2020. He was 95. He taught English at St. Mark's for 32 years (1961-1993).

Born in London just a few years after the end of the First World War, Rob later recalled walking under a railroad bridge up Wimbledon Hill to Queensmere Pond, where he said he once swam naked with the swans. He gave himself his nickname as a young boy. Completely disliking his given name, one day he declared loudly: “Mervyn is no more, I am now Robin Redcap! I am Robin Goodfellow!” Thus, with Puck-ish determination, he christened himself Rob.

Rob was in his early teens when, in 1939, the British government evacuated children in London to country areas to escape anticipated (later fulfilled) massive bombing of the city during the Blitz

(1940-1941). He remembered bombs shaking the walls. “From Godalming, Surrey, most of us,” Rob said, “pedaled our bicycles back to our real homes for occasional weekends. Thirty miles. We got to see Mum and Dad, the pictures shaking on the walls and then pedaled back to our homes away from home.”

In 1945 Rob joined the British Army, commissioned into the Royal Artillery and later assigned to the Royal West African Frontier Force (at that time in Eastern Bengal awaiting entry into Burma). During the week that saw Hiroshima and Nagasaki (and the immediate cessation of hostilities), he flew into Burma to join his unit already assembling surrendered personnel on the Burma frontier.

His service from 1945-1947 earned him four years at Christ’s College, Cambridge, emerging with a B.A. (later M.A.) degree in English Literature. Rob developed a passion for the humanities, notably Shakespeare and Milton. He set on becoming a teacher “hopefully in interesting environments.”

Rob began his teaching career in Bermuda, first at Warwick Academy. In Bermuda, he met and married Joan Michelle Kirkland. Rob and Joan produced Sandy, Jennifer, and Christopher. The latter was born in Bermuda, the other two in New Jersey.

Rob moved on to teach at Bermuda’s Saltus Grammar School. At Saltus, he got the nickname “Tex” for confiscating a pair of toy guns from a student. Rob was fond of scuba diving, serving as Captain of Shearwater for Harry Cox and finding the wreck of “L’Herminie” on one memorable day. He also enjoyed recalling a memorable encounter with Jacques Cousteau.

Arriving in Southborough in the autumn of 1961, Rob would become a pillar of a legendary St. Mark’s English Department. Distinctive and unique in his pedagogy, Rob enthusiastically taught young III Formers about point of view and the perspective of narrative voice (“Button, button, who’s got the button?”) and guided older St. Markers through erudite seminars such as “Shakespeare’s Use

of the Supernatural,” “Modern Poetry,” and, most famously, “Milton’s *Paradise Lost*.” Through it all, he exhibited an exuberant eccentricity, cementing his reputation as a creative and colorful classroom teacher, bringing a zestful energy to the study of English at the School.

He was a demanding instructor, treating every student as an aspiring writer. “Forty-five years later,” declared alumnus George Frelinghuysen ’69 in 2014, “I still remember Rob Weedon trying to get us to unlock the secrets of William Shakespeare through clear and succinct expository writing.”

Outside the classroom, Rob regularly demonstrated his versatility in the truest boarding school tradition. Utilizing his background in repertory theater, he stepped in to direct the service comedy *No Time for Sergeants* on the Benson stage when Kent Carr, the regular faculty doyen of the Drama Club, was on sabbatical. In the fall, he “coached” the recreational “JV Joggers” on afternoon runs around Southborough, and each spring, he coached

the lower boats during the crew season. In 1969, he accompanied St. Mark’s rowers on a memorable trip to England’s Henley Royal Regatta. He also became an associate editor of the St. Mark’s Alumni Bulletin. He was a thoughtful and insightful advisor and colleague, known for his lively and forthright frankness. He was also an early and committed supporter of coordinate- and co-education.

Perhaps Rob’s greatest extracurricular contribution to the St. Mark’s experience was his dedicated advocacy for and leadership of the Roxbury tutorial program. “Most Monday afternoons throughout the year,” he wrote in 1981, “you could go down into the basement of St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church in Roxbury and find St. Markers giving individual tutoring in English and arithmetic to first- and second-grade inner-city children. The task itself is challenging and excellent discipline for our students. Most of us can talk, but talking by itself doesn’t bring educational results. These St. Markers are having to learn how to teach. It’s refreshing to see our students eager to test themselves in this critical area of meeting and helping others. They seem realistic about it; they know it isn’t as easy as it looks.” Anywhere from 16 to 30 students participated in the Roxbury program each year from the early 1970s through the decade of the 80s under Rob’s guidance.

He was always careful to have a life beyond St. Mark’s. “The great drawback,” Rob once said, “of teaching at a boarding school is being ‘so enclosed’ for nine months of the year; the advantage is the summers allow one to ‘Get Away!’” This he did most summers, traveling extensively in Europe, Asia, and South America.

Rob retired in June of 1993, and settled very happily in Cary, N.C., nestled above Lake Lochmere, which he said reminded him of England. He walked regularly and greeted one and all with enthusiasm, living more than a quarter century of contented old age. “I’ve been lucky,” he said recently. “Looking back, it’s been a walk around the lake.” In the intervening 27 years he would occasionally return to Southborough and St. Mark’s for Reunion events, always delighted to see familiar faces and old friends.

He is survived by his children: Sandy (St. Mark’s Class of 1973), Jennifer (Southborough School Class of 1975), and Christopher (St. Mark’s Class of 1979); and four grandchildren: Helen Andrews of Washington, D.C.; Alexander (Alec) Weedon (St. Mark’s Class of 2005) of Granada, Spain; Emily Weedon Monteiro of Edgartown, Mass.; and Christopher K. Weedon Jr. of Simsbury, Conn.



GIL STANLEY 1940-2020

Gil Stanley, a member of the St. Mark’s History Department for 32 years, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2020, in Sarasota, Florida, surrounded by his family. He was 80.

Born in New York City, Gil spent his formative years growing up in New Canaan, Conn., and as a scholar-athlete, was recruited from the Kent School to play hockey and football at Middlebury College. Like his father who served in WWI, Gil served in the armed services as a Marine, and later went on to pursue his M.A. in history from Dartmouth College.

A lifelong educator, Gil worked in private schools for over 45 years, including a couple of years at St. George’s, before joining the St. Mark’s faculty in the autumn of 1977. One of his first assignments at St. Mark’s, in addition to teaching history, was as the new head coach of varsity football. In only his second season at the helm, coach Stanley guided the Lions to a winning record, capping the campaign with a 21-0 shutout victory over arch-rival Groton. He remained on the football

coaching staff even after passing on the head coaching reins in the early 80s, and he also coached JV baseball for many years.

Gil was passionate about the teaching of history, as well as a dedicated advisor to students and a loyal colleague to his fellow members of the St. Mark’s adult community. For many years, he chaired the School’s History Department, which consisted of four talented teachers—Henry Large, David Sutor, and David Lyons, along with Mr. Stanley—who among them would ultimately total more than 130 years on the St. Mark’s faculty. “A St. Marker article once dubbed us the ‘four crazy uncles in the attic,’” said Mr. Lyons at the time of Gil’s retirement in 2009, “which I assume is an affectionate remark, and, by the way, is not too far off the truth. I am willing to bet that there are not many, if any, academic departments in any secondary schools that can top the level of commitment to their institutions that is displayed by the longevity of the St. Mark’s History Department. This longevity obviously says something about the special nature of St. Mark’s. However, I think that it is more than that; I think it says something directly about Gil. He is such a wonderful colleague and tremendous person that none of us could imagine leaving him behind. Sadly, however, he is leaving us behind, but I am sure that he will be a continued presence in our department.”

St. Mark’s alumnus Nick Noble ’76 remembers Gil. “I was chairing the History Department at the Fay School and doing research and writing as the Town of Southborough’s official historian,” says Nick. “Gil was the St. Mark’s History Department chair, and we collaborated on local history projects. He was a joy to work with.”

Indeed, Gil was a significant presence in the lives of so many of the St. Mark’s family. Current Senior Teacher Barbara Putnam has fond memories of her “dear friend and colleague.” A longtime member of the School’s Art Department, Barb recalls that “Gil was a painter, a storyteller of American history. He was also colorblind. We had hysterical laughs when he would come over to my house with a painting and exclaim, ‘Putnam, is that pink?’ pointing to the clothing on a seated horseman. ‘I cannot have

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pink there,’ he would declare. ‘It does not work. Be honest.’ I kept telling him that his color palette was stronger and more unusual because of his being colorblind, which WAS honest, but he would have none of it. I will greatly miss the art banter and the emails with new images most recently from Florida, painting outside in the sun. Gil loved his family, and I feel like his colleagues at St Mark’s were part of his extended family.”

Gil was not only an artist, but a musician. He played guitar in a faculty ensemble—“Acoustic Mess”— which included fellow history department teacher David Suito and Jason Eslick of the English Department. “He was one of the greats!” declared Jason. “We will miss him.”

An esteemed teacher, musician, and painter, Gil was also known for his ability to relate to people. “Gil always had that big smile on his face,” recalled Tiet Tran-Luong, veteran accountant in the School’s Business Office. “He would walk into the Business Office, always stopping by my cubicle, sharing stories about anything ... a little laugh and then we’d go on about our business.” St. Mark’s carpenter Tom Slocombe recalled running into Stanley at a yard sale in York, Maine, just prior to Gil’s move down to Florida. “It was a conversation with many memories—of St. Mark’s and the people that have worked there and have moved on. Gil seemed to be extremely excited about moving to a warmer climate, although he said his heart was in Maine. I will always remember that conversation that two old Saint Markers had: some great memories to reflect on.” Longtime landscaper in the St. Mark’s Facilities Department Frank Mattioli also remembers Gil fondly. “I am deeply saddened,” Frank said, reflecting on Gil’s passing. “Great family, great guy.”

At Gil’s death, writes David Lubick—English teacher, basketball coach, and associate director of admission during Gil’s time at St. Mark’s and beyond—“I immediately thought of the Pulp Fiction line: ‘Just because you ARE a character doesn’t mean you HAVE character.’ Gil certainly checked both boxes! I remember my first year in Admission, taking a ride with him up to the Lawrence, Mass., Boys and Girls Club: Gil cultivated the connection for us . . .

he was a champion of inclusion—so strong yet so tender with kids who needed extra from him.”

Greg Cappello ’81, a student under Gil and a colleague on the St. Mark’s faculty, recalls “one beautiful spring day circa 2002. Gil dropped a lot of cash at Kimball Farms on post-game ice cream cones for JV baseball. It may have been the same day he gave a great example of how to succinctly wrap up a disappointing loss—seemingly insignificant mistakes early in the game cost us in the end. Easy to mimic. Impossible to replicate.”

“He was a kind, caring, and gentle soul,” writes Sal Abdo ’07. “I had him for U.S. History, and he made the class enjoyable. There’s always a Mr. Stanley story during reunions that puts a smile on everyone’s face.”

Gil’s vibrant life was far from ordinary, filled with family, music, literature, history, and sports. In his retirement, Gil and his wife, Sharon, resided in York, Maine, and Bradenton, Fla., where he continued his passion for music and painting, and rarely missed a Red Sox or Patriots game, with a cold beer in hand. His family will remember Gramps for his big hugs, his love of sweets, his curiosity for the world, and his devotion to his family.

His St. Mark’s family will never forget him. “Gil was the consummate school person throughout his time at St. Mark’s,” said Head of School John C. Warren ’74. “He taught an array of different history courses, advised with great thought and care, coached football and baseball, served as a House Parent, and pitched in whenever someone needed a helping hand. Gil also brought a smile to our faces whenever he teamed up with colleagues as a musician, playing bluegrass in a number of venues—from the Chapel to the year-end party at Choate House.”

Thinking of Gil, writes David Lyons, “I can’t help but have a smile return to my face, which is nothing but appropriate because, as so many have noted, Gil always shared a joyous grin. He was a wonderful person, and his presence made SM a better place. Will miss him.”

He is survived by his wife Sharon, his two children, Alexandra McCall (SM Class of 1982) and John Stanley (SM Class of 1988), his sister

Laura Stanley, and his six granddaughters, including St. Markers Morgan McCall McCarthy ’11 and Hayden McCall ’14. A memorial service will be held spring/summer 2021 in St. Mark’s Belmont Chapel.

1937

William “Bud” Burlingame Lewis, who was born in Portland, Maine, during the Spanish Flu epidemic, died at home on June 24, 2020, at Schooner Estates in Auburn, Maine, during the COVID-19 epidemic. He was 101 years old and had been St. Mark’s oldest living alumnus: the last survivor of the Class of 1937.

Bud began his schooling in Portland and then matriculated at St. Mark’s in the autumn of 1931 as a First Former. He sang in the choir during his first two years in Southborough. As a IV Former he joined coach Bill Gaccon’s crew squad, and by his VI Form year he was rowing in the 1st Eight. Bud also played football in fall 1936. In addition to his vocal and athletic endeavors, he served on the editorial board of *the In-Between Times* and saw action as a telephone boy, running messages for the School switchboard. He was also responsible for collecting the offering at Sunday services in Belmont Chapel.

Like several of his St. Mark’s classmates (including future SM headmaster Ned Hall ’37), Bud went on to Yale. While a junior in New Haven, his aerodynamics professor asked for a volunteer to be an intern at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft; Bud’s was the only hand that went up. That opportunity led to full-time employment after he graduated from Yale in 1941 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

His position at Pratt & Whitney was vital to United States defense during World War II. He was the chief tester for the Wasp Major engine, the largest piston engine ever built.

After Bud and his wife, Joyce Murphy, welcomed their first son, the family moved to Auburn, Maine, in 1949. Bud began work at Bates Manufacturing Co. in Lewiston and a daughter was born. During a Bates job relocation for several years in Augusta, a second son completed the family. With a return to Auburn, Bud became Bates’ chief engineer and spent his entire career with the textile mill continuing as a consultant into his 80s.

He served as commodore of the Taylor Pond Yacht Club, on the building committee of Edward Little High School and as chairman of Auburn’s planning board. He was a delegate to Republican conventions when his wife was a representative to the Maine House of Representatives. He was a licensed professional engineer. He was director of the Calais Water Power Company and the Kennebec Water Power Company. He had a lifelong interest in cars that included sending a letter as a boy to the newspaper editor saying that 12-year-olds should be allowed to have licenses. He was still driving locally shortly after his 101st birthday.

Bud was predeceased by his brother, his wife, a son-in-law and a grandson. He is survived by his children, Henry Lewis II (Jackie) of Nashotah, Wisconsin, Harriet Robinson of Otisfield, and Edward Lewis (Sue), of Worthington, Mass.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1941

John Lowell (Jack) Gardner passed away on January 3, 2020. He was 97.

Jack was a direct descendant of Thomas Gardner, Planter, leader of the Dorchester Company, a group which settled Cape Ann in 1623. He was also the great-grand-nephew of Isabella Stewart Gardner, with whom he shared a birthday. Most importantly, at least in regards to his St. Mark’s connections, he was the son of a St. Marker and the great-grandson of the School’s Founder, Joseph Burnett.

Jack was a Monitor, a Prefect, and vice president of the Student Council. He also served on the editorial board of the *Lion*, sang in the Glee Club, and had the honor of raising the American flag over Belmont Field each morning. He also volunteered as a counselor at Brantwood Camp. He played football in the fall, although a knee injury sidelined him for part of his VI Form season and hampered his ice hockey performance the following winter. Still, like his father before him (1906), Gardner was captain of St. Mark’s hockey. He proved himself a fine defenseman, and despite his injury managed three goals and four assists his senior campaign. He would also play varsity baseball that spring.

Jack attended Harvard College and served in the Navy. He later earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. A prominent businessman and philanthropic leader, Jack began his career in finance at John P. Chase, Inc and subsequently held positions at White, Weld & Company and Massachusetts Investors Trust. In 1960, he joined the family investment office, Gardner Associates, which evolved into Gardner and Preston, Moss, Inc., where he served as president. The firm was sold in the 1980s, and a portion was merged with Eaton Vance Management in 1993 where Gardner continued to work until he retired at over 90 years of age.

Jack served on many boards in leadership positions including Eaton Vance Management, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, The Trustees, Essex County Greenbelt, Gardner and Preston, Moss, Inc., Massachusetts Financial Services, Amoskeag Co., and Swingline Co. He was a founding trustee, treasurer, and head of the board of trustees of Brookwood School in Manchester, Mass.

He loved working outdoors on his property, tending to trees and clearing brush. He also enjoyed tennis, skiing with his family and, later in life, golf. He was an avid reader and there was always a stack of books to be read on the table in his library. He appreciated living near the ocean. For him a day spent on the water was a day well spent. A devoted family man, both to his immediate family and to members of his extended family, he was a source of strength and inspiration to his close friends, family and to many in the larger community. He was a man whose life was guided by a strong sense of duty, decency, and a desire to work in service of the greater good.

Jack was predeceased by his beloved wife of 73 years Susan Benbow Kobusch and by his son, John L. Gardner Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca, of Manchester, Mass., and her husband, Samuel R. Campbell, two grandchildren, Susannah A.C. Ames of Manchester, and her husband, Patrick H. Lydon, Samuel P.G. Ames of Boston, and great-granddaughter, Lucy P.G. Lydon.

1943

Charles B. Crockett Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 20, 2019. He was 94.

Known as “Davey,” he came to St. Mark’s from his native Pittsburgh in the autumn of 1939. He played soccer as a III and IV Former and was on both the varsity football and baseball teams by his VI Form year. He also sang in the Choir and Glee Club, served on the Dramatic Club staff, helped with the production of the *Lion*, volunteered at the Marlboro Boys’ Club, and was a member of the School’s Entertainment Committee.

From Southborough, Davey matriculated in the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating in 1947. He became a naval aviator and saw action in the Korean War. After attending the National War College, he moved to the Pentagon as director of naval astronautics, then he and his wife, Bobby Crockett, moved to Hawaii in 1970.

After various assignments with CINCPAC/FLEET, his final assignment was the Navy’s co-liaison to Kaho’olawe, where he worked with the Environmental Protection Agency and Protect Kaho’olawe Ohana to reduce the impact of bombing exercises, begin conservation efforts, and reopen the coastlines for local fishermen.

Davey retired in 1980 with 34 years of service in the Navy and to his country, at the rank of captain. He then volunteered his time working for the Hawaii Blood Bank, as a bailiff in the 1st Circuit Family Court for Judge Mike Town and as an AKC Judge/Trainer for utility and tracking in both Hawaii and the mainland. Davey was also an avid golfer and sailor over his last 50 years.

Davey is survived by his son, Tom Crockett, and his wife, Lorri Crockett, both residing in Hawaii. Full military honors and interment were held in September 2019 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu.

1947

Hayward Hutchinson “Beau” Gatch Jr., of Santa Barbara, Calif., passed away at his Montecito home on September 30, 2020. He was 92.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Beau came to St. Mark’s from St. Louis Country Day School. He was

an immediate success on coach Benny Howarth’s varsity football team, who stated that Gatch “gave the team much-needed strength at the end position.” His VI Form year the Lions were 6-1, handily defeating Groton 48-13 on the last day of the season. He was also known for delivering an entertaining public speech on the topic of “ants.”

Beau went on to Yale and took a job at General Dynamics Electric Boat Co. in Groton, Conn. His responsibilities included hiring engineers for the construction of submarines. His career path eventually had several twists and turns. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he owned a business selling bomb shelters. He became a school teacher in Woodstock, Vt., and then again in Santa Barbara.

Beau was president of a Rotary Club Chapter, president of Woodstock’s Booster Club, high school ski team coach, board member of the Coral Casino Beach and Cabana Club, co-chairman of the Semana Nautica Sports Festival, and volunteer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

One of Beau’s greatest passions was the ocean. At age 55 he swam around the island of Manhattan. It took over nine hours. Another time he swam for several hours from the lighthouse at Watch Hill, R.I., to Fishers Island, N.Y. A relay swim from the Channel Islands to the Santa Barbara mainland, which included swimming through the night.

Beau was predeceased by his wife Olive “Bunny” Colfelt and by his sister, Caroline G. “Aunt Foxy” Upthegrove of St. Louis, Mo. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. George Y. “Aunt Kay” Wheeler III of Hobe Sound, Fla., and his three children: Georgia Allison “Choo Choo” Rutherford of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Peter Gilman “Pie” Gatch of Park City, Utah, and Hayward Hutchinson “Lumpo” Gatch III of Avondale, R.I. Beau and Bunny gave their children an adventurous spirit and zest for life.

1947

Newbold “Newby” Strong died at home in Lafayette Hill, Penn., on December 17, 2020, just one day after celebrating his 92nd birthday.

Newby attended Chestnut Hill Academy and then the Fay School before crossing the street to matriculate at St. Mark’s, where he earned six

varsity letters, playing football, hockey, and baseball. In football, coach Benny Howarth credited him with “adding strength” to a fine 6-1 team, which defeated Groton 48-13. In hockey, coach Bill Barber described Newby as “diminutive, impetuous, and impudent” but also “inspiring” while demonstrating solid passing skills during a tough season weather-wise on an outdoor rink. Strong would captain the varsity baseball team, which went 9-2 and beat Groton 5-2 during his VI Form campaign. He was flawless defensively in the outfield and stole nine bases for a speedy team that had 51 steals in 11 games. “Captain Strong not only played beautifully in centerfield,” wrote coach Howarth, “but was an extremely spirited and industrious captain. His leadership on the field was a major factor in the success of the season, and any praise he receives is more than deserved.”

In addition to his athletic achievements, Strong was a Prefect, a member of the *Vindex* editorial board, and a student librarian. He also volunteered as a counselor at Brantwood Camp.

He then went on to Princeton University and served in the Pennsylvania National Guard, where he was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant.

Newby started his business career as a buyer-trainee at John Wanamakers and that job served as a launching point for his ultimate career as an investment broker. In 1956 he joined Dehaven, Townsend, Crouter, and Bodine as an investment trainee but within a few years became partner. At Smith Barney, he enjoyed a successful career specializing in retail and institutional account management. Throughout his tenure at Smith Barney his clients benefited from his intelligence and an unwavering commitment to service. He was a valued colleague and mentor to many young professionals. He later joined Pennsylvania Trust as a senior portfolio manager.

Newby served on the boards of many institutions, including Colorcon, the Chestnut Hill Community Association, Christ Church in Philadelphia, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, the Philadelphia Scholars Foundation, Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Springside School, and the Webster Lagoon Association. He was a loyal St.

Marker, serving as a class agent for many years and supporting the School consistently and generously. “He graciously hosted more than one of our St. Mark’s Annual Fund Phonathons in years past,” remembers Bruce Morgan ’70, “at his Smith Barney Harris Upham Office and more recently at Penn Trust. Newby was one of many strong, positive influences on me growing up in Chestnut Hill. He and I had Chestnut Hill Academy, St. Mark’s, and Princeton in common, and we always had plenty to talk about whenever our paths crossed. His example as Class Agent for 1947 has informed my work for the Class of 1970.”

He was predeceased by his wife Anne (Nancy) Shippen Ashton, by his dear Aunt Bab (who helped raise him after the death of his mother), by his brother George, and by his sisters Sally Moffly and Merweather Ely. He is survived by his sister, Virginia Newlin; by his four children: William Ashton (Sue), Anne Pepper Killough (Steve), Sally Hall Wolgin (Roy), and Juliana Meryweather Karnavas (Andrew); by nine grandchildren; and by two great-grandchildren.

1949

Edouard Charles Emmet died on July 14, 2020. He was 89.

While in Southborough, Edouard was a Prefect and played soccer and ice hockey (a “spare forward” on the ice, he was commended by his coaches for his “old fighting spirit!”). He sang in the choir, was on the Dramatic Club and Musical Comedy staffs, and was stage manager for all school productions as a V and VI Former. Edouard served as business manager of the *St. Marker* and president of the Fine Arts Club. He also was in charge of the projector on movie nights at the School. According to the *Lion*, he brought “old-world culture” to St. Mark’s.

Raised in the United States, Edouard returned to Paris to work in banking and international finance. His wife, Linda, was the daughter of renowned songwriter Irving Berlin. They lived in both Paris and New York, also frequently visiting Dublin, where his family originated.

Edouard is survived by Linda and their three children: Edward, Ellin, and Caroline.

1950

Peter B. Freeman died peacefully at his home in Providence, R.I., on November 6, 2020. He was 88.

During his time in Southborough, Peter held several leadership positions and was involved in multiple activities at the School. He was both a Monitor and a Prefect, and he served as secretary of the Student Council. He played soccer, rowed crew, and was an integral part of a fine wrestling program which won 19 consecutive dual meets during his time on the team. Peter was a member of the St. Mark’s Dramatic Club for four years, playing female parts early on, then graduating to the key role of the tavern keeper in a production of George M. Cohan’s *The Tavern* during his V Form year. As a VI Former, he was Dramatic Club president and played the lead in the powerful wartime drama *Command Decision*. He also participated in music director Stan Sheppard’s annual spring musical comedy shows.

Peter was editor-in-chief of the *St. Marker* and he also served on the editorial boards of both the *Vindex* and the *Lion*. He was a three-year member of the School’s debating team and was active in the Creative Writing Club, the Radio Club, and the Scientific Society. A strong student, he was a St. Mark’s Scholar. He was voted valedictorian for his class and spoke at Prize Day in 1950.

In the summer of 1948, just before his V Form year, Peter volunteered as a shack counselor at Brantwood Camp. He was later appointed Brantwood’s assistant director, a role he filled admirably for three consecutive years under directors Charlie Cook ’36 and Ned Hall ’37. In 1953 and 1954, Peter was also co-director of the camp with Charlie, in charge of camper registration and operational finances, as well as working with young St. Mark’s counselors.

Peter graduated from Yale and served in the Marine Corps as a 1st lieutenant. He worked in New York with Scudder, Stevens & Clark, serving as vice president of investments and as president and director at Goellet Estate Company.

In the early 1980s he moved back to Providence where he became a corporate director. He served

on a number of boards including Eastern Utilities, AMICA, Scudder, Swan Point Cemetery, and *The Providence Journal*.

Over the years, Peter was also involved in promoting education and the community through support of Community Preparatory School, the Rhode Island School of Design, Brantwood Camp, and St. Mark’s. He joined the Brantwood board of trustees in 1959, serving as its secretary for seven years. He retired from the Brantwood board in 1981 and was elected an honorary trustee.

Peter was also deeply loyal to St. Mark’s, joining the School’s Board of Trustees in 1974 and helping to guide his alma mater during a challenging period of transition. He was a St. Mark’s trustee for 10 years, retiring from the board in 1984.

Peter was always a generous soul and had a passion for traveling, and for his children and grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two brothers Harry B. Freeman Jr., and Willard Clark Freeman (SM Class of 1947). He is survived by his loving wife Mary Jean (Mallace) “Mimi;” his four children: Pamela Rousseau (Brown), Abbie Brown, Jennie Brown and her husband Peter Dickie, and Nathan Brown; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his niece Tracy Wells and her husband Chris; two nephews Harry B. Freeman “Bucky” and his wife Susie; Michael Freeman and his wife Jesse and their son Mike.

1950

Oakleigh B. Thorne died in early October, 2020, at his home in Millbrook, New York. He was 88.

Oakleigh entered St. Mark’s as a II Former in autumn 1945. That spring he was a coxswain for Bill Gaccon’s crew, but it was in other athletic endeavors that he would excel. Again under coach Gaccon, he was captain of the varsity soccer team in the fall of 1949, leading “a bustling, aggressive line” that would defeat Groton in a dramatic season finale. For three years he was a varsity wrestler under coach Dave Coe, who described him as a “consistent winner” during a streak of 19 consecutive St. Mark’s victories over that time. Oakleigh also served as a dormitory Prefect, as advertising manager of the *Lion*, and as vice president of

Fearing Club. Additionally, he was a member of the Radio Club and saw success as a public speaker in school competition.

For two summers, following his IV and V Form years, he volunteered as a shack counselor at Brantwood Camp. He spent the summer before college on the Brantwood permanent staff.

From Southborough he went on to Harvard and took time off to serve in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. He returned to Harvard and graduated in 1956 with a degree in economics.

Oakleigh began working for the Corporation Trust Corporation, the Thorne family holding company in New York City, which he led through the 1960s and into the 70s, ultimately merging that company into its largest holding, Commerce Clearing House Inc., (CCH, Inc.) in 1976. He retired in 1980 but he remained chairman of the board of CCH until the family sold the company to Wolters Kluwer in 1996.

Closer to home, he was best known for the philanthropy of the Millbrook Tribute Garden Inc. and his participation on the boards of numerous local nonprofit organizations.

A loyal St. Marker, he served as a trustee from 1979 through 1994. In the early 1980s he traveled extensively on behalf of the School, lending his insight and influence to the “Campaign for St. Mark’s,” which ultimately raised \$14 million. After the infamous “Black Monday” crash of 1987, Oakleigh was one of a group of St. Mark’s alumni who worked to ensure stability and growth in difficult economic times, responsible for the stewardship and guidance of the School’s endowment as the 1980s turned into the 1990s. He was also an advocate for and supporter of Brantwood Camp and an honorary Brantwood trustee for many years.

Though born to privilege, Oakleigh was quick to dispense with pretense, and quick to share his amusing observations and mischievous grin with all comers. In addition to being a successful businessman, sportsman, and philanthropist, he was known for his quick wit and irreverent personality.

Oakleigh was predeceased by a sister, Honore Thorne Wamsler, of Pöcking, Germany. He is

survived by his wife of 50 years, Felicitas Selter Thorne, of Millbrook; two sons by a prior marriage, Oakleigh (Jacqueline Stahl), of Millbrook; and Henry Fleming (Karen Warcholak), of Pittsburgh; and two children with Felicitas, Jonathan, SM Class of 1993 (Jennifer Kennedy), of Millbrook, and Eliza (Michael Barnello), of Sharon, Conn.; and 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Charlotte Thorne Bordeaux, of Bar Harbor, Maine, and a half-brother, Daniel Kempner Thorne, of Pitchcombe, Gloucestershire, England.

1951

Jaquelin Taylor Robertson, known as “Jaque,” died on May 9, 2020, at his home in East Hampton, N.Y. He was 87.

Jaque came to Southborough from St. Christopher’s School in Richmond, Virginia. While at St. Mark’s, he was a Prefect and was manager of the football team. He was also active on the crew for four years, earning varsity letters in 1950 and 1951. He sang in the Choir and Glee Club, and was a member of the Octet as a VI Former. He appeared in the School’s Dramatic Club productions of Command Decision and Berkley Square, as well as in three original musical comedy shows: *Weekend in Illyria* (an adaptation of Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*), *The Man from Moscow*, and *Rosemary*.

Jaque was a three-year member of the Creative Writing Club, the co-head of the Student Advisory Committee, and an active debater. He served as art editor of the *Vindex* and was an officer of the School’s Fine Arts Society. He was on the editorial board of the *Lion*, a member of the Scientific Society, president of the Fearing Club, a student librarian, on the Dance Committee, and an acolyte at services in Belmont Chapel. His academic achievements were recognized with his induction into the St. Mark’s chapter of the Cum Laude Society.

He earned an undergraduate degree from Yale, Class of 1954. A Rhodes Scholar, he studied for two years at Magdalen College, Oxford University and subsequently enrolled in the Yale School of Architecture, receiving a master’s degree in 1961.

Jaque was appointed by New York’s mayor John Lindsay as director of Midtown Planning

and Development. Following a stint with the New York City Planning Commission, Jaque accepted an invitation from the Shah of Iran in 1975 to plan and design a new capital city within Tehran, but was forced to abandon the project when the Shah was overthrown in the Iranian Revolution of 1979. This was a great professional disappointment, and one he never forgot.

In 1980, Robertson was appointed dean of the University of Virginia’s School of Architecture. He wrote a book about well-known architect William Lawrence Bottomley In 1998, he was awarded the school’s Thomas Jefferson Medal in Architecture and an endowed professorship chair is established at the University in his honor.

Jaque returned to New York in 1988, joining with former Yale classmate Alex Cooper to establish Cooper Robertson & Partners, a firm known for its collaborative environment.

Jaque was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Walter Spencer Robertson Jr.; and his brother-in-law, Dr. Herbert Augustine Claiborne Jr. He is survived by his wife, Anya Sonn Robertson; his sister, Catherine Robertson Claiborne “Kitty;” his first cousin, Dr. Joseph Gardiner Fiveash; and a number of nieces and nephews.

1952

Jens Erik Fenstad passed away from COVID-19 on April 13, 2020, just two days before his 85th birthday.

An American Field Service exchange student from Trondheim, Norway, Jens was extremely active during his one year at St. Mark’s. He sang in the Choir and Glee Club, was a member of the Creative Writing Club, and volunteered at the Boys Club in Westborough. He appeared in the Dramatic Club production of Gogol’s *The Inspector General* (according to the *Lion* he “rattled off his German lines impressively and got a big hand!”) and in the original musical comedy *Full House*. He even tried his hand at American football, suiting up for Benny Howarth’s team, which smashed Groton 41-13 on the gridiron.

Jens earned induction into the St. Mark’s chapter of the Cum Laude Society. He gained renown as

a mathematician, graduating as *mag.scient.* from the University of Oslo in 1959, and working as a research fellow there and at UC Berkeley. He was a professor at the University of Oslo from 1968 to 2003, except for the years 1989 to 1993, when he was vice rector (prorektor). In 1998 he received an honorary doctorate from the Faculty of Science and Technology at Uppsala University, Sweden. He served in the Executive Committee of the Division for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science as treasurer from 1975 to 1983 and as president from 1991 to 1995. He chaired the Norwegian Mathematical Society and the World Commission on Ethics (COMEST) of the UNESCO, and co-founded the Abel Prize. He has also edited the journal *Nordisk Matematisk Tidsskrift*. He was a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. He resided in Østerås, Norway.

Jens is survived by his wife of 58 years, Grete Usterud Fenstad; three children: Anne Marie, Erik, and Hakon; and 10 grandchildren.

1953

Arnold Wheeler Jones Jr., known to friends as “Pat,” passed away peacefully on August 22, 2020. He was 84.

Born and raised in Providence, R.I., Pat was the great grandson of St. Mark’s founder Joseph Burnett, and thus related to a long list of St. Markers. While at St. Mark’s, Pat played on the tennis team and was a member of the French Club and the Gun Club. Congenial and highly social, he was adept at making friends. “It’s not what you do . . .” declared the quote chosen for his VI Form entry in the 1953 *Lion*, “it’s who you know and the smile on your face! It’s contacts.”

Following a family tradition, he went on to Yale, where he was a member of Timothy Dwight College and the Zeta Psi Fraternity. He graduated from Yale in 1957 and then served in the U.S. Army Reserve-Active Duty.

Pat moved to California with his first wife, Cia Whitman, where they welcomed their son, Mike. He worked as a financial analyst for Wells Fargo

Bank and later joined Crocker National Bank as vice president and senior investment officer . In 1985, Pat joined The Citibank Private Bank as president of Citicorp Trust, N.A. He retired in 1994.

It was at Crocker Bank where Pat met his second wife, Wendy Cochran. They were married in April 1976.

Always a loyal St. Marker, he served the School as a member of its Board of Trustees. Other community and service activities included two terms as senior warden at St. Luke’s Church in San Francisco, trustee and vice chairman of the board of Grace Cathedral, president of the San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind, and treasurer/board member of Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough. Pat was also a member of the Pacific Union Club and the Burlingame Country Club.

Pat was predeceased by his younger sister, Eve Fairbanks. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Wendy Cochran Jones; his three children, Arnold W. (Mike) Jones III (Marin), Libby Jones (Kevin Morris), and Gardner Jones (SM Class of 1997); and four granddaughters, Abby, Elly, and Maddy Jones and Leah Morris, and recently welcomed grandson Ryan Joseph Morris. He is also survived by his devoted sister, Peggy Dent, of Montecito, Calif., as well as several nieces and nephews.

1954

The Rev. Dr. **Peter Childress Moore** peacefully entered into eternal life on May 30, 2020, in Mount Pleasant, S.C.. He was 83.

At St. Mark’s Peter was a Prefect and a scholar. For sports, he played football and squash, but it was as a tennis player that he truly excelled athletically. He made the varsity as a III Former (when his older brother was co-captain). That year Peter was described as “a steady player with a great deal of promise.” He was 8-2 that spring and went 10-1 the next year, when he excelled at the New England Interscholastic Tournament and qualified for the Nationals. He was named team co-captain as a V Former and served as captain his VI Form year. During his time with St. Mark’s tennis, the team went 28-8 overall (with inclement weather canceling five contests in 1954), and he was praised for

his “outstanding play” and for “setting an excellent example, both in leadership and sportsmanship.”

In addition to his academic and athletic accomplishments, he was business manager of the *St. Marker* and he appeared in several Dramatic Club productions, including *Berkeley Square*, *The Inspector General*, *Of Thee I Sing*, and *The Taming of the Shrew* (the latter the first-ever full-scale performance held in the newly dedicated Benson Auditorium). He was president of the French Club and was an active debater. The summer following his IV Form year he volunteered as a counselor at Brantwood Camp. And in keeping with his later career, he sang in the Choir (and with the Glee Club and Octet), was a dedicated member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and for four years was an acolyte for services in Belmont Chapel.

Peter earned degrees from Yale University, Oxford University, Episcopal Theological Seminary, and Fuller Theological Seminary, where he earned his doctorate. He served in parish ministry at All Souls Episcopal Church, East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and later as rector of Little Trinity Anglican Church, a historic parish in downtown Toronto. He served as director of the Council for Religion in Independent Schools in New York City and at that time, started FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools) in 1962. He then was dean/president of Trinity School for Ministry and president of the board of trustees. Most recently, he was director of the Anglican Leadership Institute and a scholar-in-residence at St. Michael’s Church, in Charleston.

Peter wrote several books, including: *A Church to Believe In*; *Disarming the Secular Gods*; *One Lord One Faith: Getting Back to the Basics of Your Faith in an Age of Confusion*; *Can a Bishop be Wrong? Ten Scholars Challenge John Shelby Spong*; and *From Dry Bones: Reflections on an Unpredictable Life*. He also wrote for the Carolina Compass, a prolific and impactful column called “Moore to Ponder.”

Peter is survived by his wife, Sandra; three children: Jennifer Moore; the Rev. Kate Norris (the Rev. Sean Norris); and David Moore (Alexandra Moore MSN CRNP) and two grandchildren, Rhyann Norris and Skylar Norris.

1955

Oliver James “Jim” Sterling Jr. passed away on May 22, 2020, in London, with his daughter by his side. He was 83.

Jim only attended St. Mark’s as a III and IV Former, from September of 1951 to 1953. He earned a B.S. in Physics at the University of Houston and attended Columbia for his MBA.

Jim served in the Army as an officer with the 82nd Airborne, Rangers, and 11th Special Forces as well as a volunteer with the U.S. Forestry Service as a firefighter and fire jumper. He then began a career in the oil and gas industry. He was chairman and CEO of both Sterling Drilling and Production and the PrimeEnergy Corporation.

He was the proud grandson of the founder of the Boy Scouts, William D. Boyce, and he took a great interest in that organization. He also served with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy where he was a board member. Additionally, he held memberships to the University Club and New York Athletic Club (NYAC). Jim was an avid outdoorsman as well as boxer, winning the NYAC 1982 championship. He was also a lifelong fan of opera and ballet.

A beloved father and grandfather, Sterling raised his children between Manhattan and Southampton (Meadow Club, Bathing Corporation) and later spent much of his time in London with his daughter’s family. Jim was well known for his sense of adventure, humor, kindness, and determination.

He is survived by his children, Oliver James (Carolyn) and Vanessa Ruth (Patrick Martin), their mother Mika, and his four grandchildren.

1956

Harry Thorndike Hare died of complications from Parkinson’s Disease at his home in Philadelphia’s Center City, on December 5, 2020, surrounded by family and music. He was 81.

Harry was a member of a long-standing St. Mark’s family. His grandfather was T. Truxton Hare, SM Class of 1897, a legendary football player at UPenn, an Olympic medalist, and an early inductee into the St. Mark’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

At St. Mark’s, Harry was a Prefect and a member of both the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Acolytes Guild, proudly serving as crucifer for services in Belmont Chapel. He also sang in the Choir/Glee Club and the Octet, served on the editorial board of the *St. Marker*, and was active in the French Club. He twice appeared in the annual French play and he also played a role in the original musical comedy *Wild Oats* during his VI Form spring. He played both football and tennis.

Harry graduated from Yale in 1960 with a degree in American Studies. While serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy with the 6th fleet, he met his future wife, Edda Drescher on the beach at Cannes. Harry returned to the states, enrolling in the master’s degree program in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania. On one transatlantic crossing to visit Edda in Paris, he met the lawyer and activist Allard Lowenstein, who recruited him in his efforts to help dissidents escape Franco’s Spain. Harry and Edda were married in 1965, after which Harry worked with The Rockefeller Foundation in France before returning to Philadelphia, where he eventually became a partner of the investment firm of Mitchell, Sinkler and Starr.

Harry sat on the board of directors of The Philadelphia Society for Children. A lover of folk music and opera, Harry was the family minstrel and could be counted on to break out his guitar at their many gatherings. Upon retirement, Harry filled his time with Edda, their kids and grandchildren, in and around their second home in Barnard, Vt.

He was predeceased by his brother, T. Truxtun Hare III, who also died of complications from Parkinson’s. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Edda Drescher Hare; his adoring daughters, Kristina Lyons of Boston, Sasha Hare of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., Mimi Amies of Oxfordshire, UK; and his beloved posse of grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Winifred Stout and Katharine Wear.

1961

P. Bryce Appleton passed away on February 20, 2020, in Seattle. He was 76.

Bryce had a diverse and eclectic experience at St. Mark’s. He was a Scholar and a member of

the Cum Laude Society. He was also a Prefect, sports editor of the *St. Marker*, and was active in the Debating Society. He played football and basketball; in the latter he led the Lions with 17 points in a thrilling overtime win over Governor Dummer Academy. He was best at tennis, playing a key role in an undefeated season during his Sixth Form spring and helping the team to a 10-1 record as a VI Former. “Great credit must go to Bryce Appleton,” wrote SM tennis coach Fred Burr in the 1961 *Lion*. In addition to his success as a varsity athlete, Appleton was the School’s squash champion as well as both its singles and doubles Fives champion. He captained a St. Mark’s Fives team that beat Groton. Finally, he starred as Aunt Martha in the 1961 St. Mark’s production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, directed by T. Kent Carr. As Aunt Martha, “Bryce Appleton did an excellent job,” wrote classmate Sam Goodyear in his review for the *Lion*. “For a person who had never been on the stage, he seemed completely at home.”

He graduated from Yale in 1965 and went on to a varied career: as an attorney in Tucson, Ariz., as vice president of Cochise Airlines, and as executive director of nonprofit Wings of Change. In connection with this last endeavor, Appleton was involved in filming a one-hour documentary on the Rio Cangrejal in Pico Bonito National Park on the north coast of Honduras, analyzing the economic benefits from a hydroelectric dam planned for the river against the ecotourism opportunities that will be lost from its construction.

The law, aviation, science, conservation, and art were among Bryce’s many interests. He was a supporter of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

Bryce is survived by his children: Sarah, Nathan, and Amy (St. Mark’s Class of 1989).

1965

Lee West Movius passed away on June 27, 2020, in Charlotte, N.C., after battling cancer for more than 10 years. He was 73.

At St. Mark’s, Lee was a Prefect and a scholar. In 1964 he was awarded the Henry Nichols Ervin Scholarship Prize. He was active with the

Brotherhood of St. Andrew and in the chapel program. He was also involved in the 1965 production of the musical *Damn Yankees*.

From Southborough he went on to Harvard, earning his undergraduate degree in 1969. He then earned an M.A. and J.D. from University of Chicago. Lee clerked for Judge Frank Parker on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and served as an attorney on the NC Utilities Commission. In 1975 Lee joined the law firm of Kennedy, Covington, Lobdell, and Hickman (now known as K&L Gates LLP).

Most of Lee’s volunteer activities in Charlotte involved music. He served on the board of directors of both the Friends of Music at Queens and the Community Concert Association of Charlotte in the 20th century, and, after becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte, he served as the volunteer choir accompanist for 15 years.

“Lee was a devoted husband and father, a loyal friend, a brilliant and highly successful lawyer, and (unlike some such attorneys) an unassuming, forthright person and a fine gentleman,” recalled his good friend and St. Mark’s classmate Hugh Law ’65. “Lee was courageous in the face of illness, of discerning judgment, and unfailingly composed and cheerful, as we all saw at our 50th Reunion. He never let any hardship affect his temperament. He combined in a special and natural amalgam the reserve of a Boston Yankee and the welcoming manner of a Southern gentleman.”

Lee was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife Gwynne; by his daughter Diana Movius (James Fotouhi); and by his sister Rosemary Steiner (Casey); also by his sisters-in-law, and their husbands, and nieces and nephews.

1965

Stephen Payn Nash died peacefully in his home on August 19, 2020, in the arms of his loved ones. He was 73.

At St. Mark’s Steve was active in sports. He played soccer for two years under head coach Bill Gaccon and then, as a VI Former, he starred at halfback for Fritz Wiedergott’s first campaign at

the helm of varsity soccer. In the winter, he wrestled for Fritz, who described Nash as “the hardest man to pin on the team” with “tremendous fight and ample confidence to try new moves.” In the spring, Steve was the catcher on the baseball team. He also played Fives and was a member of the Rifle Club.

In addition to his athletic achievements, Steve was an editor of the Blue & White as a IV Former and he served on the editorial boards of both the *St. Marker* and the *Vindex*. He was also a cartoonist for the *Lion*. Nash also sang in the Choir and Glee Club, was an acolyte during services in Belmont Chapel, and volunteered as a counselor at Brantwood Camp.

After a brief stint at Hobart and William Smith College, Steve was issued an unlucky draft number and opted to sign up for the Army on his own accord. Always the overachiever, he served all the years of his enlistment as a Green Beret assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group, deploying across the world in service of his country.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a J.D. and MBA, he went on to have a storied and globally renowned career for over 40 years, representing hospitals, and even nations, as a healthcare attorney in Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, and Denver. He was particularly proud of his work at Nash & Company, a highly successful firm he founded and ran for over a decade. He also took deep pride in leading the formation of the Colorado State Health Information Exchange.

Steve is survived by his wife Marina; his siblings Oliver Anderson Nash, Timothy Nash, and Jane Nash Kirst; his children Erin Nash Pennington, Athena Eleni Nash, and Stephen Edward Nash; and his two grandchildren Caitrin and Jameson Pennington.

1966

Charles C. Thieriot, known to all as “Kip,” passed away of COVID 19 on January 2, 2021, in San Francisco. He was 73.

At St. Mark’s, Kip was a Prefect and wrestled for coach Fritz Wiedergott. A varsity wrestler since his III Form year, he was elected co-captain for his

VI Form campaign, but an injury suffered in the second match that year prevented him from wrestling for the remainder of the season. Still, coach Wiedergott praised him for his leadership: “He helped boost morale and kept the boys hustling.” Kip played lacrosse for Fritz in the spring. A recipient of the School’s “Outstanding Contribution to Athletics” award, he was also sports editor of the *St. Marker*, and was active as a student librarian and in the Art Club.

After receiving a B.A. from Stanford University in 1970 and an MBA from UC Berkeley in 1972, Kip began his professional career with the Chronicle Publishing Company in San Francisco.

In 1973, Kip began working at Western Communications, the cable and motion picture division of the Chronicle, serving in the roles of. treasurer, vice president, and then president. He also served as a director of the Chronicle Publishing Company and on its Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally, he was a board member of the National Cable Television Association and the California Cable Television Association, and served on the board of directors of the Parrott Investment Company.

Following a visit to Maui in 1999, Kip founded Maui Blue, LLC, a vacation rental business, for which he acquired and managed a collection of high-end beachfront homes on Maui.

A member of a three-generation St. Mark’s family, Kip was an intensely loyal St. Marker, serving as a trustee of the School from 1987 through 1996. With members of his family, he made generous contributions and worked diligently with St. Mark’s to bring to fruition the Thieriot dormitory building on campus, which was completed in March of 2000.

Kip invested his time with a broad range of interests. He also served on the boards of The McNamara Group, Planetree (also served as treasurer),The Infant Hearing Foundation, The Ft. Mason Foundation (also served as treasurer and vice chair), The San Francisco Zoological Society, Drew School, and Snappt Fraud Detection. He was also a director and vice president of San Francisco Bachelors; and a director of, Skouras Pictures and Kids Turn.

While Kip accomplished much in his life, he will be remembered much more for the man he was rather than what he did. He was jovial, always seeking the opportunity to make others smile and laugh. He was a caring, extraordinarily generous, supportive and devoutly loyal friend, uncle, and father figure to many. In addition to being a loving father to his son, Charles Rhys Tobin Thieriot, and father-in-law to Jessica Jane Thieriot, he was a proud godfather to six.

1968

Christopher Dodge Stack, St. Mark’s Class of 1968 and a former trustee of the School, died peacefully on November 15, 2020. He was 71.

The oldest of five brothers to attend St. Mark’s, he lettered in crew as a coxswain in his II Form year and was a Prefect as a VI Former. He also worked as a counselor at Brantwood Camp.

He then matriculated at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. He left Lawrence after two years to join the U.S. Navy. After two years in the Navy, he filed Conscientious Objection papers and returned to Lawrence to complete his degree. At Lawrence, Chris met and married his wife of over 43 years, Martha Serrin Stack.

He obtained an MBA from Columbia Business School. His business career included stints at several early tech companies including Diebold and the inception of Audible Books. He also worked with his father’s executive recruiting firm, William Stack Associates.

A loyal St. Marker, Chris served on the School’s Alumni Executive Committee from 1989 through 1992, and he was a member of the St. Mark’s Board of Trustees from 1990 through 1994. He was also a class agent for several years.

At his 25th St. Mark’s Reunion in 1993, Chris led the effort to establish the Class of 1968 Fellowship program, which continues to provide opportunities for students to participate in an independent study project the summer before graduation. “Only Chris could create the ’68 Fellowship,” said his St. Mark’s classmate Bob Masland. “From a humble start the ’68 Fund is now more than \$200,000 and dispenses \$8,000 a year.”

“Chris was a close friend of mine for over 57 years, meeting first in the fall of our II Form year,” recalled classmate Victor Stewart. “As one of the founders of the Fifth Form Fund, I can tell you that at the beginning and for many years, it was Chris, myself, Kip Forbes, and Tom Kane who alone kept the project going. Chris was not only Class Agent for many years, but he was also the central information hub for all of our class. I remember many times helping him track down in faraway places members of the Class of ’68 who had fallen off the radar screen, and I do believe that we had an almost perfect recovery record. In many respects, Chris was the glue that kept us all in available contact over many decades.”

Remembering Chris Stack and his legacy, Masland says that “it is our responsibility to keep his spirit going.”

A longtime resident of New York’s Upper East Side, Chris was deeply involved in the theater, and was committed to New York’s Amateur Comedy Club, where he presided from the ‘80s well into the next century. His other love was his array of nieces and nephews, to whom he was a devoted and beloved uncle. He lived the last years of his life in Norwalk, Conn.

He was predeceased by his father, J. William Stack Jr., and his brother Joseph W. Stack III (SM Class of 1972). He is survived by his mother, Wolcott R. Stack, his brothers Nathan (SM 1970), David (SM ’75) and wife Sarah, Peter (SM ’80) and wife Sonya, nine nephews and nieces (including Will Stack ’18), and his former wife Martha. In lieu of flowers, the family has said that contributions can be sent to the Joey Stack Scholarship Fund at St. Mark’s School.

1977

Donald Graeme Pope passed away unexpectedly in his home with his wife by his side on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. He was 62.

Born in Scotland, Don came to St. Mark’s from Fairfield, Conn. While at St. Mark’s, Don was a serious photographer and he served on the editorial board of the *Vindex*. In athletics he was manager of the varsity soccer team and he enjoyed playing golf on the St. Mark’s course.

After graduating from St. Mark’s, he attended University of Oregon. He also graduated from Edinburgh Business School. He was married to Dawenelle Gibson in 1981 in Oregon and moved to Connecticut. They raised four children in Vermont and then relocated to Wisconsin for a senior estimator position at Perry Judds. He then transitioned to Vintage Parts in Beaver Dam.

Don loved being a dad and grandpa— whether it was coaching baseball, guiding the Boy Scouts, or cooking massive meals at any time of the day. He was very proud of his children. Don enjoyed sharing his knowledge of woodworking and gardening with anyone with an open ear. Don indulged his dogs with endless belly scratches. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and is survived and will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 39 years, Dawnelle; children: Tiffany (S. Ram Balakrishnan), Nick (Emily), Amanda (Darryl), and Emma Letlebo (John); grandchildren: Ashvin, Anand, Rowen, Ivahn, Daeja, Little Darryl, and Audrey; sisters Mary [Southborough School 1975-1977] (Denise Dodds) and Julie.

1979

Marc B. Brindisi died suddenly on December 11, 2020, at the Cheshire Medical Center Dartmouth Hitchcock, in Keene, N.H. He was 60.

At St. Mark’s, Marc served on the Social Committee and volunteered as a Roxbury tutor. He enjoyed theater arts and music, and he made many good friends. He went on to attend Emerson College in Boston and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

While attending St. Marks, he met Katherine E. “Katie” Thorndike (SM Class of 1979). They eventually married and raised two children, Elizabeth and Lucas. After spending many years together in New England, they divorced yet remained friends.

In his earlier years, Marc was a model for American Express. He also dabbled in publishing and was vice president of a publishing company while residing in Florida. A recovering addict, Marc was proud of his sobriety. It meant a great deal to him to ensure that others were successful

in their sobriety as well, so he became a certified recovery support worker and was working with clients through Monadnock Family Services in Keene at the time of his passing. Marc always reflected, “You have to go through darkness to know the light!”

Marc was also an accomplished musician and playing the guitar for himself and others brought him great solace. A compassionate and spirited soul, Marc will be greatly missed by so many.

Marc was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Louis Brindisi. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth “Liza Lou” Brindisi Goldthwaite, of Keene; his son, Lucas Brindisi of Hayward, Calif.; his grandson, Alexander Goldthwaite; his longtime companion, Liane Linstead of Keene; and his cousins, Genine Fargnoli and Adel Bromley, both of N.J., and Anna and Joe, John and Judy, Julie, Cookie and Sly, Maddalena, and Gina and Joe.

1983

Rose B. “Posie” Morgan passed away on December 3, 2020. She was 55.

At St. Mark’s Posie played both field hockey and lacrosse for coach Ann Velie. She was also a diligent student and a Scholar. She went on to study at the University of Vermont.

Posie married Dave Daignault in 1996 and had a son Max and a daughter Casey, 17 months later. Posie loved her children dearly and was immensely proud of them. She began her professional career in sales and later in real estate at Coldwell Banker. Her love of people and strong work ethic made her a natural. Posie served on the Ridgefield Board of Realtors and was an active fundraiser at New Pond Farm in Redding. She protested for sensible gun laws and marched with the “pink hats” in Washington, D.C.

Posie had the gift of making every person she encountered feel special and her beauty was matched only by her warm heart and unrelenting giving to others. Her friends remember her amazing courage and valiant fight against her year-long battle with mental illness. They hope to serve Posie’s legacy by giving back to others and filling each day with love and laughter.

Posie is survived by her mother, Rose C. Morgan; devoted husband of 24 years, Dave Daignault; children, Max and Casey Daignault; sister and brother-in-law, Wendy and Peter Richardson; sister, Laura K. Morgan; brother-in-law, Marty Daignault (Anne); sister-in-law, Julie Daignault; nieces, Elizabeth R. MacLaughlin and Katherine Daignault; nephews, Christopher and Andrew Richardson, and Lucas Daignault; godchildren, Henry and Eliot Gomez.

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF AND ST. MARK’S FAMILY
Lorraine R. (Trudeau) Fricault, of Southborough, died on Thursday, May 7, 2020, after a period of declining health. She was 100.

Lorraine was the beloved wife of the late Roland ‘Bill’ Fricault who passed away in 1983.

Raised in Marlborough, one of Lorraine’s first jobs was a server in the dining room for the former Normal School in Framingham. She then worked as the server for the headmaster of St. Mark’s School. Later Lorraine was the friendly lunch lady in Southborough’s public schools. After retirement from serving lunch to the children, she worked for Southborough Drug as a sales clerk. It was an enjoyable job for her as she knew most of the folks coming into the store.

Lorraine was an active member of St. Anne Church of Southborough, where she was on the Altar Committee. Lorraine was an amazing seamstress and baker and also a gifted gardener.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Louise Frederick; her grandson David Frederick and her siblings, Joseph, Paul ‘Butch’, Charles, Francis and Cecile Trudeau, and Yvonne Fricault. She is survived by her daughters, Germaine Valentine of Southborough; her grandchildren, Marianne Fafara, Joan Frederick, Felicite Laspesa, Genevieve and Yolande Valentine; her siblings, Benoit and Louis Trudeau, Teresa Bryce, Claire Condry, Jacqueline Erwin; and her seven great grandchildren.

John J. Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away on the evening of Wednesday, June 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was 74. He taught at St. Mark’s in the early 1970s, where he was the

first person of color to serve on the faculty. John earned his bachelor’s degree in history and political science at Northeastern University and did Ph.D. coursework at Brandeis University and dissertation research in American studies at the University of Rochester under noted historian Dr. Eugene Genovese. He spent many years teaching history at preparatory schools including St. Mark’s School, Phillips Academy, Phillips Exeter Academy, Deerfield Academy, and The Deck House.

John served for over a decade as a staff member for local, state, and federal elected officials, including Boston Mayor Kevin White, Connecticut Speaker of the House Irving Stollberg, Connecticut Congressman Sam Gejdenson, Hartford Mayor Carrie Saxon Perry, and Jacksonville Congresswoman Corrine Brown.

From 1997 until his retirement in 2019, John was a research assistant for the Jacksonville City Council, where he was renowned for his particular skill in the art of drafting the Council’s “honoring and commending” resolutions.

John was an excellent chef and enjoyed cooking, although sharing meals with his family and friends was his true motivation. John was predeceased by his father Philmore Jackson, his mother Jenny Jackson, and brothers Robert Jackson and Milton Jackson. He is survived by his sister Jane Henderson, nieces Kelly Henderson and Kristin Hodges, great-nephew Robert Henderson, and many dear friends.

As this In Memoriam section was closing, we learned of the passing of several other St. Markers, including Robert Kean ’40. Full memorial tributes to all will appear in the next issue of the St. Mark’s Magazine.

What Was Your Favorite Place on Campus?



“Circa 1954-57, following each day’s service in Belmont Chapel, the whole community would assemble in the Dining Hall. After the academic and sporting challenges of the day, this was a time to relax a bit, and enjoy the company of schoolmates and faculty families.”

—STETSON (TACK) EDDY ‘68

“Mr. Gaccon’s room outside of Dorm C on the third floor. He would let First and Second Formers get a little extra work done there in the evening after study hall. It was a warm and cozy place. He would let us sprawl out on the chairs and on the floor as he worked away quietly at his desk.”

—STETSON (TACK) EDDY ‘68

“Being from the Southborough School, my favorite place was our small campus on the other side of the field. We had three modern dorms connected by a boardwalk that led us down to the Mansion where we had classes, a beautiful library, infirmary, a little bookstore, meals, etc.... It was such a special place.”

—DEDE WILSON MCQUILLAN ‘75

“Chapel.”

—ALBERT STICKNEY ‘63

“The alcove I had as a second former. It was a home away from home with all the comforts of the Hilton as well as nice neighbors.”

—TRISTAN ARGENTI ‘51

“Top of the key on the basketball court in the Elkins Gym! The chapel is a close second!”

—THOMAS KANE ‘68

“The hockey rink and the lacrosse field.”

—VON MABBS ‘20

“My favorite place on campus was always the view walking up from the [West Campus] dorms, past the pond. It was refreshing and allowed me to lose myself in the natural world, for just a moment before continuing on my way.”

—HAWA LASSANAH ‘97

“My favorite place is outside the chapel entrance, on the steps facing the lion sculpture. I never wanted to let go of summer, so I spent many September evenings before study hall reading on those steps as the sun set earlier and earlier in the day.”

—AMELIE TOUROYAN ‘10

“The Chapel crypt where Stan Shepherd taught us to sing both religious and secular music for the Choir and Glee Club.”

—PETER WALKER ‘61

“My favorite place on campus was actually the boardwalk and dorms at the Southborough School. At St. Mark’s, it was the planetarium and hanging out at Taft Hall with friends.”

—EVANGELINE WOLLMAR ‘75

“The English Wing and West Campus.”

—CECILY GEORGE ‘06

“The basketball court in Elkins Field House as we won two ISL & NEPSAC championships.”

—JACK CECIL ‘74

“The Dining Hall and the Quad.”

—COURTNEY HANNAH ‘04

“The Parkman Room.”

—KEELY DION ‘17

“Benson Auditorium...such wonderful memories”

—JAMES PARK ‘60

“The top of the meadow on the cross-country course, with the woods at the top of Killer Hill (where Grove of Champions now is) a close second.”

—TIMOTHY SHAW ‘87

“The library and Rev. Talcott’s office.”

—ANNETTE KANG ‘15

“The skating ponds between campuses--a beautiful place to sit, reflect, and nap on a spring or fall afternoon.”

—BRIAN MCCARTHY ‘87

“Loved everything about the cloisters and playing cloister ball.”

—TORREY DIPIETRO ‘95

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Describe your St. Mark’s experience in one sentence.



Send your answers to editor@stmarksschool.org.



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SPOTLIGHT ON ANDROCLES MEMBER GERRY SKEY ‘60

Gerry Skey ‘60 never forgets the choices his parents made to care for him. In the midst of WWII, his mother fled Singapore to the safety of England, but as her ship neared South Africa she needed to disembark for Gerry’s birth. Meanwhile, his father stayed behind to fight with the British Army and became a POW for about five years in Borneo. Eventually, his parents reunited and moved to the U.S. where Gerry’s father met his old friend, Eric Wiseman, who accepted a teaching position at St. Mark’s. After hearing about the School, Gerry’s father knew his son should attend to receive the education he’d need to succeed in life. St. Mark’s accepted Gerry on full scholarship, an opportunity he attributes to his success at Princeton and beyond, and the reason why he supports the School today.

“It would be impossible—literally impossible—to overstate how important St. Mark’s has been in my life, for which I will be forever grateful.”

For information on gift strategies that can help you support St. Mark’s School and provide significant benefits to you and your family, contact Meaghan Kilian, director of major and principal gifts, at 508-786-6129 or meaghankilian@stmarksschool.org.





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Sally King McBride '03 (P. 32)
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