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2018 Commencement - more photos on page 16  
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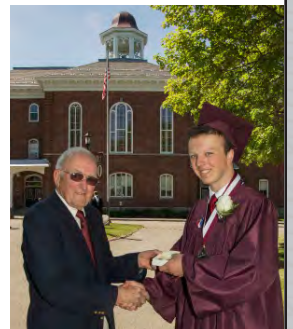
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## MCI Family Tradition

**Carl D. Smith** attended MCI's 2018 Commencement this spring to continue a family tradition of passing on a treasured set of cuff links that have been handed down to family members who attended the School. **Connor Miholovich, '18** accepted the family cufflinks in front of Founders Hall while photographer Larry Ayotte captured the moment.



Congratulations, Connor and Carl!



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# From the Headmaster

*Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of MCI,*

Graduation 2018 featured the most exquisite Maine weather, a wonderful Commencement Address by Trustee **Beth Staples '82** and, most importantly, 111 seniors full of the excitement, pride and promise at reaching an important life milestone. While the majority of these students were together throughout their school years moving through Manson Park School, Vickery, then Warsaw, they came to MCI to study and develop friendships with a diverse group of students from outside our school district. This year's graduates were from Detroit, Burnham and Pittsfield, ten surrounding Maine towns, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Spain, China, Macau, The Czech Republic, Serbia, Vietnam, Russia, South Korea, Rwanda, Mexico and Japan! (There are even more states and countries represented in our overall student body.)

This year's Commencement celebrated the accomplishments of all of these MCI seniors who attend classes and study together, join one another in sports, the arts, and the myriad club offerings, socialize in the dining room or student lounge together, walk across campus with each other, and have fun together at Homecoming and Winter Carnival.

Every day, students and faculty have opportunities on campus to learn, grow and understand each other in our multicultural community. Accordingly, MCI's theme for the 2018-19 school year is Global Citizenship. MCI does a wonderful job celebrating diversity with events like Cultural Heritage Day in the fall and the International Food Festival in the spring. Now, more than ever, we'll seek a greater understanding and appreciation of the cultural and geographic differences our students bring to campus. MCI graduates will be studying and working with people who have vastly different backgrounds and life experiences. Our students are prepared and will have a competitive advantage wherever the future takes them.

I welcome you to *come home* to MCI when classes are in session and during athletic events, drama, dance or music performances, and reunion. It would be my pleasure to meet with you and tour the campus, and I'm confident you will be proud of what you see, hear and feel while amidst our global community, Maine Central Institute.

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Hopkins



*Christopher J. Hopkins,  
MCI Headmaster*





## Manson Essays: an ongoing MCI tradition

An honored tradition for all MCI juniors is the Manson Essay, which was created in 1871 by Pittsfield physician and MCI trustee, **John C. Manson, MD**, to prepare students for rigorous college study. To this day, the Manson Essay remains a scholarly milestone for juniors who work for months to write, revise and edit a research paper and, for a few essay finalists, practice and present their papers before an audience. Judges for the Manson Essay assign a speaking score that is tabulated with scores given by the Humanities teachers for the written essay. Two students are chosen for first and second place based on those combined scores. This year's event was hosted by **Anna Simeone '18** who won the competition last year.

This year's seven Manson Essay finalists presented their papers in the Ella Powell Memorial Library on March 27. The first place winner was **Duy Bao "Bob" Huynh** for his essay on Genetically Modified Organisms or GMOs, and the second place winner was **Elisabeth Parker** for her essay on Technology in Education.

The featured speakers (and the titles of their presentations) this year were **Kendrah Willey** (Free Speech), **Avery**

**Gosselin** (Bitcoin), **Hayden Caldwell** (Paying College Athletes), **Kyra Rosenberg** (Gun Control), and **Josie Libby** (Arts in Education). Special thanks to judges **Rebecca Geagan** and **Tanya Kingsbury**; speaking coaches **Jason Allen**, **Ethan Brownell**, **John Buys**, and **Kim Shorey '86**; MCI Maintenance and Dining Services; and **Andy Beach**, for his videographer expertise.

## MCI's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Festival satisfies many

MCI international students and faculty hosted the fun and popular Annual International Food Festival in Parks Gym. ESL instructor **Artur Fass** coordinated the event for local foodies and families to sample dishes from more than a dozen countries.



# Ella Night 2018: always entertaining!

On March 22, fourteen students participated in this year's Ella Night. In years past, MCI sophomores participated in *Prize Speaking*, which was coordinated by **Rosalie Williams**, retired administrator and faculty member. In honor of Mrs. Williams' efforts, **Steve Peterson** retooled Prize Speaking, changed its name in memory of Ella Powell, invited all students to participate by memorizing a monologue or dialogue, practicing and refining their presentations, and reciting the works to the public. The performances are judged for their level of quality, and the best presenters may qualify to be *expert performers*. MCI alumnus **Ellis Reuter '17** hosted the evening and performed a soliloquy from *Hamlet*.

This year, the featured presenters performed various pieces that were humorous, poignant, and culturally significant: **Isabelle Grignon** performed "OCD" and **Rylee Stock** read "Joey" by Neil Hilborn; **Inna Osetrova** translated and recited "Don't Like It" by Vladimir Vysotsky; **Alexis Tardy** and **Janice Wiles** performed "A Graduation Poem" by Janice Wiles; **Edith Tierney** recited "One Pulse – One Poem" by Richard Blanco; **Olivia Allen** performed a dialogue from *V for Vendetta* by Lana and Lily Wachowski; **Helen O'Brien** recited "Skinny Girls Bleed



Flowers" by Savannah Brown; **Eva Walden** read "If I Should Have a Daughter" by Sarah Kay; **Kendrah Willey** recited "How to Unfold a Memory" by Sabrina Benaim; **Abigail Shaw** read "Tornado" by an anonymous writer; and **Abigeal Shea, Isaac Tardy, Tabyr Briggs**, and **Isabelle Grignon** performed "A Generation in Blue" by Abigeal Shea. Helen O'Brien, Abigeal Shea, Isaac Tardy, Tabyr Briggs, and Isabelle Grignon received recognition for expert performers.

Special thanks to judges **Suzy Morton '85, Ron Rollins '74**, and **Ian Villmore**, coaches **Erin Fitts '02** and **Steve Peterson**, videographer **Andy Beach**, photographer **Kim Shorey '86**, MCI Maintenance, and MCI Dining Services.





# Ray Berthelette discusses integrity during MCI's Patterson Lecture Series

On April 9 in Parks Gym during the weekly All School Meeting, students and community members listened to **Ray Berthelette** speak about what integrity means to him and how it has helped him through various moments in his life. "Integrity can mean many things to people," he explained. "For me, integrity is choosing the right thing to do and striving to do the right thing in every situation: it is what pulled me through moments of adversity."

For Ray, his first lesson in integrity came at a young age when his parents divorced. "I was the oldest kid in my family, and my brothers and sisters looked to me for help through this difficult time. At a young age, I quickly learned how to avoid acting impulsively and being there for them." When Ray joined the Army after graduation, he learned to follow orders and know right from wrong: "I relied on my inner strength to get me through those years."

During an assignment in Italy, Ray was seriously injured during a parachute jump that eventually led to his discharge from the armed services due to his disability. "While I was recovering, I had a lot of time to think, and I learned how to rely on others to get through the healing process. Being around other people felt good, and it helped me redirect my life in a new direction."

Ray attended college for computer programming, and he graduated in 1994. He and his wife, **Amy**, moved to Maine in 2006 to raise their children, **Meri '12**, **Nolan** and **Nason**. Life was good until he experienced two pulmonary embolisms that resulted from a previous surgery, and Ray was once again facing a lengthy recovery at home. "I had plenty of time to think about life, family and friends, and the strength from uniting with others." This experience for Ray was "humbling," and it strengthened his gratitude for the "friends and loved ones who offered strength during recovery."



Ray Berthelette with Chris Hopkins

It wasn't until his son, Nolan, died unexpectedly of a brain aneurysm that Ray understood the power of helping others. "We received an outpouring of love and support that helped our family through the ordeal," Ray said. "I thought a lot about what Nolan stood for in his brief life, and Nolan was all about helping others. He believed that by helping others, we strengthen ourselves: helping brings us closer to each other, and strengthens our ability to do what's right."

Ray added, "All of us have to decide what choices to make, and when we are able to make those first tough decisions, the other tough decisions come easier. That is what integrity does."

Ray punctuated his presentation with various exercises and audience participation: would you tell a cashier if s/he gave you back too much change? What would you do if you bumped a parked car and no one saw you? Would you buy a DVD or ask a friend to copy theirs for you? The answers were surprising, showing that everyone has a personal line in the sand when it comes to living an honest life, but as Ray reminded everyone, "If you live openly and honestly, every decision you make is the right one."



# Arts update

## MCI Vocal Jazz Wins Big this Spring!

In February, MCI's Vocal Jazz Ensemble *Caravan* earned first place at the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival on February 10, competing with several schools from throughout the country. As winners, MCI student performers were asked to give the finale performance at the annual festival that was held at Hynes Auditorium in Boston.

"The students were thrilled to perform in such a professional atmosphere," commented **Dean Neal**. "They continue to impress with their level of preparation and attention to detail. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with these fine people."

MCI vocalists **Lily Miller** and **Addi Williams '18** received "Outstanding Musicianship" awards in their classifications. MCI was one of 19 Maine schools that competed, and one of four schools from Maine to win at the festival. This year, 138 schools from 15 states sent bands and vocal ensembles to compete for scholarships to various Berklee summer programs.

Then in March, MCI's Vocal Jazz Ensemble *Equinox* earned a silver award and *Caravan* earned a gold award at in the Maine Music Education Association's State Vocal Jazz Festival in Millinocket. MCI students garnered four out of the five awards in Division 2 with the MCI *Caravan* rhythm section earning "Most Outstanding Rhythm Section" and **Addi Williams '18**, **Margot Hopkins '18**, and **Lily Miller** earning individual musicianship



honors. The following students received individual commendations for solo work: from *Equinox* was **Megan Simeone**, **Jonathan Hatch '18**, **Tabyr Briggs**, **Gabe Lessing '18**, **Maggie Hodgins**, **Michaela Piatt '18**, and **Lyric Laffin '18**; from *Caravan* was **Lily Miller**, **Isabelle Grignon**, **Margot Hopkins '18**, **Addi Williams '18**, **Allison Hughes '18**, **Sarah Kossowan '18**, **Claire Green '18**, **Devon Varney '18**, and **Aaron Schanck '18**.

Both ensembles received high praise throughout the day from students, parents and other school directors for their excellent musicianship and performance skills.





## MCI Drama talents are recognized, perfected

MCI Drama received honors for their production of Mark Medoff's *Big Mary* at the MPA Regional One Act Festival held at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine. MCI received awards for outstanding set design, outstanding costume design, outstanding hair and makeup design and outstanding poster and set paint. Congratulations to **Aaron Schanck '18** and **Sydney Morton '18** for receiving All Festival Cast Ensemble Honors.



Under the expert guidance of theater Arts teacher, **Debra Susi**, MCI students have been applying their theater training at the Waterville Opera House as part of the performance, *Suessical the Musical* (based on the works of Dr. Suess). According to Susi, "Anytime you can take what students learn in the classroom to be more than a theory, it becomes a real learning experience." Susi typically asks MCI students to volunteer on shows at the Opera House once each semester to apply their classroom education about set design and technical aspects of theater to a working theater environment.



## Spring Music Concerts

MCI produced two spring music concerts in May: on May 2, MCI held a Spring Vocal and Instrumental Recital at the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center. Various student musicians performed with accompaniment by **Gerry Wright**. Vocal and instrumental soloists included **Lyric Laffin '18**, **Lauren Lancaster**, **Haliegh Foss**, **Erin Nolan**, **Jonathan Hatch '18**, **Grace LaMarre**, **Adryanna Oliveira**, **Sarah Kossowan**, **Mercedes Cote '18**, **Isaac Tardy**, **DJ Neal**, and **Isabelle Grignon**.

On May 8, **Dean Neal** held a Spring Jazz Concert at Pittsfield Community Theatre. MCI's leading jazz musicians gave farewell performances for the school year: Jazz Combo, Jazz Band *Enigma*, Vocal Jazz Ensembles *Equinox* and *Caravan* performed before recognition for 2017-18 was given to the following seniors: **Aaron Schanck**, **Sal Niayesh**, **Jonathan Hatch**, **Angel Gray**, **Claire Green**, **PJ Plummer**, **Devon Varney**, **Sydney Morton**, **Makayla Guerette**, **Michaela Piatt**, **Gabe Lessing**, **Lyric Laffin**, **Sarah Welch**, **Kianna Sousa**, **Lily Miller**, **Addi Williams**, **Margot Hopkins**, **Ben Kennedy**, **Allison Hughes**, **Sarah Kossowan**, and **Michael Chan**.



# BBT students learn from the best to be the best

By Elizabeth Audet, BBT Manager



In March, BBT students traveled to see Boston Ballet's performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. The trip was subsidized by a personal development grant awarded to instructor **Natalya Getman** and proved inspirational for her students, who took a master class with Boston Ballet's faculty member, Sofie Schreiber, following the performance. In April, BBT hosted the renowned Martin Friedman, who visited MCI's campus and enthralled BBT students with descriptions of his encounters with Russian Ballet and the Vaganova Academy of St. Petersburg, Russia at the height of the Cold War, in addition to his overall experience with ballet in the course of his long career. In turn, Martin was impressed by MCI and the Pittsfield community, and surprised by the high quality of ballet instruction offered by Ms. Getman, who is a second generation student of Vaganova training that has produced some of the finest dancers in the world.

Friedman commented that BBT is "of an extremely high level, a part of MCI, in a charming, very safe setting." Friedman remarked that MCI is "a truly fine place for ballet students who are serious about ballet to study as well as get their academic education while living on campus! Everything about MCI and Bossov Ballet Theatre's training program is first rate. Natalya Getman is one of the finest teachers of classical dance I have met, a truly exceptional, inspired, wonderful teacher... Bossov Ballet is, indeed, very fortunate to have her!"

In May, BBT students performed *Cipollino* to the public and to children in the After-School Program at the Alford

Youth Center in Waterville and Warsaw Middle and Vickery Elementary schools in Pittsfield. In time for spring planting, *Cipollino* tells the tale of how a brave little onion, with the help of his garden friends, outwits injustice and proves the importance of kindness and community. With original choreography by Ms. Getman, costume design by MCI's **Mike Libby** and **Hannah Walden**, set construction by MCI's **Edward Walker**, and set design by MCI's art teacher, **Jason Farson** with students **Kalista Bailey**, **Makaila Bailey**, and **Astrud Robichaud**, *Cipollino* was truly an MCI team effort!

For the first time in its 22-year history, BBT will present *Swan Lake* on July 27-28 as the culmination of its annual six-week summer intensive program that will be performed at the new Hampden Performing Arts Center. Students from Japan, Guatemala, and Mexico, as well as from throughout Maine and the US will be studying dance with the BBT and can study fencing, astronomy, and marine biology in the beautiful Acadia National Park region; learn stand-up paddle boarding, test their skills on a low ropes course, and have an opportunity to take art class and practice plein air painting with visiting artist, Anna Afshar. Ms. Afshar is a Russian-American artist and gifted teacher who has studied with well-known and recognized artists and teachers from around the world. An award-winning artist whose works are displayed in many prominent exhibits throughout Germany and the US, Ms. Afshar splits her time between Germany and Indiana. This year, she will be creating the set design for BBT's *Swan Lake*.

# Athletics update

*By James Leonard, Director of Athletics*

## The Year of The Pack



Photo provided by Lisa Russo Boutwell

As the spring athletic season ended, a look back at what has occurred over the past nine months revealed unprecedented athletic success here at MCI. Two state team championships, one individual state championship, individual conference champions, conference players of the year, and playoff appearances by nearly every varsity program help make 2017-2018 the year of **The Pack**.

In the fall, the MCI Football and Field Hockey teams ventured into new territory. Both programs were moved up one classification by the Maine Principals' Association – both programs would be playing schools with larger enrollments and better teams. Both programs found the new competitive landscape to their liking. The Field Hockey team outscored their playoff opponents

18-2 on route to a 5-0 win over three-time defending state champion York in the Class B State Field Hockey Championship in late October.

Three weeks later it was the football team's turn. The Huskies entered the Class C playoffs a #6 seed after a 4-4 injury-riddled regular season. After a decisive opening round playoff road win over Nokomis, the Huskies avenged regular season losses to Winslow and Mount Desert Island with playoff road wins at each school. MCI avenged yet another regular season loss in the State Class C Championship game at UMaine with a 30-13 win over Cape Elizabeth to capture their second consecutive Gold Ball (MCI Football won the State Class D title in 2016-2017.)



While some high schools around Maine can boast a program that moved up in classification and won a state title that same year – *no other school in Maine has had two athletic programs perform that feat*. In this case, the improbable occurred in the same athletic season. Both field hockey coach **Nancy Hughes '87** and football coach **Tom Bertrand '90** were named Coaches of the Year. **Addi Williams '18** (Field Hockey) and **Adam Bertrand '18** (Football) were named to the All-State team. Williams also set a new school record for goals in a season (35) and career goals (95). The Football team also won the *Sportsmanship Award*, voted on by the game officials.

Playing a difficult schedule, MCI Girls Soccer upset two higher seeded teams in the early rounds of the playoffs in making a run to the regional semifinal round. **Sydney Morton '18** set school records for 20 goals in a season and 44 career goals.

**ZyAnthony Moss '18** capped an outstanding wrestling career at MCI by winning the Class B 126-pound individual state championship in February.



MCI Girls Basketball player **April McAlpine '18** was named KVAC Class B Girls Basketball Player of the Year. McAlpine and her teammates made their first playoff appearance in Bangor in quite some time in February, falling in overtime to eventual regional champion Presque Isle.



**Christa Carr** (shot put) and **Victoria Friend** (triple jump) set school records in their events with Friend taking the KVAC Triple Jump title. Carr broke her school shot put record in a meet at Belfast. The MCI Track Team won the 4th annual Husky Throwdown – a meet hosted here on campus for student athletes who compete in shot put, discus and javelin. It was the second time the Huskies have won their own event, which features nearly 200 competitors from 15-17 schools annually.

The MCI Boys Tennis team qualified for the playoffs for the first time in a long time. The team traveled to Erskine Academy for a first round playoff match and fell by a 3-2 margin, ending their season ranked #9. Singles players **Xabier Fresno** and **Ethan Varney '18** collected match wins for the Huskies who end their season with an overall 7-6 mark.



A total of 13 varsity athletic programs qualified for the postseason. It's a tough act to follow but the hunt begins in August... *Go Huskies!*

# Life in the Key of Addi

**Addi Williams '18** has had an amazing high school experience at MCI. In 2017, she was MCI's all-time leading scorer in field hockey with 95 career goals – scoring 35 this past season in leading the Huskies to the Class B State Championship (the same year the team moved up from Class C). During her sophomore year, Addi was the leading scorer as the Huskies beat Oak Hill for the Class C title. Addi is also an outstanding pole vaulter on MCI's track team, setting a new school record in her sophomore season and came in fourth in pole vaulting. Most recently, Addi was inducted in the *WSCH Varsity Club* (nominated by Athletics Director, **Jim Leonard**) that honors high school students for athletic and academic excellence.

Addi recalls with a dose of humor one of her most memorable athletic moments during a Winter Carnival basketball game. Like all Winter Carnivals at MCI, student athletes who play on a school team cannot participate in these intramural-like games, so Addi volunteered to play basketball because she wanted to have fun with her classmates while quenching her thirst for fierce competition. In a casual game held in Wright Gym in front of dozens of classmates, friends and teachers, Addi executed four perfect foul shots late in the game that secured the win. In the bleachers, her brother, **Owen Williams**, and her dad, **Clint Williams '86**, looked on in disbelief.



"I obviously don't play basketball," Addi laughed, "But I think I showed Owen and Dad, who both play basketball very well, that I can be a worthy opponent on the court!"

Addi's achievements do not stop with athletics. For the past four years, Addi has been active in MCI's award-winning Vocal Jazz Ensemble *Caravan* and has personally won numerous awards for her vocal excellence. "Mr. Neal has been a big influence for me. He's my advisor, so I see him at the start of school every day, and he always puts a smile on my face because he's always happy and outgoing." Participating in *Caravan* has been tremendously gratifying for Addi. "We're all close friends and have been together since freshman year," she noted.

At Berklee High School Jazz Festival, Addi and **Lily Miller** received "Outstanding Musicianship" awards in their classifications. MCI was one of 19 Maine schools that competed, and one of four schools from Maine to win at the festival. This year, 138 schools from 15 states sent bands and vocal ensembles to compete for scholarships to various Berklee summer programs. Later in Millinocket,



Winning the Class B State Championship in 2017; shown (left to right) are **Allison Hughes**, Addi, **April McAlpine**, **Eva Bickford**, and Coach Hughes



the ensemble took top honors at the State Jazz Vocal Festival.

Most importantly, Addi has been an outstanding student since she came to MCI four years ago. In the fall, Addi is planning to attend Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts, to study nursing and play field hockey. "I've always wanted to go into the medical field," Addi explained, adding that she would like to specialize in labor and delivery. Being recruited to play field hockey at Endicott is an added bonus.

"We will be playing some games in southern Maine," Addi explained, "so I'm hoping my MCI friends and family will come out to see me."

Over the past year, Addi shadowed several nurses at Seabasticook Valley Health, a critical access hospital in Pittsfield, Maine, as part of MCI's Medical Concepts



Addi with members of Caravan: (left to right) **Ben Kennedy**, **Margot Hopkins**, and **Lily Miller**

***"Both Advanced Anatomy and the Medical Concepts experiences have helped me hone in on what area of nursing I want to study in college."***

**Addi Williams '18**

Class. Addi was immediately drawn to women's health care. "Both Advanced Anatomy and the Medical Concepts experiences have helped me hone in on what area of nursing I want to study in college. There is so much I can do in nursing, and I know I can make a difference as a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner."



## MCI travels to Spain

**Tanya Kingsbury** led a group of seniors to Spain in early spring. All had studied Spanish with Mrs. K: five are currently in Spanish IV and three studied up to Spanish III, where they learned about the country's history, geography, culture, society, experiences, and more. Parents funded the trips for their children, who traveled to Madrid, Toledo, Córdoba, Sevilla, Granada, Málaga and Marbella. "We saw many of these cities' most important sites. We ate local food, spoke a lot of Spanish, and had an absolute blast," Mrs. Kingsbury said. "The students were at times awestruck, and they often commented on how great it was to actually experience what they had studied."

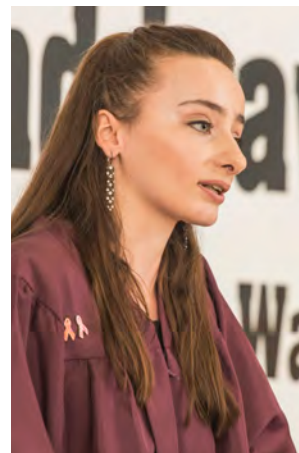


Shown (left to right): **Ben Kennedy**, **Elsbeth Taylor**, **Meghan Cookson**, **Allison Hughes**, **Sydney Morton**, **Caroline Vigue**, **Nikki Stewart**, **Sarah Trimarchi**, and Mrs Kingsbury. The ancient city of Toledo is in the background.



# 2018 Commencement: “...go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson









# Alicia J. Nichols named Dean of Advancement

**Christopher J. Hopkins** announces the July 1st appointment of **Alicia J. Nichols** as Dean of Advancement. Nichols will oversee annual, reunion and planned giving, marketing, communications, and alumni events at the School. She brings three decades of successful fundraising experience to MCI, having raised \$22 million for Maine nonprofits. Since 2004, Nichols served 60+ nonprofit clients as a fundraising consultant.

“Since coming on board as our campaign manager two years ago, Alicia has overseen \$2 million in contributions from alumni, friends, businesses and foundations, the completion of the \$500,000 Koester Family Challenge and secured a \$100,000 matching grant from the prestigious Edward E. Ford Foundation,” Hopkins said.

As a consultant, Nichols has managed MCI’s Founders Campaign since July 2016, and over the past year, oversight of the School’s Advancement Office was added to her responsibilities. “So many alumni have shared with me that MCI shaped who they are today,” Nichols said. “I am honored and excited to expand the circle of alumni, parents, and friends who support the School’s mission through their engaged service.”

Prior to 2004, Nichols spent 21 years generating resources for Maine nonprofits. She was Director of Corporate Support at Maine Public Broadcasting Network, where she secured business sponsors statewide for radio and television. At her alma mater, she served as Vice

President of Fundraising at the University of Maine Alumni Association, where she directed staff in breaking multiple annual fundraising records. As Director of Development at Penobscot Theatre in Bangor, Nichols raised funds and secured the Theatre’s first three National Endowment for the Arts grants.

According to **Norbert W. Young Jr. ’66**, President of the Board of Trustees, increasing support for MCI is a top priority. “We are thrilled to have someone of Alicia’s experience and caliber as Dean of Advancement. She has already expanded the culture of philanthropy at MCI.”

Nichols attended the University of Maine where she played on the first women’s ice hockey team. She graduated with a degree in journalism and has completed master’s degree work in communications. She serves on the Sebecook Valley Health Board of Trustees and is a 29-year member of Rotary International. Nichols was the first woman president of the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club and is a member of the Rotary Club of Bangor, where she serves on the Board of Directors.



## Varney '18 wins NHS scholarship

**Devon Varney** was named one of 500 national semifinalists in the NHS Scholarship program. Varney was chosen from more than 11,000 applicants and received a \$2,850 scholarship. While at MCI, Varney was a member of Student Council, Kindness Krew, Key Club, MCI Jazz Band Ensemble *Enigma*, MCI’s Concert Band, Concert Choir, was an officer in MCI’s branch of NHS, and the Berklee High School Jazz Festival and State Championship winning group Vocal Jazz Ensemble *Caravan*. Varney was also a varsity player on the MCI Football Team, a varsity player and three-time captain of the MCI Soccer Team, and a captain of the MCI Varsity Track Team. Varney was also an Eagle Scout and the Senior Class President.



# 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees and Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient

*MCI's Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony will be held during Reunion Weekend on Friday, August 3, 2018. Four individuals will join the ranks for their loyalty, dedication and outstanding achievements.*

## L. Ross Fitts '78

Ross pursued a degree in history after MCI, and since he graduated from the University of Maine, he's been a successful senior sales representative for northern Maine's dairy industry.

MCI has always been an important part of his life. His late parents, **Alice Wright Fitts '47** and **Lewis Fitts '47**, siblings **Kirk '69** and **Laurie '71** considered the school a central part of their lives and activities in the community.

"My wife **Kelly '79** and I couldn't wait to move back to the area and be a part of the fabric of the community, and MCI is a big part of that," Ross said. "I formed great relationships that have carried through my life, and my time here has molded me into the person I am now." Ross explained that there are four generations of alumni named Lewis R. Fitts who graduated from MCI between 1918 and 2008, and school reunions are often reunions for his family, too.

One of his proudest achievements is when daughter **Erin '02** who returned to MCI as a humanities teacher who received the *Herbert K. Newhouse '23 Faculty Fellowship* in 2018. Ross served on the MCI Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2017, where he chaired the student life committee and served on the executive committee.

"I have always been proud to support MCI and to encourage my children to give back to the school. I see the benefits of my contributions – and that has been so gratifying. And that is why I encourage others to give: we should all agree that supporting MCI is vital."



## Deborah Rozeboom

Deborah taught at MCI for 22 years (1992 – 2014) and, during that time, she wore many hats. "I started teaching PG students, who were mostly 19-year old males from away. A number of my assignments focused on writing, studying skills, SAT prep, and math." When **Rosalie Williams** moved into an administrative position at the School, Deborah was hired as the chair of the English department.



"My husband Ken and our kids encouraged me to take the job," Deborah explained, and she credits her successes to Rosalie's wonderful mentorship. "Rosalie's so steady and encouraging and believes strongly in the transformative power of education, and in academic rigor and integrity." Deborah also is grateful for the efforts of **Doug and Lori Cummings**, who valued MCI's humanities programs and encouraged Deborah personally.

"I love that department dearly," she said. "There is so much humanity in the people I worked with: they care for students, are good listeners, and provide a safe learning environment." She added, "Being part of that department was an honor and a real high point of my teaching career." Deborah's MCI memories are spread across the entire campus, she says, and all have a common denominator: be kind to our students. "For some of our kids, MCI might be the best and safest part of their day, where they get food, where someone speaks kindly to them."

Of her past students, Deborah loves staying in touch with them. "Some of my students have their doctorate degrees, and we attended the wedding of our host daughter in Seoul, South Korea," she explained. Yet, what mattered most to Deborah were the opportunities to interact with young students and give them a chance to have their lives broadened, enriched and enlivened. "That's magical and

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## REUNION WEEKEND CELEBRATION: August 3-4, 2018

This year's Reunion Weekend will be packed full of activities unlike any other! Even if it is not your reunion year, please consider returning to campus for the celebration: we hope to see you there!

### FRIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Alumni Association Golf Scramble**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

JW Parks Golf Course, Pittsfield

#### ***Rain or Shine***

Join MCI alumni and friends for an 18-hole scramble. Space is limited; reservations honored on a first come, first served basis. Arrange a foursome or we can create a team for you. Spouses and friends welcome to play. \$50 per person (includes cart rental).

#### **Award Celebration**

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Boutelle Savage Lawn • Front Campus

Join us in recognizing the achievements of Hall of Fame inductees and our Distinguished Achievement Award recipient. Early Bird Discount is \$20 per person / Regular price \$25 per person.

#### **Reunion Lounge**

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Boutelle Savage Lawn • Front Campus

Visit with alumni and friends and listen to music, gnosh on food or drink, and enjoy a quiet Maine summer evening before the fireworks! Cash bar.



#### **Fireworks sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank**

9:00 p.m.

Wrap up the day with spectacular fireworks sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank in honor of its new location in Pittsfield!



# SATURDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Registration and Historical Displays

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Memorial Student Center

## Reunion Brunch

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Savage Family Dining Room

Enjoy a relaxing full brunch as you gather with friends and classmates. Hot and cold offerings include fresh fruit, waffles, eggs, home fries, sausage and pastries (vegetarian/vegan options available). Early Bird Discount\* \$10 per person / Regular price \$15 per person.

## Class Agents' Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Kinney Conference Room

## State of the School

11:00 a.m.

Parks Gymnasium

Hear about what is happening at MCI. Headmaster Christopher J. Hopkins will report on the state of MCI.

## Alumni Association Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Kinney Conference Room

## Reunion Luncheon / Class Party Kick-Off

*Sponsored by Gregg '69 and Elaine Patterson*

1:00 p.m.

Boutelle Savage Lawn • Front Campus

What would Reunion be without our annual luncheon under the tent on front campus? Get together with your friends and classmates for a wonderful meal with vegetarian/vegan options available. Early Bird Discount \$25 per person / Regular price \$30 per person.

## Class Parties for years ending in 3 and 8

3:00 p.m.



Reunite with your friends and classmates to reminisce and reconnect! Check with your Class Agent or call the Alumni Office at 207-487-5915 for party locations.

## On-Campus Accommodations

MCI offers rooms in Manson Hall for alumni and friends who wish to stay on campus on Friday and Saturday nights during Reunion Weekend. The rooms are not air conditioned and will be filled on a first come/first served basis. Each room features two twin beds, and bedding will be provided; however, please bring with you towels, toiletries, fans, and personal items you may need. Rooms are \$35 per person/night or \$50 per couple/night.

Please note that MCI is a tobacco-free campus and smoking on campus or in any MCI building is prohibited. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 207-487-5915



\* Register by Friday, July 20 to receive Early Bird discount

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why I was a teacher. I can't imagine doing anything else, and I've been so lucky to be a teacher and to have the students and colleagues I worked with throughout my career. I got the best of the deal."

### Peter J. Fendler '80

When asked about his history at MCI, Peter responded, "There's so much that comes to mind. I am passionate about MCI because it was where I had the best educational experiences."



Peter added, "MCI's faculty were phenomenal, being part of a diverse student body, and working with quality, committed teachers prepared me well."

While at MCI, Peter was Key Club president. "There's always been good synergy between MCI and student leadership programs. Being involved taught me to take risks, be a leader, build relationships and build confidence in other people." He added, "Work hard and good things happen: that's what I learned at MCI."

Peter refined his leadership skills by playing athletics all three seasons at MCI: football, skiing, golf, and tennis.

The youngest of five Fender siblings to attend MCI, Peter graduated in 1980 and enrolled in Maine Maritime Academy. Peter's quick to point out that he did not graduate; he left Castine and became a licensed captain in the Merchant Marines.

Peter's father, Ryan, was at MCI for two years, but transferred to the Northampton School during World War II. After Navy and college, Ryan returned to Pittsfield to raise his family. Peter, Ryan and brother Michael have all served on the MCI Board of Trustees.

"I owe a lot to MCI for my success," Peter said, "and I have a strong sense of giving back. It's a matter of responsibility. If it hadn't been for MCI, I wouldn't have

the tools to be as successful as I am. MCI is a diamond in central Maine, and I am proud to serve and support our School."

Peter is principal at HUB International New England, LLC, and Norton Insurance Financial in Cumberland. He lives in Freeport with his wife, Karen.

### Susan Haseltine '67

The Alumni Association's 2018 Distinguished Achievement Award recipient is biologist and MCI alumna **Susan Haseltine, Ph.D. '67**. Sue and her older brother, **Frank Thomas Haseltine '64**, were raised by respected teacher **Frank Haseltine '40** and **Leona Haseltine**, who was the MCI librarian for many years.



Throughout her career as a biologist, Sue researched the effects of environmental toxins, land use, and climate changes on migratory birds and other wildlife. She worked at the United States Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and US Geological Survey (USGS) throughout her career. After working on research projects around the country, Sue became director of Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, the second woman in the FWS history to lead a major research center. She was Chief Scientist and then Associate Director for Biology at the USGS before retiring in 2010.

Sue lives in Virginia and visits Maine regularly. When recalling her high school days, "I had a good start at MCI – my time at the School enabled me to pursue biological research with many talented colleagues, and explore systems around the world."

She attributes her father's influence in her pursuit of biology in college. "Biology was a common topic at home," Sue recalled fondly.



# Mike Savage steps down as MCI Trustee

**Michael T. Savage '62** was one of the youngest board members in MCI's history when he joined in 1972 and, after five decades of non-continuous service, he certainly has enjoyed a successful tenure. Throughout his years as trustee, Mike has served as vice president (from 1975 to 1977), president (from 1977 to 1980), and most recently as treasurer (from 2002 to 2010).

Mike stated that his most important accomplishment as an MCI trustee and officer was "the capital campaign I chaired for the Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math and Science Building." At the time, "the most that MCI had raised prior to that was \$800,000. After a feasibility study determined we could raise no more than \$3.5 million, we actually raised \$4.5 million!"

Mike is impressed with the current board trustees. "We have outstanding new board members who possess strength, experience, talent, commitment, and wonderful skills," citing specifically the Finance and Development committees. "We're fortunate to have strong staff and trustee leadership in those areas."

As an MCI student, Mike recalled, "My favorite memories are the people I met and got to know," he reflected. "The four years I spent were the most important four years of my life and set me up for a bright future."

Mike attended Bates College where he earned a degree in economics (and married his college sweetheart, Priscilla



Brown), then earned a master's degree from the Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. Following graduation, Mike returned to Maine to work in finance and accounting for Hannaford's corporate offices in Scarborough. A certified management accountant, certified auditor, and certified financial planner, Mike became president of Savage Investments in 1995.

In 1999, Mike was inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame for his service, achievements, and support of the School. Mike and Priscilla spend summers on Sebago Lake in Maine and winters on the Turks and Caicos Islands. Together, they raised two sons, Andrew and James, and enjoy their six grandchildren.



At the dedication of the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center in 2017; shown (left to right) are Priscilla, Mike, and Lori Cummings



With Mike Hodgins in 2008

# Norb Young retires as MCI Board President

**Norbert W. Young, Jr. '66** retired from MCI's Board of Trustees in June 2018 after serving nine years as board president. Norb has been a devoted trustee since 2002.

Norb and his sisters, **Delia Bickford '60** and **Martha Worley '68**, were raised in Pittsfield. His parents, Norbert, Sr. and Maple, were popular teachers at MCI and in public schools. His father's tenure at MCI was from 1941 through 1973; he taught shop and drafting, then introduced visual arts into the curriculum in late 1960s, and coached cross country and track. As devoted, life-long educators, Norb's parents emphasized the importance of academic excellence to their children. Both were inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame.

When Norb graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1966, he was hopeful that the experiences he received at MCI prepared him well for future success. Now, Norb can say, "Without the foundation I received at MCI – experiences that built integrity and trust – none of my accomplishments since would have been possible."

To this day, Norb and his wife of 49 years, Christine, are advocates for education-related initiatives, and both have been champions of MCI for several years. "We have devoted much of our energy, work, wisdom and wealth to MCI because we want every student to be able to build their future on the solid foundation that MCI provides."

During the sixteen years as a trustee and president, Norb has been one of MCI's greatest ambassadors. "I wear my MCI cap every day around New York City where I work. At least once a week, someone will ask me what the MCI logo is for. That is the opening to launch into my narrative about our School in small town Pittsfield with its global reach and unique programs like the Bossov Ballet Theatre." Over the years, Norb has told his 'MCI Story' to countless people. Whether by email introduction or if he meets someone in an airport while wearing his ever-present MCI cap, he never tires of telling people about his experiences at MCI, his parents, and his reconnection with

the school as a trustee. He is truly proud of, and committed to, the success of this school and a tireless ambassador for MCI.

Norb has demonstrated an enormous commitment to MCI as President of the Board of Trustees. Some thought Norb would retire from his day job, giving him extra time to commit to serving as president, but that never proved to be true, which makes his commitment to MCI for this many continuous years even more impressive. Despite the distance, Norb set a new bar and expectation for trustee presence at events that few can match, even those that live locally and have children here. Norb was inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame in 2007.

As President, Norb has been instrumental in recruiting to MCI's Board of Trustees a skills-based group of professionals whose expertise and talents align strategically with the School's goals. "I'm very proud that we have a board that is able to lead the school successfully in the future," he said. Under his watch, the Founders Campaign has resulted in advancing visual and performing arts at MCI with the adaptive reuse of JR Cianchette Hall. In addition, the Bossov Ballet Theatre was brought into the MCI family.

Norb attended Bowdoin College and the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a master's degree in architecture. He met Christine "on a blind date" while at Bowdoin (she was attending St. Joseph's College) and, after they married, moved to Pennsylvania to focus on their continuing education and careers. Norb is currently executive vice president of Lehrer, LLC, in New York City. He was previously President of McGraw-Hill Construction. He is an Independent Director of Limbach Holdings, Inc., and serves as a Special Advisor of Cianbro Corporation, Inc. For his significant and lasting





contributions to architecture and society, he was named an American Institute of Architects fellow. As a recognized industry speaker, Norb has presented across the country and around the world including multiple trips throughout China and 16 other countries. Highlights from his design and construction career include involvement in such major projects as EuroDisney, Canary Wharf, the twin Petronas Towers in Malaysia and leading the team that designed and built the 28 venues for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. He has been recognized repeatedly for

the leadership role he plays in the industry, including the AIA Edward C. Kemper Award, Royal Architects Institute of Canada Honorary Fellow, and American Society of Civil Engineers Henry L. Michel Award for Industry Advancement of Research.

Christine, an accomplished medical publisher, recently retired. They reside in Greenwich, Connecticut, and spend much of their summers on the Maine coast with their dogs, cats, gardens and stone walls!

## We MCI's Class Agents!

Class Agents are an invaluable resource to both MCI and their classmates because they link the School with its graduates. Agents keep classmates connected through the *Alumnus* during the year, help plan the Class Party during Reunion Weekend and maintain the class Facebook page. If you would like to reach out to your Class Agent, please contact the MCI Advancement Office by phone (207-487-5915) or by email ([alumni@MCI-School.org](mailto:alumni@MCI-School.org)). Classes in bold will be celebrating a major reunion in August 2018.

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| 1948 Elizabeth Whalen          | 1971 Jeffrey Knights           | 1993 Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo    |
| 1950 Virginia Coolbroth Landry | 1971 Laurie Fitts Loosigian    | 1994 Courtney Cianchette Harvey |
| 1951 Bob Hutchinson            | 1973 Susan Smith England       | 1995 Frances Oviatt Rogers      |
| 1952 Alvah Wyman               | 1974 Vera Lloyd Bryant         | 1996 Heather Gray Csontos       |
| 1953 Catherine Doyle Mooers    | 1975 Ralph Ingraham            | 1997 Terri-Jean Grant Wilkinson |
| 1956 Forest Frost              | 1976 Donald Hallenbeck         | 1998 Jason Cummings             |
| 1958 David Fernald             | 1978 Robert Stackhouse         | 1999 Natalia Mayhew Hall        |
| 1959 Jim MacMichael            | 1979 Kathy Kelley              | 2000 Hillary Stevens            |
| 1960 Joan Basford Bradley      | 1980 Belinda Lawrence LaFlamme | 2000 Michael Thompson           |
| 1960 Marilyn Nash              | 1981 Suzanne Lynch Guild       | 2001 Daniel Flaherty            |
| 1962 Jean Stackhouse Carnes    | 1981 Mary Raynes               | 2002 Kerri George               |
| 1963 Janet Viger Bryant        | 1982 Cheryl Pareson Austin     | 2002 Donna Russo Sawtelle       |
| 1963 Marcia Sprague Hodson     | 1985 Karen Rollins Fraser      | 2003 Ashley Holt Morency        |
| 1963 Wayne Pinkham             | 1986 Lisa Nickerson            | 2004 Melissa Hussey Stinson     |
| 1964 Barbara Vigue Day         | 1986 Kim Brooks Shorey         | 2005 Sarah Frost                |
| 1965 Lawrence Yeaton           | 1987 Tammy Reynolds George     | 2006 Andrew Moody               |
| 1966 Vicki Boetsch Harriman    | 1987 David O'Brien             | 2007 Brittanie Holt Smith       |
| 1967 Sheilya Cookson Voter     | 1988 Chris Mitchell            | 2008 Tyler LePage               |
| 1968 Sharon Hanson Ringuette   | 1988 Loren Lavalie Martin      | 2009 Brandon Wilson             |
| 1969 James Maynard             | 1989 Nancy MacGown Monteyro    | 2011 Cody Thies                 |
| 1970 William Cunningham        | 1990 Thomas Bertrand           | 2012 Michaela George            |
| 1970 David England             | 1991 James Richards            | 2013 Courtney Fowler            |
| 1970 Martha Lloyd              | 1992 Sean Callahan             | 2014 Shane Hathaway             |
|                                | 1993 Kristin McCaughey Gagnon  | 2017 Carter Pearl               |

We need agents for these classes: **1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1961, 1972, 1977, 1983, 1984, 2010, 2015, and 2016.** Contact the Advancement Office today to represent your class in the MCI *Alumnus*!

# Class Notes

## Class of 1951

**Patricia Tinkham Levasseur** writes that she is in reasonably good health and keeps busy with a quilt group at her church and is a volunteer at the library bookstore. She says the light of her life is her two year old great grandson, Jackson.

**Mary Maher** writes that her husband Frederick (Ted) resides at “The Hearth” located in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and is ill. He loved MCI. If anyone would like information on him, please call the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 for Mary’s phone number.

**Hilda Reed McCarthy** says that she is fine and enjoying life at the Jersey Shore. She looks forward to receiving the *Alumnus* magazines. If anyone wants to contact her, contact the MCI Advancement Office.

**Marilyn Parkhurst Sirois** writes that she lives in Augusta, Maine. Her husband passed away in 2016. She says, “Since we graduated from MCI, I worked at several jobs locally. I got married two years after MCI, and had five children that kept me busy for a few years. They are all grown up now with children of their own. I keep busy by reading, doing puzzles, and watching TV (bad habit!). I’m in good health and go out with good friends to lunch and just visiting. It would be great to get together with our class for lunch or dinner.”

**Sterling Smith** writes that he earned a degree in Economics and Business Administration with minors in mathematics and psychology. He served two years in the Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, in an artillery officer training support unit. He later worked at Harvard University in several executive positions in their Central Services Department. He is married to Georgianna Spaite, a librarian from Ohio, and they have two sons and a daughter. Winters are spent in Naples, Florida, and they also have a home in Phippsburg, Maine. He previously restored a home in Wiscasset and lived there for many years. Sterling enjoys antique tools restoration, historic house restoration in Wiscasset, and has completed a collection and restoration of three antique Farmall farm tractors for museum shows, as well as the restoration of a classic Chris Craft mahogany 24-foot Sportsman boat and a Volvo sports car Model 1800 ES. Community service includes serving as trustee, financial advisor and property management for twenty years at the historic First Baptist Church of Westwood, Massachusetts, and also twenty years as director, treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for the Harvard University Employees Credit Union, a \$70 million institution serving Harvard University and several medical affiliate entities including the Massachusetts General Hospital.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of several classmates in the past few years: **John V. Sawyer II** passed away on March 9, 2017, **Robert E. Hogan** passed away on December 29, 2017, **Edwin M. Libby** passed away on September 9, 2011, and **Beverly Seekins Sweet** passed away on May 17, 2016. Our condolences to their families.

Class Agent:

**Bob Hutchinson**

## Class of 1952

**Patricia Buxton Whitten** writes, “Don and I are very grateful to have all but one of our children living close by. The missing one is Chris, the woman we adopted several years ago, basically because she had become a very good friend of Debbie and Richard and she had no relatives other than her daughter close by, so we adopted her. She and her husband, Dave, have moved to Florida because Dave was having a hard time dealing with the cold winters up here. She says he is now waking up with a big smile on his face. Debbie has retired from the school where she worked for about 30 years. David is still working as an engineer at a place in Hampton and lives in Barrington with his lovely wife, Scottie. Richard is working for the government after 20 years in the Air Force. He is enjoying this work and loving the fact that he is at home and part of the family again. He is active in our church



and in the community in which he is living. Doug is living in Rochester, married to the girl who he dated in high school. They got back together after a long time and are very happy together. Don and I are living in Berwick, still in our own home, thanks to Deb and her husband, Ken, and Richard. They make our lives so much better."

Heard from a representative for **Reginald "Max" Smart**: Mr. Smart left Maine many decades ago and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served his time, and then transferred to the Air Force where he served for an additional 4 years. He then enlisted in the Army where he served for a total of 20 years in the military. He married a woman from Japan and relocated to California where he worked for General Electric on aircraft engines. He then moved to Nevada where he lived for over 20 years. In 2014, Mr. Smart lost his wife to cancer. Also about at that time, he started to be affected by dementia. Over time, it progressed and he was finally admitted to a Veterans Home in Nevada. He stayed there for approximately 4 years, and now resides in a Memory Care Unit in Las Vegas. He is now 84 years old and remembers well his early years in the military and most things associated with his life back then. His disease is progressing and he will live out his life in a caring facility. I know he would wish all of you who might still be around, to have a good time at the reunion."

**Maynard Jacobs** and his wife Vickie are moving from Alabama back to Tennessee.

**Beverly Turner Breau** writes that with the installation of her granddaughter, **Erin Fitts '02**, as Worthy Matron of Bethlehem Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, there are now four generation members: Erin's mother **Kelly Fitts '79**, grandmother Beverly, and her great grandmother June Turner. Congratulations to Erin!

**David McGaffin** is still living in Pittsfield and doing about the same things as ever.

**Herman Roberts** is in Exeter, and still does a little farming.

**Bruce Pinette** writes that he lost his wife, and says, "Life is good, but not as much fun! But I am enjoying my children, my 3 grandsons and 4 great grands ... hoping some of them will attend MCI. I still teach fitness three days a week. Am in good health. Amen!"

**Dottie Russell** writes that **Rodney Russell** passed away on September 22, 2017, at the Blue Hill Memorial Hospital. Dottie has moved back to New Hampshire to be near her sons. Our condolences for your loss, Dottie.

**Philip Lenentine** writes, "Hello to the Alumni Office and Alvah, from the Lenentine household. Phil and Mary are enjoying the Newbury Court community in Concord, Massachusetts, staying close to two great-grandchildren (6 and 2) and their parents, Alison and John Condon. We visit **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** at her assisted living home in White River Junction, Vermont,

and will be celebrating our 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Unity Pond, Maine, in August. How thankful can you be for good health and active lifestyle?"

I'm still in Palmyra doing crossing guard duty and buying and selling antiques and collectibles.

Class Agent:  
**Al Wyman**

## Class of 1953

**Donald Irish** e-mailed to advise me of his current winter address in Florida. It was exciting to hear from him as it has been a long time. They previously spent 16 years in St. Petersburg. They are still snowbirds and spend the summer in Maine. Two of their three children followed them to Florida: his daughter settled in Jacksonville and a son is in Tampa. Their other son lives in Brunswick, Maine. He met his wife, Dorothy from Michigan, while she was a nurse in the USAF when he was stationed in Indiana, also in the USAF. He retired from the USAF, US Postal Service and then in 2000 from a pro shop and bowling lanes.

**Priscilla Foss Rende** wrote the she and Frank were blessed by a visit with their granddaughter, Briana and husband, Eric, and saw their great granddaughter, Vada Jane, for the first time. They had a 4 generation photo taken. Priscilla's grandson, Sean, works for Chick-fil A and travels around the country opening new restaurants. He will be opening one in his hometown in Kansas. They are looking forward to seeing her son and

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grandson as it has been quite a few years since they have seen either one.

**Kaye Doyle Mooers** felt lucky to miss the harsh winter in Maine. Florida was above average a lot of the winter. She and Stirling spent time in Englewood visiting nieces, Barbara and Christina and nephew, Matt. In April they went to Indian Rock Beach to spend some time with Stirling's daughter, husband and great granddaughter. In early April, they enjoyed a visit from niece, **Donna Shorey Young '64** from Arizona and they visited Pine Island. In February, classmates of 1953 met for lunch at Papa Joe's. Attending were **Faye Ellingwood Shaw** and **John Shaw '52**, **Matt Scott**, and partner Beverly Libby and friends, **Charlie and Audrey Allen**, **Kaye Doyle Mooers** and partner **Stirling Thurston**.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** and partner Dick missed attending the MCI Florida luncheon this winter. She wrote that they had an old-fashioned winter this year. They had a great Easter with her granddaughter and family. They are waiting for the snow to go so they can get out and walk and are looking forward to seeing everyone in August at the reunion.

**Dale Raye Seaburg** wrote that she and husband Bob had a good winter in Florida. They had all their children visit them over the winter along with their great great-grandchildren. They headed back to Connecticut in early April and got to see some snow fall.

They are looking forward to spring and summer with their family.

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Arthur '50** wrote that during the last few months, they have been busy being in the hospital, physical rehabilitation, and then with her daughter. They spent much time praying for her and visited with brother-in-law, Al. They both had colds that lasted much too long. This June, they plan on attending a grandson's graduation in Michigan and in the fall, they will be going to another grandson's wedding. They hope to meet the MI Seniors and attend the Sights and Sounds and also hope to go to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. They send prayers and blessings to all their MCI friends.

**Mathew Scott** emailed that he and his partner, Beverly Libby spent most of the winter in Zephyrhills, Florida. They had a great Christmas party with **Kaye Mooers**, **Stirling Thurston** and other friends. They went to Busch Gardens several times and then got ready for their trip west for the month of March. Florida was unusually warm for the month of January. They traveled across I-10 into north Texas and on to visit Beverley's son. They all went to Branson, Missouri, for several days and took in the Sampson show at Sights and Sounds. They then went back to Oklahoma and to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for a few days and took in more shows. They headed east and stopped in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the "Jesus" show at Sights and Sounds. Finally they got back in Maine on April Fools' Day.

Matt thought driving 6,000 miles was too long a drive and won't do it again. They were sorry to learn about several friends and colleagues who passed away, including **Cliff Vining**, husband of **Thelma Sennett Vining**. They feel fortunate to be among the living, so their advice is enjoy, as life is really too short. They send love and the best to remaining classmates. Scott will be doing a speaking engagement at Unity Pond (Lake Winnecook) on the fourth of July. It will be a history presentation on the water quality and fishery.

**Brian Craig** writes, "All's well here. We plan to head north around mid-May, with stops at daughters in Virginia and New Jersey, and should get to Maine first week in June. We lost a close friend suddenly here in January, and I have been asked to speak at his Celebration of Life in Exeter on June 9."

Class Agent:

**Kaye Doyle Mooers**

## Class of 1956

Spoke with **Dale Hersey** at my service station recently. He and his wife, Raejean, are doing well, enjoying retirement and still raise a big, bountiful garden each year. He sure has a green thumb! He produced another record amount of the best tasting maple syrup around! Both enjoy good health and yearly trips to the North Shore of Prince Edward Island. He said that it is beautiful country with great shores.



I called **Lois Langley Trafton** and was happy to hear that she is in good health, fully retired, and enjoying life. She teaches ceramic classes once a week and enjoys her cozy woodstove during the winter. She attends her nephew's games at the grammar school and also at Nokomis.

**Marvis Bryant Chambers** is still a patient at the Sanfield Rehab and Living Center in Hartland, Maine. Her spirits are good and she's her jovial and good-natured self. We're praying for you, Marvis.

I recently called **Robert "Bob" Denbow**, who now lives in Salome, Arizona. His son, Peter, took the call and said that Bob had been ill recently but was doing much better. He enjoys singing and playing the organ and guitar at jams held nearby. He also writes songs and enjoys gardening – a talented man, I'd say. Much of his family still lives on the Denbow Road in St. Albans.

It was a pleasure to talk to **Thomas W. Kelley III** recently. He had a great career as a Captain in the U.S. Navy. He had the honor to serve his country for 30 years and was in command of two ships and two bases. For several years, he worked with other captains and admirals at the Pentagon. Later in life, he started a successful juice drink company and had a four year contract with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. After several years in Florida and also in Blue Hill, he now resides on Davis Pond in Holden, Maine. A great career, a great man. We all salute you!

**Keith McFarland** still resides in West Chester, Pennsylvania. He is doing really well and enjoys retirement. He no longer does Meals on Wheels, which he did for 21 years. He is still Treasurer of Marshalton United Methodist Church Men's Mission, Financial Secretary of Marshalton United Church. He attends his grandson's baseball games in Westchester East High School. He enjoys his natural gas fireplace, and this summer, his number one priority is to tidy up the garage. Good man!

**Ken Cray** and his wife, Mary Jane, are doing well and still live on White's Pond in Palmyra. Ken retired in 2002 after working for 20 years for a vending company and also later worked with group homes. Their camp is now remodeled for a nice cozy year-round home. A great left-handed pitcher for MCI, also!

I recently called **Greg Libbey**, and his wife, Nancy, took the call and said that Greg was at Maine Medical Center in Portland. He was having some heart issues at the time. A pacemaker was implanted and he was feeling better. Let's hope and pray for a full and speedy recovery. Greg still lives in Hollis, Maine.

I spoke to **Barbara Vance Bell** last week and she and her husband are doing just fine. Her husband, Lou, is a pastor in Hartland and teaches at prayer meetings at the church. They have four adopted children, seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One of the great grandchildren is ten months old and

has had several heart surgeries – one at birth and another at 4 months. We're hoping and praying for a full recovery for that child. God bless you both, Barb and Lou.

A call to **David Reed**, who lives in Green Cove Springs, Florida, found him happy, healthy and retired. He retired from the Army in 1977 after serving for 21 years. Later, he worked as a Park Ranger for 15 years. He and his wife, Janice, have four sons, and the youngest is a police officer in Presque Isle, so they spend some time there. They're leaving Florida on May 4 to return to the Ellsworth area. He was raised in Bass Harbor.

Recently, I called **Elizabeth "Betty" Benner Wilson**, who now lives in Sarasota, Florida. She is doing just fine and is happily married. She has two daughters and five great-grandchildren. Two are in Colorado and three are at home. Her husband is from Indiana and is a retired Naval Officer. For a few years, they lived in Annapolis. Betty is also a fine artist, and she really enjoys painting.

A call to **Eva Allen Charity** found her happy, healthy, and full of laughter. She loves Key West and doesn't miss the ice and snow in Maine. The temperature was in the mid 80s when I called and dips to 75 in the evening. Her daughter is a medical doctor of internal medicine. She was educated at Dartmouth College and lives with her mother. Eva has a pit bull and walks him twice a day. She also enjoys raising exotic orchids.

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I called **Judy Merrithew Paine** last week, and we caught up on a lot of news from each other. Their clothing store in Boothbay Harbor was sold 12 years ago, and she is enjoying retirement very much. She goes out with friends for lunch quite often and stays in close touch with all her family. She's hoping to attend the MCI class reunion in August this year. She says "Hi" to all her classmates.

**Harry P. "Skip" Gordon** is still working for the Sargent Construction Co. In good weather, he bikes down from Ripley where he lives to visit friends and classmates here in town. He's in great shape and a lot of fun. He was Norbert Young, Sr.'s top runner on the MCI track team.

I talked to **Lonnie Allen** recently and he and his wife are doing just fine. He's been retired for 15 years after owning a small sales form printing business for 43 years. He and his wife spent a few years in Fort Myers. He has three sons in the service and also a daughter who owns a software company in New Hampshire. He now resides in Cumberland Center and owns a camp in Eustis where he does a lot of boating in the summer.

**Diane Tatlock Pierce** is now living in Las Vegas. She and her husband are both retired and have lived in Vegas for 20 years. Her husband owned an automotive glass business and also plate glass for high-rise buildings for 25 years. His company was based in Kansas City, but did business all

over the United States. Diane has done some substitute teaching to keep busy. After graduating from MCI, she attended the University of Maine and did very well. They have a winter home in Maui and have two children and four grandchildren. One daughter lives in Ohio and a granddaughter attends Baylor College. Well done, Diane!

**Sallie Sinclair Huot** is still living in Saco, Maine, and is doing very well. Recently, she went to Quincy Market and took the train from Saco. Her sister, Nancy, who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting this summer along with her son and daughter. She stays busy and says she's "quilting like crazy." She stays in touch with **Grace Mercier Brown**, who still does volunteer work and is involved with her church. Grace also worked at LL Bean in Freeport this past winter.

Your class agent, **Forest G. Frost**, is still busy working at Frost's Mobil Service, which I own. I thank the Lord each day and keep going. Serving and working for all my customers has been very rewarding. My two brothers, **Dino Frost '55** and **Roland Frost '58** have been a very big part of this. They were pros! God bless all my classmates! Go Yankees!

Class Agent:  
**Forest Frost**

## Class of 1959

In February, **Sophia Kellis**, **Nancy Ross Cameron** and Nancy's husband, Don, visited **Donna Richardson**

**Glenn** and her husband, Jerald, in Arizona. Sophia resides in Mount Vernon, Washington. Nancy and Don reside in Damariscotta, Maine. Donna and Jerald have resided in Arizona for over forty years. Sophia says that she is looking forward to our 60th Reunion in August of 2019 and writes, "Where did the years go?"

**Diane Nash Crane** has retired from teaching high school English, Latin, and Spanish. She continues to substitute teach. Her husband, Tom, is a CPA. They have a son and a daughter, both of whom are certified public accountants, and they have five grandchildren. Tom and Diane have enjoyed sailing for many years on Nantucket Sound and in other New England waters. Diane had five siblings: her brother, Larry, died a few years ago. She visits her remaining siblings whenever possible. She says that she is grateful for the education that she received at MCI. She credits our freshman English teacher, Ms. Cunningham, for inspiring and encouraging her to become an English teacher and says that she will be forever grateful to her.

**Dick Gordon** says that he is busy for someone who is retired. He writes that he and his wife, Annette, are "living in the suburbs of Monroe," Maine. He went to Israel on a pilgrimage at the end of April. We were saddened to hear of the death of Dick's son in February, and we send him our condolences.



**Adrienne Cyr Ashbaugh** is recovering from a broken neck sustained in a fall in her home. She was in the hospital for a week and had surgery to fuse three vertebrae in her neck. She says that she is almost back to normal and is very thankful for good doctors and much support from family and friends. She has two grandchildren who are in college. The colleges are located about two hours away from where Adrienne lives, which gives her the opportunity to spend time with both grandchildren. She has a third grandchild who is in high school. Adrienne writes that three stray cats have made their way into her house. They are good company for her and she says, "Yes, I do talk to them."

**Larry Dysart** fell last fall and hurt his neck badly, and it continues to bother him. He has retired from teaching mathematics at Merrimack College, but he continues to tutor there. He is not tutoring this semester as he is receiving chemotherapy for prostate cancer that he originally had in 2005. Larry has three children and two grandchildren. His grandchildren live nearby so he sees them often. He has retired from North Reading Youth Basketball where he coached for 32 years. He still runs the website for the girls' basketball league in his area. The league consists of 165 teams.

**Seymour Burch** is retired after working for 39 years for the federal government. He and his wife, **Jean Fuller Burch '62**, reside in Stetson, Maine. They have a son who resides in Bangor, and a daughter who resides

in Portland. Seymour and Jean try to remain active, but a few medical problems and the Maine winters occasionally make it a bit difficult. He and Jean send their best wishes to all of their classmates.

**Lucille Smith Webber** lives in Auburn and is enjoying her retirement from nursing. She enjoys traveling and volunteering. She also likes spending time during the summer at her camp in Hartland.

**Don McDougal** lives in the home that was formerly owned by his great grandfather in Hartland; the home is where Don grew up. Don retired this year after working for 50 years as an employee in the local school district where he taught chemistry and was the science department chair. After retiring around the age of sixty, he went back to work part time as chemical hygiene/district safety officer. He says that he fully retired at age seventy-five, although approximately once a month he teaches a short course for the Maine Masonic College, and he remains active with Revolutionary War reenactments. He and Ann portray either Colonial Militia or Scottish Highland Regiment. Don has three children, ten grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

**Janice Cianchette Harkins** lives in Palmyra and is glad to be back home near her brothers and sisters. She has three children and four grandchildren. Janice retired after 45 years of nursing, and she says that she loves every day of retirement.

**Barbara Deane Charlamb** writes that in 2010 she and her husband moved to Middlebury, Vermont, to be near family. Her husband died in 2014 after years with Alzheimer's. Barbara lives near her daughter, Lisa, who is an associate dean at Middlebury College. Barbara sees her three grandchildren "when they are home from their adventures." Barbara's grandson, Ethan, graduated from Middlebury College and is now in the Peace Corps teaching high school English in Costa Rica. Her granddaughter, Anna, will graduate from Bates College this May. Her grandson, Julian, is a sophomore in Vermont Common School in Burlington. Barbara's younger daughter, Jennifer, is living and working in Connecticut where Jennifer and Lisa grew up. Barbara keeps busy with volunteer work, gardening, and playing bridge.

I would enjoy hearing from any of our classmates. My email address is [redellen@beeline-online.net](mailto:redellen@beeline-online.net).

Class Agent:

**James "Red" MacMichael**

## Class of 1963

We were saddened to hear that **Fred Jagels** (PG) passed away on September 17, 2017, in Ellsworth, Maine.

In June, **Bob and Marcia Sprague Hodson** will be spending a week in Hawaii on the island of Oahu. They plan on going to Pearl Harbor to visit the ships, the pineapple plantation, the beach, take in the sights of the island

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and of course take part in one of the luaus. They have not decided if they will hop to another island yet. The trip will double as a celebration for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which is in August.

Remember to save the first weekend in August (August 3-4) to attend our 55th Class Reunion at MCI. Hope to see many of you that weekend.

Class Agents:

**Marcia Sprague Hodson**

**Wayne Pinkham**

**Janet Viger Bryant**

## Class of 1964

**Steve Barnes** plans to be at Reunion. He reports there is not a lot of change. He spent three days with **Brian McMann** in Venice and they had the opportunity to spend some time with Leon Southard “shooting rats and spearing suckers.” He just returned from Maine with some skiing at Sunday River and has been busy every day “doing nothing.”

**Donna Brooks Rolfe** reports she is doing okay but contemplating a different location ahead for her, along with her little dog.

**Dorothy Creasy Ackerman** is anticipating her second great grandson this summer, as well as a few traveling adventures.

**Crystal Hunt Cyr** and her husband Arthur are looking forward to

antiquing season as well as their 54th wedding anniversary.

**Glenda McMann Weymouth** mentioned she and George are doing well and are planning their travel bucket list of many sites around the world this summer and fall.

**Georgie Brown Farris** and husband Ron are planning a vacation in sunny Florida with their eight grandchildren.

**Joe Barnes** and wife **Karoldene ’65** are pleased with their 22 gallons of maple syrup this season. (That’s a lot of work!) Joe plans on training a new Brittany Spaniel hunting dog, flying his small float plane, and fishing for salmon in Quebec.

**James “Scrib” Scribner** is busy with his 8th (going on 9th) year doing wildlife rescues at the domestic pet shelter. He said work is busy, with lots of new critters!

**“Tom” Frank Haseltine** and wife Anne are planning their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an African safari.

**Carolyn Dutill Belanger** and husband Buzz are planning some summer road trips (if Buzz isn’t on the golf course!).

**Linda Vanadestine Bell** and husband Ray are retired in Florida where their son has a motorcycle business.

**Jane Woodcock Woodruff** and husband Don are enjoying their grandchildren. Jane is as busy as ever

with many projects and volunteer work, including Pittsfield’s 2019 bi-centennial. Anyone with Pittsfield information, please contact Jane.

**Lowell Martin** is pleased spring is here after a long winter on the farm. He has 30+ deer grazing in his cattle pasture land.

**Patricia Elkins Pratt** is busy working with her husband of 53 years, Billy, on their home in Florida. She enjoys antiquing and road trips around the Sunshine State. She said it was 80 degrees there, while it was 32 here in Maine.

**Joan VanDerveer Gould** is living in New Hampshire, where spring flowers were up. She often visits her son, daughter and grandsons and traveling throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts. She is retired from a nursing career.

**Marlene Hunt Ward** and husband are busy remodeling their Florida home. Marlene enjoys being on the go!

**Bonnie McGaffin Baker** is still as busy as always, involved with her hospice work, ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. We talked about having Moxie at the 55th class reunion!

**Rae Philbrick** offered to help with the Class of 1964’s 55th Class Reunion: 2019 will be here before we realize it, and the more help, the merrier!



**Linda Snowdeal Brown** is another person who is happy that spring is finally here. She and her husband, Pat, are “still hanging in there.”

**Mike Vigue** is busy; still working.

**Leon Southard** was on the golf course in Florida when I called! He hopes to be back in Maine in May for a benefit and later in the summer for Reunion weekend.

**Richard Withee** is still living in Chicago, “The Windy City.”

**Barbara Vigue Day** is planning on spring planting and hoping the garden children will be coming back for the 17th year – a fun hobby! She hopes you have a pleasant spring and summer and says, “If I missed anyone, please call me or email [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) or call the Alumni Office at 207-487-5915 and talk with Sharon.”

Class Agent:

**Barbara Vigue Day**

## Class of 1966

**Vicki Boetsch Harriman** says, “Not a lot of correspondence from my 1966 Classmates. It’s been a quiet winter, perhaps everyone is coming out of hibernation still. The snow bunnies should all be returning to Maine soon too. Thoughts go out to **Dalen Mills** and his wife, Liz. She is dealing with a recurrence of cancer, so she has been doing chemotherapy this winter. Hope the weather warms up, and that everyone starts feeling better. Take care.”

I just found out that the famous (or infamous) **Rex Fowler** of Aztec Two Step became engaged recently. Congratulations, Rex, from the Class of 1966. Hoping to meet her at Reunion 2018.

I’m madly packing for a two-week trip to the Southwest for my 70th birthday present to myself. Anybody heard of a vision quest? And is anybody else doing something special for their 70th birthday? Come on everyone, I need some news!

Class Agent

**Vicki Harriman**

## Class of 1968

**Jennifer Archer** wrote, “It is with deep regret and sadness that I report my beloved husband of forty years, Raymond B. Archer’s death on July 20, 2014.”

The countdown is on for the 50th MCI Reunion for the Class of 1968. Plans for several gatherings will be finalized in May and the last letter before Reunion will be on its way with all the details. (If you are not receiving the letters, please let me know or notify MCI as soon as possible.) There has been lots of chatter about our 50th and many classmates are planning to attend. Along with the MCI Activities on campus, various parties and gatherings will be held throughout the weekend. There will be lots of opportunities to see old friends and classmates and catch up. Come to any, come to all, but PLEASE COME! It will be a great time!



Class of 1968 gathering in Florida

A small group gathered once again in March at the home of **Jesse and Dawn (Peterson) Cox**. Others from the class of 1968 were **Ellery Hathorn** and wife, Rose Ann, **Linda Goodridge Doody** and husband, **Mike Doody '67** and myself. Also there for the day was **Bonnie Jean Hanson Gulliver '69**, **Gary Fitts '69** and wife Amy, and **Robert “Bob” Stearns '67** and his wife Terry. Later in the day **Ben Doody '64** and wife Linda joined us. Although the group was small, we had a lovely day catching up and enjoying each other’s company. Dawn and Jesse are wonderful hosts.

Bonnie Jean and I visited **Pam Inman Frederick** on our way to Dawn’s. We had lunch and spent the afternoon together. We were next door neighbors for many years so it was very nice to see her. Sadly, Pam’s husband, Terry, passed away a few days prior to our visit. Later in the week, BJ and I met **Cheryl Foster Duplessis** for breakfast. She is doing well and is still working and hoping to eventually sell her home in Greenville to retire in Florida full

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time. She hopes to see everyone this summer at Reunion.

**Martha “Marty” Young Worley** reports that she is in Kansas where her husband, Charlie, is an interim pastor. Once he finishes there, they want to relocate to the northeast. She will be at Reunion in August.

**Norman Mitchell** writes that he keeps busy and is doing well at present. He is working part-time and hopes to join us for some of the festivities.

**Richard Lovely** keeps in touch from Casco on Facebook. He will be in the area in August and will be sure to catch up with us over the weekend.

**Marsha Hinckley Donahue** shared some great news today. She will be in the annual Maine Magazine’s “Fifty People Shaping Maine.” Quite an honor! Congratulations, Marsha! Can’t wait to see you this summer!

I am in a new position as a Nurse Clinical Care Manager. I love the work I am doing but even more, I like working fewer hours. I am slowly making my way to retirement one of these days!

Check out our Facebook page: MCI Class of 1968. Can’t wait to see you all in August!

Class Agent:

**Sharon Hanson Ringuette**

## Class of 1969

Believe it or not, it has almost been 50 years since we graduated from MCI or Warsaw. We are starting to make plans for our 50th Reunion next year. I have reached out to classmates on Facebook and have received the following updates. (Note that we have formed a group on Facebook, MCI/ Warsaw Class of 1969. Let me know if you would like to join the group.)

**Gary Fitts** writes, “Good morning, Jim! Amy and I retired in 2005 and have been “wintering” in Port Charlotte, Florida, and “summering” on Sibley Pond for 14 years now. We travel quite a bit, much of it to visit our three kids and seven grands. They are scattered all over. Oldest daughter is in northern Virginia, middle daughter is in southern California, and youngest son is in Dedham, Massachusetts. Our oldest granddaughter is 16 and starting her college search. She’s taking a hard look at Colby! Amy and I will celebrate our 46th anniversary in June up on the Pond. Life is good, and I look forward to a fun 50th in 2019.”

**Lynne Gould Cianchette** writes, “I have recently retired and moved back from Florida to Maine. It is great to spend more time with family and especially all of the grandchildren’s events. This is my first winter back in 18 years and it was a doozy. Looking forward to seeing everyone for the 50th. You know I will help for reunion!”

**Jim Rowe** reports that he lives about two streets over from where he grew up in Cape Elizabeth. Jim sold his building material supply business in 2008, worked for a year for the company he sold to, and then substitute taught in local schools for several years. He has stayed busy in local affairs – school board, town council, etc., and he’s currently president of his town’s historical preservation society, “which is what old folks do.” Jim and wife, Judy, have been married for 39 years. They have two terrific sons and are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their first grandchild in June. Jim is “looking forward to seeing old friends at our 50th reunion next year!”

**Dianne Debay** checked in recently, saying there was “not much to report but would be interested in helping with 50th.” Thanks, Dianne!

**Bonnie Jean Hanson Gulliver** reports that she has been living in Palm Bay Florida for 28 years. She retired in January 2016 to help take care of her husband, Roger, who lived 15 months before passing away from pancreatic cancer. They were together for 45 years. “I have a wonderful daughter and son-in-law and five beautiful grandkids. Really looking forward to our 50th next year.”

**Janine Susi McBean** and family are “getting back on our feet after being hit with Hurricane Maria in September. We lived by generator power until Thanksgiving.”



**Sheila Hannigan** asked “Am I the only one still working? I’ll teach this summer – boo! -- and one more year probably, but I’d love to stop today. I won’t be at reunion till next year. I will be in Maine late June or early July, but have summer school starting July 9!”

**Susan Witham Goddard** reports that she and her husband, Terry, sold their home in Maine after 42 years and are now settled in New Hampshire to be closer to their two children and four grandchildren. “We now spend the winter in Florida and the other three seasons in New England. I loved seeing everyone at our 45th and would be happy to help plan the 50th”

As for me, since we retired at the end of 2009 from BerryDunn, my wife, Cindy, and I have spent our winters in Miramar Beach, Florida, and summers at Green Lake in Ellsworth. I still spend many days on the golf links in both locations, but my handicap keeps rising. Our daughter, Kristin, lives in Arlington with her husband. I hope many of you make it back to this year’s Reunion so we can make plans for our 50th next year. There are also some of us who will be meeting earlier this summer to start the plans. If you are interested in joining us, please email me at [jmshank7@gmail.com](mailto:jmshank7@gmail.com)

Class Agent:

**Jim Maynard**

## Class of 1970

**Bill Cunningham** reported that he “found out what cross country skier

heaven would be like by going in March with 15 other members of Penobscot Valley Ski Club on a nine-day ski trip to central Norway. Each day, we skied 8 to 17 miles on groomed tracked trails through remote valleys and over mountain passes to reach deluxe mountain hotels overlooking large frozen lakes surrounded by high peaks. We stayed at five of these mountain hotels and enjoyed their huge daily breakfast and dinner buffets and their heated pools and saunas before spending the last two days in scenic Lillhammer seeing the still impressive 1994 Winter Olympic ski jumps, outdoor stadium, and racing ski trails.”

**Martha Lloyd** and her husband Jim Evans continue to enjoy traveling. She writes, “In January, we took a 24-day cross country ski trip starting in Vernon, British Columbia, then Canmore, Alberta (on the 1988 Calgary Olympics venue), then Edmonton, Alberta. We then traveled down to Whitefish, Montana, and then onto Chief Joseph’s Pass, which is on the Montana/Idaho border, where we skied on the continental divide at 7,200 feet elevation. Next was Priest Lake, Idaho, then Spokane, Mazama, Washington, Lake Chelan, and finally at Cabin Creed near Snoqualmie Pass in Washington. We also took our third 6-week Snowbird trip to the southwest, spent a week going to Seattle Mariners’ Spring Training games, and then toured through Arizona, southern New Mexico and California. We have a small travel trailer and a midsize truck, and just picked a different route each time,

and spent a couple of days ‘getting our kicks on Route 66’! Lots of fun.”

**David England** writes, “We are really enjoying Susan’s retirement. We spent the month of March in warm, sunny southwest Florida. I highly recommend a mid-winter getaway. While vacationing, we had the opportunity to catch up with **Gary Fitts ’69** and his wife Amy, classmate **Jackie Mercier Robinson ’70** and her husband Frank. Susan’s classmate **Tania Rogers Carnrick ’73** and her husband, Doug, spent a couple of days with us which we enjoyed. Our month went by quickly. Maybe next year, we’ll extend it. We are looking forward to the summer ahead.”

Class Agents:

**William Cunningham**

**David England**

**Martha Lloyd**

## Class of 1971

**Mary Lloyd Smith** writes, “My news is that as of April 22, I will be retired. I started working at Maine Medical Center in May 1974 as a CNA and stayed there after I graduated from USM with a bachelor degree in nursing the following May. All but six months of my almost 44 years there were in Maternal Child Health. For the last 15 years, I worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Continuing Care Nursery. I am looking forward to spending more time at our family camp on Flying Pond and enjoying my three grandchildren. Bill is self-employed and plans to continue this on a part time basis.”

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**Dale Lambert** is retired and living in Machias, Maine.

Class Agents:

**Laurie Fitts Loosigian**

**Jeffrey Knights**

## Class of 1973

**Scott Carter** writes, "I retired earlier this year after 39 years in the Servpro franchise system. I look forward to spending more time outdoors with golf, fly fishing, projects on the family's land and buildings in Etna, along with relaxing at China Lake and a bit of travel. I am looking forward to our 45th class reunion on Alumni Weekend and reconnecting with everyone."

**Pamela Kelley Rogoski** writes, "After spending a month helping out at Laurie Fitts Loosigian's 'Apple Annie' apple orchard last fall, I headed back west. My niece and I took a wonderful trip to Hangzhou, China, in November, and I have been since busy working around the house in the Arizona sunshine. Musician son #2 was able to come from Chicago for Christmas; USAF pilot son #1 had to work, as he had just made Captain. Lots of fun during spring break, renting a house with friends on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, and am now planning for the annual trip east for the summer. Hope to see lots of classmates at reunion for our 45th!!"

**Thomas Jackson** writes, "I'm really enjoying the fifth year of my retirement from NYC Transit. I'm still doing lots of traveling. My next cruise will be #47 for me. By reunion time, I'll have completed a train tour of Italy. I'm proud to say my son and daughter are doing great things. Thomas Jr. is New Jersey's #1 technician for the parent company of Direct TV. My daughter, Brittney, a past track star with Nike, is currently the Career Services Director for Freshman/Sophmores at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, soon to complete her doctorate in Education at the University of Memphis. At 26, she was recently voted one of Memphis, Tennessee's Outstanding Young Professionals Under 30. I'm happy, enjoying life and looking forward to the Class of '73 reunion.

From Sue: "Hi all. I'm hoping you made it through the winter and are seeing the beginnings of the warmer days ahead. David and I enjoyed being in Florida for the month of March. Tania Rogers Carnrick and husband Doug spent a couple of days with us while they were vacationing also.

"I was sorry to learn that our classmate and longtime friend, **Jere Dana**, passed away last fall. I'm sure many of us have lasting memories of Jere. His sister, Janet, has recently been in touch with me in hopes that together we might coordinate her plans for a celebration of Jere's life

with our reunion plans. Janet and I will stay in contact in order to make this work.

"Tania, **Scott Carter**, **Lynn**

**Cianchette** and I met to start the planning for our 45th reunion. Please connect to our class Facebook page, MCI Class of '73 (Maine Central Institute), or contact me directly at surf7073@verizon.net for all upcoming information. Mark your calendars for August 3-4. See you then!"

Class Agent:

**Susan Smith England**

## Class of 1975

Congratulations to **Mike Bolster**, who received the Spirit of America Award 2018 presented by the Select Board of Burnham.

Class Agent:

**Ralph "Buddy" Ingraham, Jr.**

## Class of 1982

Congratulations to **Robert Williams**, who has been named by Colby College as its director of security. As Maine State Police Chief, Robert led the force for the past seven years to close out a law enforcement career spanning 33 years. He began as a trooper with the state police before being named Colonel by Governor Paul LePage in 2011. He officially took over as security director for the college on March 12.

Class Agent:

**Cheryl Pareson Austin**



## Class of 1987

**Jason Fenderson** writes, “My wife Elizabeth and I moved to Florida in early February because of a work promotion and because David lives here. We are expecting our first child on June 24th. We did this because I really wanted to take Karen’s title of oldest new parent from ’87! Life is good. It is nice to be in the east after spending most of my adult life out west. It is paying off as we have already had visits from and with our family and some MCI grads (**Torrey, Scott Olney, David, Dave Dow, Dan McCaw**, etc.).”

**Jodi Pease Cook** writes, “Not much has changed in my world. We just recently had our fifth and last grandchild two weeks ago. Hollis was 9 lbs. and 12 oz. of pure perfection! Guess now we will have to wait for great grandchildren, but I’m sure it will be many years before that happens! I stay at home and watch my grandchildren when needed and I enjoy every single minute of it. Richard and I are truly blessed with our family!”

**Mindy Huff Nyman** writes, “Life is great – I have a job that I love as Operations Manager at Seabcook Valley Federal Credit Union in Pittsfield where I have worked for the last 18 years. I live in Corinna with my husband, Doug, and our daughters, Emily and Ashly. Emily will be graduating from Nokomis in June as Salutatorian and will be attending Colby College in the fall. Ashly is just finishing her freshman year at Nokomis.”

**Barbara Pomeroy** writes, “I was installed as President of NALS of Central Maine (local chapter) on May 17. My 2018 New Year’s Resolution of posting something other than obituaries on the MCI Alumni Facebook page - accomplished this month!”

Class Agent:  
**David O’Brien**

## Class of 1989

**Brenda Hartley Orffer** recently achieved the Certified Association Executive (CAE) certification, the highest designation for association professionals worldwide. The CAE credential is conferred on professionals who complete 100 hours of professional training approved by the American Society of Association Executives and who successfully complete a rigorous examination. This certification speaks to Brenda’s ability to lead, manage, and administer an association serving any profession or trade. Congratulations, Brenda!

University of New Hampshire clinical assistant professor **John Wilcox, OTD, OTR/L**, writes that in May, he presented current research projects at the World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress in South Africa. Topics included aging in place readiness/technologies as well as community-based service learning initiatives with occupational therapy students focused on population health.

Class Agent:  
**Nancy MacGown Monteyro**

# Homecoming: Sept. 3-8

Join us for the games and excitement of MCI’s Homecoming 2018! Starting Monday, September 3, MCI will show our Husky Pride throughout the week at various sporting events and school activities like a pep rally, parade, class competitions, and bonfire. Homecoming will conclude with the *Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony* on Saturday.

The Homecoming schedule is at  
**[MCI-School.org/Homecoming](http://MCI-School.org/Homecoming)**

## Class of 2012

**Brentton Frederick** writes, “After high school, I attended Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology. After graduating with honors, I immediately got a job doing quality control at Advanced Atomization Technologies. One year later, I decided to move closer to home and took a job in Rochester, New Hampshire, for Safari Aerospace Composites. There, I was put in charge of a small team responsible for qualifying computed tomography inspection method per the National Aerospace Standard 410 (NAS410). Two years after working in New Hampshire, I was recruited to work for Space Exploration Technologies, now known as SpaceX, where I currently work as Falcon and Dragon systems failure analyst.”

Class Agent:  
**Michaela George**

## In Memory:

# Alice Wright Fitts '47

**Alice Wright Fitts** passed away on December 7, 2017, after a valiant struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born in 1929 on the family farm in Pittsfield, the third of four children of Harry Wright and Olive Wood Wright. At MCI, Alice enjoyed basketball, orchestra, and cheerleading. It was also where she met the love of her life, **Lewis Fitts**, who was a football captain. She went on to study business at Husson College, where she was a proud member of the basketball team. She then settled down with Lewis in a house they built together near the Wright family farm and raised their three children while running Seabasticook Valley Dairy and the Fitts Family Ice Cream Shop.

Alice's love for MCI never diminished: she was often seen at school events and looked forward to seeing old friends at the MCI Reunion. In her retirement, she enjoyed travelling for Eastern Star and Shrine events including trips to Hawaii and Las Vegas. She also enjoyed trips with her daughter's family to Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom,

Ireland, and Nova Scotia. She even had the chance to go for a cross-country road trip to Alaska.

She adored her grandchildren and her home was always a gathering place for the family during holidays and school vacations. She spent summers at the family camp near her parents and siblings on Great Moose Lake, where she loved spending time with family, playing with kids and grandkids, and beating everyone at Chinese checkers. Her passion was her extended family and friends, along with her bowling league, the First Baptist Church, and her vigorous love of the outdoors.

Alice remained in her home in Palmyra with Kirk, Sandra, Ross, Kelly, Bev and Dave and special nephew, David Wright, looking after her until Alzheimer's took a firm hold. She moved in with daughter Laurie, and later, to The Inn at Deerfield that specializes in memory care and independent living, where she was lovingly cared for in her final days.

## In Memory:

# Arey Bryant '48

**Arey Bryant '48** passed away on March 25, 2018. The son of Arey, Sr. and Margaret (Nodwell), Arey was a medical corpsman in the Navy, where he treated servicemen during the Korean War and in Japan, where he treated wounded soldiers. When he returned to Maine, he worked for the Pittsfield postal service, beginning as a clerk and rural letter carrier in 1956; he became the postmaster in 1973 before transferring those duties to Rockland in 1985. Throughout his long career and retirement in 1996, Arey was active in postal service organizations: he was president of the Rural Maine Letter Carriers, the Maine Postmasters Association, and the National Association of Postmasters (where he also served as vice president).

A devoted father to **Richard '70, Kathleen Alley '72, and Kevin '75**, Arey was an engaged citizen in the Pittsfield community. He was active in the Boy Scouts, Little League, Jaycees and the Kiwanis Club. He served on the SAD 53 School Board for fifteen years and, in 2006, Arey was elected to Honorary Life Membership by the Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge #2713.



Arey is survived by his life companion, **Suzanne Mercier '63** and her children, **Michael Mercier '86, Mark Mercier '88 and Megan Mercier Wallace '92**. Arey also leaves behind seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



## In Memory:

# Robert “Bob” Desjardins, Jr. '90

On March 10, 2018, **Robert Desjardins, Jr. '90** passed away in New Haven, West Virginia. He was 46 years old. Bob left behind his loving parents, **Robert and Rita Desjardins** of Virginia; sister **Deborah Desjardins '83**, her husband, Mike Gunzenhauser, and their children, Josh and Adam, of Pittsburgh; sister **Lisa Desjardins Williams '84**, and her husband, Bill, of Virginia; and countless devoted friends. There were celebrations of life for Bob in Virginia, West Virginia and Maine for those who were touched by Bob's talents, sense of humor, and goodwill.



After graduating from MCI, Bob attended Full Sail University in Florida where he studied recording engineering. He returned to college and received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maine. Since graduation, Bob worked for various engineering companies throughout the northeast. In 2016, He settled in West Virginia, purchasing a home there in 2017.

With a bright open smile, quick wit, and a gregarious personality, Bob shined throughout school and life. He was a doting uncle, a devoted son and brother, a talented musician, and a dear friend.

## *In Memoriam*

The Advancement Office wishes to honor the members of the MCI family who recently passed away:

**Stanley Fletcher '39**

**Frank Collamore '43**

**Doris Goodrich Button '46**

**Alice Wright Fitts '47**

**Eugene Henderson '47**

**Arey Bryant '48**

**Kathleen Mitchell Mendelsohn '49**

**Albert Card '49**

**Linwood Dunphy '50**

**Robert Hogan '51**

**Bert Willey '53**

**Bruce Turgeon '54**

**Clifford Vining '55**

**Stephen Files '57**

**James Vanderveer '59**

**Terrance Frederick '61**

**Christopher Limberis '68**

**Bradley King '83**

**Timothy Newman '86**

**Robert Desjardins, Jr. '90**

**Wyatt Stafford '04**

**Jenna Ring French '06**

**Patricia Leland Mereen**

**Jean Carter**

**Frank Tredinnick**

**Rose Wright**

**James Bartlett**

**Robert Trombley**

Our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who have passed away. The Advancement Office tries its very best to accurately record the names of the alumni/ae and friends who have left us.

Please contact our office about the passing of MCI alumni/ae and friends by calling (207) 487-5915 or by email: [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org)



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MCI's Heritage Society recognizes and thanks those who have included the School in their will or estate plans. Members of the Heritage Society are listed in annual donor reports and Heritage Society promotions. We are grateful to the 31 members who invite you to join them in remembering MCI.

To join the Heritage Society, simply confirm in writing that you have included MCI in your will or estate plans. If you have already included MCI in your gift planning and wish to be included as a member of the Heritage Society, please contact the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org). Specific details of your planned gift are strictly confidential.

*Thank you for remembering MCI!*

### **Members:**

William Ball '63  
Francis Bowen '55  
Anne McCready Bowen '55  
Scott Carter '73  
Helen Esty Cianchette '48  
Christopher Crowley '70  
Ralph Damren '64  
Robert Desjardins  
David England '70  
Susan Smith England '73  
Michael Fendler '70  
Peter Fendler '80

Gary Fitts '69  
Michael Hodgins '86  
Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91  
Ralph Ingraham Jr. '75  
John LeMieux '78  
Jeremy Lord '62  
James Maynard '69  
Jean Purim Maynard '45  
Dalen Mills '66  
John Mosher '83  
Gregg Newhouse '81  
Peg Maynard Olson '84

Anna Maria Parker '66  
Gregory '69 and Elaine Patterson  
Roger Percival '45  
Charles Pratt '59  
Mary Dysart Quint '50  
Michael Savage '62  
Linda Shorey '69  
Peter Vigue '65  
Carole Daily Vigue '64  
Norbert W. Young Jr. '66  
and Christine Young



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