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Frosty April day. Burkie enjoyed quality training on Burke Mountain well into mid April thanks to seasonably cool temperatures and thick snowpack. Photo credit Herb Swanson.



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50 Candles for BMA!

Join us as we celebrate
half a century of Burkies
June 12-14, 2020

Exciting plans for BMA's biggest celebration are underway. Reconnect with your favorite people from BMA, relive the magic, and check out all of the incredible improvements around campus.

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2019burkeevents

june

2 Graduation

august

2-16 Ski Camps

24 Opening Day

25 Physical Testing

september

21-22 Parents' Weekend

october

19-29 Europe Camp

november

3-27 Fall Ski Camps

30-Dec. 1 Killington World
Cup & BMA
Reception

december

19-21 Development
Camp



Congratulations Class of 2019!

Sanne Casse, Anchorage, AK
Julia Hanus, Duxbury, MA
Maggie Sullivan, St. Albans, VT
Laia Robert Compte, Escaldes, Andorra
Bella Amico, Eastchester, NY
Charlotte Maurer, Portsmouth, NH
Lili Flachbart, Hamilton, MA

Cam Smith, Mill Valley, CA
Axel Bailey, Calgary, AB
Charlie Lang, Norwich, VT
Cole Palchak, Bakersfield, VT
Jack Shea, Fairfield, CT
Patrick Coughlin, Kirby, VT



BMA would like to celebrate
our alumni & students who are
matriculating to the following
schools in the fall of 2019:

Babson College, Boston College,
Colby College, Dartmouth College,
Fordham University, Middlebury
College, St. Lawrence University,
Plymouth State University, University
of New Hampshire, University of
Vermont, Williams College



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Willy accepting U.S. Ski and Snowboard's Alpine Club of the Year from Chairman Dexter Paine

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The 2018-2019 school year was another memorable year at Burke replete with individual stories of personal growth, athletic accomplishments, and community spirit. We have had a special group of students and staff at school recently and the result has been a community that is deeply embracing the Burke values and willing to delve deeply into the quest for character development that is the hallmark of the Burke experience. Congratulations to all of our Burkiees on an epic year!

Willy Booker '96

Dear BMA Community,

I'm pleased to announce that BMA has been honored as the 2019 U.S. Ski and Snowboard Alpine Club of the Year. This is the second time BMA has been awarded this outstanding distinction and the first since 2007. In recognizing our program, U.S. Ski and Snowboard President and CEO, Tiger Shaw cited that BMA has elevated our program through focusing on the development of all facets of the athletic program utilizing our High-Performance model. Additionally, Tiger specifically mentioned our training venue enhancements and commitment to running high quality events which have collectively resulted in stronger performances by our athletes.

There are a number of individuals who have worked tirelessly over the past several years to elevate the athletic program at BMA and this award is a validation of their work. I would like to specifically recognize our Board of Trustees who were instrumental in making the training venue enhancements, including the "D-Bar" possible. I would also like to thank our staff for their foresight in adopting the High-Performance model and working to build each identified area of competence to a best in class level. Finally, I wish to congratulate our students. They have raised the bar and are pushing our program forward each day. Their efforts and dedication are inspiring.

We have much to be proud of, yet, we are always looking forward and recognize that opportunities to be a better school, a better community, and a better ski academy abound. Here is to the ever-changing and progressing BMA!

Best regards,

Willy Booker '96, Head of School



Willy with forerunners Nick Czarnik '20, Jack Shea '19 and Kai Horwitz '17 at Men's NorAm Finals at Burke Mountain

Taking the High Line

New program & staff to strengthen athletic development at BMA



Max Daigneault '20 races down Dippers at Eastern Cup Finals.
Photo credit Matt Luczkow

New E-Team Program Elevates PG Opportunities at BMA

This spring, BMA announced a new initiative called the BMA E-Team. The program, which replaces the traditional PG initiative, is designed to support the nation's top post-secondary school or college-aged racers who need additional time to develop their profile and the skills to qualify for National Team recognition or elite NCAA competition.

Starting with the 2019-2020 academic year, BMA's E-Team will bring together up to six female and six male athletes who constitute the U.S.'s emerging alpine racing talent to cultivate a *Top Gun* like atmosphere that will accelerate the development curve.

“Our hope is to support some of the athletes who are trying to bridge the gap between racing in high school and competing at the international level, an achievement which has never been harder than it is today.”

— Willy Booker '96, Head of School

To qualify, applicants are required to meet World Rank criteria based on FIS points, pass BMA's physical test standards, and submit character references. Athletes who are accepted will pay a highly subsidized program fee of \$20,000 to have use of BMA's facilities, coaching, training, in region transportation, and room and board. For athletes who are accepted and meet the highest level of World Rank criteria, the program fee will be waived entirely.

“These athletes will be a source of inspiration to the Burke students,” noted Brad Wall '97, Athletic Director. “We hope they will be a guiding light for our school and help us raise the bar for our athletic program. The program is structured to offer mentorship opportunities so that the E-Team participants have formalized ways in which they can give back to the undergraduate community at Burke.”



McGrath Joins BMA as Sport Director



Effective August 1, 2019, Felix McGrath will join BMA to take on the newly created position of Sport Director.

In this capacity, he will oversee BMA's alpine development methodology for all ages including BMA's junior program, the academy itself, and all the way to the newly created BMA E-Team. He will work closely with BMA Athletic Director Brad Wall '97 who will continue to oversee the U14-U19 curriculum and coaches associated with the academy proper.

"It would be hard to accurately convey how significant we feel that this strategic hiring will be for our program," commented Willy Booker '96, Head of School. "Felix is one of only a small group of Americans who can claim to have been successfully developing athletes from the club level, through World Junior Championships and onto the World Cup with consistency. He not only has the pedigree as a coach and program director, but he also has competed at the highest level individually and has the added unique perspective of being one of the key contributors to the successful development pipeline in Norway."

McGrath's work at BMA will have him on site for most of the school year and all prep period camps. He will maintain his primary residence in Norway which will also allow him to act as a point person for organizing European and Scandinavian activities.

"I look forward to getting to Burke and helping this team continue to build on an already successful model," commented McGrath. "BMA is a great fit because I feel that we have alignment in our belief that long-term athletic development must be prioritized over short-term results in order to develop the skills necessary to compete at the highest level in alpine racing. Burke has all the necessary ingredients to develop great skiers: world-class training venues, excellent coaching, and the right culture. My hope is to accelerate the very positive momentum that has already been established."

McGrath is a Vermont native with a long and distinguished career in alpine ski racing as a competitor, coach, and club administrator. His career highlights include being a U.S. Ski Team and World Cup racer, being named to six World Championship or Olympic teams, having reached the World Cup podium in Slalom, and finishing third in the World Cup overall Slalom standings in 1988.

For more information, visit burkemtnacademy.org.

BURKIE HIGHLIGHTS 2018–2019 Race Season

- 1**
 - Athlete selected to compete at World Juniors
 - National Junior (U21) podium
 - National ski team selection
 - Overall U16 Regional Champion
 - U14 CanAm victory
- 2**
 - National U18 podiums
 - Athletes selected to represent USA at FIS children's competitions
 - U16 Nationals podiums
- 4**
 - U14 Eastern Championship victories
- 5**
 - National Development Group selections
- 6**
 - 3 Men and 3 Women U16 regional victories. Burkies won 2/3 of all events contested
- 84**
 - Men's NorAm points scored (Zero in 2017–2018)
- 196**
 - Women's NorAm points scored (94 in 2017–2018)

Finn Bowes '20 on dish duty in the Dining Hall.



Lunchtime!



History Teacher Dave Chamberlain leads a discussion in American Government and Economics.



Winter Wonderland

Scenes from a typical winter day in the life of a Burkie

Poppy Sargent '22 fueling up at lunch.



Raph Lessard '20 and FIS Men's Coach Jeff Sirjane catching up after a run.



Students heading into the Glover Tuning Center (GTC) after morning training.



Bella Amico '19 and Max Bellino '22 tuning in the GTC.



FIS women's coach Ali Spencer and Sophie Sargent '20 are all smiles on this bluebird day.



How high can she go? Claire Walters '21 on dish duty.



B-nets and gates, all in a day's work.



Working out in the RBC.



Time to study!



Gray Flanagan '20 and Mardi Haskell '12 share a laugh on the D-Bar.



Warren's Way featuring the new D-Bar in honor of Don Graham.





Passing the Torch

BMA would like to acknowledge the departure of teaching staff Lindley van der Linde, Emma Kelly-Knickerbocker, and Viv Buckley. We thank them for having been impactful members of our academic staff and dedicated to the community at large. We wish them all the best with their new pursuits.

With their departures come new teaching faces which we are eager to welcome to the classrooms and community!

New Faces in the Classroom for the 19-20 Academic Year



Ida Sargent '06
Math and Biology Teacher
Orleans, VT

I'm very excited to return to BMA! I graduated from Dartmouth with a degree in biology and a minor in psychology. At BMA, I will teach math and biology. What I love about math is that each problem is a new puzzle or challenge that just needs to be unraveled and solved in small steps. It's no different than setting a specific goal in ski racing and figuring out what steps and actions are needed to reach that goal. After high school at BMA, I wanted to ski full-time and make the national team. I wasn't that interested in going to college so I took a PG year at Burke. But once I was actually trying to train full-time, I realized that I wasn't quite ready to do that. So after one PG year, I went to Dartmouth and raced for Dartmouth for three years. In my junior year there, I made the US Ski Team and then finished my college career with more part-time college while I became a member of the Craftsbury Green Racing project. More recently, I raced full-time on the World Cup Cross Country ski circuit. I competed in two Olympic Games: Sochi and PyeongChang. Looking back, the community at Burke was my favorite part of the school as a student and that is what is drawing me back today as I transition into being a retired athlete. I know I will miss my teammates and coaches the most, and the opportunities we had to work hard together and support each other toward our shared goals. Luckily, I know I will find that same energy and enthusiasm in the classroom at BMA. While my focus will obviously be in the classroom, I'm also excited to jump in on some springtime GMR training runs, hikes up the mountains, mountain bike rides, and more!



Tom Bojko
College Counseling and Humanities Teacher
 Connecticut and coast of Maine

I learned a BA in English literature from Syracuse University and an MA in education from Columbia University Teacher's College. My professional journey to this point is long and varied. I've worked in public and private schools in the US and overseas for decades. I was initially drawn to BMA because of its unique focus on skiing as well as the fact that it's in New England. During my visit to campus for the interview, I fell in love with the local area and immediately felt comfortable with the students and faculty. I've been a full-time college counselor for years and was excited to learn that my role comes with some classroom teaching opportunities. I look forward to getting to know the students, my new colleagues, and all the dogs on campus. Beyond that, I'm really looking forward to learning about the daily/seasonal athletic regimen, watching races, riding my bike, enjoying some local maple syrup, and taking in the four distinct seasons. When I'm not in the classroom or at my computer, you'll find that I'm a decent cook, play the electric bass, and am a reasonably good bike mechanic. A little known fact about me is that I spent the summer of 1995 in Papua New Guinea which was utter chaos!



Beth Brodie
French and Spanish Teacher, Dorm Parent
 Duxbury, MA & Vermont

I went to boarding school at Phillips Andover, attended Bowdoin College to earn a BA in romance languages, completed an MAT in French from The School for International Training in Brattleboro, and did my doctoral degree at UVM in educational leadership.

I began my teaching career at Mount Snow Academy in 1984. I taught French and Spanish and was an assistant principal at the Wilmington Middle High School. I also taught French and Spanish at Edmunds Middle School in Burlington. For the past three years, I have been an elementary school principal at Ferrisburgh Central School. I was drawn to apply to BMA because I love its teaching and reporting philosophies. My master's work was in learning in the early 90s and I believe the narrative approach to reporting progress is the best way to improve student learning. At BMA, I look forward to going back to the classroom and teaching at the high school level again. It is also a real plus that my commute will be walking across campus with my golden retriever, Ria. Having been a teen living in a dorm, and also having hosted exchange students for nine years, I think I can understand the needs that teens have for balancing work and social lives while being away from home. I am very much looking forward to being a dorm parent. A little known fact about me is that my first job was as a yacht captain. I love sailing and have a small sailboat on Lake Champlain.

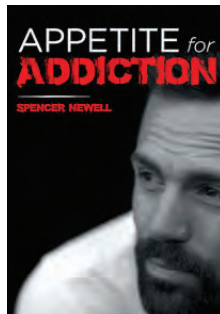


John McKinnon
Math and Science Teacher, Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee Coach
 Burke, VT

I did my undergrad degree at the University of Vermont (UVM) in biochemistry and microbiology. I also received a Master's in education from UVM. It wasn't until I was 20 years old living in Florida on Sanibel Island, working as a Vet Technician and volunteering at the Ding Darling Wildlife reserve, that I knew I wanted to immerse myself in the sciences. Upon graduating with a bachelors, I worked in research at UVM before switching to teaching high school science. I've been teaching science for the past 14 years, starting at Spaulding High School in Barre, VT and most recently at Lyndon Institute. Living on the next hill over from Burke, I've always been impressed with the maturity and drive of Burkies. My favorite is driving past them gearing up for an early morning run on Darling Hill while I'm heading to work. At BMA, I most look forward to teaching at a small school environment dedicated to a high level of success. Beyond teaching, I coached both soccer and ultimate (Frisbee) programs for many years and plan to help in any way I can with those sports at BMA. I am also an avid mountain biker and adventure racer. I just love being outdoors and hope to get the kids involved in new adventures to keep them moving and fresh. A little known fact about me is that I grew up in a house with no electricity. It gives me the perfect intro to, "Back when I was a kid...". I've also acted/sang/danced in over 40 theater shows. Don't be surprised if you encounter my wife Erin McKinnon and our children Una (daughter) and Pace (son) on campus.

BMA Alumni Authors

Putting Pen to Paper

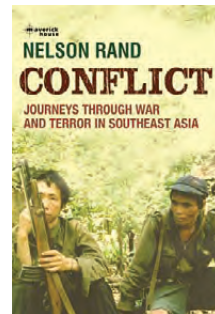


Spencer Newell '97

Bend, OR

To date, I have published one book. It's my memoir titled *Appetite for Addiction*. In the book, I describe my personal evolution to becoming an addict and alcoholic. Future books will add to this story, promoting the idea that significant life change is possible. I started writing through my blog to share my experiences until an author friend of mine suggested that I put pen to paper and chronicle my story. I love having the ability to use the medium of writing to help me better understand, in a cathartic sense, where I came from, where I am today, and where I might be able to go in the future. Also, I believe that writing in a candid and honest manner really helps people understand that it is OK to acknowledge, privately or publicly, their own personal struggles. Right now, I'm working on my second book which is the follow up to *Appetite for Addiction*. Apart from marketing my book, my main objective these days is to pursue my childhood dream of becoming a professional endurance athlete, currently pursuing triathlons after several years as a road cyclist and ultra-runner. In my spare time, I own my lifestyle/wellness coaching business, Novo Veritas. I'm also an athletic/running coach with Rise Fitness in Bend, OR, as well as the Development Director for a non-profit called Guardian Group, which is a leading organization in the fight against human trafficking. BMA has had a substantial impact on my journey. **At BMA, it was the first time in my life that I stepped out of my comfort zone to experience life in a different sense. In many ways, my experience at Burke set the stage for my development as a person.**

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Nelson Rand '93

Vietnam

I have published one book: *Conflict: Journeys through war and terror in Southeast Asia*. This book was about my experiences covering conflict in Southeast Asia as a journalist from 1998 - 2008. Now I write private reports for foreign investors in Southeast Asia covering business and political risks for my firm Access Asia Consulting. I was first drawn to Southeast Asia because of a childhood fascination I had with the Vietnam War. I went to Vietnam right after I graduated from Burke in 1993 and realized for the first time that Vietnam was a country, not a war. I then wanted to find out more about Vietnam – the country – and ended up majoring in Southeast Asian studies in university and studying in Vietnam (and Cambodia) for nearly half of my degree. The first story I covered as a journalist was some of the last fighting between Khmer Rouge guerrillas and Cambodian government forces in 1998 (the subject of the first chapter of my book). I never got into journalism because I wanted to be a journalist – I got into journalism so I could go to places and see for myself what was going on now, not read about it in history books in the future. Filming a guerrilla attack in eastern Burma, negotiating a mine-field in northern Cambodia, filming a gun battle in downtown Bangkok; these were the ultimate highs of a previous phase of my life that gave my life meaning and the content to write my book. This phase of my life ended when I woke up in the ICU of a Bangkok hospital with three bullet wounds in my hand, leg, and stomach. But now, I crave safety and luxury; my favorite place to be is a 5-star hotel and my favorite hobby is gardening. Now, I hate danger and conflict – it serves few other purposes but to possibly end your life. **My time at BMA was probably the most influential time of my life. I would say it shaped my entire life, and without that experience, my life would have been completely different. It's kind of cliché to say, but to be honest the greatest lesson I learned from Burke was that there is more to life than ski racing.**



Dr. Jim Taylor '76
Mill Valley, CA

I write about everything that is related to psychology. My first self-help book will be published in June. My 17th and 18th books will be published this summer. Additionally, I'm the editor of four graduate textbooks. My professional passions are psychology, sports, child development, and parenting. I always enjoyed writing (I began writing articles in Ski Racing when I was in graduate school). My purpose and passion in life is to generate and share ideas. Writing for me is a very intuitive and organic process, rather than an intellectual process. Writing is a huge priority in my career. Quite simply, it is an expression of who I am and what I value. For me, to not write is like not eating; it is just what I must do to fuel my soul. My greatest professional joy is to have hours and days in my office where I can write. **My experience at Burke was seminal in my personal and professional development. I gained motivation, confidence, focus, passion, curiosity, discipline, perseverance, the list goes on. I have applied my BMA experiences to everything I've done in my personal, academic, athletic, and professional life.**



Noy Holland '78
Choteau, MT

I have published five books of fiction and received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters (for 2018 Katherine Anne Porter prize). Four of my books are collections of stories (*I Was Trying to Describe What It Feels Like*, *New and Selected Stories*; *Swim for the Little One First*, *What Begins with Bird*, and *The Spectacle of the Body*) and one is a novel, *BIRD*. I have taught creative writing since 1997 in the graduate program at the University of Massachusetts. I was not much of a reader as a kid because I was too physically restless. Physical restlessness and energy, I suppose, are among the reasons Burke was such a great place for me. I was an A student before I came to Burke but I was deeply disinterested in my education. Richard Enemark and Jenny Frutchy changed this for me. Frutchy opened the world of dance to me and deepened my appreciation for visual art; Richard's teaching was sudden radiance in a dim room. He illuminated the beauty of literature, of language, and this gift has lasted me all these years. **Burke was of course also an excellent place to learn the value of discipline, of perseverance, at least as important in writing books as it is in being a competitive athlete. Both depend on inner strength, inner reserves. I am durably grateful to these teachers and to Burke, for these life-shaping lessons.**



Bonnie St John '82
Kingston, NY

I have written seven books in total with my most recent being *Micro-Resilience*, *How Great Women Lead*, and *Live Your Joy*. Leadership and reaching one's potential are central themes in my books. I use my life, interviews with real people, plus research to provide inspiration and practical ways to supercharge your lives. I love giving people practical, evidence-based ways to bounce back faster! I started writing my first novel in 4th grade. Books inspired me to dream and take on big challenges despite having my leg amputated and growing up without much money. Books helped me to survive a childhood where my father left before I was born, my stepfather abused me, and I was in and out of hospitals for years. I feel fulfilled when my writing offers to others what I got from books. My husband Allen and I are currently writing a book focused on getting ahead in corporate America without losing yourself. We've worked for many years within Fortune 500 companies leading programs to encourage women to stake their claim and find the advocacy they need. **BMA has been such a big part of my success journey. Burke gave me the chance to become a world-class athlete and raise the bar in disabled sports. Intense training and the camaraderie of champions pushed me to a new level. My time at BMA shaped what I teach others. It was a great opportunity that set a foundation for me to focus on a big future and make a difference for others.**

Unstoppable Mikaela!

This winter, Mikaela Shiffrin '13 eclipsed more records by becoming the first athlete, male or female, to win 17 World Cup races during a season. In doing so, she broke Vreni Schneider's 30-year-old record of 14 wins. At the 2019 World Championships, Shiffrin won gold in slalom, also becoming the first Alpine skier to win the World Championship in the same discipline at four consecutive Championships. She concluded the season with the overall World Cup champion title and three discipline crystal globes, including one in Slalom and career firsts in Giant Slalom and Super-G. To date, Shiffrin has won 60 World Cup races, the 3rd most all time by a female alpine skier. She's clinched the top spot in 40 World Cup slalom races, the most all-time by a female alpine skier.

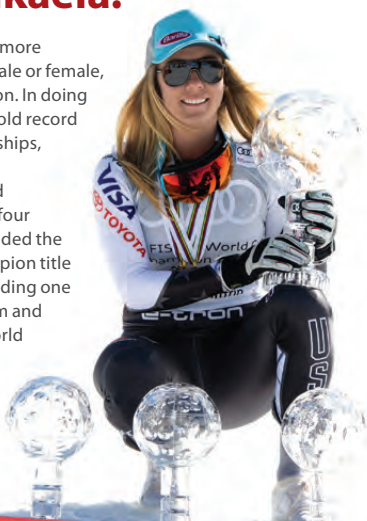


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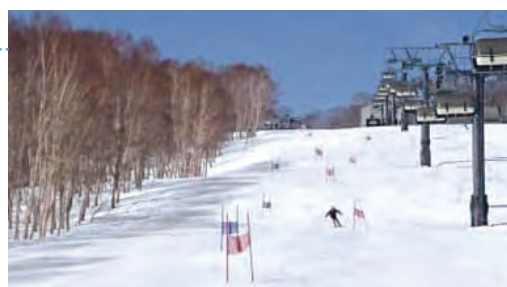
MAKES YOU A BETTER SKIER

1975 Toby Elliman



Beaver Creek February 2019: John Teague '74, Pete Murphy '77, Rosie Dupre '78, Jeff O'Neil '76, Steve Graham '77, Toby Elliman '75, Chris Mikell '76, Laurie Baker '76 and Scott Bogan '79.

1979 Eiji Minagawa



As of April 22 we still have more than 8' of snow... good grief, sort of.

I have spent weekends at the ski school in Tashiro Ski Area, located near Naeba, Japan, a WC venue in 2020. Just completed the 2019 season with plenty of snow. Bears start to stroll with their cubs now, so we shall let them take over.

1982 Nicky Biddle Elsbree

Nicky Biddle Elsbree '82 & Cara Walther '81 getting ready to set for 'gate week'.



Me and my partner Danielle have run the DIVAS Program (Das Incredible Vimin Alps Shredders!! – said with an Austrian accent to tie into Sun Valley's Heritage) for the past 10 years through Sun Valley Snowsports School. We offer a locals alpine ski program to an upwards of 125 women, ranging from intermediate-oh so good. This year we enticed Cara Walther '84 to the 15 coaching team and she was an excellent addition.

Alumni Notes

1972 Jon Gootnick

Jon Gootnick class of 1972 has just returned from Africa where he spent a month seeing patients in a rural medical clinic.

If anyone is interested in traveling to Uganda, learning tropical medicine and seeing patients in a remote setting please go to ugandahealthvolunteer.com

1972 Deborah Jacobs

I have seen Lyndal Heyer four times in the last year when she has come to New York City and stayed with me!! I also just returned from a trip to Paris and was devastated to see Notre Dame Cathedral on fire. It reminded me of 9/11.

1974 Viki Woodworth

Just finished one of the greatest winters of all time at Burke. My FIS points are stagnant but the East Bowl, Powderhorn, Dippers repeats were off the charts!! So much snow and so much sun! Our daughter Tasha, class of '05 is at Patagonia as a designer starting her 6th year there. She back country skis all over the globe and she's getting married soon! Our son Woody works at Logan airport for Aero Mag a deicing company with Jet Blue, and our baby Dakota just won the Clarkson Cup with the Calgary Inferno women's pro hockey of the Canadian Women's Hockey

League. Everything in our family life revolves around ice! Richie and I are still building our house in East Burke with alum Brendan O'Reilly '82 of Gristmill Builders. Almost done, so fun. We are really looking forward to seeing lots of alumni and staff at the 50th Anniversary June 12-14, 2020!!!!

1975 Bruce Hill



Bruce '75 & Jenna '12 Hill, in November (probably the only time snow guns ran this winter)

Still living across the street from Mt. Washington in NH and working on low carbon energy, and Jenna is living in Portland ME, working for Arcadis, an international environmental engineering firm as a geologist.

1983 Dean Keller

I hope everyone in the Burke community is well. My simple update is that over the past year I have had the honor to get to know Willy, and I visited the school for the first time in more than a decade... and I am so impressed with everything that is happening. I used to think about BMA in most days of my life...and after a pause in that, I am doing it again. Having reconnected with so many Burkies at Marty Heib's memorial service I am mindful now more than ever of the powerful bond we all have. Looking forward to the 50th!!!

1986 Amy Fulwyler

Still living in Jackson, WY and all is well!! All Burkies welcome to get in touch if you are out here!

1985 Chad Ricklefs



Chad Ricklefs '85

I had the opportunity to hike to the "Roof of Africa" last September with eight friends from Colorado and Germany. After hiking the Lemosho trail "pole" (Swahili for slowly) for five days, we slept at the Barafu Camp for several hours before embarking on our summit attempt at midnight. After 7 hours of climbing the last pitch we arrived at Uhuru Peak (19,341'), capturing an amazing view as the sun was rising. During the second week of our trip to Africa, Sam and I and the rest of our group took a safari through the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park - catching a view of the all of the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo)!

1987 Kenny MacDonald



Kenny MacDonald '87

My wife Hilary and I moved to AK in 97 and never looked back. We live in Willow with our two kids, Thomas 16 & Emily 13.

We spend our free time discovering Alaska's never-ending back country. I'm a mechanic and pilot and have had the great fortune to see a large part of this state.

I often run into fellow Burkies, like Brian Richardson, and Rob Pedersen for unique adventures in Alaska. Ps: Photo of me on the ridge was taken on 4.15.19.

1990 Chrissie Heinrich



Chrissie Heinrich '90 & Casey Snyder '90 in Breckenridge

1992 Jay Griffin



Jay '92, Catharine, and Kealia Griffin at Whistler, BC this Christmas

1992 Andi Bither Malboeuf



Todd James, Jesse James McTigue '91, Dana Query '87, Laura Turner Hayden '93, Andi Bither Malboeuf '92, Seth Berg, Kathy Duane Haskell '90

I am living in Vail with my husband MC, kids Brady (13) and Reese (12) and Golden Retriever Moxie. MC and I both still work in the snow sports industry and love being surrounded by this great group of people. We laugh often at the start list at U14 ski races around the west, recognizing generations of Burke names and faces. I can't wait to show Burke to my kids someday soon! We had a special weekend in Telluride this fall celebrating Kathy James (mother of Jesse James Class of '90). It was an amazing turn out with many old Burke teachers, family and friends.

1993 Alex Cranmer

Got to visit BMA this winter and had a great weekend staying at the new hotel with my 6 year old son. Visited campus to see Willie and Peter and Becky. Life is great, still working as an actor with a good role on Law & Order Season 20 finale airing soon as well as a role on Elementary on CBS set to air this year.

Still running my family ecommerce military antiques business ima-usa.com/ and also appearing on History Channel's Pawn Stars (in my 5th season) as the Antique Gun and Militaria expert.

1994 Michelle Douglas Carroll

Jamie (my husband) and I both completed Circmburke. I still caught myself comparing my time to the female Burkies category and even after 40 years, I was proud of my results. Such a fun event!



The Wounded Skier Project 2019

Every winter there's bound to be a handful of students at BMA who are unable to ski due to injury; it's an unfortunate reality of our sport. In January, Willy and Jenny accompanied six injured students to New York City for fun and cultural experiences to lift their spirits and venture outside the NEK. The trip included guided tours of The Met, a tasty dinner with fellow NYC area alumni at Malaysian & French restaurant Aux Epices, and a visit to Guggenheim Securities where Dean Keller '83 and fellow BMA alumnus Colin DeVore '02 both work and where the students met Chairman Alan Schwartz who shared his own story of battling injury as a baseball player at Duke University and how the resilience that he gained from that experience helped inform his successful professional career on Wall Street. We were also fortunate to enjoy a VIP tour of the Empire State Building and the LinkedIn corporate headquarters, organized by Alex Leopold '08. The trip culminated on Broadway Street where the group saw The Lion King. The group is deeply appreciative to have had the opportunity to experience so much of NYC in just two short days!

1997 Liz Skibiski Healey



Liz Skibiski Healey with husband Corey and children, Michael 2 and Addison 4.

Life is an adventure! After 2 years in Virginia and a one year stint in Kansas, the Healey's will be moving back to San Diego this Summer. Fellow Burkies, be sure to look us up if you are in the area!

1999 Dan Groesbeck

I returned to college to continue my studies where I attained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. I am currently moving to Orlando, FL to work for Lockheed Martin.

2001 Jenny and Jake Fisher



Jenny '01 and Jake Fisher and family.

We welcomed Etta into the world last June and it's been a joy to watch Melina (5) embrace being a big sister. As I write this there's still lots of snow on the ground, but I'm looking forward to lighter days, green grass and the BMA spring. Hope your calendar is marked for the 50th!



Skibiski sisters Liz '97 and Jessica '00 at the Northampton Hot Chocolate Run.

2001 Megan Hughes Trayner



Megan Hughes Trayner '01 and family.

We just moved to Park City, Utah in January and we are settling into life out West, though we miss Vermont, too! My husband Gar works for U.S. Ski and Snowboard and I am continuing to build my Arbonne business. We have already connected with fellow Burkies out here, but would love to connect with more. Our kids enjoyed skiing at Park City this winter. Aurora is 7, Tessa is 5 and Cairn is 2. Life is busy and fun!

2003 Kevin Sheehan



Kevin Sheehan's '03 daughter Caroline

Caroline McBride Sheehan was born June 29th, 2018 in Reno, NV. Four year old Kylie loves having a baby sister! The four of us try to get outside and into the mountains whenever possible. It was a big winter in the Sierra's this year, which was a lot of fun!

2004 Kelly Kirkpatrick



Kelly Kirkpatrick '04 and Nicholas Pike

I'm still living in New York City and working at Mount Sinai as a family doctor with a specialty in women's health. I got married on March 2nd to Nicholas Pike in New York City and then we went on a long honeymoon, skiing in British Columbia which included some amazing heli skiing!

2011 Robin Overing



Robin Overing '11 and fiancée Sarah Byrne

I moved out to Denver last November with my girlfriend, Sarah, and we just got engaged in January! Denver has been really amazing. We felt spoiled shredding in the sun in Dec/Jan and we're now jumping head first into mountain biking/fishing season. Since moving, I've been working as a mechanical engineer at a medical device product development firm called Evergreen Research Inc.

2012 Nick Prevot

I recently founded Rinord with a mission to perfect the core outdoor garments that we use on mountain and river trips. Check out the website and Kickstarter campaign video here: www.rinord.com

Living in Jackson has been great in part because there is a relatively large community of Burkies who live here! If anyone is passing through Jackson don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need a ski buddy or a couch to crash on for a few days!

2016 Yale Flanagan & Jack Blanchard



Jack Blanchard '16 and Yale Flanagan '16

2016 Classmates Jack Blanchard and Yale Flanagan reconnected in Jackson Hole, WY at USCSA Nationals. Jack skis for Babson and Yale for the U.S. Military Academy-West Point.

2017 McKenna Wilson



Alumni in Passo San Silegrino Italy. From left to right Anna Esteve '14, Bri Trudeau '18, McKenna Wilson '17.

BMA ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Ben Roy '02 hosted the inaugural event on May 18 to share his story as an emerging Hollywood TV producer. Ben graduated from the S.I. NewHouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University with a B.S. in Television, Radio, & Film and a minor in Music Industry. He currently works as Vice President, Programming & Development at Dick Clark Productions. His stories included sharing his journey on the producing team for television events including the Golden Globes, the American Music Awards, the Billboard Music Awards, New Year's Rockin' Eve, and the Academy of Country Music Awards.

To schedule your presentation, get in touch with Jenny Bruell Fisher '01, Director of Donor and Alumni Relations, jbruellfisher@burkemtnacademy.org.

We look forward to hosting many of you and listening to your inspiring and thought-provoking stories!



In Memoriam – Marty Heib, 1950-2018

BMA mourns the loss of former coach Marty Heib who passed away in October 2018. Marty was beloved by all who knew him and his legacy lives on at BMA through all who live in "Heib House". Alumni from the 70's gathered in Beaver Creek and raised their glasses full of Tawny Port to toast to his memory.

For more photos and memories of Marty please visit burkemtnacademy.org/community/news-views/



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Where are they now?



Seth Berg

Telluride, CO

BMA Director of Studies;
Science, Math and Humanities
Teacher; Dorm Parent Moulton
House 1983–1990



Seth with President George W. Bush when he
was awarded Colorado Teacher of the year 2008.

After leaving BMA, I worked for the Telluride School District for 21 years as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, assessment coordinator, and gifted and talented coordinator. I was awarded the Colorado Teacher of the Year in 2008 and retired from classroom teaching in 2011. I have continued to work as an education consultant since then.

I spent the last few years writing a book titled *Joyful Learning: Saving American Education*. It includes some experiences from BMA. Of all the books about schooling, *Joyful Learning* is the first written by a teacher trying to elevate elegant and effective classroom methods to the center of the national debate.

Teaching without grades at BMA was a pivotal experience for my career. It forced me to create assignments that my students would want to master for their own satisfaction rather than for a GPA. I also had great freedom to explore and teach alternative topics, like music history. Because our class time was so limited, there was no chance of completing a traditional curriculum and I could focus, instead, on anything I fancied that contributed to critical thinking.

I keep in touch with Burkie! Several show up in Telluride to ski and some reappear after absences of 20+ years. I'm in frequent contact with Katy Kiwi, Dana Query '87, Cindy Pierce, Dan Witkowski '87, Linda Mossman '78, and Dominic Robillard '90, as well as Finn and Kathy. In just this past year I have also had a chance to break bread with Bill Knowles, Fabio Igel '88, Jesse James McTigue '91, Andi Bither Malboeuf '92, Martha Law '87, Richie Graham '87, and Kathy Duane Haskell '90.

Just after I turned 50, I met Christopher Beaver and we've been together for 10 years. Five years ago we had a civil union ceremony at the courthouse and traded this in for a marriage certificate when the Supreme Court endorsed equality.

This fall I am planning a trip to Japan. I keep elaborate travel journals for all my trips, and I'm eager to capture my discoveries there. Meanwhile, at my home desk, I'm working on paper engineering projects related to pop-up books, automata machines, and origami.

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