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The Marksmen and The Royal Blues together on stage.

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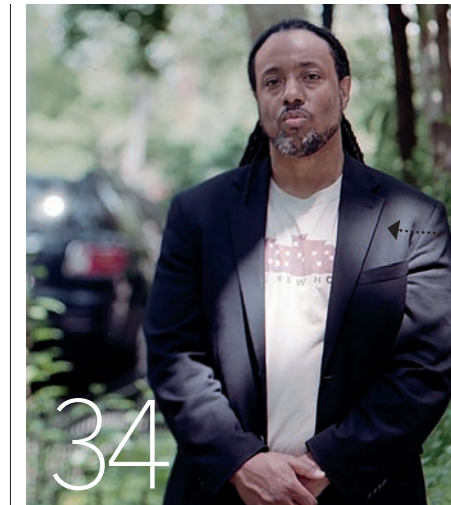
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# A Lasting Impact

WHEN I ASK GRADUATES of the last four decades which teachers have made a lasting impact upon their lives, many are quick to name Barbara Putnam (page 16). While some of these graduates describe how Barb inspired a career in the arts, many have chosen life paths without a direct connection to that discipline; however, a common theme from all of these graduates is the depth of caring and encouragement they remember, and the personal growth they attribute to their time with her. How fortunate for generations of our students, and for our School, that Barb made the choice to join St. Mark's back in 1979, and how much we will miss her!

Whenever one talks with Barb, whether it be over a cup of tea or coffee, a glass of wine, or a shared snack in passing, the conversation inevitably returns to students. Sometimes it is an advisee who has done something really special in class, sometimes it is a student who has struggled and then made a breakthrough. Always, the story is imbued with a depth of caring and affection that is Barb's hallmark.

What strikes me most in these conversations, and there have been many over the years, is how much Barb gives of herself in the relationships with her students. Barb spent countless hours every year with her third year Studio Art students to ensure that everything required of Advanced Placement portfolios was completed impeccably. If, around campus, Barb noticed an advisee who seemed down, Barb was quick to check in, and if needed, to find a time to connect, even at the expense of her own personal plans.

One can easily take for granted the omnipresence of stunning student art on the walls of the Main Building, Taft, and other campus spaces. Indeed, for those of us who spend every day on campus, that student art is simply part of what makes St. Mark's St. Mark's, and we have Barb to thank for curating it. The effusive praise from visitors is an important reminder of the impact of our impressive arts program and highlights the sophistication of Barb's instruction. Barb used the creative processes of painting and drawing and

printmaking to inspire students to think deeply about personally relevant topics also studied in other disciplines, like environmental sustainability and identity.

Barb's focus on interdisciplinary learning was also a key feature of the Art History course she taught for many years, and of her 2019 Lions Roam art history and geometry course. Whether studying a Sumerian vase from c. 3000 BCE or a 16th century CE Michelangelo painting in Rome, Barb included much historical context. She also helped her students learn to "read" art as they would a piece of literature. The result was a profound understanding of global trends in religion, economics, politics and daily life that, in many cases, was also explored in other courses.

So many students, so many colleagues, and St. Mark's itself, have inestimably benefited from the devotion and skill that extraordinary educators like Barbara Putnam provide. Barb is, surely, one of those St. Mark's educators whose influence will remain with her students for the rest of their lives.

*John C. Warren*  
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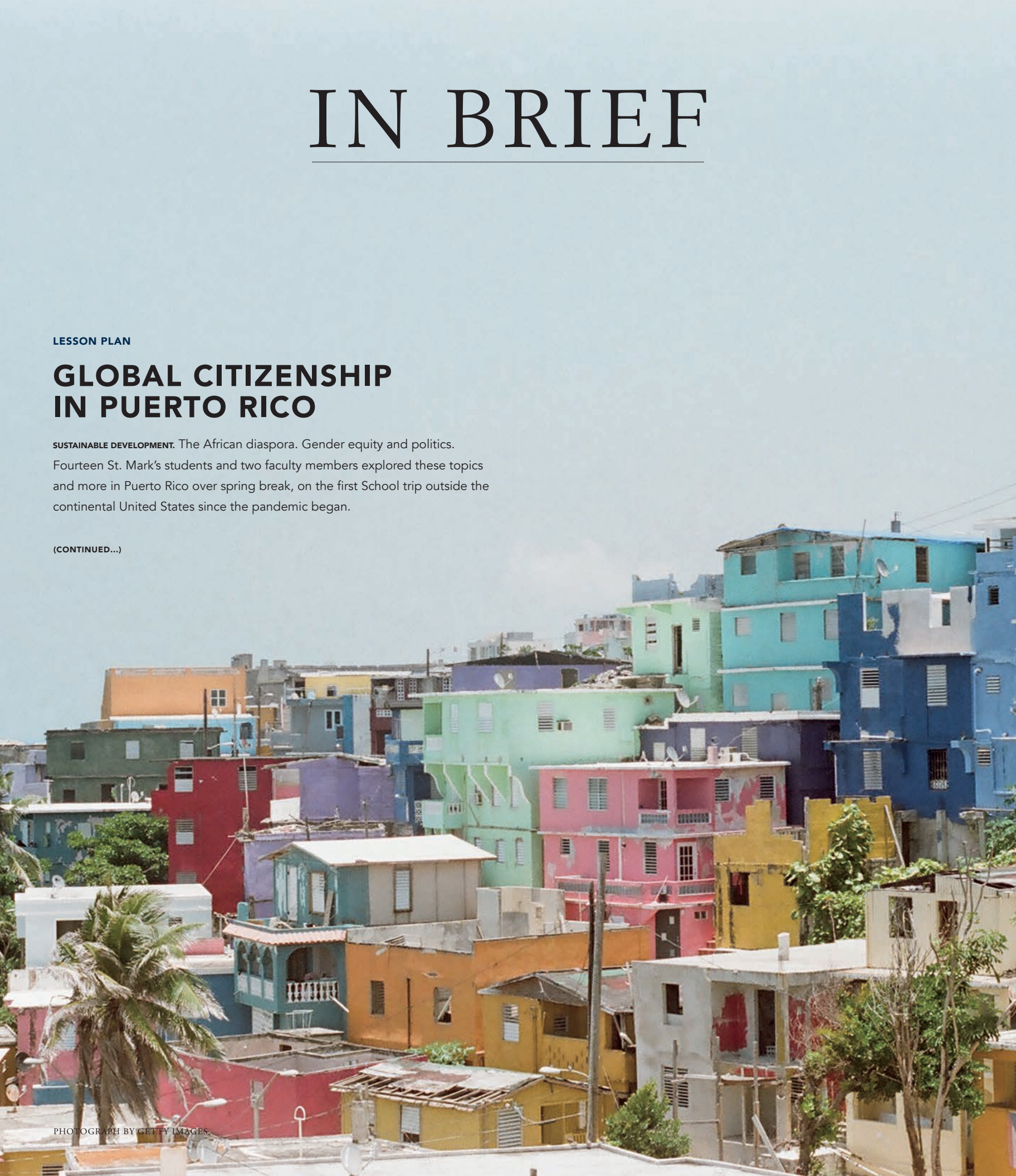
# IN BRIEF

## LESSON PLAN

## GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN PUERTO RICO

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.** The African diaspora. Gender equity and politics. Fourteen St. Mark's students and two faculty members explored these topics and more in Puerto Rico over spring break, on the first School trip outside the continental United States since the pandemic began.

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On Saturday, March 12, Assistant Director of Global Citizenship Neil Cifuentes and Spanish teacher Visaury Moreta flew to San Juan with Carlisle Brush, Jacob Cifuentes, Remington English, Rebecca Garland, Jonathan Hernandez, Avery King, Tyler Kocienda, Grace Lee, Sijing Ling, Jiajun Liu, Elizabeth Pellini, Yuslis Ramirez Roche, Henry Wang, and Judy Xie. Their week-long immersive experience was a planned collaboration between global education company Envoys and St. Mark's Director of Global Citizenship Dr. Laura Appell-Warren.

After landing at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, the group enjoyed an opening workshop, discussion, and dinner before settling into their rooms for the night at El San Geronimo. The following day, they explored San Juan's old city, Viejo San Juan, on a walking tour down cobbled streets past brightly colored houses, cathedrals, and fortresses dating from the 16th century.

For Cifuentes, "just being somewhere different, seeing life somewhere else" felt significant, especially after two years of limited travel due to COVID. He appreciated the "cultural enrichment" this trip afforded students, elaborating on the many places, people, and local organizations they were able to connect with during the week.

From a professor at the University of Puerto Rico, St. Markers learned more about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. With women from El Observatorio de Equidad de Género, they heard about gender-based violence and gender equity. In a meeting with professor and activist Dr. Ada Alvarez Conde, they gained a better understanding of public policy.



**St. Markers with bomba artists in Goyco.**

One of their most memorable days included a trip to Goyco for a lesson in La Bomba, a Puerto Rican musical genre that emerged on the colonial sugar plantations, where enslaved people from West Africa once worked and expressed their feelings of resistance through music. Professor Pablo Lewis Riviera from the University of Puerto Rico taught St. Markers about the history of this form of folk music with a rich African heritage, which involves drums, dance, and improvisation. The genre is currently experiencing a renaissance on the island, and the entire St. Mark's group was able to learn a dance from current bomba artists.

"Everybody gave it a try," shared Moreta. "Everybody was open to it." In her opinion, it was the best day of the

week. "I was inspired to see Bombas and see the prideful and joyful presentation on culture."

In addition to learning about the history and culture of Puerto Rico, St. Markers were also able to practice their Spanish when they interviewed locals at an outdoor fruit market, and when ordering local cuisine during the week. They enjoyed authentic Puerto Rican food, including mofongo—fried green smashed plantains with garlic and pork served with beef, shrimp and avocado—and limber, which is ice with fruit served in a plastic cup that you squeeze and flip to enjoy. Pizza topped with sweet plantains was another favorite among the students.

After some beautiful encounters with the natural world during a trip to the Botanical Gardens and a hike through the biodiverse El Yunque National Forest, the group made their way on their last day to the rural, off-the-grid town of Adjuntas. Here, at Casa Pueblo, they learned about renewable energy and a grass-roots effort to save the environment that began in 1980. After corporations found copper in the area and wanted to mine, locals stepped up to protect thousands of acres, eventually transforming this area into an important education center focused on environmental consciousness and sustainable living.

"This program, our first since the pandemic, was successful primarily because the students were highly motivated and excited to be able to explore a new part of the world," shared Dr. Warren. "The success of this program has paved the way for our summer program in Cadiz!"

—JACKIE WATERS



## New Faculty Chairholders Installed

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022, St. Mark's School formally installed two new faculty chairholders during an all-School ceremony: Dr. Colleen Worrell and Jason Eslick. Dr. Worrell is the inaugural holder of the Burgess Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning Chair, a position chair made possible by the generosity of Bill Burgess '77, P'07, '08 and his wife, Barbara Burgess.

Eslick now holds the Richard A. Rader Chair, an endowed teaching chair created by donors to honor Dick Rader's 40 years of service to St. Mark's. This chair is awarded to a faculty member who shows the same foresight and enthusiasm about teaching and learning that characterized Rader's work at the School.

"Individuals installed in endowed teaching chairs are widely recognized in the School community as outstanding St. Mark's educators, role models for adult peers and for students," said Head of School John C. Warren '74.

Chairholders at St. Mark's demonstrate a dedication to lifelong learning and a holistic approach to educating our students. They are deeply committed to the School and involved fully in the life of St. Mark's students. In addition, they are highly skilled at advancing each of these aspects of our School's mission: educating our students for lives of leadership and service; challenging our students to develop their particular analytic and creative capabilities by both inspiring their academic and spiritual curiosity and kindling their passion for discovery; and helping our students explore their place in the larger world beyond the campus.

Congratulations to Colleen and Jason on this well-deserved honor.

—J.W.

## CENTER NAMED FOR BURGESSES

ALSO, ON APRIL 8, 2022, the Center for Teaching and Learning at St. Mark's School officially became the Burgess Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, in honor of Barbara and Bill Burgess '77, P'07, '08.

"Associating the Burgess name with the Center is appropriate," remarked Head of School John C. Warren '74, "because Barbara and Bill's generosity were integral to the renovation in the heart of the Main Building that brought about the physical space for the Center."

Bill has been a Trustee of the School since 2002. During that time, he has served as co-chair of the St. Mark's 2020 Strategic Planning Committee, board president, and chair of the *Lives of Consequence* campaign.

According to Warren, Bill recognized "the need to have an intellectual center, a place physically in the heart of the school, and a program oriented in that space that brings the best educational ideas into St. Mark's and supports faculty in implementing those ideas in their classrooms."

"Bill Burgess was the visionary who, more than anyone else at St. Mark's, is responsible for the Center coming into being," Warren acknowledged. "This Center will help ensure that a St. Mark's education is right for the times, that it helps prepare our students to lead lives of consequence."

—J.W.



**Bill Burgess '77, P'07, '08 at the entrance to the newly dedicated Burgess Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning**



## Welcome, New Administrators



**LAUREN AMES** became St. Mark's new director of athletics on July 1, following John Levandowski, who retired in June (see page 22). Since joining the School in 2011, Ames has served as associate director of athletics; head coach for varsity girls' soccer and varsity girls' basketball; chemistry teacher; house head of Thayer and Thieriot girls; and member of the IV Form Lion Term team. She is currently co-head of Burnett House and is co-chairing the NEASC self-study process for the School.

"Lauren presented a clear vision of where she would like the St. Mark's athletics program to go, within the context of the current situation and recent past, and Lauren presented well-conceived steps she will undertake to implement that vision," said Head of School John C. Warren. "Lauren also demonstrated deep commitment to the principles articulated in the School's mission statement, including our approach to community and equity and the holistic orientation of our educational program."

"I am honored to be selected as the next director of athletics at St. Mark's, and thrilled to lead this program," said Ames. "I love this School and this community. St. Mark's is a special place to me, and I couldn't ask for a better community of student-athletes, coaches, faculty, and staff."

**BEA SANDERS** joined St. Mark's as the School's new chief advancement officer in late June. Sanders was most recently director of development at the Park School in Brookline, Mass., having held that position since 2011. Before Park, she served for 10 years as senior development officer, major gift officer, and director of donor relations at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Mass., and prior to that, she served for nine years in a number of development roles at Milton Academy, including director of development for operations, alumni and annual programs.

"Bea has amassed an impressive track record in every feature of advancement work over the course of three decades," noted Warren. "Bea has earned high marks as a team leader, she has led successful capital campaigns, led impressive annual fund programs, led reunions and other institutional events, and she has developed positive lasting relationships with parents and graduates at each of her schools."

"To me, St. Mark's is not only a place full of very smart people who are passionate about many things, it is also characterized by a down-to-earth, grounded, and completely unpretentious culture," shared Sanders. "The St. Mark's alums I have met throughout the years are incredibly loyal to the School and to each other, and are such positive people. That's a culture I can really get behind!"

**RICHARD DASILVA** started as St. Mark's new director of community and equity affairs on July 1. DaSilva joined our community from Tabor Academy, where he was associate director of the International Center and served in a number of roles since 1999, including history teacher; diversity, equity, and inclusion practitioner; and residential dean. He has facilitated panels and led workshops at the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the NAIS People of Color conferences; the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Justice, Care & Equity Leadership Institute; the Association of Independent Schools of New England (AISNE); and The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS).

"Rick demonstrated that he possesses a deep commitment for making sure that all students feel served in a school's community and equity work, extensive experience as a DEI practitioner, and a thoroughgoing commitment to continued growth and learning in community and equity work," Warren said.

"During my visit, I met with over 30 people who represented various departments and venues of St. Mark's, and each of them spoke to the importance of partnership and collaboration," said DaSilva. "I knew then and there that this was a team I wanted to join."

—J.W.

## INSIDE MY WORLD

## FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER

Ashley Maddock, Head Athletic Trainer

**SINCE 2013**, Head Athletic Trainer Ashley Maddock has been preparing St. Mark's student-athletes for practices and games, providing in-game treatment and assisting with injury recovery and rehabilitation, and offering counseling and nutrition guidance.

Before coming to St. Mark's, Ashley was an assistant athletic trainer at Boston College, head athletic trainer at Pacific Ridge Private School in Carlsbad, Calif.,

and graduate athletic trainer at San Diego State University.

"The student-athletes have to really bond with me and trust that I'm here for their best interests to make sure that they can have the best athletic experience possible," Ashley says. Here, she shares some of the tools of her trade in the St. Mark's athletic training room.

"These models are great for explaining the anatomy of injuries to our athletes. They also help them understand how the process of rehab will help."

"We use these tools daily to help our student athletes heal and get stronger."

"This was a gift from my dad when I got accepted into my sports medicine program. Being an athlete most of his life, he was very excited for my career path."

"Yoshitaka Ando was my high school athletic trainer who mentored me and got me started on my journey to be an athletic trainer."

"We use a variety of different tapes daily, which help our athletes feel safe and secure to play after injury."

"These are part of our emergency sideline kit. We sometimes use crutches to help with minor injuries, as well as more major injuries."



# Taft STEM Fellow Wins Grand Prize

SEVEN ST. MARK'S TAFT STEM FELLOWS COMPETED at the Worcester Regional Science and Engineering Fair in March: VI Formers Reina Wang, Carl Guo, Veronika Kitsul, Jaclyn Zatsiorsky, Allison Bechard, Lauren Tran, and Brian Kim.

Biology teacher and Director of the Taft STEM Research Fellowship Lindsey Lohwater shared news that four of the St. Mark's STEM Fellows earned awards at the fair, including the Grand Prize winner Jackie Zatsiorsky for her project "JNK Signaling as a Mediator for Gene Differentiation in Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells Exposed to High Glucose."

As a student with Type 1 diabetes, Zatsiorsky was personally invested in the research, which she conducted in the Davis Lab at UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester with graduate student Chandler Friend. It was her first hands-on experience in a lab, but likely not her last. Zatsiorsky plans to major in biology and pursue a pre-med track when she enters Columbia University in the fall.

—J.W.



All eight 2021–2022 STEM Fellows pictured with Ms. Lohwater, including Helena Xie, who did not compete.

# St. Mark's Selected for Teaching Residency Program

ST. MARK'S WAS RECENTLY accepted by the University of Pennsylvania for the school's Independent School Teaching Residency Program, a prestigious partnership that affords aspiring and early career teachers an opportunity to receive a Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) while completing an intensive teaching fellowship at a host partner school. The program's curriculum is designed specifically for the unique settings of independent schools and features a combination of "intensive on-site sessions" and "innovative and collaborative online learning."

"We were told by the Penn program coordinators that our application was especially impressive because of the sophistication of our approach to teaching and learning, the extensive nature of our approach to professional growth, our strong and longstanding commitment to community and equity, and the integration of global citizenship principles into our entire educational program—academic and community life," Head of School John C. Warren shared in a message announcing St. Mark's acceptance to the program.

As a result of the School's new collaboration with Penn, St. Mark's will bring on two fellows for a two-year fellowship beginning in fall 2022–2023: Brittney Brown, a recent graduate of Georgia Tech with a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering, and Shrenik Agrawal, a recent graduate of Georgetown University with a bachelor of arts in government. Two more fellows will begin a two-year fellowship the following fall in 2023–2024, and in subsequent years, the School will continue to bring on two additional fellows as two complete their fellowship; so, starting in

2023–2024, there will always be four Penn Fellows at St. Mark's.

"These Penn Fellows will be faculty of color, and we hope that they will provide a candidate pool for permanent positions at St. Mark's, and—if an appropriate position is not available here when they complete their fellowship—that we will be able to help place them at a peer school, thus supporting an overall imperative of increasing the number of candidates of color who make a career in independent school education," said Warren.

"St. Mark's will officially refer to this exciting new program as the Farmer Penn Fellowship, and to the fellows as Farmer Penn Fellows, in honor of Malcolm Farmer III, who has made many valuable contributions to our School—and who helped make this program possible," Warren added. Farmer is an attorney and a partner at law firm Hinckley Allen, and a passionate advocate for children and Civil Rights. In 1965, he went to Mississippi with the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee (LCDC), an organization created to provide legal assistance to the Civil Rights Movement. He represented civil rights organizations, as well as local Black citizens in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama in an effort to obtain and protect their constitutional rights against state and local governments enforcing racial segregation and discrimination.

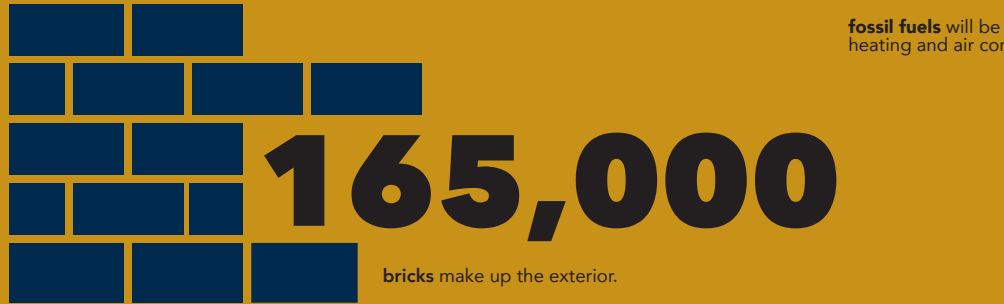
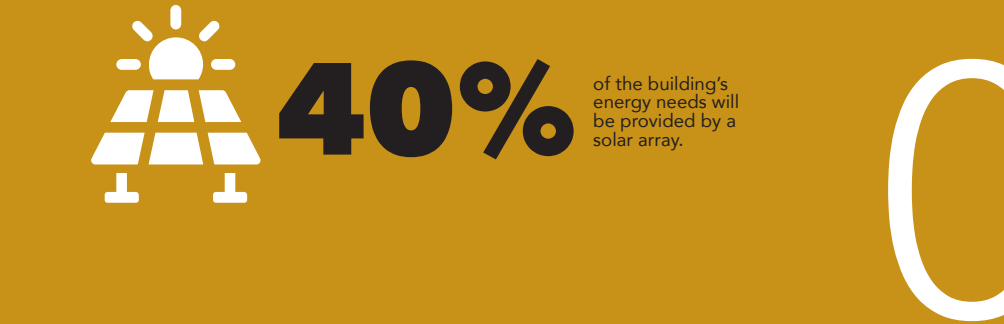
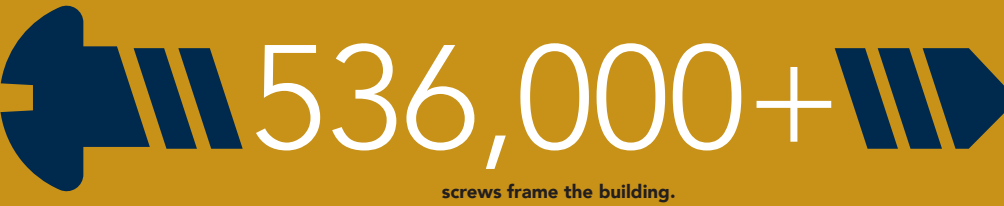
—J.W.



BY THE NUMBERS

## NUTS AND BOLTS

THE NEW ST. MARK'S residence hall will open this fall. Designed by Goody Clancy architects and built by Erland, the 90,000-square-foot, three-story building will provide housing for 150 students and 12 faculty members and their families. A few details about the construction of the new building:





CHATTER

RENAISSANCE MAN

LOGAN MATTHEWS '22 spent his VI Form year studying abroad in Italy, attending school at Palazzo Spandensi Especo y Vera. After growing up on campus as a faculty child (he's the son of English teacher Jeniene Matthews), Logan was ready to explore as a global citizen.

"I wanted to see the world more than I already had," shared Logan, "and if all I had to do was step outside my comfort zone, I was fully prepared to leap."

In his time as a Lion, Logan has performed in a play, participated in basketball and crew, enjoyed taekwondo and the motorsports club, and played saxophone. He will be attending the University of King's College in Canada this fall.

WHERE IN ITALY DID YOU LIVE AND WITH WHOM?

I lived a little under an hour north of Rome, in the city of Viterbo and in a small town outside Viterbo called Montefiascone. The School Year Abroad program arranged for me to stay with a host family, including two parents and a 15-year-old brother named Gulio.

HOW DID ST. MARK'S PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR YEAR ABROAD?

What I learned being at St. Mark's, and during my time on campus as a faculty kid, was to constantly test everything, question everything. It's what made this adventure easier, and it's a mindset that I plan to carry with me for the rest of my life.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ITALIAN PHRASE AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

My favorite phrase is, "Siamo al mondo per essere veri, non perfetti." It means, "We are in this world to be real, not perfect."

WHERE DID YOU TRAVEL WHILE IN ITALY?

During my time in Italy, I visited Lucca, Florence, Arezzo, Siena, Tuscania, Tarquinia, Orte, Rome, Naples, Catania, Taormina, Siracusa, Cefalù, Palermo, Calatafimi-Segesta, and Monreale.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?

I got an internship at a law firm, Avvocato Simone Negro Vittime Del Dovero Studio Legale. My final project covered the treatment of African migrants in Italy. I learned so much about the horrible treatment of these people and the thousands of minors who are falsely convicted.

The Egyptian obelisk in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

SPORTS



GOOD SPORTS Girls' squash became Class D New England Champions and also earned the New England Class D Sportsmanship Award.



Varsity girls' basketball player Brianna James '22 was selected as a NEPSAC Class B East All-Star.

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Eight St. Markers earned All-Independent School League (ISL) honors, and seven received ISL honorable mentions.



For a complete recap of winter athletic awards and highlights, visit [stmarksschool.today/wintersports](http://stmarksschool.today/wintersports).



NATIONAL CHAMPION

Anaya Strong '24 won the National Prep Wrestling Championship in her weight division, and the St. Mark's girls' wrestling team placed third at nationals. Wrestlers Jiayi Yu '23 and Nate Consigli '25 earned Wrestling All- New England awards.

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MICHAEL FISHER '22 was selected 76th overall by the San Jose Sharks in the third round of the 2022 NHL Draft.

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COMBINED SAVES this season by varsity girls' hockey goalies Mia Iwicki '23 and Jackie Wright '25



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THE WIEDERGOTT AWARD, presented each season to the program with the best winning percentage by a team at any level, went to the varsity boys' hockey team, which also won the ISL Eberhart Division Championship with a decisive 5-1 win over Groton on February 26. That win earned them the number-one seed in the New England Prep Piatelli/Simmons Division Tournament; and in the quarterfinals of the NEPSAC Small School Playoffs on March 2, St. Mark's defeated Portsmouth Abbey 4-0. The team then faced off against Pomfret on March 5, losing 1-0 in a heartbreaker. Michael Fisher '22 was chosen as the ISL MVP for boys' hockey. Congratulations to the varsity boys' hockey team on a fantastic season.





## RAISING THE BAR

TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS of the St. Mark's Class of 2022 have committed to athletic programs at the college and university level. Seven student-athletes will be playing at the Division I level, one has committed to a Division II program, and 13 will be taking their talents to Division III schools.

"This is a proud moment for St. Mark's," Head of School John C. Warren '74 told the students at a ceremony recognizing their achievements in May. "It is so exciting to see where you are, and where you are going."



1. Tess Barrett, Utica University
2. Jack Bos, Union College
3. Adam Costley, Colby College
4. Jocelyn Cote, Ithaca College
5. Luke D'Orsi, Babson College
6. Michael Fisher, Northeastern University
7. Tatum Forbes, University of Hartford
8. Sam Galanek, Wesleyan University

9. Abigail Griffin, Hamilton College
10. Riley Jahnle, Union College
11. Brianna James, Molloy University
12. Ethan Karabanow, Lake Forest College
13. Hannah Macleod, Connecticut College
14. Levi McAllister, University of Connecticut
15. Avery McInerney, Middlebury College

16. Alison Miller, University of Virginia
17. Dominic Murphy, Holy Cross
18. Erin O'Keefe, Marquette University
19. Zaki Williams, Muhlenberg College
20. Natalie Zaterka, Colgate University
21. Jackie Zatsiorsky, Columbia University







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In June, St. Mark's bid farewell to five employees whose combined service to the School totalled 117 years. Senior Teacher and artist Barb Putnam and Director of Athletics John Levandowski retired from the faculty, while Carpenter Tom Slocombe, Controller Jack Clemens, and Custodian Paul Todd retired from the staff. Simply stated, without these wonderful people here on campus, St. Mark's will not be the same.

# Forever Grateful





# Inquisitive By Nature

IN APRIL 1979, Barbara Putnam was in her first year teaching art in the Worcester public elementary schools when she learned of a job opening at St. Mark’s. A graduate of Bancroft, Barb knew independent schools but had no experience with boarding schools. Nevertheless, she decided to apply. The rest, as the saying goes, is history. After 43 years at St. Mark’s, Barb retired as the senior teacher—notably the first woman to hold that title in the history of the School.

“It’s about time,” shared Barb with a laugh. “I’m a fossil with a title.” Kidding aside, Barb viewed this role as an opportunity to figure out what the School needed

given how challenging the past two years had been for educators. She made a point to pay attention to new teachers, in particular, to help them transition and ensure they felt welcomed and supported. Last March, during what would ordinarily have been spring break, Barb facilitated a series of Zoom conversations between new and veteran teachers. Although she had been on campus for more than four decades, she still remembered what it was like to walk into this community for the first time; in many ways, she paid that kindness forward.

When Barb first arrived, science teacher Anna Plisz was St. Mark’s only female

full-time faculty member, and the first woman to achieve full-time status. “Anna was the person I needed to meet when I first came to St. Mark’s, and I treasured her curiosity and guidance,” said Barb. Back then, the School had only recently begun admitting female students; St. Mark’s officially became coed in 1977, just two years prior to Barb’s arrival.

As a new faculty member at the School, the most striking contrast between her experience as a teacher in the Worcester public school system and her new home at a boarding school just a few miles east was the “huge degree of autonomy” Barb immediately enjoyed. Inquisitive by nature, she could explore areas



of interest, like printmaking, with her students while also pursuing passions as a practicing artist.

Woodcutting became Barb’s primary medium. “Carving is a way to access a part of my mind that is freer,” she explained. “It’s more tense and exciting because I don’t know how it’s going to turn out.” Growing up in Worcester, Barb would frequently spend mornings seated around the breakfast table with her sisters as they listened to her father, a thoracic surgeon, talk through a surgery and the cuts he would need to make. “Problem-solving in medicine was a creative process,” Barb acknowledged, remembering how her father would work through various surgical options whose solutions might differ depending on the person. In hindsight, she saw a connection between their two careers. “Although you hold a life in your hands as a surgeon, versus materials as an artist,” said Barb, “there are intersections between art and science.”

For starters, both disciplines require close observation. That skill is one Barb also acquired at an early age from her mother, a chemist in a bacteria lab at Harvard. Barb’s mother always had a bird book open by the window; and today, at age 98, she still gardens and refers to plants by their Latin names. The daughter of two scientists and the granddaughter of three artists, Barb grew up surrounded by a family of observers. She acknowledged their influence, as well as their support for her chosen profession: “I didn’t have to fight to be an artist.”

Throughout her career, Barb explored the intersections between art and science. Conservation, ocean pollution, and species on the verge of extinction were just a few of the topics she and her students investigated over the years. “I have always been interested in fragile habitats,” she shared. Through partnerships with scientists, Barb created

a body of work focused on transitional ecosystems and environmental issues.

The first time she collaborated with scientists was as the founding artist-in-residence at the Delta Wetlands and Waterfowl Foundation in Manitoba, Canada, where she worked alongside biologists researching avian migration. In her final years at St. Mark’s, Barb collaborated with conservationist Dr. Luigi Bundone from Venice, Italy, and researcher Gema Hernandez-Milian of Barcelona, Spain. Their work together led to two presentations—one on the teaching of marine mammal conservation in school and the other on art as a communication tool for science—presented virtually to the European Cetacean Society’s annual conference this past April.

“My own work has led me to seek out scientists,” Barb acknowledged. When she teamed up with Bundone and Hernandez-Milian, they examined the impact of microplastic pollutants in the Mediterranean Sea on the monk seal habitat. Barb spent two weeks in Italy working with Bundone last summer, and the quilt she created as part of their collaboration (see page 48) involved dying fabric, dipping it in cyanotype to make it light sensitive, and finally placing microplastic objects floating in the sea, like netting, onto the fabric to create a relief. “It is art that is science,” she said. “Not one more than the other.”

As a teacher, Barb focused on encouraging curiosity and developing a critical eye—what she referred to as “the science of seeing.” When she found a discarded plastic children’s pool at a transfer station in Maine, she fished it out of the junk pile and brought it back to the studio to share with her students. “What do you see?” she asked them. Turns out, the plastic was printed with images of endangered species—turtles, a lion fish—and the irony was

not lost on Barb or the St. Markers in her class.

As a colleague, Barb was a trusted presence with a great sense of humor who formed lasting relationships, including her friendship with longtime ceramics teacher (and new senior teacher) Aggie Belt, with whom she has regularly dined on Tuesday nights. “We didn’t even need to talk when putting up an exhibition,” Barb recalled with a smile, “and we laughed a ton.”

“I won the jackpot when I landed at St. Mark’s and Barb was my department head,” shared Aggie. “From day one, I felt wholly accepted where I was. Barb has been a priceless mentor of kindness, constant humor, absolute can-do, unwavering integrity and work ethic, always trying to support and improve the people and world around her. She is a fearless optimist and advocate for people to be their best selves.”

Over these last four decades, with unwavering support from her life partner Charlie, Barb continued to push herself toward deeper discovery as a professional artist. “In my own work, I keep trying to do something I haven’t done before,” she declared, noting that “it wouldn’t feel authentic” if she was asking students to make art and not doing it herself. Plus, she would “feel stale.”

For those who know Barb, “stale” could never describe a woman whose mind is full of fireworks, continually exploding with creative ideas. She may have retired, but this self-described “fossil” is far from worn out. While life at the School this spring buzzed in preparation for Prize Day, and her days of teaching at St. Mark’s dwindled, Barb zipped around campus, student artwork in one hand and a ceramic mug full of 44 North coffee (roasted in her beloved Deer Isle, Maine) in the other—and showed no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

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—AGGIE BELT





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—JACK CLEMENS

## Running The Numbers

**JACK CLEMENS WAS WORKING** as a controller for Ted Raymond at Boston-based real estate development firm Raymond Property Company when he learned of a job opening at St. Mark’s. In fact, Ted told Jack about the position at the School, as Ted was also the St. Mark’s treasurer at the time.

“They were looking for a controller, and he thought I would be a good fit for the School,” said Jack. “Things worked out.”

For 22 years, Jack was responsible for the management of the overall financial systems at St. Mark’s, including oversight of all accounting transactions in the general ledger as well as endowment and investment related transactions. As controller, he oversaw the quarterly financial reports and reviewed the monthly budget reporting. Jack also worked in partnership with the chief financial

and operations officer for both the Finance Committee and board initiatives and collaborated on the 10-year capital budgets and long-term financial models.

“It was a pleasure going to work every day, and not many people can say that during their career,” shared Jack. “The people I worked with at the School were more than colleagues. I’ve made lifelong friends. It was a great run, and I appreciate all those who I worked with, including parents, vendors, and trustees. Too many to mention.”

Jack grew up in Reading and lived in Methuen during his tenure at St. Mark’s, and he recalled arriving on the job not knowing what to expect. “When I started at St. Mark’s, I didn’t even know what a private school was,” he admitted. “Over the years I came to appreciate the community, which has always

been warm and welcoming.”

In Jack’s experience, St. Mark’s “operated with always putting the well being of the kids above all else.” And he will miss the people with whom he worked—insurance colleagues, public accountants, and retirement specialists for the School. “Too many people to list,” he said, but all people he can “still reach out to with questions, problems, or life in general.”

Jack plans to spend retirement winters in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he can play more golf. He is also going to tackle the many housing repairs and renovations he now has time to complete—and enjoy time with family, of course. “All my kids are in the area, so they may get sick of me,” he joked.

Looking back on more than two decades at St. Mark’s, Jack remarked, “I’ve been very lucky with the friends I’ve made.”

## Skilled Craftsman

**BEFORE CARPENTER** Tom Slocombe began his career at St. Mark’s in 1993, he spent 13 years running his own contracting and renovation business; and before that, he was a ceramics teacher in California. Tom had planned to stay on the West Coast, but an invitation to take part in an art show of new and up-and-coming New England artists prompted him to drive back across the country in his 1954 Dodge, and he has remained in New England ever since.

For a couple of years after Tom returned to the East Coast, he taught adult education classes, and as fate would have it, one of his students introduced him to her sister Betsy. “I lucked out!” Tom acknowledged. He and Betsy have been married for more than 41 years and together, they have two grown sons: Chris, who is assistant director of admissions at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and Michael, co-founder of Cohealo, Inc. in Boston, a technology company that helps health systems share medical equipment across facilities and improve access to care.

As a valuable member of the St. Mark’s facilities team for over 28 years, Tom brought an artistic eye to his skilled craftsmanship. Fellow retiree Barb Putnam may have said it best: “Tom is an artist, and carpentry and woodworking are his means of communicating visually. That his work is functional and beautiful is obvious, but his eye for combining materials is amazing!”

“Tom has always been willing and able to create and fix almost anything,” added Chief Financial and Operations Officer Rob Kuklewicz. “His understanding of the facilities on campus and the abilities he possesses to craft and create solutions through his carpentry remains unparalleled. He has had a positive impact on every area of our campus and brought his talent as a carpenter and artist to every project and repair throughout our

campus buildings. From the installation of the Christmas trees at Choate House and the VI Form Quad while wearing his holiday hat, to the skill he displayed in artfully matching any existing woodwork for repairs in our diverse set of buildings, Tom’s contributions will truly be missed. He is a friend to many from departments in every area of campus and represents the foundation of our Facilities Department and our community as a whole.”

“St. Mark’s gave me a chance to be creative,” said Tom. It’s one of the reasons he stayed so long. The other reason: the St. Mark’s community. “I miss the people a lot,” he admitted, recalling how much he enjoyed his favorite School event—an annual faculty and staff golf tournament—because “everyone got so close that day.”

For the last 10 years, Tom has lived in Wells, Maine, and commuted to St. Mark’s each week. Now, he’s enjoying retirement with Betsy in their contemporary cape on three acres, just a mile and a half from the ocean.

“I couldn’t ask for more,” Tom said. “St. Mark’s treated me very well.”







Fun fact: In high school, John played football for Webster, Mass. against fellow retiree Paul Todd, who played for Auburn, Mass.



## Team Leader

IN THE EARLY HOURS, before most of the campus awoke, John Levandowski P'13 would set out on a morning run, ideas for the athletic program percolating in his head. As St. Mark's director of athletics for the past 12 years, John has been the ultimate teambuilder. A humble and affable leader, he has prioritized sportsmanship, championed equity, and cared deeply about the student-athlete experience at the School.

John has always believed athletics should be an extension of the classroom, and throughout his tenure, he worked to significantly improve and redesign athletic spaces and programs to keep St. Mark's competitive. He also expanded the student athletic council to create more leadership opportunities for student-athletes and increase diversity, and he added a community service component to the athletic teams. John partnered with coaches, colleagues, and peers at other independent schools to build a comprehensive program on a strong foundation of trust.

"We worked really hard," recalled John.

"I was surrounded by people who were really good partners and worked together in a complex environment. We had a lot of trust in each other."

"He built a team where we all felt valued," said Lauren Ames, John's colleague of 11 years and the new director of athletics (see page 9). "He really cared about the program, his department, and our student-athletes," added Ashley Maddock, head athletic trainer (see page 8).

John is proud of his team, and of leading an Athletic Department that he feels was "accepting and inclusive for all students regardless of gender or level of play." He sees athletics as "a safe space" and views the St. Mark's coaches with respect, as "educators who have developed healthy relationships with their student-athletes." His steadfast support and encouragement has meant a great deal to many over the years, alumni and parents included, who will miss him.

"What I'll miss most is that every day was a fun adventure," shared John. "It was never a chore to come to work." He had a knack for making work fun, and his colleagues benefitted from his sarcastic sense of humor

and uncanny ability to read people and know when they could use a good laugh.

"It was 12 great years," John admitted, looking back. Twelve years of Groton games and New England Championship berths. Twelve years of those early morning runs around the athletic fields with yellow lab Winnie in tow. And 12 years of afternoon strolls home to Choate Barn alongside the catch of his life, wife Sandra, St. Mark's creative director. Together, they have been quite the team, making newcomers feel welcome around their firepit and raising three children, Jenna, Bridget, and JJ, on campus.

After three decades in schools on both coasts—including Greenwich Country Day School, Landon School, Rye Country Day School, the Bishop's School, and Princeton Day School—John is not viewing the next chapter as a retirement. "I'm looking at it as an extended summer," he said with a twinkle in his eye and a flash of that signature smile.

In Tiverton, R.I., he will no doubt enjoy those summer vibes, along with some good fishing (and watering) holes, bike rides to the local coffee shop, and plenty of early morning runs along the shore.

## Helping Hand

PAUL TODD ARRIVED at St. Mark's in December 2010 after 32 years in the corporate world. Prior to joining the School's Facilities team, Paul was an underwriter at Paul Revere Life Insurance, a systems analyst at State Mutual Insurance, and a software engineer for 12 years at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough. In 2008, his career took an unexpected turn amidst the massive layoffs—more than 3,000 at Fidelity—which swept the country.

At the time, Paul's childhood friend, Mark Noonan, was managing the custodial staff at St. Mark's. He told Paul about a job opening in the department, and Paul soon came to work for Mark, as well as Jack Cullina and Bob Meyer. For the first five years, Paul cleaned the Putnam Family Arts Center. Since 2015, he has diligently taken care of the STEM Center. Throughout every 1:00 to 9:30 p.m. shift over the past 12 years, Paul's philosophy has been simple and earnest: "You try to be as helpful as you can."

"I believe St. Mark's is staffed by a very professional and caring community," he shared. "It is a purposefully small and close-knit community. The students are well mannered, intelligent, and just good kids."

And Paul is a good guy—kind, friendly, hardworking, quick to offer a helping hand (and a huge sports fan). Over the years, Paul has gotten to know several students, especially those who frequent the STEM Center at night to study and socialize in the lounges and classrooms.

"My biggest thrill and totally unexpected honor at St. Mark's was having the Class of 2021 name me as one of two people to whom their yearbook was dedicated," he said. Of his retirement,

he added, "I'm going to miss the people most—the faculty, staff, and students—the family atmosphere."

This sentiment comes as no surprise, as Paul is a family man. He and his wife Karen, who live in Charlton, have been married 40 years. Together, they have three grown children: two boys and a girl, who reside in Washington, D.C., Somerville, and Brookline, respectively. Paul is also a lifelong learner who clearly enjoyed his own educational experience. He grew up in nearby Auburn, where he was captain of his high school football and baseball teams, and then attended Colby College in Maine, where he played baseball and rugby, which he picked up while studying abroad in England.

While Paul plans to enjoy a summer of "puttering around the yard" getting his lawn in good shape, he is already wary of being idle. He may pick up some part-time work next baseball season as an usher at nearby Polar Park in Worcester, or offer to drive elderly citizens to and from doctor's appointments. After a couple of years off from travel due to COVID, Paul hopes to visit some national parks and is also looking forward to resuming annual trips to college football games with a group of close friends; in 2010, they traveled to see Notre Dame play, and since then, they have attended many Southeastern and Atlantic Coast Conference games.

We will miss chatting with Paul in the corridors and seeing him at various sporting events (on Saturdays, even though he had the day off, Paul often drove back to St. Mark's to cheer for the Lions). Lucky for us, he plans to come back to visit (and catch a few games, of course).

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# Prize Day

Eighty-eight VI Formers graduated from St. Mark's at the 157th Prize Day Exercises on Saturday, June 11, on Belmont Field, bringing the 2021-2022 academic year to a close.

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ADAM RICHINS, AND AL WILLIAMS





Valedictorian  
Michael Fisher '22



Keynote speaker  
Alice Hung '86



Founder's Medal  
winner Michael Ferlisi  
'22 with Trustee Tarah  
Donoghue Breed '00



Trustee Mark  
Bechard with  
daughter Sarah  
Bechard '22



Riley Schumacher '22 and  
Ryan Ashford '22 with math  
teacher Scott Dolesh



Art teacher Aggie  
Belt with daughter  
Nashua Poreda '22



Getting ready for  
the VI Form Dance.

## CLASS OF 2022

Alice Hung '86 presented the keynote address to the Class of 2022, calling the opportunity "truly one of the highlights of my life." Michael Fisher '22 gave the valedictory address, noting "we are all at an amazing point in life, where the possibilities are truly limitless." For a list of prize winners and more, visit <https://stmarksschool.today/prize2022>.



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2021–2022 Gray Colloquium Speaker Series

# DEMOCRACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY





## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

What does it need to function? How has it changed over time? And what does it look like today? These are just some of the many questions students grappled with during this year's Gray Colloquium speaker series at St. Mark's, which focused on the theme of "Democracy in the 21st Century."

The purpose of the C. Boyden Gray '60 Colloquium is to engage St. Markers in an exploration of one complex global issue annually. The Gray Colloquium Student Committee, which is composed of two to four students from each Form selected by application, brainstorms ideas for the annual issue and then puts the list of themes to a vote by the whole School community. After the St. Mark's community chose this year's theme, Director of the Gray Colloquium Sarah McCann worked with students and faculty to select speakers. "I seek out dynamic, authentic speakers who have ideas about our annual theme and are practiced with our type of audience," explained McCann. "My goal for each speaker is to make our students and faculty question, consider, and converse."

# "DEMOCRACY CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT A FREE PRESS. JOURNALISTS ARE THE GUARDIANS OF

## TRUTH. IF THERE IS NO FREE PRESS, THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY."

—KEN ILGUNAS



## TRESPASSING ACROSS AMERICA

The 2021–2022 Gray Colloquium speaker series kicked off on October 28, with Ken Ilgunas, a travel and environmental author, journalist, and hiker who has written the memoirs *Walden on Wheels* and *Trespassing Across America*, as well as the advocacy book, *This Land Is Our Land*. Ilgunas has hitchhiked 10,000 miles across North America, paddled 1,000 miles across Ontario in a birchbark canoe, and walked 1,700 miles across the Great Plains, following the proposed route of the Keystone XL pipeline. This five-month journey along the pipeline's path from Alberta to the Gulf Coast of Texas was the focus of his talk in the Putnam Family Arts Center's Class of '45 Hall. "On our quest to find oil, we...erase a whole landscape," Ilgunas told St. Markers. As word about his journey spread, so did concern for the land and ecosystems the pipeline would impact, which led to interviews from media outlets including the *New York Times*, Huffington Post, *Mother Jones*, and CBC broadcasting. Ilgunas gave interviews and a voice to those who protested the pipeline and those who felt bullied by the pipeline company. "Maybe I wasn't a journalist, but I was a citizen journalist," he said. Ultimately, the Keystone XL pipeline project was terminated in June 2021.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TOOL

Luigi Bundone, a multilingual conservationist from Italy who partnered with Barbara Putnam and students in her studio art classes, spoke to the School community on December 2. In his presentation, "Mediterranean Monk Seal Conservation and Monitoring," Bundone shared the challenges of research and data-gathering across geopolitical borders; as part of the NGO Archipelagos environment and development team, he studies the monk seals and threats to their survival near Albania, Croatia, Greece, Israel, Italy, and the Western Sahara. While democracy does not always help conservation, according to Bundone, it does provide important tools, like a legal framework, to protect the environment. The marine area that the Archipelagos team studies is not yet protected, and they are trying to protect the monk seal's former habitat and population with support from scientific data. "Language is important. It needs to be comprehensive in order to be effective," said Dr. Bundone, emphasizing that communication to the general public is essential in order to reach the ears of policy makers and stakeholders.



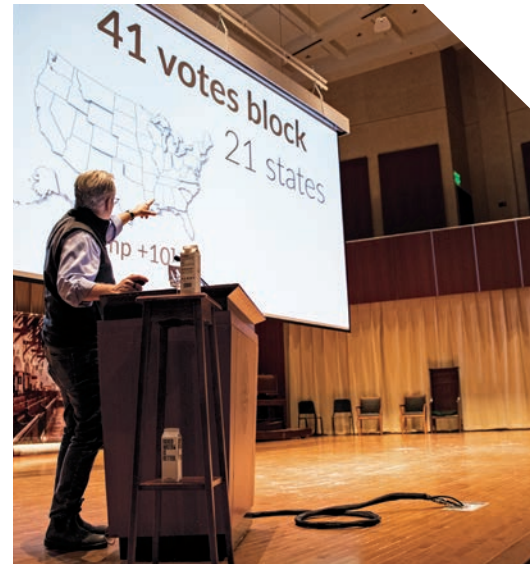
# "THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT A RACIST FUTURE IS TO FIRST UNDERSTAND OUR RACIST PAST."

—TY SEIDULE

## WAS THE CIVIL WAR ABOUT SLAVERY?

Ty Seidule, who served in the U.S. Army for more than three decades, retiring in 2020 as a brigadier general, spoke to St. Markers on January 27. A visiting professor at Hamilton College and professor emeritus of history at West Point, Seidule is a leader in digital history; he created and co-edited the award-winning *West Point History of Warfare*, the largest enhanced digital book in any field. Seidule's 2015 video lecture, "Was the Civil War About Slavery?" received more than 30 million views on social media, and he is the author or editor of several books, including *Robert E. Lee and Me: A Southerner's Reckoning with the Myth of the Lost Cause*. At St. Mark's, Seidule spoke about this reckoning and the early influences of his southern upbringing, including how he was raised on the Civil War's "Lost Cause" myth and the legend of Robert E. Lee, but now views both through a radically different lens. As a scholar, Seidule investigated Civil War history and dismantled the myths upon which he was raised, uncovering an ugly underlying truth: although the "Lost Cause" myth attempts to preserve the South's honor and claims that the Confederate cause in the Civil War was just and heroic, many other historians believe that the South was a racial police state and the Confederacy fought to preserve slavery. According to Seidule, the Confederate monuments still standing across the South continue to promote white supremacy and memorialize a legacy of racial injustice in the United States.





#### RECLAIMING OUR DEMOCRACY

On February 17, Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig spoke about reclaiming democracy in the United States. An academic and political activist, Lessig was a candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination for president of the United States in 2016 and is also the author of several bestselling books, including: *They Don't Represent Us: Reclaiming Our Democracy*. He believes that the country's "precariously majoritarian system" is about to become "predictably minoritarian" because of vote suppression, gerrymandering, money, and politics. Lessig's visually engaging presentation highlighted a couple of examples of minoritarian democracy in the United States throughout history: the 1924 all-white primary in El Paso, Texas, and Tweedism, a technique attributed to American politician William M. Tweed who said: "I don't care who does the electing, so long as I get to do the nominating." Minoritarian democracy, according to Lessig, undermines the principles of representative democracy, of a government for the people and by the people. He views the current state of the nation's democracy with great concern. As he sees it, the wealthy primary funders vote and decide the candidates who "the rest of us" get to vote for in elections. This system, contends Lessig, "renders the U.S. ungovernable" and students and young people are "paying the price."

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**"YOUR GENERATION IS THE ONLY CHANCE TO GET DEMOCRACY BACK... NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN THIS FIGHT."** —LAWRENCE LESSIG

#### CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

On April 13, students and faculty spent the School's biennial "Gray Day" engaged in discussions focused on this year's theme. The day began with a keynote address via Zoom from former U.S. ambassador to the European Union and founder of the St. Mark's Gray Colloquium, C. Boyden Gray '60, and concluded with closing remarks to the community from Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, P '24. In addition to Gray and Polito, a number of St. Mark's alumni and parents participated in Gray Day by leading breakout sessions for students and faculty, including "A Participatory Democracy" with Armstrong Robinson '96; "Maintaining Freedom of the Seas: How the U.S. Navy Confronts 21st Century National Security Challenges" with Catherine Long '03; "The United States, NATO, and the Baltic States" with Gregory Garland '72, P '25; "Money in Politics—Can the United States Remain an Independent Country?" with Richard Painter P '25; and "Democracy in the 21st Century" with Stu Patrick '57.

"We had a successful Gray Colloquium Day, bringing in alumni, parents, and scholars in various fields to discuss how and when their work focused around 'Democracy in the 21st Century,' our speaker series theme for the year," said McCann. "The speakers gave the whole community a lot to



consider and discuss long after they left campus, and we were all grateful for the opportunity."

Why is the Gray Colloquium such an important program at St. Mark's? As McCann explained, "The colloquium allows students and the adult community to take a moment to remind ourselves of why we are doing the work of education: to be better people, citizens of St. Mark's, citizens of our communities, and citizens of the world. When I hear students discussing the latest presentation in the hallways, I know it is working."

Next year's Gray Colloquium theme is "Conspiracies and Consequences." Students will discuss the duties of being a citizen, including understanding the systems that our country is built upon, and how the spread of misinformation can have very real consequences. Throughout the year, visiting speakers along with members of the School community will attempt to examine why factually incorrect conspiracy theories sometimes present logical and convincing narratives that are easier to accept than challenging realities.

"I hope our program will return robustly next year with an intelligent, interesting, diverse group of speakers," shared McCann. "I know our Gray Colloquium Student Committee will be working hard behind the scenes to make that happen."



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THIS IS ME

## Community Scholar and Advocate

Talib Hudson '99

"MY WHOLE CAREER really boils down to me trying to address issues I saw as a child," explains Talib Hudson '99, director, research and innovation at the National Network for Safe Communities and founder and project director of The New Hood in New York City. A graduate of George Washington University, he recently earned his doctorate in public and urban policy at the New School and is currently employing academic research to address policy questions stemming from urban neighborhood communities.

Born and raised in Harlem in the '80s and '90s, Talib says his parents intentionally sent him to schools outside their neighborhood where he saw "other ways of living." From a young age, he observed how stratification affects the educational system, and how "public policy determines

who gets what"—like old, used books in a poorer school community and newer texts in a more affluent one. Talib realized that policy decisions were impacting his community, and that he wanted to have an impact in the world for social change.

"Inequality drives me," he acknowledged. As a community-based scholar and advocate, Talib has focused on education, criminal justice, and community and economic development. He has partnered with friend and mentor Iesha Sekou, founder of Street Corner Resources, to strengthen education in Harlem, coordinate community outreach, and push for violence prevention policy. Previously, he worked as policy director at the Community Justice Action Fund; associate director, group violence intervention at the National Network for Safe Communities;

deputy director of community partnerships at the Manhattan District Attorney's office; and legislative affairs associate at the International Economic Development Council in Washington, D.C.

His experience in D.C., which included meetings on Capitol Hill with senators, federal officials, and think tanks like the Brookings Institution, taught Talib how politicians take ideas from policy experts and turn them into policy. He also realized a major flaw in the system: "The policy makers don't look like me." And they're not from Harlem. "That's a problem," Talib said. "Someone needed to do something, and I guess that someone would be me."

This was the genesis of Talib's idea to create policy discourse around salient social and economic issues impacting

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urban Black and Brown communities. With the mission to empower these communities, The New Hood is a project of the Center for New York City Affairs at the Milano School for Policy, Management, and Environment that focuses on community-based policy ideas, resources, and resolutions.

“Going to a small school like St. Mark’s really did help me to develop my leadership potential,” Talib said. A self-described introvert, he participated in a number of extra-curriculars as a student at the School, including choir, octet, and the one-act plays. He was also a peer counselor, a student congress representative, and vice president then president of We the People affinity group.

While Talib may have honed a few of his many impressive leadership skills as a Lion, one thing is certain: his work as a scholar and advocate over the last two decades has been driven by purpose, passion, mission, and vision. In 2021, Talib received a St. Mark’s “Lives of Consequence” award for making significant contributions to—and a positive impact on—his community, and for being oriented toward a purpose larger than himself. “I have to be doing something that is having some kind of social impact,” he shared. “Service is at the heart of everything I do.”

The world today needs more people like Talib—people who recognize biased and broken systems, partisan and preferential policies—who work tirelessly to fix problems at the root so that stronger, safer, healthier communities can grow and thrive.

—JACKIE WATERS

Learn more about Talib Hudson and The New Hood at [www.thenewhood.org](http://www.thenewhood.org)

# CLASS NOTES

1952

**John Austin** writes in to say “Call it a warp—time now seems a collage. Vibrant present, thoughts of a future world beyond us, visions from the past—Palmer on the mound, Hamlen at short; Dr. Begg on his post-chapel sprint to apprehend cafeteria speedsters; William Wyatt Barber’s sly delight in the unfortunately endowed Thersites; Bug-Bug Hall’s throbbing vein and imaginative appeals, Butch (Is That So?) Sawyer, dutiful chauffeur—on rotation, no doubt—beginning to snore at Saturday night B.S.O. (III Formers’ dilemma); the elegant hoopsters Munger and Jones; Iselin, J. tackling above his weight and preparing for greatness; William Gaccon in his quarters at the prow of Dorm C; Miss Wheeler of the smoldering wig (oh, what she could tell us); Hercules Coe behind his picture window, seeing all; Classmates... an attic trunk recently disgorged some yellowing music manuscripts from St. Mark’s days. Not so good! Except, except....it’s there in those awkward pages: the need to marshal sounds, to make something that wasn’t there before. Now, some 70 years on: I’m happily setting down a few lessons learned so far—about how pitches and rhythms behave; what do they—what can they—mean; how can you teach them—and let them teach you—to sing a fresh song. The summer project will be the completion and orchestration of a ballet for our grandson, who is in training for a career on the boards—a leg up toward the future, you might say. Wherever it all comes

from I feel infinitely blessed in this, in family, and in a privileged life. The images keep coming—the Steinway in the crypt; Doc Sheppard drawing music from adolescent boys; the pagantry of Chapel processions; Messrs. Sheppard’s and Anderson’s high-step-pin’ piano duo that capped the spring season and delighted those strange creatures, raucous, reunioning alumni; Classmates...We were fortunate.”

1953

**Francois Henri Ballande** writes “I am most grateful for your invitation, as I feel always so thankful of the AFS Scholarship I received 69 years ago. I am proud I could graduate thanks to our teachers and their up to date methods of the time. I hope to be with you next year for the reunions of ’93 and ’03 with my wife Liliane—if needed I will come with one of my six children or 18 grandchildren. Age Quod Agis.

1956

**George Crawford** shares photos with Edda Hare and Sheila and **Tom Urmston** in front of the Lion following the memorial service for **Harry Hare** on April 2, 2022; and members of the class of 1956 gathering for their second Zoom reunion on March 20. Participants included **George Crawford, Doug Guiler, Tom Urmstom, Bob Jackson, Oscar Wand,** and **Henry Winsor** (dialing in from New Zealand).

1959

**Brian Thompson** is “Delighted to be returning to our shared family country house in Normandy, joined by our younger son Dan and his wife Beth, their three adopted daughters, Dan’s son Gavril and his girlfriend, his daughter Anaïs and her husband, as well as Marie-Claude’s brother and sister. It’s in a tiny town without a single commerce.”

**David DiCicco** writes “‘What is your name?’ Unfortunately I didn’t know. How could that be? I was on a ski patrol sled at the Snowmass Ski area in Aspen, Colorado. Soon I was going downhill to a waiting ambulance that took me to the

Aspen Valley Hospital. From there a helicopter took me, a paramedic, and a nurse to St. Anthony’s Hospital in Lakewood outside of Denver. I had no memory of my collision with the other skier. I was in the neurological ICU unit for five days as the staff worked to stop my brain bleed, which was extensive. Finally they did, and we headed back to San Diego by car. The accident followed three weeks of terrific skiing at Snowmass.”

1960

**Wilfred Skey** writes “I have reluctantly learned how to fail at retirement. After 55 years as a practicing attorney, I recently chose to end that

part of my life. I thought it would be easy: play more golf, find the time to mow my lawns, play with grandchildren. Nope—does not work that way. What I discovered was that “retirement” takes as much—if not more—planning than what they call a “career.” Luckily, I have escaped the dangers of daytime TV and thank my lucky stars to have done so. This is just a warning to others who are just now thinking about retiring.”

1962

**Rob Lind** says “Aside from this horrible COVID blip, (canceled six trips) my wife and I continue to enjoy world travel, particularly

from a photojournalist’s eye in mind! Locally, enjoying proximity to four of six grandchildren, flinging arrows as a traditional longbow archer (traded in golf clubs for bows 10 years ago) and especially some vigorous off-road mountain biking along the adjacent Santa Monica mountain range trails occasionally with my son, Adam, and grandson, Bode, who are avid practitioners....and if I can keep up with them!”

1963

**John Benjamin** writes “Daughter, **Elizabeth E. Benjamin-Alcayaga ’05** and her husband Enrique Alcayaga brought our grandson Mateas into the



SNAPSHOT

## CLASS OF 1972 50TH REUNION

THE CLASS OF 1972 celebrated its 50th reunion April 28–30 on campus. To see more photos from the weekend, visit <https://stmarksschool.today/1972>.



world on March 9, 2020.... (opening day of COVID!) Continued to spend ½ year in rural west Colorado projects, tiny house; light-straw clay house; major gardens; mushroom forays.”

#### 1966

**Samuel R Dorrance** checks in to write: “Relocated to Vermont six months before the pandemic. A fortuitous decision! Busy restoring a Victorian house, built 1890, still sailing and enjoying grandchildren and pursuing literary interests.”

**Jerry Toth’s** wife Mira registered to run, back to back, 10 days apart, the Berlin and London marathons.

#### 1970

**Nelson Neal Stone** writes “We welcomed our fifth grandchild, Sophia Lucy Kim, on March 13, into our lives. Gloria and I are fortunate to have the ability to be in NYC to help out with the busy lives of our children. Despite retiring in 2012 from clinical practice, I continue to work to advance medical education. The accompanying photo is from a recent hands-on training workshop in kidney stone disease held at the University of California Medical Center Irvine where the students were learning how to ultrasound a kidney embedded in a phantom. The phantom, created by Viomerse (www.viomerse.com), is one of many devices available for surgeons to practice on before treating their patients. I am

particularly proud that we will be releasing the remote training platform which will allow a trainer to teach a student physician remotely using line of sight technology. This will be the first platform that utilizes an augmented reality headset combined with video communication to reach all parts of the world, including underserved communities. I look forward to continuing my teaching mission, now without the need to frequently be on the road. Family time is now the priority.”

#### 1973

**Raymond Shimkus** writes “Just got back from two weeks in Goiania, Brazil, to meet my wife, Ivone’s, family. I pretty much ate my way through our vacation! We’re still living here in

Westborough where we’ve been enjoying Spartan racing over the past few years. Ivone kicked my butt when she finished The Beast at Killington, Vt., one of the toughest obstacle courses in America, in eight hours. It would be great if we could all get together for our 50th next year. Plan for it!”

**Russell Pyne** writes “St. Markers are everywhere! Last month my wife Helen and I enjoyed a week of skiing at Northstar in Tahoe with our nephew **Chapin Pyne ’20** and his parents. While riding a chairlift we met **Bob Maclay ’69** who was visiting the West Coast with his wife. We enjoyed some fun skiing together.” Russell sends a photo of himself with Bob and Chapin, with Lake Tahoe in the background.

#### 1975

**Chris Carey** sends a photo of a mini ’75 reunion in Vero Beach aboard **Henry Chapman’s** new boat “Fluke.” Pictured from left are **Carol Chapman, Bob and Donna Storer**, Chaps, and **Buzzy Preston’s** widow Janice, who is thriving in Vero. He writes, “Later in the month, **Tom Browne, David Stack**, and I will serve as crew for parts of the voyage back north. Part of the fun will be celebrating our mutual 65th birthdays by acting like 16 years olds!”

**Evangeline Lincoln Wollmar** writes, “I am the proud ‘Nana’ to two beautiful granddaughters. Aurora (Ari) was born in July 2021, and Evie was born in January 2022. Between visiting Evie and Ari and preparing for my daughter’s wedding in August, I just can’t stop smiling. I am still living on an island in Maine, and have switched careers to elder care. I have finally hung up my skates, and have the greatest pleasure of caring part time for an elderly couple in my town. I am still sailing/cruising with my husband in the summer .... basically loving life!” Evangeline sends two photos: “The first picture is when I met Evie for the first time at three weeks old. The second is Ari at eight months.”

#### 1984

**Matthew Chamberlin** writes in to say: “**Julia** graduated this year and is off to join her brother, **Truman ’20**, at UNC Chapel Hill. I FINALLY stepped off the Board of Trustees after 12 years of highly rewarding service and was awarded the Potter Miller Prize. In work news, on May 1, I was named associate dean for communications and marketing at the Gillings

School of Global Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill. Tar Heels all around! Does this officially make me a southerner? Not hardly...”

**Ted Reugg** writes, “After 35 years of working for *Cruising World* and *Sailing World* magazines, rising from the title of telemarketing sales to associate publisher, I quit. We have sold our house in Annapolis, Md., where I’ve lived since 1990. I’m pleased to say I am now the publisher of *Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors* magazine. We are in the process of moving up to mid-coast Maine. Will spend the summer out on North Haven Island, commuting to work on the ferry. St. Markers who love the coast of Maine are invited to the 35th Anniversary Celebration of Maine Boats on August 12 and 13, 2022 in Rockland, Maine. For more details visit: www.maineboats.com. My new work email is: ted@maineboats.com.”

#### 1987

**Bob Pulliam** writes, “Sorry I was not able to make it back for reunion, but after a year and a half of “transition”, we are moved into our new house on Daniel Island (outside of Charleston, S.C.) and nothing is in storage! COVID helped initiate the move, but it did no favors on the whole selling and buying of houses. Both of our boys (7 and 4) are happy as clams, as are Kyunga and I. I’m still with Microsoft, managing my team 100 percent remotely.”

#### 1991

**Carter Gray** shares two photos: 1) “**Carter Hudson ’25** and me, Class of 1991! Nothing like a mini reunion at a Christmas party!” 2) “While I was rounding at Rex Hospital I ran into



1. George Crawford '56 with Edda Hare and Sheila and Tom Urmston

2. Rob Lind '62 with son Adam and grandson Bode

3. Rob Lind '62

4. Sophia Lucy Kim, grandchild of Nelson Neal Stone '70

5. Nelson Neal Stone '70

6. Raymond Shimkus '73 with wife Ivone

7. Chris Carey '75 with Carol Chapman, Bob and Donna Storer, Henry Chapman, and Janice Preston

8. Russell Pyne '73 with nephew Chapin Pyne '20 and Bob Maclay '69



## Call for Nominations for the next class of inductees!

The St. Mark’s Athletic Hall of Fame honors the spirit and achievements of our student-athletes and exemplifies the School’s conviction that athletics are vital to the development of a student’s character, discipline, and leadership abilities. Keeping in mind that sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork are essential elements of athletic success, eligibility is based on:

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- Coaches and other individuals who made a profound and long-lasting impact on the student-athletes and program.



Please submit online at [www.stmarksschool.org/ahof-nominee](http://www.stmarksschool.org/ahof-nominee) or contact [advancement@stmarksschool.org](mailto:advancement@stmarksschool.org).



**Mari Emmett.** She is a pediatrician who cares for many of the babies I deliver. What a treat it was to catch up and laugh about how we both ended up in the same hospital and the same department after so many years!”

1996

**Jordan Nardino** writes: “Bad news: my show about the prep school where everyone has a secret isn’t going forward at Netflix. But good news: my show about the boy who gets a job at a makeup company is. It’s called *Glamorous*, and we’re shooting it in Toronto this summer. It should be released sometime next year. Then I can pivot back to prep school, except this time, better secrets.”

2002

**Michael B. Greenwald** and his wife Nolan moved to Palm Beach in March 2020. In February 2022, Michael was appointed global lead, digital assets, for Amazon Web Services.

2005

**Katie (Ijams) Povinelli** reports the birth of Caroline Anne Povinelli on April 26, 2022. “Proud grandfather **Jack Ijams ’75** can’t wait to show her around campus!”

**Lucy Edwards** and **Julie (Radziewicz) Wargo** got together with their kids this spring. Lucy is living in Portland, Maine, with her husband. They welcomed baby boy Otis last June. Lucy works as president of Maine Recovery Fund, a nonprofit that supports employment

for those in recovery from substance use disorder. Julie lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and three daughters, Emma, Cora, and Willa. She is a senior talent equity consultant with Edgility Consulting.

2006

**Connor Compton** shares a photo with **Darrell Harvey ’67** from a wedding at the Homestead in Deering, N.H.

2008

**Addison Hunt** married Bennett Judge in Charleston, S.C., on December 30 surrounded by close family and friends. The couple met in 2015 while working in New York City. **Tennyson Hunt ’10** served as the bride’s maid of honor. Additional ’08 alumni in attendance were **Hoitt**

**McAllister, William Holm, Peter Smithy,** and **Esra Karamehmet.**

**Donald Hoitt McAllister III** was married to Sharon Sobel on July 8, 2021. Many St. Marks classmates, lifelong friends, and family members were in attendance to celebrate. The photo includes (left to right): **Addison Hunt, Peter Smithy ’08** (groomsman), **Hoitt McAllister, Alex Ward ’08, Tennyson Hunt, William Holm ’08** (groomsman), and **Malcolm McAllister ’77** (uncle).

2009

**Chris Cyr** and **Cecile (Lauzon) ’08** were married in November 2020 and recently welcomed their identical twin sons Hugh and Oliver into the world this past fall/holiday season.

**Ceilidh Hunt** writes, “We got married in October 2021 at Mount Hope Farm in Bristol, R.I. My sister **Liz Abrecht ’11** and her husband **Ford ’12** were in attendance, along with **Kylie Gauthier ’10, Amelie Touroyan ’10, Hima Nannapaneni,** and **Swetha Dravida.**

2011

**Amy Corsini** and Kyle Volpe were married in Jamestown, R.I. in October 2021. They were able to celebrate with several of their closest friends from St. Mark’s.

2012

**Megan (Giblin) Upton** writes, “After five years of working in clinical cancer research at Massachusetts General Hospital, I will be beginning the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program at Tufts University this summer!”

2013


In the spring of 2022, **Michael Hoffman** completed his five years of service as an officer onboard the USS Seawolf (SSN-21), and will be attending the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in the fall to pursue an MBA.




1. Evangeline Lincoln Wollmar '75 with granddaughter Evie  
2. Evangeline Lincoln Wollmar's granddaughter Aurora (Ari)  
3. Carter Gray '91 with Mari Emmett '91  
4. Carter Gray '91 (right) with Carter Hudson '25  
5. Michael Greenwald '02 with wife Nolan

6. Caroline Anne Povinelli, daughter of Katie Ijams Povinelli '05  
7. Lucy Edwards '05 and Julie (Radziewicz) Wargo '05 with their children  
8. Connor Compton '06 with Darrell Harvey '67  
9. Addison Hunt '08, Bennett Judge, and friends

10. Donald Hoitt McAllister with Addison Hunt '08, Peter Smithy '08, Alex Ward '08, Tennyson Hunt '10, William Holm '08, and Malcolm McAllister '77  
11. Chris Cyr '09 and Cecile (Lauzon) '08  
12. Ceilidh Hunt '09  
13. Amy Corsini '11, Kyle Volpe, and friends



From Roman legend, Androcles was a servant who removed a thorn from a lion's paw and was loyally rewarded by the lion in the Colosseum. The Trustees of St. Mark's wish to recognize the donors who have notified the School that they have provided for St. Mark's in their estate plans as members of the St. Mark's School Androcles Society. Donors receive special communications from the Head of School, invitations to events, and special recognition in School publications.



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# IN MEMORIAM

1944

**William (Tish) Rand ’44, P’80, GP’10, ’18, ’20, ’21** died on Thursday, February 3. He was 95. An alumnus of St. Mark’s, and a parent and grandparent to five St. Markers, Tish was a part of our School community for decades and has served as a class agent since 1980, the year his daughter Carley Weatherley-White ’80 graduated.

St. Mark’s has been a special place to the Rand family for generations. Tish followed his father, William Rand ’13, in attending the School, along with his brother Carleton Burr Rand ’46, who was honored with an award in his namesake. Daughter and alumnus Carley added, “Attending my father’s school always meant so much to me and my daughter Katherine ’10, and I think our love of St. Mark’s came in part from that wonderful connection to him. At my daughter’s graduation, he presented her diploma, which remains a special memory for our family.”

“He was a terrific father. I feel so blessed for all the years we had together and for my children all having their own close relationship with him,” shared daughter Paula (Rand) Hornbostel P ’18, ’20, ’21. “He was very proud of them and very pleased to see them go to and thrive at his school. It was such fun for him to come and visit to watch them compete, see their art hanging, and hear them lend their voices in harmony.”

A graduate of the Buckley School and St. Mark’s, Tish joined the Navy, first at Yale for officer training and

then on a minesweeper in the Port of Sasebo, Japan. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard and his bachelor of laws degree from Columbia Law School. After serving as assistant district attorney under Frank Hogan, Tish became assistant counsel to Governor Nelson Rockefeller, who later appointed him an interim justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx Criminal Division. He then became a partner at Coudert Brothers, representing largely European and Asian clients. In the 1960s, Tish led the successful legal challenge to protect Central Park from a proposed development of a sidewalk café complex. He served two terms as a Republican District Leader in New York City and 35 years as village justice of Cove Neck, N.Y. He was a trustee of the Nightingale-Bamford School and the THANC Foundation, and co-chair of the New York Chapter of the World Federalist Society.

Tish was a devoted family man and loved sailing, tennis, court tennis, golf, and chess. He also was an avid gardener and stamp collector. Renowned for his love of the water, he courted his wife, Paula Coudert, by swimming across Oyster Bay and was happily married for 64 years. She survives him as do their four children, Alicia Moller (Mikael), Carley Weatherley-White (Carl), William Rand (Molly), and Paula Hornbostel (John); and nine beloved grandchildren, Katherine, Philip, Cort, Charles, Summer, Margaret, Paula, Frances, and Lucy. The entire family will miss the twinkle in his eye, his wit, and his kindness.

1947

**Frederick Colburn Baldwin** died on December 15, 2021. He was 92. A photographer who documented wildlife, the civil rights movement, and American poverty, and who helped promote fellow photographers from Latin America, Africa, and Asia, Frederick displayed extraordinary physical courage as a photographer and a deep empathy that allowed him to get inside the lives of the people he documented. He carried a camera while serving as a Marine rifleman in the Korean War, received two Purple Hearts, and survived the brutal 17-day Battle of Chosin Reservoir in 1950. His unit was photographed by David Douglas Duncan of *Life* magazine, which influenced Frederick in his career path. In the 1950s and early 1960s, Frederick photographed reindeer herders in Sweden and Norway, polar bears near the North Pole, and marlin in the waters off Mexico for Sports Illustrated, Esquire and National Geographic.

In 1963, after a chance encounter with a local civil rights march in Savannah, Ga., he volunteered to work with the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, led by Hosea Williams, a close associate of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After photographing Dr. King in Savannah, Frederick served as the Peace Corps director in Sarawak, on Borneo Island in Malaysia, from 1964 to 1966. Returning to Savannah, he documented hunger and malnutrition among the poor in Georgia and South Carolina; those images were presented

to Senator George S. McGovern’s Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs in 1968.

Some of Frederick’s most prominent work was done in partnership with Wendy Watriss, a photographer and writer who has received awards for her own photography. Frederick and Wendy married in 2002. Frederick and Wendy were co-founders of FotoFest in Houston, an arts organization dedicated to photography that held its first biennial exhibition in 1986. At the time, most museum curators in the United States and Europe believed there were few photographers doing important work in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. For three decades, the couple traveled more than 100,000 miles a year to find and connect photographers, curators, editors, and collectors, while helping to launch scores of photo festivals around the world. In addition to his wife, Wendy, Frederick is survived by two sons from a previous marriage, Frederick and Charles, and a granddaughter. His brother, Robert G. Baldwin ’41, died in 2003.

**Henry “Harry” Lansing McVickar Jr.** died on September 30, 2021. He was 92. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Juliet McVickar “Smudge,” his son Henry Lansing McVickar III, his daughter, Heather McVickar Bagni, and three grandchildren.

1954

**Charles King Mallory, P’98** died on January 18. He was 85. He had

Parkinson’s Disease, and his death was due to injuries from a fall on January 10. Born November 16, 1936 in Norfolk, Virginia, he was the son of then-deceased Navy flight lieutenant Charles King Mallory Jr., of Washington, D.C. and Dorothy Pratt Williams of New Orleans, La. King spent his childhood in New Orleans, attending Isadore Newman School, and in New York City, attending St. Bernard’s School. He graduated from St. Mark’s, receiving various awards and lettering in basketball and football. He later served as chairman of the St. Mark’s Alumni Association and on the board of trustees, and was presented with the School’s Distinguished Alumnus award.

King graduated in 1958 from Yale University where he received honors, was an editor of the Yale Daily News, and rowed crew. He then attended the Tulane University School of Law, where he was a member of the Tulane Law Review. He went into the U.S. Navy in September of 1961, serving on Midway Island as the legal discipline officer. His ultimate duty station was at the Twelfth Naval District legal office in San Francisco, where he studied for, and was admitted to, the California Bar. He returned to New Orleans in 1965 to join the Monroe & Lemann law firm, where he had worked for two summers as a law clerk, becoming a partner.

In 1972, he moved to Washington to work at the Securities & Exchange Commission, as acting executive director under Chairman William J. Casey, Jr. In 1973, he was appointed deputy assistant secretary of interior for power resources and regulation, and in the following year was appointed as acting assistant secretary

for energy and minerals. He was the recipient of the Interior Department’s Outstanding Service Award, its highest for non-career officials. He returned again to New Orleans in 1975 to serve as vice president for public affairs and general counsel of the Middle South Utilities system (now Entergy Corp.) In 1979, he moved back to Washington as a partner in the D.C office of Hunton & Williams LLP, (now Hunton Andrews Kurth) where he practiced federal government relations, energy and environmental law until retiring in 2017.

He was an avid golfer and achieved every golfer’s dream when he hit a hole-in-one on the third hole of the Monterey Country Club golf course, where Eisenhower would play when visiting Camp David. He was a voracious reader and reciter of poetry and limericks, a bird hunter (and watcher), and a gardener. He is survived by Penny (nee Florence Beale Marshall), his wife for over 40 years, their son, Richard Coke Marshall Mallory (Sarah Hall) and three children from his prior marriage to Linda Monroe, Charles King Mallory IV, Raburn Monroe Mallory (Lisa Dunbar) and Anne Yeadley Mallory, along with grandsons Logan, Harrison and Hendrix, granddaughters Claire and Julia, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

**Bruce Brighton Wilson** died on April 13. He was 86. Bruce served as a St. Mark’s trustee from 2008 to 2022, and as a member of the Alumni Executive Committee from 2005 to 2010. As AEC president in 2008, he led the effort to establish the Distinguished Alumni Awards (now the Alumni

Awards Program) to celebrate the achievements and contributions to society that have been made by many of our graduates, and to inspire future St. Markers to continue the “giving back” that they started as students at St. Mark’s.

Bruce was also a stalwart supporter of global citizenship. His generous contributions to the School made it possible for several faculty members to attend the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria, and his initiative helped create the Global Citizenship Institute at St. Mark’s. As Global Citizenship Director Laura Appell-Warren shared, “Bruce was such a force on the St. Mark’s board in support of global citizenship, the Global Citizenship Institute, and my work in general, and I will miss his wise counsel very much.”

As a student at St. Mark’s, Bruce played football and wrestled; he also participated in drama and became editor of the St. Marker. Additionally, Bruce was a recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Thayer Scholarship and a winner of the Founder’s Medal. After graduating from St. Mark’s, he attended Princeton University followed by the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, from which he graduated in 1961. He was married to his wife Dede for 55 years, and together they raised four children in St. David’s, Pa., and Bethesda, Md. Following Dede’s death, Bruce married Mary Gardener Bale in 2015, with whom he enjoyed the final years of his life.

During his legal career, Bruce clerked for Judge Herbert Goodrich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, practiced at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, and served as deputy assistant attorney general at the U.S.

Department of Justice (Antitrust Division). At Conrail, he worked diligently to become senior vice president/general counsel, a position he held until he retired in 1997. After his retirement, Bruce provided pro bono legal services in many different capacities and was recently honored as a 60-year member of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Bruce was passionate about service, both to his community and to the larger world. He believed in the power of education and served on the boards of several organizations in addition to St. Mark’s. Bruce is survived by his wife, Mary, his sister Marilyn Bonner (David), and his children, Mabeth W. Hudson (Dan); Mary W. Turner (Gregg); Rob Wilson (Wendy); and Caroline W. Ellison. He was a devoted stepfather to Lucy, Duchie, and Posey Bale, as well an amazing Pop-Pop to 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1955

**James Mandeville Carlisle** died on September 14, 2021. He was 83. He was the son of Deborah Perkins and James Mandeville Carlisle. Remarkably generous and loyal, he recently characterized himself to a close friend as a “career teacher.” He was a scholar, a student of the English language in its classical sense and of American and British literature of all kinds, who was always striving to learn and enlighten himself in order to equip himself to educate more effectively. He was respected by his faculty peers and his students alike for being both exacting and inspiring. Jim’s late brother Chris, also a career teacher, earned respect for the same reasons. His own writings, most notably his poetry, exhibited his



determination to veer from conventions and norms, and his commitment to expressing themes he'd developed in his own innovative and individualistic manner. His thoughts, word selection and phrasing were often soft and mellow, but occasionally turned stark and arrestingly bold. Jim was a member of several high-entry-barrier poetry groups, both in and around Cambridge, where he lived for decades, and elsewhere, including at the Kendal Crosslands Community in Kennett Square, where he lived among other retired scholars during his final nine years.

Jim was respected for his critiques as well as for the high literary quality of his own work while associated with such groups. After completing Yale College in 1960, Jim joined the faculty of Suffield Academy in Connecticut. After a few years, he moved to the Buckley School in Manhattan. Jim's final, and longest, tenure as an educator was at the Fenn School in Concord, where he served and was honored as English Department head for an extended term. During many summers, Jim immersed himself at the Bread Loaf Mountain Writers' Conferences sponsored by Middlebury College, and immensely enjoyed the challenging and stimulating environment characterized by talented writers striving to improve, and to create art through words, in a delightfully peaceful country setting.

Jim strove to develop relationships with others close to him founded on honesty, directness, truth, candor. A truly independent gentleman he was, and he was comfortable with that defining element of his character. Jim was never married. His closest

relatives are his brother Jonathan of Essex, Conn. (Michele), and nephews, Bruce (Jan) and Ben (Annemarie) both of suburban Boston; and nephew Jay (Heidi) of Boise Idaho, and niece Salona of Redding Conn., brother Alex (Beth) of Williamstown Mass., and sister Kate Lemerise (Alton) of Waynesboro N.C.

**James Rowland Lowe, P'84, '93**, died on February 18. He was 85. Jimmy was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., the son of the late Elizabeth Ives Lowe of Washington, D.C. and the late James Rowland Lowe of San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Lowe attended St. Albans School and graduated from St. Mark's, before attending Yale College (graduating in 1959) and Yale Law School (graduating in 1964). As a student at St. Mark's, Jimmy was a Monitor. He also rowed crew, a sport he continued in college as a member of the varsity lightweight team at Yale, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1959. Jimmy graduated from Yale Law School in 1964. His father, James R. Lowe, graduated from St. Mark's in 1922, and there is a scholarship at the School in his memory. Two of Jimmy's four children, Amanda Blodgett Lowe '93 and Dr. E. Garrett Lowe '84, are also alumni of St. Mark's.

He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2005. Jimmy began his career with Reilly and Wells, a labor relations firm in Washington. Subsequently, he worked for the private enterprise programs of the Agency for International Development (AID) and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the successor to AID in the

private enterprise area. After government, he opened the Washington Office of Arctic Gas, a U.S.-Canadian consortium which proposed to build a natural gas pipeline from Prudhoe Bay and the Mackenzie delta in Canada to markets in southern Canada and the lower 48 states. In the end, the pipeline was never built, and the gas is still being re-injected 30 years later. He also worked for Union Pacific and owned a travel agency.

Jimmy was a lifelong member of St. John's Episcopal Church-Lafayette Square, where he served on the vestry. He also served on the boards of the Potomac School, St. Mark's School, the College of Preachers and the Washington Theological Consortium. He was also a member of the Chapter of the Washington National Cathedral. Jimmy was a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. He was president of the Board of the House of Mercy and was member of the Founding Governance Board of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, an Episcopal school for boys in Anacostia. Jimmy was long active in Republican politics in Washington. He was a member of the District of Columbia Republican Committee and served a term as a member of the Republican National Committee. He was an alternate delegate to the Republican convention in 1996 and was a delegate to the conventions in 2000 and 2004. Jimmy was a member of the Metropolitan Club, the Chevy Chase Club and formerly of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. He was married to the late Elizabeth Murphy Lowe and is survived by four children, James III (Kelly) of Estero, Fla.; and Garrett

(Stephanie), Elizabeth, and Amanda of Washington; four grandchildren, Kemper, Nora, Emelia and James IV, and step-grandson George.

**1956**  
**Ralph Richmond "Rich" Bacon** died on March 30. He was 84. Rich was born March 3, 1938 in Newton to Robert Francis and Jean Richmond (Taber) Bacon. He is survived by his dear wife of 16 years, Diana Gail (Lupian), and his children Robert Bacon and Debra Dowling (Pat). He was also blessed by his grandchildren, Mary Bordenaro, Michael Bordenaro, Shannon Baker, Trey Bacon and Richard Bacon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Patricia (Fowler), in 1999. Rich was a fervent patriot, serving the United States in the Army Green Berets for nine years. He served the country in Vietnam as a medic and a master jumper paratrooper. After the service, he worked as an insurance agent for Merrill Lynch and also worked for Watkins Trucking. Rich honored his comrade veterans in his retirement as an active member of the honor guard of the American Legion of Lady Lake, Fla., the American Legion of Umatilla, Fla., and the 82nd Airborne, North Central Florida Chapter. He loved reading and also found great enjoyment in gardening.

**Dr. Marshall Hay Jones Jr.**, died on January 2. He was 84. At St. Mark's, Marshall lettered in football and wrestling and was a member of the octet.

**1961**  
**Richard Warren Gerrity** died on December 17, 2021. He was 78. Dick was born December 23, 1942 in

Boston. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.kapalaglodekmalone.com](http://www.kapalaglodekmalone.com).

**1962**  
**Herman LeRoy Emmet III** died on November 4, 2021. At St. Mark's, he lettered in soccer and was a member of the octet. Herman was one of many members of his family who attended St. Mark's, including his father, Herman L. Emmet '37, grandfather Herman R. Emmet '08, brother William L. Emmet '63, cousins Henry C. Emmet '06, Watson C. Emmet '10, Henri W. Emmet '44, and Edouard C. Emmet '49, niece Mari Emmet-Stratmeier '91, and nephew William L. Emmet '96.

**1976**  
**Edward James Parfet** died on December 18, 2020. He was 63.

**1983**  
**Eugenie Renee Boreel Bos** died on February 1. At St. Mark's, she lettered in crew, squash and field hockey.

**1990**  
**Catherine Birch Storey** died on December 12, 2020.

**1997**  
**Jason Burrell Jastrzebski** died unexpectedly on December 22, 2021. He was 42. Jason was a devoted partner to Cecelia Abedi, father to two French Bulldogs, Oscar and Zoey, and one cat named Oliver. Jason was born in Boston, on June 28, 1979, and grew up in Marblehead. He attended Tower School in Marblehead before coming to St. Mark's. He was the son of the late Marjorie Denise Jastrzebski and Mario T. Jastrzebski. In addition

to his partner Cecilia, Jason is survived by his father, Mario Jastrzebski; his sister, Abigail DeRosa and her husband Jeff DeRosa and nephew, Hunter DeRosa, all of Swampscott, and stepmother Angela Sullivan of Salem. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jason found his passion in the mortgage industry, most recently leading and mentoring a team of mortgage originators at CrossCountry Mortgage in West Hartford, Conn. Jason was an avid fisherman, finding peace while at sea. He loved with all his heart and will be missed dearly.

**FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS**  
Former St. Mark's faculty member **Les Baird** died on June 5, 2021. He was 74. Les served on the St. Mark's faculty for 17 years, from 1998 to 2015. During that time, Les led the Drama Department with great skill and passion, and was instrumental in crafting the vision that resulted in the Black Box Theater. Les also chaired the Arts Department. The plays Les staged were thought-provoking and promoted impressive growth on the part of the cast. The annual spring one-act plays provided the opportunity for a wide range of students to gain experience acting, directing, and serving on the crew.

Les's 17 years at St. Mark's were incredibly fulfilling to him, allowing him to develop "the best possible relationships with faculty, staff, and students," said his longtime partner, Sue Lauther. Indeed, she commented, Les "just loved being at St. Mark's." "Les is so incredibly warm, so incredibly welcoming," Head Chaplain Barbara Talcott said on the

occasion of Les's retirement from St. Mark's in 2015. "He and Sue were some of the first people to reach out to Doug and me when we arrived on campus. For any new member of a community, there is usually a 'testing' period, when all of your new colleagues engage politely, but only at arm's length, while they wait to see what kind of person you actually are. And I have noticed that for chaplains, because of all the baggage that most people carry around about religion, that 'testing period' is usually at least twice as long. Apparently, clergy are just not to be trusted! Well, there was absolutely no "testing" period with Les—it was like he assumed I was a wonderful person and would do a wonderful job and would be a wonderful friend right from the minute he met me. So how could I not try to meet his expectations?! And this is the way Les is with every new faculty member. Colleagues unanimously describe him as having a 'beautiful spirit: generous, warm, and flexible.'"

In addition to Sue, Les is survived by his daughter Julia Neelima Baird, two step-sisters, Anne Whiteside and Katherine Baird, and his stepmother Barbara Baird.

Former faculty member **Reverend Peter C. Ensor** died on October 26, 2021, while in hospice care in Riverton, Wyoming. He was 83. From 1965 to 1971, Reverend Ensor served on the St. Mark's faculty as assistant chaplain.

Born in Cambridge, he attended Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1960, he graduated from Hamilton College, and in 1963, he received his theology degree

from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, also attending classes at Harvard. Reverend Ensor marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and several fellow Episcopal priests in Selma, Alabama on March 25, 1965. In 1999, he was named an honorary canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul by Los Angeles Bishop Frederick H. Borsch.

Reverend Ensor is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean, of Dubois, Wyo.; daughter Molly (Sheldon) Shore of Sioux Falls, S.D.; son-in-law Tim Parrett of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; and granddaughters, Houston Parrett and Meaghan Allen. He is preceded in death by daughter Kate Parrett and his parents, Howard and Florence (DeBrock) Ensor.

**William (Bill) Glavin** died on November 4, 2021. He was 92. Bill served on the St. Mark's faculty for 41 years, from 1955 to 1996. During that time, he taught Greek and Latin. He also served as advisor to the Cum Laude Society and coached baseball for several seasons. Bill was an avid Red Sox and Cubs fan. He cared deeply about the well-being of the students and resided in a Main Building apartment during all four decades of his tenure at St. Mark's, overseeing a second floor dormitory. In fact, more than 2,000 St. Markers passed through the School during Bill's time at the School, and many have noted his willingness to listen, his fierce loyalty and integrity, and the depth of his dedication.

Bill's nephew, who shares the same name, remarked, "I never thought of my uncle without thinking of St. Mark's, and I have been told a number of times lately that not many



people think of St. Mark's without thinking of Bill Glavin." He also expressed the family's gratitude to the school, noting that Bill "found his life's calling" at St. Mark's.

Bill was a fixture at many of the School's 50th reunions over the years, and an endowed faculty chair named after him and fellow Latin teacher, William John Evill—the Evill-Glavin chair—honors his legacy. A dedicated scholar, Bill earned a bachelor's degree in classics from Brown University in 1951, graduating with honors. He also spent summers earning a master's degree in classics from the University of Chicago, and eventually a Ph.D. During his retirement, Bill traveled the world, adding to his vast collection of Greek and Latin books, which totaled more than 3,000 volumes.

In addition to his nephews, Bill and Jim, he is survived by their children Meghann, Wil, Oliver, and Kyle. The family would like to acknowledge gratitude for Bill's longtime friend, Jim Marshall and his wife Laila, as well as Ted Lorenzen and his wife Barbara, for the companionship and support they offered to Bill.

**James (Jim) Gosnell** died on Saturday, October 16, 2021, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 91. Jim served on the St. Mark's faculty for seven years, from 1971 to 1979. During that time, he ran the first audio-visual department at the School.

Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served from 1950 to 1954. He also taught at the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., and Lake Region High School in Orleans, Vt. In addition, Jim was a deputy sheriff for Orleans County, Vt., an EMT, a selectman for Westmore, Vt., and a

deacon at the Westmore Community Church in Vt. He enjoyed woodworking, fly fishing, maple sugaring, and building his home in Vermont. After retirement, Jim and his wife Lois traveled throughout the United States and Canada, up through Alaska. On their 50th anniversary, they renewed their wedding vows on the Yangtze River in China.

Jim is survived by his children, Patricia Reigh and James H. Gosnell Jr.; his grandchildren and their spouses; his great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Lois G. Gosnell in 2018.

Former St. Mark's staff member **Bonnie Kerrick** died on December 28, 2021 in Vermont. Bonnie worked in the Alumni and Development Office (Publications) and was the wife of longtime faculty member Craig Kerrick (1973-2002), and the mother of Courtney Kerrick '92.

**Henry Large**, a beloved faculty member from 1965 to 2010 who continued to coach at St. Mark's for many years following his retirement, died on May 10 after suffering a fall. He was 81.

Originally from Philadelphia, Henry attended St. George's School in Rhode Island, where he excelled at football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to Princeton University, where he was First Team All-Ivy League in football (1961) and in 1962 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Upon being released from active duty, Large began a career in teaching, joining the St. Mark's faculty in the fall of 1965. He taught both

history and religion (including a turn as History Department chair) and also served as both college adviser and director of admission at different times during his 45-year tenure. In 1997, Henry was honored by the organization "We the People" for his contributions both to the organization and to students of color at St. Mark's over four decades. For many years, Henry held the Roland D. Sawyer Faculty Chair at St. Mark's. He held the title of "senior master" (now senior teacher) from 2002 until his retirement in 2010.

It was as a coach, however, that Henry made his most lasting mark. He served on both the varsity football and varsity baseball coaching staffs throughout his St. Mark's career. He also coached JV basketball for a decade. From 1983-1996 he was head coach of varsity football, and for much of that same period he was head coach of varsity baseball as well. Although he formally retired from full-time faculty status in 2010, for the next three years he tutored students and occasionally served as a substitute teacher.

As both coach and teacher, Henry's insightful grasp of young people and how to deal with them, his thoughtful kindness, his knowledge of football and baseball's intricacies, and his sense of humor, all endeared him to generations of St. Markers. He always prioritized the players' needs above all else, and was an exemplar of sportsmanship for young people to follow. At St. Mark's Sesquicentennial celebration in 2015, Henry was inducted into the St. Mark's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"We will miss Henry and his warm smile on campus, but I suspect we will always feel his presence here,

especially on the football and baseball fields," said Head of School John C. Warren '74.

**Mary Trahan Pettus** died on January 5 in Covington, Louisiana. She was 73. Mary served as St. Mark's head librarian from 2000 to 2016. "I especially appreciate the way Mary ensured that the library possessed the resources to support learning in every discipline," Head of School John C. Warren '74 wrote in a message to the School community. "Indeed, if a faculty member believed a book or a journal would support their work, Mary made sure that resource was added to the collection—print or electronic—as quickly as possible. Mary was similarly accommodating to students and staff. Mary also ensured that the library was a welcoming place and that she and others on the library team could respond to student, faculty, and staff questions in a helpful manner. Many will remember Mary as a dedicated advisor and a very thoughtful, caring colleague."

Mary's husband, Tim, was a member of the Mathematics Department for 17 years, and during part of that time he served as department chair and head coach of girls' varsity soccer. Tim died in 2020.

Mary was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. In addition to her fondness of routines, Mary always found enjoyment in a good book, reminiscing of her childhood in New Orleans, watching a good Masterpiece series, caring for her grandchildren, and making crepes for those she loved. Mary spent the majority of her retirement years in the house she loved in Northborough, feeding the birds in the backyard,

enjoying long walks around town, and visiting the Senior Center and Public Library.

Mary was born on March 23, 1948, to parents Anna Fortier Trahan and Rivers Trahan in New Orleans, La., where she attended Mount Carmel Academy. Mary met her husband Tim while attending University of Southwestern Louisiana. They married on January 26, 1968, and went on to have three children: Sarah Elizabeth Pettus, St. Mark's Class of 1988, (Troy) of Wellington, New Zealand; Timothy Jennings Pettus Jr. (Jennifer) of Malaysia and Utah; and Stephen Fortier Pettus (Lindsey) of Cumberland, Maine. Obtaining her B.S. from the University of Georgia and her M.A. in library science from the University of Texas, Mary enjoyed a long career working as the head librarian at the Fay School in addition to St. Mark's.

Mary is survived by her loving children; her dearest sister Renee Giangrosso (Mandeville, La.); her five cherished grandchildren, Jaden, Sage, Yordanos, Anna, and Michael; and her loyal and best friend, Mary Lou. Former staff member **Patricia J. (Sacco) Renzoni** died in May 2021. She was 77. Patricia was the controller at St. Mark's from 1986 to 2000, and her two daughters, Robin Renzoni-Sweetapple '85 and Karen Galligan '87, attended the School. Patricia was born in Shrewsbury, graduated from Shrewsbury High School, and received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Worcester State College. She was active in the National Association of Accountants and served as the Northeast Regional Council president for the Institute of Management Accountants from

1994 to 1995. She loved her work and was also very spiritual; while making her Cursillo, she made fast friends who continued to meet as a prayer group for 20 years. Patricia was an avid knitter and beader, as well as a passionate reader. She shared books with her daughters and joined a book group after retiring. Patricia also enjoyed traveling and was always willing to go on an adventure. She loved the beach and her time on the Cape and in Newfoundland.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ray A. Renzoni; her two daughters and their husbands, Robin Renzoni-Sweetapple '85 and David Sweetapple of Brattleboro, Vt. and Karen Galligan '87 and James Galligan of Medway, Mass.; a brother, Michael G. Sacco, Sr. of Chesterfield, Va.; two grandchildren, Joseph Galligan of North Augusta, S.C. and William Galligan of West Lafayette, Ind.; and numerous beloved cousins and friends.



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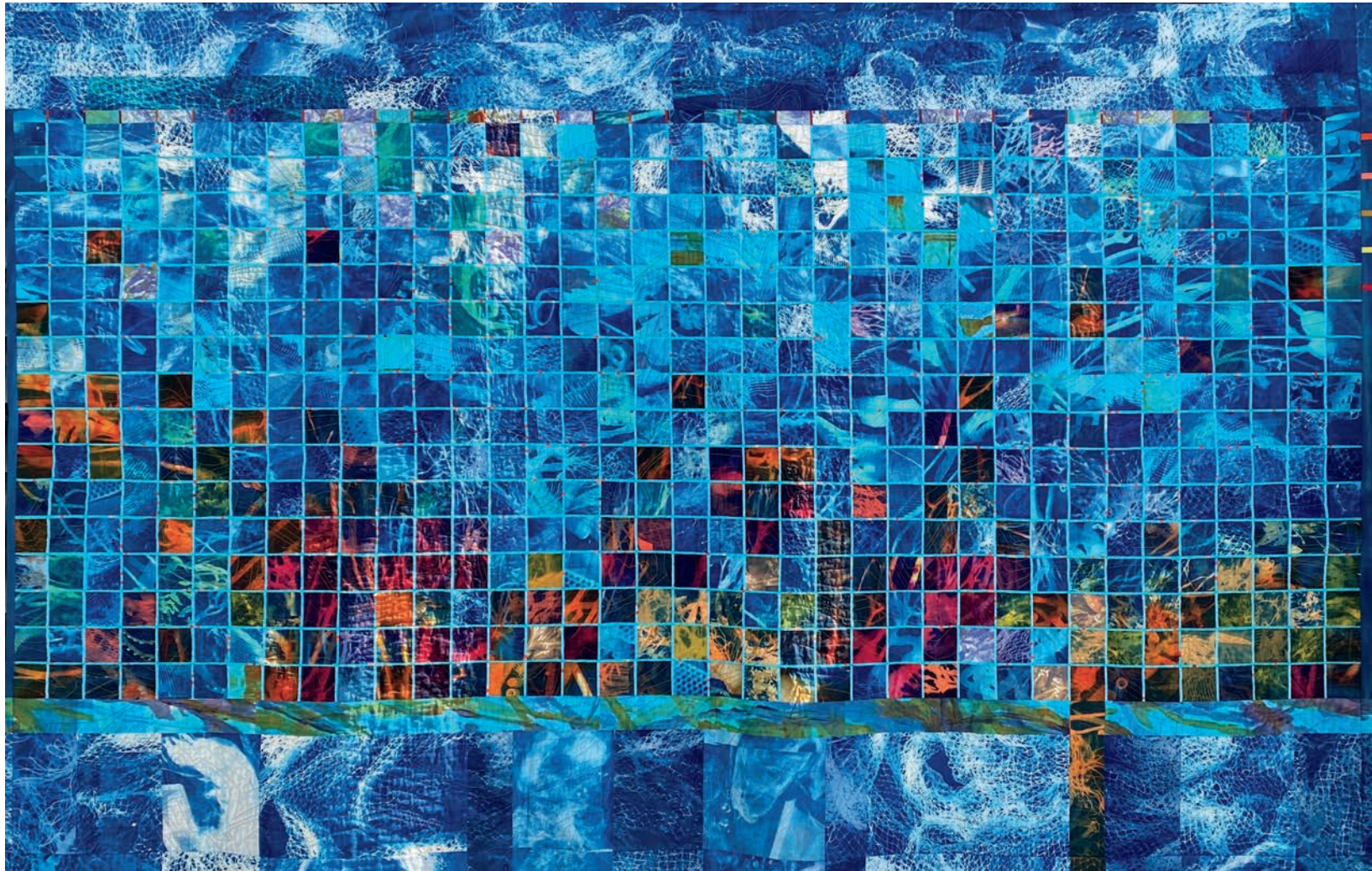


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# Conservation Conversation



THIS HAND-DYED, printed and quilted textile piece by Barb Putnam, titled “Presence,” depicts the top five main microplastic pollutants in the surface waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Putnam collaborated with conservationist Dr. Luigi Bundone, of Venice, Italy and researcher Gema Hernanzed-Milian of Barcelona, Spain, to codify scientific data into artistic expression that shows the Mediterranean monk seal’s declining habitat. Together, Bundone and Putnam presented the data and artwork to the European Cetacean Society in April 2022, as part of a daylong workshop, “Art as a Tool for Communicating Marine Mammal Science to the General Public.”



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## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2023 Distinguished Alumni Awards



### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Back row L to R: Michael B. Moore '80, board president; Ethan “Tony” Loney '69, award presenter; Talib A. Hudson '99, Joyce Cadesca '01, Nancy Mendez '88, John C. Warren '74, head of school; Kenley A. Busteed '01, Joshua Bradstreet '95. Front row L to R: Erin M. Sweet '02, Hillary Roberts '96, Shyreeta Peacock '92, Dr. Mark S. Albion '69, Myeta M. Moon '93, Brittany Bing '15, Taren E. Bradley '93. Not pictured: Robert G. Gardner '44 (posthumously). Lt. Colonel Barret F. Bradstreet '97.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards program celebrates accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to society that have been made by many of our graduates. Alumni recognized by this program exemplify St. Mark’s motto, *Age Quod Agis*, and serve as inspiration for future alumni.

In 2021, the alumni awards program was expanded and updated to recognize a broader group of St. Markers and include the Lives of Consequence Award and the Ethan Loney '69 Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Learn more about selection criteria and submit a nomination at [www.stmarksschool.org/distinguishedalumni](http://www.stmarksschool.org/distinguishedalumni).

The 2021 Alumni Awards recipients were recognized at our ceremony in October. Read more about the recipients and view photos and the ceremony recording at [www.stmarksschool.org/alumniawards](http://www.stmarksschool.org/alumniawards).

**Nomination Deadline: October 1, 2022**

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