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On the cover: Members of GSA's Sailing Team Karina Steenberg '16 and Dillan Morey '16 at the Marblehead Regatta in April. Photo by Claudio van Duijn '15.

Recently I heard a radio advertisement for The Common Core. A young celebrity spoke in favor of the curricular guidelines and standards-based tests that make up one of the newest waves of educational reform on the American school landscape. After a ringing endorsement, he advised students, "Listen to your teachers." I did not actually find his advice sage.

At the risk of sounding the heretical Head of School, I would suggest an alternative message: "Listen to yourself while listening to others, including your teachers." I in no way discount the importance of good teaching. I am only suggesting that a teacher-centered education—a teacher-directed course of study—is not the best way to learn.

The not-so-well-kept secret in education—a secret both ancient and modern—is that education happens most powerfully when students direct much if not all of their education. It is simple. Student-directed learning makes meaning and changes lives.

Anyone who has observed a baby play knows that we humans are hard-wired to be learners. Learning comes naturally. When you roll a ball back to a child who has rolled it to you, and they giggle and roll it back, they are learning so much. They are learning about inertia and momentum. They are learning about cause and effect. They are learning how to read a friendly face and how to control large and small muscles that allow them to push the ball in your direction. They are directing the learning. They are listening to themselves.

George Stevens Academy teachers and administrators knew this not-so-well-kept-secret when they launched the Independent Study and Internship Program in 1969. Then, as now, GSA students in our ISIP program conceive, study, plan, execute, reflect upon, and assess their own learning.

Last year while waiting for the start of a sending school board meeting, I talked to a board member who was a GSA alum. I asked her what she had done on ISIP. She responded that she had worked at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital both junior and senior year. "That is why I am a nurse now," she offered. "Because of Independent Study."

I cannot count the number of times I have had a conversation with a GSA alum who points to ISIP as the pivotal experience leading them to college studies or work they now do and love. For them, ISIP directed their subsequent steps in life.

GSA's ISIP is sophisticated, powerful, personal learning precisely because the student is in charge. For each student, all motivation and most effort comes from a newly discovered nudge or a long held passion or an odd interest or a thirst for mastery.

This year Independent Study found GSA students all over the globe studying, experiencing, reading, and doing. Students worked with school nurses, doctors, and medical researchers. Students ice fished and reported their results to the Maine State Wildlife Commission. Students worked with professional photographers in New York and studied landscapes in southern France. Students kept journals of their road trip to Key West and back. Students worked with local teachers. Students wrote and directed and acted in mystery movies, and students worked on the manufacturing floor in China.

In the end, GSA students who complete their ISIP are not simply finding their way and making meaning in high school. They are making their way and finding purpose in life. We can aim for no higher goal as a learning community that places students first and foremost.

Paul B. Perkinson



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Students **Eliza Broughton '18**, **Mary Richardson '18**, and **Kessler Parrott '18** watch "Faith and Stuff," a puppet-animated video created by senior **Abby Jakub**. Abby spent two weeks on ISIP (Independent Study and Internship Program) studying peoples' personal faiths, and was part of the school's first-ever ISIP Night on March 18 in which students presented slideshows, videos, and poster board displays to over a hundred parents, friends, fellow students, teachers, and trustees.



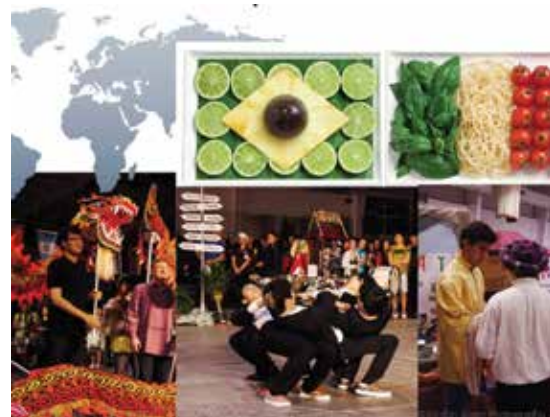
Drama students were Runners Up at the 2015 Eastern Regional Drama Festival for their performance of *Primum Non Nocere* adapted by Moira McMahon from a New Yorker story by Antonya Nelson. Cast and Crew included **Katrina Walls '16**, **Jason Herrick '18**, **Mazie Smallidge '18**, **Raven Walczak '15**, **Maddie DesFosses '17**, **Corey Gray '15**, **Marena Koenka '17**, **Beckett Slayton '17**, **Walker Ellsworth '17**, **Harrison Blake '16**, **Maira Vandiver '18**, **Grace Neal '18**, **Jacob Witting '16**, and **Tim Dentino '15** at Mount Desert Island High School Drama.



GSA musicians turned out great performances at the 2015 Maine State High School Instrumental Jazz Festival in South Portland March 13 and 14. Every GSA Combo placed in the top three. Gold Rush placed 3rd in the Multiple Division A. In Multiple Division B, Cloud Nine placed 3rd and Sax Appeal placed 2nd. In Combo Division III, J-A Double Z placed 1st. For a 2nd year in a row, the GSA Jazz Band became the 2015 Maine State Champion. It is GSA's 11th State Jazz Band Championship since 2003 and 17th since 1989. In the last 28 years, the GSA Jazz Band has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in all but two years, and for the 13th year in a row a GSA combo placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their respective division.



At this year's State Jazz Festival, GSA musicians earned six out of a possible twenty Most Valuable Player Awards. Congratulations to **Tate Yoder '15**, trombone of Gold Rush and Cloud Nine's **Maya Sealander '16**, bass. Special congratulations to the amazing two-time MVP award winners **David Reinke '15**, piano and **Joseph Boulet '17**, drums in both the J-A Double Z Combo and the Jazz Band. The weekend concluded the stellar State Jazz Festival careers of seven GSA senior musicians: **Cara Matarazzo**, **Rowan LeVangie-Thomas**, **Charcy Ye**, **Catherine Nevin**, **Baxter Forrest**, **Tate Yoder**, and **David Reinke**.



For the sixth year, International Night was a huge success. More than 200 people showed up on Saturday, March 28th to visit cultural booths, sample delicious ethnic food from many countries, participate in games, and enjoy all sorts of entertainment.

This year's GSA Math Team represented all four classes: seniors Claire Ciampa, Emma Richardson, Adrian Van der Eb, juniors Alexey Prokopov, Peter Zhang, sophomores Rhett Cheng, Maya Pelletier, Alex Taylor-Lash, Spock Wang, Emma Weed, Nadia Wu, Katherine Xu, Silvia Zeamer, and freshmen Alex Shen, Oscar Sun, Berlioz Xu.

These students competed in five meets and earned GSA 1st place in the Downeast Math League. The top ten in this group were selected to represent

GSA at the Maine State Math Meet and placed 7th out of the 25 teams in the Class C division: Claire, Emma R, Adrian, Peter, Rhett, Alex, Emma W, Nadia, Katherine, and Berlioz. Additionally, the team earned a pre-qualifying invitation to the New England Association of Math Leagues Regional Meet. Representing Maine and GSA were Adrian, Peter, Rhett, Alex, Katherine, and Berlioz.

Berlioz Xu placed in the top 30 in the state and will be a member of the Maine State Team on May 28th-30th, when it travels to the University of Pennsylvania to compete at one of four regional meets that will be conducted nationwide.

Congratulations!



Homecoming 2015

September 25-26-27

"Not Just for Alumni—It's for Everyone!"

TENTATIVE EVENTS

Four Season Sports and Rec Sale

•
"Golden Eagles" Reception

•
Boys' and Girls' Soccer

•
Alumni Reception

•
Tradewinds
Great Pumpkinfest 4K Run

•
Duane B. Gray '64
Memorial Golf Tournament
Blue Hill Country Club

*Interested in volunteering?
Contact Jennifer Traub at (207) 374-2800
or email j.traub@georgestevens.info*



GSA'S FOUR-SEASON SPORTS & REC SALE

Saturday, September 26
9:00 until noon in the GSA Gym

Proceeds from the sale will benefit GSA's Annual Fund.

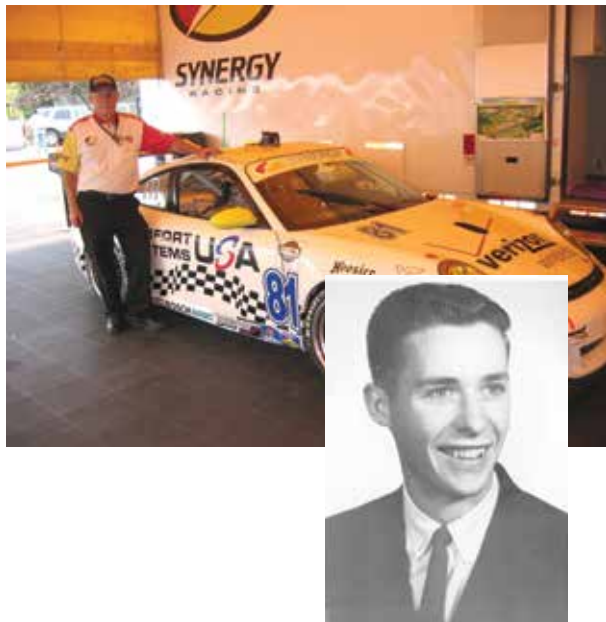
For a second year, GSA will host a four-season athletic and recreational gear sale that features everything from bike racks and snowboards to camping and team sport equipment. Donated items may be dropped off at GSA in the box inside the main Bus Drop entrance on High Street. Or contact Prudy or Meg to arrange for pickup:

prudy.heilner@gmail.com, 374-5485 or
megmaiden77@gmail.com, 374-2856

Before dropping off items, please review the list of acceptable donations at
www.georgestevensacademy.org/4seasonsale

Parallel Alumni Profiles - Two Engineers, Fifty Years Apart

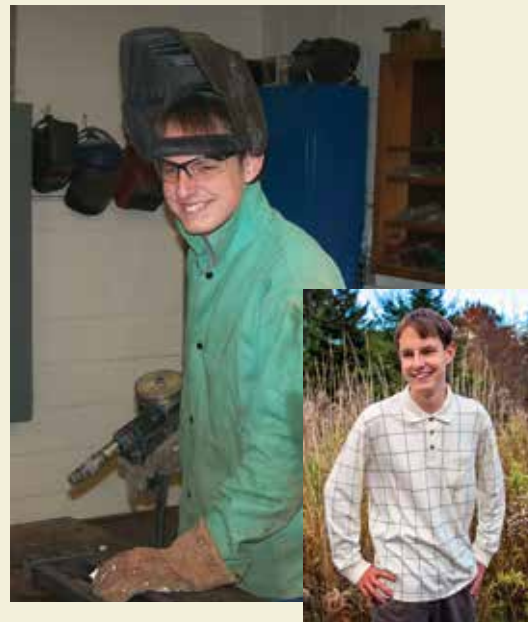
Having built strong foundations in engineering while at GSA, both **Gerald “Jerry” Austin ’64** and **Justin Willis ’14** went on to study Mechanical Engineering at University of Maine, Orono (UMO). From Justin’s fascination with endlessly modifying his go-kart as a child to Jerry’s post-retirement career path as a race car mechanic’s helper, car chief, and now data analyst, the two alumni share a passion for applying knowledge to hands-on projects, making things work better, and doing what they love.



After receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UMO, Jerry earned a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Bucknell University. He worked in the nuclear power industry and then in telecommunications, retiring in 2002 as a mid-level manager responsible for over 100 employees in four states. In addition to his work with Synergy Racing since retirement, Jerry races cars part-time and is a nationally certified instructor with Porsche Club of America. In 2008, he started Austin Motorsports specializing in electronic equipment sales and in teaching drivers how to use data to improve their driving. “It is most rewarding to work with drivers at the race track to assist them in going faster and becoming better drivers,” Jerry says. “The side benefit is that I have made many lifelong friends in this sport.”

Were you interested in mechanics when you were growing up?

Growing up in Penobscot, as a teenager just starting to drive, I learned to work on cars. If you couldn’t fix your car when it broke (and it broke often) you didn’t get to hang out at the Esso on Friday and Saturday nights.



Justin was the recipient of the Industrial Arts book award as a junior at GSA. He has just finished his first year at UMO, which he says is similar to high school but requires more initiative “to get what you need out of your classes.” Justin’s favorite class this year was Machine Tool Lab, which allowed him to focus on something tangible and forget about everything else for a few hours at a time. Justin’s dream job would be to teach Industrial Arts in a high school or community college. He is also interested in the fields of robotics and metallurgy.

Were you interested in mechanics when you were growing up?

Yes, I was always taking stuff apart to see how things worked. A go-kart I had when I was younger was often the target of my curiosity. My dad told me that he didn’t know what was going to be disassembled when he came home from work, be it my go-kart or the thermostat!

Looking back, did you have any experiences at George Stevens Academy that helped lead to or that opened doors to what you are doing now?

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GSA laid an exceptional background for my engineering education.

What was your favorite class at GSA and why? Who was your favorite teacher? What activities were you involved in?

I remember Physics and Chemistry with Mr. Boyington. He influenced me more than any other teacher. I also remember sitting in his class when they announced JFK had been shot. I was involved as basketball manager for a few years, not coordinated enough to play.

Did you take any Industrial Arts courses at GSA?

I did take industrial arts. I really liked woodworking and have done quite a bit of custom furniture building in the years since. I would have loved engine technology and drafting. I am an avid metal fabricator and currently building a hot-rod.

What is your advice for current and future students?

Find something you are passionate about and become an expert doing what you really love.

What do you consider the greatest invention of your lifetime so far?

I'd have to say the personal computer and the internet.

How would your friends describe you?

Very busy!

What motivates you?

Continued learning.

What has been your proudest moment to date?

Seeing my three children excel in careers that they are all passionate about. GSA musicians might remember my son Trent Austin (Jazz trumpeter at Nokomis high school) during Jazz competitions 20+ years ago. I am very proud of him and was very happy to see GSA do so well in the state competition this year. It was Trent's passion that inspired me to go racing after I retired.

My Industrial Arts classes got me interested in the applied engineering field, and Mr. Gilden's Calculus classes gave me the math necessary to make the first two semesters of college math extremely simple. Another slightly different help was Mrs. Rosemeier helping to apply to colleges and encouraging me to go for what I really wanted out of my education.

What was your favorite class at GSA and why? Who was your favorite teacher? What activities were you involved in?

It is hard to pick a favorite teacher, but I would have to go with Mr. Colby, who seemed genuinely concerned with my success and growth as a person. Some other classes I enjoyed besides Mr. Colby's were US History, Current Affairs, and Reading Across the Curriculum, because it was fun to have a real conversation with the teacher about things that matter in real life. I enjoyed being in Model United Nations, Science Bowl, steel band, and playing on the chess and baseball teams.

Which Industrial Arts courses did you take, and what is your favorite thing that you made in those classes?

My favorite thing I made was a mini semi truck we made as a group in Manufacturing Technology. Some of the other classes I took were Intro to Technology, Engine Technology, Drafting, and Boatbuilding.

What is your advice for current and future students?

Don't worry. It doesn't help anything and just gives you an upset stomach. The only thing you should concern yourself with is doing the next right thing. When you do this, things always get better.

What do you consider the greatest invention of your lifetime so far?

I would have to go with new ways to use alternative fuels like biodiesel and natural gas, which help keep domestic markets for energy supported without worrying as much about emissions or import issues.

How would your friends describe you?

As a calming, steady presence always there to help you with any trouble, be it a hard calculus problem or a bad breakup. I try my best to help people no matter their problems without judging or berating them, both of which accomplish nothing.

What motivates you?

I think of all of the people who believed in me to get this far, and remember that if all these people believe in me this much, maybe I can too. When I know who stands behind me, I know we are capable of anything.

What has been your proudest moment to date?

My proudest moment has to be my Eagle Scout court of honor. While I was getting my award, I saw a few young cub scouts I used to be a den leader for in the audience. I realized that I was representing something that they all aspired to, and I was showing them that their dreams were possible. I am not a role model very often, so this really made me feel proud.

Winter Sports Highlights

Basketball Awards

PVC Class C Girls Basketball 1st Team – Morgan Dauk '17
PVC Class C Boys Basketball 1st Team – Kelsey Allen '15
PVC Class C Boys Basketball 3rd Team – Taylor Schildroth '18

PVC Basketball All Defensive Team –
Alice Dillon '15, Jarrod Chase '17

Alice Dillon '15 and Kelsey Allen '15 played in the PVC Senior All-Star game on March 3. In addition, Kelsey Allen played in the McDonald's All-Star game.

Swim Team Awards

PVC All-Star Swimming – Girls
200 IM – Ava Sealander '18 (2nd place)
100 Butterfly – Ava Sealander (3rd place)
500 Free – Maya Pelletier '17 (2nd place)
200 Free – Maya Pelletier (4th place)

12 GSA School swim records were broken:

Girls Team:

200 MR – Emma Larson-Whittaker '17, Maya Pelletier '17,
Ava Sealander '18, Karina Steenberg '16
200 FR Relay – E. Larson-Whittaker, Ellie Gellerson '18,
M. Pelletier, A. Sealander
400 FR Relay – E. Larson-Whittaker, Hanna Jordan '17,
M. Pelletier, A. Sealander
500 FR – Maya Pelletier

Ava Sealander broke three individual records:

200 IM, 50 FR, 100 Fly

Boys Team:

200 MR – Garrison Looke '17, Lucas Theoharidis '16,
Erik Taylor-Lash '17, Alexey Prokopov '16
200 FR Relay – A. Prokopov, G. Looke, Evan Soukup '17,
L. Theoharidis
400 FR Relay – A. Prokopov, G. Looke, E. Soukup,
L. Theoharidis
100 BK – Evan Soukup
200 IM – Erik Taylor-Lash





Your Support Fuels GSA's Vibrant Learning Community!

Dear Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

On behalf of the 334 students who benefit every day from support provided by the Annual Fund, thank you to all who have made a gift so far this year. Together, our Annual Fund contributions from July 1 through April 30 total \$116,566.

If you haven't participated yet, we hope you will join with us to help raise the remaining \$63,434 needed to reach our Annual Fund goal by June 30. By contributing to the Annual Fund, you are participating in a broad community effort that supports an abundance of learning opportunities available at GSA.

With a wide range of classes, hands-on experiences, and extra-curricular programs, GSA's thriving community encourages students to find their voice and develop their unique talents. Stories of student success abound at GSA. To hear a few of them, view "GSA Today" at www.georgestevensacademy.org/videoGSA.

On Tuesday, June 2 GSA will host its 2nd annual Giving Day to celebrate giving to GSA. Anyone who hasn't contributed by then will be invited to show support with a gift online, over the phone, or in person that day. We are aiming to reach 100 donations in one day! Look for updates on Facebook and on GSA's website.

Your participation and gift of any amount are deeply appreciated and are important investments in GSA's vibrant learning community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Taylor
Trustee
Co-Chair, Development Committee

Deborah Venno Ludlow '79
Trustee and Parent '10, '13, '15
Development Committee

Margie Austin Gray '81
Parent '00
Development Committee



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE
as of April 30, 2015

Living Our Mission

ONE GIFT. EVERY YEAR. ANY AMOUNT



Our Goal: \$180,000

Current Total: \$116,566

Monthly totals are cumulative

July	\$ 2,689
August	\$4,413
September	\$ 17,579
October	\$ 18,767
November	\$ 26,859
December	\$ 99,608
January	\$104,452
February	\$ 107,291
March	\$ 111,751
April	\$116,566
May	\$
June	\$

The 2014-2015 Annual Fund
closes on June 30, 2015

3 Ways to Contribute

BY MAIL

Use the enclosed envelope or send mail to
GSA Annual Fund
23 Union Street
Blue Hill, ME 04614

ONLINE

Make your gift through our secure site at
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Call (207) 374-2800 and we'll process your
credit card gift by phone

ALUMNI DONORS (as of May 1)

Alumni Support - A Renewable Resource!

A record number of alumni gave to GSA last year, increasing our alumni participation level to 21% and surpassing the Alumni Challenge goal! We need your help to maintain this strong level of support going forward.

If you contributed last year, thank you for being part of our success and please consider a renewed gift. If you weren't one of our alumni donors last year, we hope you will be inspired to join together in support of GSA by June 30 this year.

Special thanks to the 182 alumni below who have made a gift this fiscal year as of May 1.

1937

Paul Townsend

1940

Julie Ledien St. Clair

1941

Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh

1942

Roy "Bud" Henderson (†)

1943

Class Agent - Lucy Herrick Ledien
Linwood Carter
Janice Gillis Cleveland (†)
Catherine Herrick Moody
Hattie Nevells Piper

1947

Florence Pert Conley
Anne Partridge Kisburg

1949

Ronald Candage

1950

Madeline Clement
Norris Wessel, Sr.
Sarah Maresca Wessel

1951

Jean Cousins Kelley
Carroll Nevells

1952

Walter Kane

1953

Ferol Bisset Candage
Thomas Piper
Katherine Keefe Smith

1954

Paul Allen
John Maresca

1955

Lois Allen

1956

Beverly Wescott Cecchini

1958

Beverly Farnham Henry

1959

Charles Ferden
Terrance Gray
G. Eckley Herrick
Shannon Robertson Maresca
Gail Piper Ogilvie
Janice Woods Prior-Crofoot

1960

Karyl Ricker Hayes
Dwight Webber
Eileen Leach Webber

1961

Willis Burton
Gerald Butler
Sharon Abbott Garcia

1963

John Austin Sr.
Peter Clapp

Sandra Grindle Clapp
Edie McVay King
Donald Wescott

1964

Class Agent - James B. Farr
Class Agent - Bernard Gray
Gerald Austin
Elaine Tucker Blackington
Myrna Wight Boutin
Bruce Candage
Philip R. Condon
Lawrence W. Dow
Suzanne Woodward Fenders
Gleason Gray
Sharon Leighton Gray
Wayne Hutchins
Ruth Clapp Hutchins
Edward McKay
Judy Austin McKay
Peter C. O'Brien
Eloise Poole Rhyne
Linda Gray Rosenberg
Debra Sanborn Smith
Patricia Howard Smith
Victor L. Smith
Donald F. Snow
Lawrence Vaughan

1965

John Candage
Martha Sylvester Condon
Leona Sylvester Gray
Linda Gray Martin
Richard McKay
Dennis Rackliffe
Dale Robertson
Annette Lutz Schoof
Norman Smith
David Stover

1966

Gloria Howard
Margaret Dow Rackliffe
Joanna Stover Raible
Jon Woodward

1967

Marguerite Hutchins Conary
Bruce Grindal
Linette Bridges Grindal

1968
Annette Billings Candage
Oliver Cousins Jr.
Allen Hooper

1969
Patricia Leach Astbury
Gerald Blodgett
Bernice Bartlett DeBlois
Claire Babson Gray
Kathleen McClure
Belinda Lang O'Brien

1970
Michael Astbury
Dorrance Atherton
Donald Condon
Mark Gross
Nancy Billings Sherman

1971
Brenda Lowell Condon
Lionel Howard

1972
Joanne Barrett
Alta Gross
Edward Turner

1973
Patricia Astbury Clapp
Robert Clapp

1974
Marla Atherton
Patricia Lymburner Henry
Amy Bartlett Turner

1975
Bryan McVay

1976
Gale Brownlow Flax

1977
Sally Gordon Austin
Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger
Maggie Garfield Overton
Terrance Wessel
Gus Williamson

1978
Alden Blodgett
Peter Williamson

1979
Class Agent - Deborah Venno Ludlow
Jeffrey Allen
Dana Leighton

1980
Leah Leach Bishop
David Gray

1981
Class Agent - Marjorie Austin Gray
Eric Anderson
Ruth Allen Gray
Sally Rankin McVay

1982
Class Agent - Martha Garfield
Annie Allen

1983
Class Agent - Craig Berry
Leanne M. Bateman

1984
Class Agent - Kristina Anderson Stephens
Robyn Seel Futcher

1985
Michelle Veazie Barker
Christy Johndrow Gontarz
Sara Billings Leighton
Jodie Clapp Morris
Troy Staples

1986
William Barker
Timothy Bryant
Toni Grindle Staples

1987
Darrell Gray
JoDee Lymburner
Carolyn Mills Seeganna

1988
Jeffrey Galipeau

1990
Derrick Noessel
Maria Cousins Woodward
Peter Woodward

1991
Lydia Gray Garrant

1992
Molly Wanning Cooper

1993
William Moorehouse

1994
Jaime Carroll Stone

1996
Heather Snow
Larry Malm

1997
Class Agent - Emily Lewandowski Hildebrand
Class Agent - James Hildebrand
James Inglis

1998
Russell Horton

2000
Robert Candage
Christopher Gray
Timothy Hikade
Justin Kaley
Michelle Astbury Schildroth
Charlene Spindler

2001
Jeffrey Baroody
Jennifer Friend Baroody

2002
Class agent - Jacob Berkowitz
Noah Tapley

2003
Christopher Candage

2005
Jenny Berkowitz
Daniel Gommel

2009
Grace Bell
Kelly Mirado Cutler

2010
John Ludlow

2011
Coral O'Brian

2012
Amanda Moir
Kara Van Emmerik

2013
Class Agent - William Navarre
Nolan Ellsworth
Maddie Heilner
Will Ludlow
Johnny Xue

2014
Alexander Heilner

Class Notes



1950s

A Class of 1959 scrapbook is available to the school community, thanks to **Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59**, who compiled the booklet for the 50th-year class reunion in 2009 and recently donated a hard copy to the GSA Library.

This past year in Mexico, **Jan Woods Prior-Crofoot '59** undertook a project with Mujeres Fuertes (Strong Women), a group of Mexican women who sell clothing, crafts, and trinkets at La Boquita, near Club Santiago on the Pacific Ocean. Jan partnered with a few other women to help Mujeres Fuertes figure out ways to supplement their income by creating their own products. She designed and engineered projects ranging from appliqué pillowcases to small purses made from donated and native fabrics. The products have been very successful in the marketplace.

Pictured, top: Two of the Mujeres Fuertas women at work on one of Jan's designs.

1960s

Jim Farr '64 traveled to Thailand in February for a bit of warmth and sunshine (90s, low humidity, and sun every day). During the annual Flower Festival in Chiang Mai he visited the nearby Tiger Kingdom, where he spent time in the cages with small, medium, and large tigers (around 450 lbs.). Jim is already planning to return to Chiang Mai to visit the Golden Triangle area (borders of Thailand, Cambodia, and Myanmar), check out the Elephant Farms, and hopefully go to Siem Reap to see Ankor Wat. While in Bangkok, he also toured the P.O.W. Museum and Cemetery in Kanchanburi, the location of *Bridge Over the River Kwai*.

Pictured, left: Jim with one of the medium tigers.

Jeanette McVay Gray '65 reminds classmates to respond to the 50th-year reunion questionnaire so class organizers can make definitive plans for the reunion event this year. Send in your input to Jeanette at P.O. Box 103, Blue Hill, ME, 04614. Jeanette believes that all members of the class have been located—and hopes everyone will be in touch!

Bernie Gray '64 adopted Cammi at Tri-County Rescue a year ago in February—she will be two in June. He shares this photo of them enjoying Happy Hour on the patio of his FL home in December and quips, “luckily no snow!”

Pictured right: Bernie and Cammi enjoying a December afternoon..

Belinda Carter '67 shares class news and a reunion reminder: “On June 20, 2015 at noon, we will hold our 3rd class reunion at **Jim and Chris Piper Lamb**’s ‘camp’ in Penobscot. Belinda, Chris, and **John Healey** will be in touch with more details as the date gets closer. Please contact us for more information and suggestions (bjc@maine.rr.com; mobilehome334@msn.com; jhealey@roadrunner.com). Jim and Chris Piper Lamb spent the winter in Florida where they purchased an orange Camaro with which to cruise the Maine roads this summer! **Ralph Staples** has launched a new website dedicated to his photography. Check it out at ralph-staples.fineartamerica.com. Ralph regularly exhibits his photos around the state.

Tom Woodward '67 is slowly recovering from back surgery at his home in Sherman. In December 2013, Tom tracked down our missing classmate, **Deirdre Taylor Morris**, who lives with her husband, Larry Morris, in Surprise, AZ. She has lived in Arizona and Colorado since graduating from GSA. This February, Belinda Carter and Deirdre met for dinner in Phoenix, AZ after not having seen each other for 47 years! It was an emotional reunion watched in awe by the wait staff of the restaurant and a couple of Belinda’s friends. Deirdre wore a nametag and held her maroon Mountain Echo from 1967. Within a few minutes, all those years had melted away. She has promised to attend our 50th reunion in 2017 and not to lose touch again. She would love to hear from other classmates. Contact Belinda, Chris, John, or Tom for contact information.”

Pictured right: Class of 1967 friends Belinda Carter and Deirdre Taylor Morris reunite after 47 years..

1970s

Melissa Brownlow '73 reports, “I have completed a Master’s in Education at University of Prince Edward Island. In June 2014 I defended my thesis *Everyday Stories: Exploring a Story-Telling Curriculum in Kindergarten*. I did action research with my students using everyday stories to promote oral language and play in my kindergarten class. I was able to present the findings at a PEI teachers’ convention last October and to parents at my school in April.”



Gale Brownlow Flax '76 is an Associate Professor of Art and Department Chair for the Humanities and Fine Arts Department at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. She lives in Norfolk, VA.

Last year, **RoseMarie Pert Roberts** '77 welcomed a new grandson, River Martin Davis.

2000s

Last year, **Kate Caron Durost** '03 graduated from Vermont Law School and spent part of the summer studying for the bar exam in Florida. The previous summer, she had had an internship with Greenpeace Asia in Beijing, China, and during her last semester she interned with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Mackenzie Morris '06 celebrated the first year of business of her lingerie boutique, Étaín, in March. Étaín serves the Portland community as an alternative to mainstream retail options, with a focus on proper fitting and personal empowerment. Mackenzie works to meet the needs of a wide range of customers, including those who might not feel comfortable in more typical lingerie stores, by fostering a safe and welcoming space for individuals of all bodies and gender identities. She has collaborated with a variety of small businesses and organizations, including Portland-based florists, photographers, and performers. Together with Maine Educationalists on Sexual Harmony (M.E.S.H.), Étaín recently co-hosted a unique fashion show that drew a diverse and enthusiastic crowd. The shop also features local women in its advertisements, valuing body-positivity and self-confidence over objectification and oppressive beauty standards. Visit the Étaín at 646 Congress St., or check out etainboutique.com for more info. "It's been a rewarding journey so far, and we're excited to grow our business here in Portland, alongside so many other entrepreneurs and creators from the Blue Hill Peninsula," says Mackenzie. "To be part of such a vibrant and rapidly evolving city is a rare opportunity."

Pictured top: Mackenzie in her shop..

Kayla Riley '07 is teaching English as a Second Language in the southeast city of Ningbo, China. "I teach first- and second-grade Chinese students as well as 'Baby and Me' classes with Chinese parents and their babies. I arrived in China on Christmas and am loving every moment of my new expat life. Follow my adventures at americangirlinchina.tumblr.com."

Pictured left: Kayla in China..



Hannah Mendlowitz '08 has accepted a promotion at Yale University. Her new title as of this summer will be Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and Director of STEM Outreach and Recruitment.

Maddi Park '09 is currently working at a Boston marketing firm as the company's Marketing Communications Coordinator. She shared the following updates: "After declining an offer to play basketball overseas for the German National Basketball Team (this past spring), I took a part-time position at a basketball company as the Director of Marketing and Elite basketball coach to 3rd to 12th graders. In addition, I have also joined one of New England's top AAU basketball programs, where I will be coaching at a national level."

2010s

Madison Sawyer '12 shares that classmates **Ramsay Williamson** and **Sotherd Steer** just ran the Paris Marathon in France. Sotherd is attending college in Paris, and Ramsay is studying abroad and living with a host family for the semester. Sotherd writes, "We did it! Successfully completed our first marathon this afternoon! What a challenging yet awesome experience. Definitely not my last."

Pictured top right: Ramsay and Sotherd post-marathon..

Peter Howell '13 is scheduled to play at the Newport Jazz Festival with the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra on July 31.

Zheyang "Johnny" Xue '13 traveled to Alaska on his spring break with a group of college friends. During a layover in Seattle, Johnny arranged to meet up with classmate **Tian "Daisy" Zhang** and was surprised to find **Hungtung "Bean" Siu** '13 and **Xiaojun "James" Chen** '11 there, too. "I was so glad they could come out and have a GSA reunion in Seattle with such short notice," Johnny said. In an Alaskan town near the Arctic Circle, Johnny reports that the temperature was -22 F degrees when he stepped out to witness the aurora borealis at 2:00 am. He also visited Chena Hot Springs Resort, where he tasted Alaskan King Crab ("almost like Maine lobster but not quite—I still love the lobster more") and bumped into **Wenwen "Wendy" Xu** '12. "Wow! It really was a GSA reunion trip."

Pictured right: James, Bean, Daisy, and Johnny; and Johnny and the aurora borealis.





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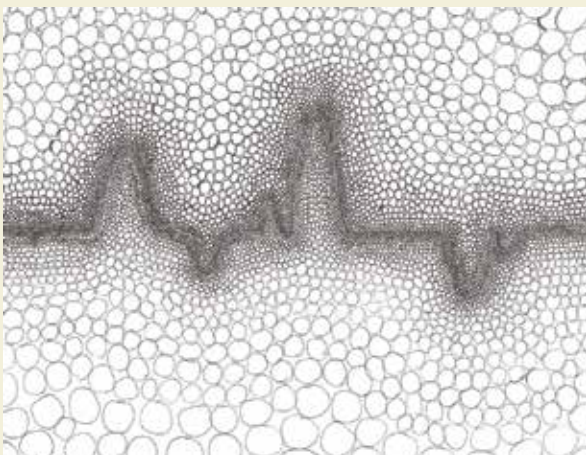
Four students' original artworks were selected in the 2015-2016 MLTI (Maine Learning Technology Initiative) Screensaver Challenge.



Left
Aylen Wolf '16
Aperture
photograph



Right
Claire Ciampa '15
Eagle Lake
watercolor



Left
Brooke Wentworth '16
Sound Waves
pen and ink



Right
Katama Murray '15
Mischief
printmaking
(paint with linoleum block)