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On the cover: Members of the 2014 GSA Jazz Band won the Maine State Championship for the 16th time since 1989. (Front) *Grace Hylan* '16, *Erin Niehoff* '16, *Yvonne Rogers* '17; (Middle) *Tate Yoder* '15, *Ed Lameyer* '14; (Back) *Ben Politte* '17, *Samuel Scheff* '17, and *Jackson Billings* '17. Photo by Gaye Marie Rogers.

from the HEAD of SCHOOL

Meeting Goals Strategically



There is a wonderful and heady mix of ambition and enthusiasm in strategically planning for the future of George Stevens Academy. I feel that enthusiasm and see that ambition every day across our campus. Last year at this time we were finishing a year-long process of creating a five-year strategic plan. That plan, *Renewing Our Commitment to Student Success*, was approved by the Board of Trustees in July. We have already made significant progress in all five target areas. I particularly want to bring your attention to three exciting initiatives well underway.

The top priority in our plan is simple: "Make Every Student a Success Story." Among other things we call for restructuring our advisory program to provide better, more consistent, more continuous academic, social, and emotional support for every student. In the fall, we applied for and were awarded a substantial grant from the E. E. Ford Foundation (p. 5) that will allow us to work with all teachers, students, and staff to study best advisory practices across the country, support professional development, and strengthen our advisory program.

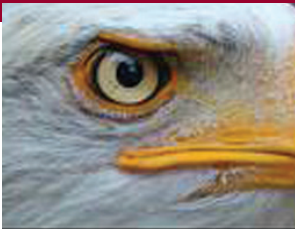
A second goal calls for expanding and strengthening our academic and experiential

curriculum to take advantage of our distinctive location and resources. This year seven GSA students are participating in an extraordinary new multidisciplinary learning experience, The Eastern Maine Skippers Program (p. 3). Supported by Penobscot East Resource Center, EMSP aims to prepare students to "actively contribute to the vitality of our fishing communities today and in the future."

A third goal is to provide the right facilities for 21st century teaching and learning. One key way to realize this goal is by equipping students and teachers with the best teaching and learning technologies. To that end we will be providing every student and teacher next year with a MacBook Air laptop to leverage many of the possibilities that digital and online learning present.

Strategic initiatives depend on the continuing support of alumni, parents, and friends throughout the peninsula and beyond. We are grateful for the contributions of each person who invests in our school, and for initiatives such as the Alumni Challenge (see pp. 10-12), which highlights the powerful impact alumni participation can have on the future of GSA.

Paul B. Perkinson
Head of School



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Jazz Champions

On March 14 and 15 the GSA Jazz Band extended its winning tradition by reclaiming the #1 spot in the 2014 Maine State Championships. This marked GSA's 10th State Jazz Band Championship since 2003, and the 16th win since 1989. In the past 27 years, the GSA Jazz Band has placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd every year but two.

The Resonation Combo were crowned Maine State Champions in Multiple Combo Division B, the first time a GSA combo has achieved the distinction since 2011. In Division III, 7-Up placed 2nd, and in Multiple Division A, Dissonance placed 3rd.

At the State Jazz Festival, eight GSA musicians earned 11 out of a possible 20 Most Valuable Player Awards. Congratulations to OCHO's **Charcy Ye**, vibes; Resonation's **Mariah Reinke**, bass and **Raine Smith**, vocals; and 7-Up's **Joseph Boulet**, drums, and **Nicholas Steenberg**, guitar. Special congratulations went to the amazing three-time MVP award winners: **Oliver Scott**, piano and bass, and **David Reinke**, who played three different instruments: piano, vibes and drums.

Pictured right, top: 2014 Most Valuable Players: **Joseph Boulet** '17, **David Reinke** '15, **Oliver Scott** '14, **Nick Steenberg** '14, **Raine Smith** '15, **Mariah Reinke** '17, and **Charcy Ye** '15.

Pictured right, below: Jazz Band alumnus **Jeb Billings** '89 with son **Jackson Billings** '17 and music director **Steve Orlofsky** at the post-championships celebration on March 23. Jeb performed at GSA's first championship in 1989, and proudly watched Jackson perform 25 years later for the 2014 win.



Eastern Maine Skippers Program



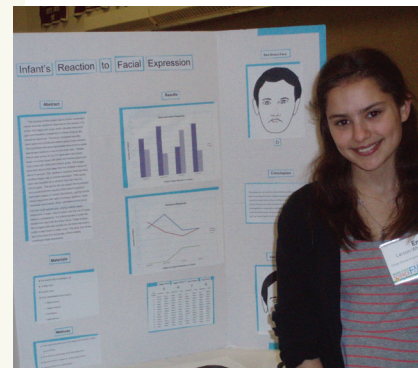
GSA Marine Biology teacher **Sue Jellison** instructs GSA students and Eastern Maine Skippers Program participants **Sara Pickering** '15, **Mary Connolly** '15, **Caleb Wiesing** '15, **Patrick Gray** '15, and **Maddie Dodge** '16 at a recent workshop. (Not shown: **Ally Snow** '16 and **Christian Smit** '15).

The Penobscot East Resource Center launched the Eastern Maine Skippers Program to prepare high school students from the most fishing-dependent counties in Maine to "actively contribute to the vitality of our fishing communities today and in the future."

More than 40 students from six high schools in Vinalhaven, North Haven, Deer Isle-Stonington, Ellsworth, Mount Desert, Narraguagus, as well as from George Stevens Academy, are participating in activities and workshops that prepare them for college work in modern marine studies.

Under the guidance of local fishermen, marine teachers, and researchers, this year's "Winter Flounder Project" focuses on the life history of the Winter flounder, including its prey, behavior, and habitat preferences. Students examine how current regulations impact the development of new fisheries, they engineer a flounder trap that maximizes legal catch and minimizes by-catch, they analyze the economic and environmental feasibility of a commercial Winter flounder fishery, and in May, they will present their findings to Maine's Commissioner of Marine Resources.

Science Fair 2014



On March 22 over 100 students in grades 9-12 from schools across the state including the Maine School for Science and Math, Bangor High School, Falmouth High School, Greely High School, Gould Academy, Mt. Ararat high School, MDI High School, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, and The Watershed School competed at the Maine State Science Fair, organized by The Jackson Laboratory.

Thirty-six GSA students, mostly 9th graders, presented original science projects to a panel of judges, including all students in Carolyn Bennatti's honors-level *Exploring Earth Systems*.

Sophomore **Hanna Gutow** (above left) was awarded the second place prize in the Energy and Environmental Science division for her project "Tidal Effects on Microplastics."

Freshman **Emma Larson-Whittaker** (above right) was awarded the third place prize in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category for her project "Gaze Appropriate Faces Produce Gaze Appropriate Reactions in 4 - 6 Month Olds."

Pictured center are (from left): **Morgan Dauk** '17, **Hanna Gutow** '16, **Walker Ellsworth** '17, **Oliver Dillon** '17, and **Lanie Billings** '17.

Exploring Maine's Nonprofit World



Jordon Soper, Maddie Polittle, Tate Yoder, and Anna Ludlow

Collaborating with the Maine Community Foundation and the Unity Foundation, GSA launched a pilot program this spring to introduce four upperclass students to Maine's nonprofit sector. For six months these four students commit to project-based volunteer work at a local nonprofit and learn from leaders in the nonprofit sector through monthly classroom sessions focused on leadership, nonprofit governance, philanthropy, and fundraising.

Madison Polittle '15 and **Tate Yoder** '15 have partnered with **Matt Montgomery**, Marketing & Membership Director of Down East Family YMCA, and **Annie Grindal** and **Joy Bragdon**, Program Directors of the Blue Hill YMCA, to help raise awareness of the Blue Hill YMCA. The team is organizing a mud run scheduled for May 2015 and creating related publicity materials.

Anna Ludlow '15 and **Jordon Soper** '15 are working together with Blue Hill Memorial

Hospital's **Chris Haley**, Director of Philanthropy, and **Kelley Columber**, Community Relations Manager on an annual, full-day health fair for GSA students beginning in October 2014. Classroom sessions have featured presentations by Maine Community Foundation's **Laura Young**, Vice President, Philanthropy, and **Leila De Andrade**, Director, Grantmaking Services. GSA is grateful to both foundations, and extends a special thanks to **Karen Stanley**, Board of Trustees of the Maine Community Foundation, and **Lori Roming**, Research and Program Officer of the Unity Foundation, for their time and expertise as we shape this exciting new program.

Applications for the 2014-2015 nonprofit program will be available in September. For further information, please contact Rada Starkey, Director of Development, at 374-2800 or r.starkey@georgestevens.info.

Art Gifts to Alumni All Around

Each year, more than 40 alumni from all over the world receive unique 4x6 art postcards created by students in Katie Greene's art classes. This year, art cards were sent to alumni as close as Maine and as far away as Alaska, spanning classes from 1939 to 2013. "I think it is good for students to be thinking early on about these kinds of connections," says Mrs. Greene, emphasizing the importance of themes such as giving your art away and thinking of those who have been here before.

Alumni who receive postcards are encouraged to send an email describing their cards and where they landed. Mrs. Greene shares these responses with her students and notes how touched they are to hear from alumni who have received them. This year, seven alumni responded, including one from Oregon who enhanced the art on her card with a fitting quote: "Appreciate gifts from the universe."

Read more about the Art Postcard Project online at www.georgestevensacademy.org/postcardart



Sports Kudos!

PVC ALL-STARS WERE ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY.

PVC Class C Girls Basketball All-Star 3rd Team—**Morgan Dauk** '17

PVC Class C Boys Basketball All-Star 2nd Team—**Kelsey Allen** '15

PVC Basketball All-Defensive Team — **Alice Dillon** '15, **Finn McMahon-Allwine** '14

Seniors playing in the PVC Senior Basketball All-Star game—**Brett Ingraham** '14, **Phillip Shaheen** '14, **Jennifer McKenney** '14

PVC All-Academic Seniors—**Henry Bowden** '14, **Charlotte Reiter** '14, **Phillip Shaheen** '14, **Nick Steenberg** '14

PVC All-Star in Swimming - Girls

200 Freestyle—**Eunice Yang** '17

100 Breaststroke—**Eunice Yang**

Wrestling—**Henry Bowden** '14 finished 4th in the Class C State Meet



(Boys, from left): Henry Bowden, Philip Shaheen, Nick Steenberg, Kelsey Allen, Finn McMahon-Allwine.

(Girls, from left): Eunice Yang, Charlotte Reiter, Alice Dillon, Morgan Dauk.

Grant to Strengthen Advisories

In November GSA was awarded a \$20,000 1:1 matching grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation for the purpose of creating and implementing improvements in our student advisory program. Strengthening the school's advisory program is a top strategic initiative in GSA's 2013 Strategic Plan: *Making Every Student a Success Story*. Studies have consistently demonstrated that a strong, personalized advisory program correlates with student success in every area—academic, social and emotional, and career guidance—and supports not only individual students, but helps cultivate a school-wide ethos of personal integrity and responsibility, leadership, mutual respect, concern for community, and mature response to conflict.

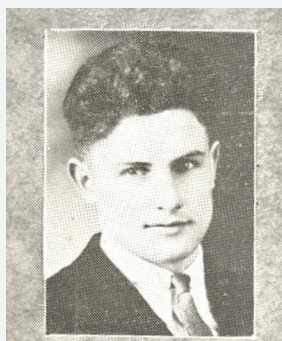
Head of School Paul Perkinson commented, "We envision a program that leverages our already considerable strengths as

a small, student-centered school, to ensure that every student benefits fully from a sustained and sustaining adult mentorship and peer advisory group, by actively partnering with teachers, staff, parents, and guardians to promote the success of every student while at George Stevens Academy." The terms of the grant award require us to raise \$20,000 within the next 14 months which, combined with the matching \$20,000 grant, will be used to support professional development and the design, implementation, and assessment of an advisory curriculum over the next two years.

The Edward E. Ford Foundation, based in Brooklyn, New York, was established in 1957 "to strengthen and support independent secondary schools."

Alumni Profile

A Salute to Gaylor A. Gray and the Class of 1935



The last living member of the Class of 1935, Gaylor “Mike” Gray passed away on August 17, 2012. He lived to the age of 95 and was active all his life, personifying through his hard-working nature the motto of his class: “If we rest, we rust.”

Among his graduating class of 19 students, Mike was recognized for his athleticism. He played basketball and baseball all four years and was a star member of the track team. (Mike is seated front left in the team picture below.) According to the 1935 Mountain Echo yearbook, Mike took individual honors as a junior at the 1934 annual county track meet. His team won the meet that year for the third consecutive time. Mike also won the boys’ ski and obstacle races at the school’s inaugural Winter Carnival event in February 1935.



Throughout his life, Mike was known to be modest and soft-spoken, as the quote written alongside his yearbook photo attests:

“The girls can flirt and do their best
To break down Mike’s reserve,
But our track star shyly walks away,
And that’s what they deserve.”

Despite his reserved nature, Mike was a strong leader, serving as captain of the basketball team, president of his class, and salutatorian at his Commencement.

On graduating, Mike did not have any set career plans. He and his two brothers, Almon ’28 and Maynard ’33, had been born and raised in Blue Hill, and Mike spent the first few years after school working around town.

Mike’s career path soon unfolded against the backdrop of World War II. Almon was living in Alameda, CA, and Mike drove across the country to visit him. Encouraged by his brother, Mike went to radio operator school in Oakland and received his license in early 1941.

According to Mike’s son, Scott Gray ’77, a defining moment for Mike was the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. Mike saw the whole city of San Francisco go dark during the blackout that followed. As Scott recounts, Mike felt he “needed to do something.”

He became a merchant marine officer, sailing to Europe, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. As Scott tells it, Mike was “at sea from then until he retired.” Following the war, Mike worked on various ships until he took a job as a radio officer for Sunoco, hauling crude oil and refined products up and down the East Coast and the Caribbean for 21 years.



In 1954, Mike married Alma, an RN at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital where Mike’s mother was a cook. Alma had moved to the area after meeting members of the Owen family from Blue Hill who had gone to Connecticut to help with the war effort. Scott speaks admiringly of his mother’s ability to raise him and his sister, Bonnie ’65, while working full-time with her husband out at sea nine months of the year. Alma and Mike had been married for 58 years when he died.

Scott recalls the three months his dad spent at home each year as “choreographed” to paint the house and take care of other home projects. Mike was meticulous in his record keeping, noting the date each side of the house was painted. Even his hobby was an industrious one—collecting hand scythes. Although not a “chit-chatter,” Mike enjoyed being a man about town, doing business locally whenever possible.

Among Mike’s keepsakes were his 1935 Commencement Program and a scrapbook compiled by classmate Marion Jones Dash for their 50th-year reunion in 1985. Sixteen of the 19 in the class (including Mike) had sent in their news and reflections to be included in the booklet. Of the other three, two had died. One of these classmates, Larry Grindle, had been killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, and the class made a 50th-year-reunion gift to GSA in his memory. Mike placed copies of the class gift press release and tribute to Larry in his scrapbook and, over the following decades, kept record of classmates who were still alive until, as Scott says, “he was the last man standing.”

Mike and Alma were loyal supporters of GSA and the Annual Fund for many years. GSA is thankful for their contributions to the school and to all those who have made gifts to the Annual Fund in memory of Mike. As his classmate Marion wrote in her 50th-reunion scrapbook entry, “the philosophy of this class is outstanding and that is why we never rusted, although we may be taking time to rest after 50 years.”

Rest in peace, Gaylor “Mike” Gray and the Class of 1935.



Mike was “a flag-believer,” says Scott. His family gave him this flagpole for his 85th birthday.

CLASS ROLL	
Eva Bisset	Anna Leighton
Lena Candage	Wendell Long
Frederick Cousins	Rebecca Long
Elizabeth Darling	Abbie Mello
Paul Duffy	John Osgood
Flossie Friend	Winifred Snow
Gaylor Gray	Helen Sweet
Eleanor Greene	John Sylvester
Lawrence Grindle	Kathleen Yorke
Marion Jones	
CLASS OFFICERS	
Gaylor Gray, President	
Lawrence Grindle, Vice-President	
John Osgood, Treasurer	
Anna Leighton, Secretary	
CLASS MOTTO	
If We Rest, We Rust	
CLASS FLOWER	
Bachelor Button	
CLASS COLORS	
Blue and White	

1935 Commencement Program, courtesy of Scott Gray.

A BASEBALL GAME

The game's begun, now for the fun,
With Basil down on third;
And there goes Mike speeding along,
Just watch him go, my word!

There's Hubert at the old homeplate,
With a broad and steady grin,
And Paulie with the ball at second,
But wait—Mike's hurt his shin.

With Larry placed down there on first,
And trying to scramble fast,
But Arnold in the pitcher's box
Secures the ball at last.

Then Arnold throws it down to Hubert,
Who gets it on the chin,
But Mike just limps home from third,
I guess we're out to win.

A few more scores like Mike just made,
O boy, was that a corker!
And winning all the other games,
We'll be in the Bestocca.

—E. F. G., '35.

* * *

Poem by classmate Eleanor F. Greene.



Together, let's keep GSA running strong!

Dear Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

We are grateful to all of you who have shown your support for GSA with a gift to the Annual Fund so far this year. Together, your contributions from July 1 through March 31 total \$120,000. These funds are already being used to support the 325 students who benefit from GSA's excellent programs and opportunities each day. Thank you!

As part of the new strategic plan, a number of exciting initiatives are underway at GSA, including strengthening the advisory system, upgrading technology resources for students and faculty, and developing additional hands-on courses. The state-set tuition received from our sending towns only covers about 80% of what GSA currently offers. The Annual Fund plays a critical role in providing for enriched offerings as well as maintaining GSA's strong core program and traditions each year.

If you haven't already participated, we hope you will join us with a gift to GSA before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. By contributing to the Annual Fund, you are joining in a broad community effort to keep our school and our students *running strong* from year to year.

This spring, there are two special ways to build support for our school:

- **The Alumni Challenge**—This year is our last opportunity to earn a \$20,000 gift by increasing alumni participation to 20% (see p. 10). Visit www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumnichallenge to follow the progress toward our goal and to boost the participation of your class!
- **24-Hour Challenge**—On Thursday, May 29 we will host an all-day effort to help meet our Annual Fund goals. Anyone who hasn't contributed by then will be invited to show support with a gift online, over the phone, or in person. Stay tuned for more details!

Your participation and gift of any amount are deeply appreciated and important investments in our school, our faculty, and our students. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Taylor

Phyllis Taylor
Trustee
Chair, Development Committee

Margie Austin Gray

Margie Austin Gray '81
Parent '00
Development Committee

Lisa R. Haugen

Lisa Haugen
Parent '12, '14
Development Committee



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE as of March 31, 2014

Living Our Mission

ONE GIFT. EVERY YEAR. ANY AMOUNT



Our Goal: \$225,000

Current Total: \$119,617

Monthly totals are cumulative

\$ 2,860	July
\$ 7,100	August
\$ 16,291	September
\$ 25,767	October
\$ 31,091	November
\$ 95,690	December
\$ 101,046	January
\$ 114,545	February
\$ 119,617	March
\$	April
\$	May
\$	June

The 2013-2014 Annual Fund
closes on June 30, 2014

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
www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift

CREDIT CARD BY PHONE

Call (207) 374-2800 and we'll process your
credit card gift by phone



Rising to the Alumni Challenge:

20% Participation = \$20,000 for GSA

Thank you to the record-breaking 241 alumni listed here who have made a gift to GSA this fiscal year as of April 1, 2014. Your contributions have brought our alumni participation up to 8% so far—almost halfway to our goal!

If each of you who has participated can recruit one more classmate to join you, we will be very close to meeting the 20% Alumni Challenge goal and earning \$20,000 from a group of generous friends to support GSA's students and programs. This is the last year GSA is eligible for the Challenge—let's all work together to make it a success!

For alumni who haven't yet participated, please show your class spirit and join with a gift of any amount before June 30. It's easy to contribute—use the enclosed envelope, visit www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift, or call 207-374-2800. The classes with the most participation so far are listed at www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumnichallenge.

1930

Euple Owens Galbraith

1937

Paul Townsend

1941

Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh

1943

Class agent - Lucy Herrick Ledien

Linwood Carter

Janice Gillis Cleveland

1945

Roger Leach

1947

Florence Pert Conley

Anne Partridge Kisburg

1949

Ronald Candage

Gordon Carter

1950

Madeline Clement

Sarah Maresca Wessel

1951

Edna Day Carter

Jean Cousins Kelley

Carroll Nevells

1952

Walter Kane

1953

Ferol Bisset Candage

Donald Gray (†)

Katherine Keefe Smith

1954

Patricia Clapp Gray (†)

John Maresca

Phyllis Leighton Pemberton

David Webb

1955

Thurston Gray

Chandler Duffy

1956

Beverly Wescott Cecchini

Sylvia Keefe Duffy

Rozella Maresca Webb

1957

Margaret Leach Austin

John Clapp

Horace Wardwell

1958

Susann Wardwell Campbell

Elaine Hatch Peebles

Dennis Robertson

1959

Charles Ferden

Terrance Gray

G. Eckley Herrick

Sandra Byard Hill

Stephen Michael Maresca

Gail Piper Ogilvie

Elaine Snow Porter

Janice Woods Prior-Crofoot

Sylvia Conner Wardwell

1960

Gregory Campbell

Karyl Ricker Hayes

1961

Class agent - Marilyn York Brossmer

Class agent - Marjorie McGraw Longwood

Willis Burton

Gerald Butler

Forrest Horton

Horace Horton

Carol Moon Masler

Robert Noessel

1962

Harold Sweet

1963

Class agent - Dolores Ladd Robertson

Peter Clapp

Sandra Grindle Clapp

Edie McVay King

Linda Ricker McLeod

Donald Wescott

1964

Class agent - Bernard Gray

James B. Farr

Gleason Gray

Ruth Clapp Hutchins

Wayne Hutchins

1965

Leona Sylvester Gray

Linda Gray Martin

Dennis Rackliffe

Dale Robertson

Annette Lutz Schoof

David Stover

Nancy Lymburner Stoller

(†) = deceased

1966

Nancy Butler Hastings
Gloria Howard
Margaret Dow Rackliffe
Joanna Stover Raible
Robert Vaughan
Jon Woodward

1967

Class agent - Belinda J. Carter
Class agent - Christine Piper Lamb
Marguerite Hutchins Conary
Bruce Grindal
Linette Bridges Grindal

1968

Allen Hooper

1969

Patricia Leach Astbury
Bernice Bartlett DeBlois
Claire Babson Gray
Cheryl Webster Knowles
Kathleen McClure
Bonnie Astbury Paulas
Noddy Wessel

1970

Michael Astbury
Dorrance Atherton
Donald Condon
Mark Gross
Della Leach Martin
Freida Lowell Peasley
Nancy Billings Sherman
Katherine Hooper Sylvia

1971

Brenda Lowell Condon
Lionel Howard
Ray Merrill

1972

Joanne Barrett
Jeffrey Wessel

1973

Class agent - Joan Alley Wardwell
Geoffrey Anthony
Melissa Brownlow
Patricia Astbury Clapp
Robert Clapp
Jane Candage Moon
Ed Wardwell

1974

Marla Atherton
Patricia Lymburner Henry

1975

Bryan McVay
Jacqueline Webster

1976

Cheryl Ling Donovan
Gale Brownlow Flax

1977

Weston Brownlow
Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger
Scott Gray
Michael Ling

Maggie Garfield Overton
Elizabeth Austin Rosemeier
Scott Rosemeier
Stormi Gray Wentworth
Gus Williamson

1978

Alden Blodgett
Blaine Davis
Benjamin Gross
Charles Marbach

1979

Class agent - Deborah Venno Ludlow
Jeffrey Allen
Larry Gray
Laura Lock Lamb
Dana Leighton
Jennifer Schroth
Mark Taplin
Sharri Venno

1980

Class agent - Merton "Bill" Bunker
Dwayne Carter
David Gray
Amy Schroth
Gwyneth Thomas

1981

Class agent - Marjorie Austin Gray
Eric Anderson
Ruth Allen Gray
Lenny Lawson
Sally Rankin McVay
Veronica Ames Taplin
Lori Herrick Wessel

1982

Class agent - Martha Garfield
Annie Allen
Allison Hill Charles
Leslie Clapp
Kathy Mitchell Hally
Penny Ricker
Anne Schroth

1983

Class agent - Craig Berry
Leanne M. Bateman
Jennifer Hutchins Bryant
William Gray
Marilyn Carter Lawson
Susan Kornreich Wolf

1984

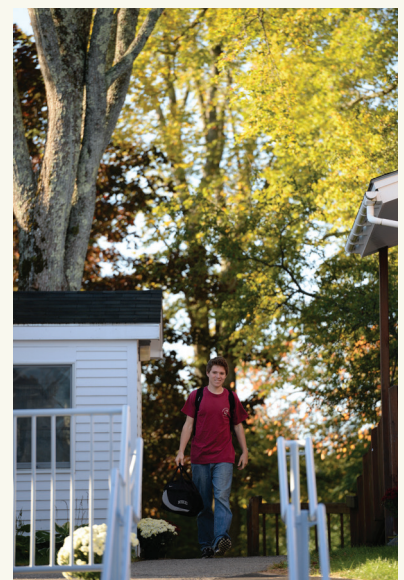
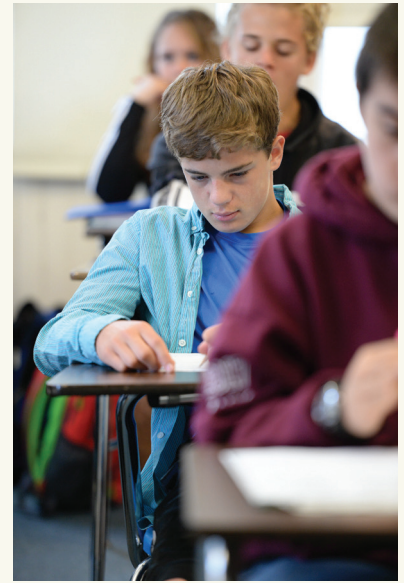
Class agent - Kristina Anderson
Stephens
Michael Bryant

1985

Julie Jo Fehrle
Christy Johndrow Gontarz
Sara Billings Leighton
Troy Staples

1986

Timothy Bryant
Stacia Eaton Nevin
Toni Grindle Staples



1987

Darrell Gray
Christina Dyer Leaf
JoDee Lymburner

1988

Stephen Peasley

1989

Anna Stookey

1990

Sarah O'Malley

1991

April Cote Chapman
Lydia Gray Garrant

1992

Molly Wanning Cooper

1994

Jaime Carroll Stone

1996

Heather Snow
Larry Malm

1997

Class agent - Emily Lewandowski
Hildebrand

Class agent - James Hildebrand
James Inglis

1998

Amy Foss
Emily Martin Jones

2000

Christopher Gray
Justin Kaley
Amanda Ashe Look
John "Mac" Martin
Erin McCormick
Michelle Astbury Schildroth
Charlene Spindler

2002

Class agent - Jacob Berkowitz
Sarah Clapp
Jacob Grindal
Noah Tapley

2003

Mark Clapp
Alice Guilford
Nicholas Henry

2004

Owen Gilmore
Cade Overton

2005

Jenny Berkowitz
Mercedes Veronique Bullo

Daniel Gommel

2006

Viviane Abecassis

2007

Winslow Brokaw
Laura Driscoll Clapp

2008

Kate Orlofsky
Laura Overton

2009

Grace Bell
Kelly Mirado Cutler
Dillon P. Morris
Lilian Suber Thorpe

2010

Class agent - Max Reiter
Class agent - Lucas Yoder
Lydia Clapp
John Ludlow

2011

Class agent - Martin Conte
Thomas Crowe
Samuel Eley
Harry Grillo
Sabrina Vivian

2012

Tess Lameyer
Haley Maiden
Benjamin Olivari
Makaela Reinke

2013

Class agent - William Navarre
Nolan Ellsworth
Madeline Heilner
Lucy Jakub
Will Ludlow
Megan Malaby
Mary Prescott
Lorna Stephens
Hattie Wanning
Zheyang "Johnny" Xue



Celebrating 25 Years of Baseball with Coach Kane



On June 1, 2013 the GSA's baseball staff welcomed a gathering of GSA baseball players from the past 25 years. Over 50 players gathered for what Coach Dan Kane called "a perfect afternoon of playing baseball and enjoying a barbeque meal." The occasion marked Dan Kane's 25th year of coaching at GSA.

Players took batting practice and fielded fly balls and grounders. For many, it was their first time playing on today's GSA baseball field. Past players applauded the excellent condition of the diamond and enjoyed the chance to play baseball again at GSA.

After the baseball practice, ballplayers feasted on roast pig, salads, Bianco Sausage subs, and cake and cookies, all prepared by **Rose and Scott Kane** and **GSA Chef Frank Bianco**. Friendships were renewed, players from different eras met, and countless stories were swapped.

Coach Kane and his staff were honored that so many young men revisited the baseball diamond. "Thank you for your loyalty, for our great moments together, and for your love of the game!"

Reunion News

Reunion 1964

The Class of 1964 will be holding its 50th-year Reunion in conjunction with GSA's Homecoming Weekend, which runs from September 26-28, 2014. **Wayne and Ruthie (Clapp) Hutchins** have graciously invited the class to gather at their home on Friday, September 26. **Jim Farr, Bernie Gray, Sue (Woodward) Fenders,** and **Linda (Gray) Rosenberg** are working on details this spring, and class members will be contacted with specifics. So far, 13 class members and 2 former teachers are planning to attend. If you have not yet done so, please contact Jim Farr at 295-D Depot Rd., Eliot ME 03903, (207) 439-0050, salutme@aol.com to update your contact information and let him know if you think you will be able to participate.

Plan now to join your classmates for an informal gathering and to enjoy the Homecoming activities. Members of the Class of 1964 particularly encourage friends from the Classes of 1963 and 1965 to join them for the Homecoming Alumni Reception on Saturday, September 27. The location of the Alumni Reception will be announced this summer.



Several members of the Class of 1964 attended the Golden Eagles luncheon at GSA during Homecoming Weekend 2013.

Reunion 1967

Class Agents **Belinda Carter** and **Chris (Piper) Lamb** report that the Class of 1967 had a fabulous turnout and a fun time at their 46th-year reunion last June at Chris' home in Penobscot. Along with **John Healey**, Belinda and Chris are planning another reunion this year:

"We had a great time last June, but the time together was just too short. There was much discussion about getting together again. Chris and Jim have graciously offered to host again, and because of the availability of cover in case of inclement weather, ample parking, and flat terrain, it seems like a great place to have it. We hope you can join us on Saturday, June 21 at 12:00 P.M. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about food, entertainment, etc., feel free to share those with us. There will be more information to follow, but please give us an indication if you are interested in attending."

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The Class of 1967 had a great turnout at the 2013 reunion and looks forward to gathering again on June 21, 2014.

Reunion 1989

Planning for the Class of 1989 25th-year reunion is underway, date TBA. Please contact **Jeb Billings** at rbillings7@roadrunner.com to volunteer to help out, to share your ideas, or to indicate your interest in attending.

Is your class planning a reunion? Please let us know! Email Jennifer Traub (j.traub@georgestevens.info) or call the Development Office at 374-2800 — We can help you contact classmates, choose a location, or send out a mailing. We can also post your reunion contact information on GSA's website. We hope you'll keep us posted on your class's plans!

Alumni



On February 26, **Marla Atherton '74** celebrated her 35th anniversary of working at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital in the Materials Management department.

Gale Brownlow Flax '76 and her husband, George, live in Norfolk, VA near the Lafayette River. Gale works as an artist and college professor teaching drawing, design, and art appreciation. She was recently promoted to department chair for Fine Arts, Languages, and Humanities at the College of the Albemarle in North Carolina. George is retired from the US Navy and works as a commercial pilot. They have enjoyed traveling widely in the past 10 years, biking, distance running (George only), and returning to Maine as often as possible.

David Emerson Stotler '78 reports that, after 50 years in school (from nursery school at age 3 to Dushanbe International School in Tajikistan at age 53), he has decided it is finally time to graduate. He writes: "Not sure what is next. Will be joining my wife and lifetime partner, Hai-won Shin, in the States and moving with our canine companions (Hannah from Corea and her two new siblings from Tajikistan) to Miami. All the best to GSA! Forty-plus years on, I still have many fond memories of my time at GSA. Thank you to all!"

George Arey '90 shares news that he and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Ms. Eleanor Arey, in July 2013.

Following a successful Kickstarter campaign, **Arvid Brown '06** and his best friend, Sam Gorelick, are launching Fishin' Ships, an "ocean-to-table" food truck business serving inspired variations of Fish and Chips that showcase locally sourced fish, local beer (in the batter), and local pride. Planned menu combos include chipotle, lime-battered cod made with Allagash White and served with a sugar cayenne sweet potato fry, and bacon-and-scallion-battered haddock made with a porter from Atlantic Brewing, paired with a

mashed potato fritter. The truck is scheduled to open in mid-May. (Photos right top and middle.) To find out more, check www.facebook.com/fishinships.

Emily Herrick '10 completed graduation requirements one semester early at University of Maine at Farmington, earning a B.S. in Elementary Education. She performed her student teaching at Blue Hill Consolidated School. Emily has been actively substitute teaching in the area and hopes to secure a full-time teaching position by next fall.

Class Agent **Maddie Sawyer '12** has been in touch with several classmates and shares the following updates:

Kara van Emmerik will be graduating from the Culinary Arts program at Eastern Maine Community College this May and looks forward to opening her own bakery sometime in the future, which Kara says "is funny because up until last year I hated baking, but now it's my favorite pastime." Kara held a showcase dinner in October and is still the sous-chef at El El Frijoles. (Photo right bottom: Kara's strawberry tart.)

Grace Bugbee has her own radio show at Hobart and William Smith Colleges called "Bugzbeats" (Sundays at 5:00 pm on www.whws.fm/p/listen-live.html). As part of a Welcome Back Concert at school, Grace's band, Mojo, opened for the popular rock band O.A.R.

According to Maddie, **Ramsay Williamson** went on a school trip to Ecuador and recently traveled to Copenhagen with friends; **Ben Plohr** is still running cross-country and track "very fast, I might add"; and **Richelle Kane** is still playing basketball at Lancaster Bible College in PA.

Hannah Billings '12 is currently a sophomore at the New England School of Communication, majoring in Radio Broadcasting. As part of



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her major, Hannah has an on-air shift from 9:00 am to noon at WHSN 89.3, the NESCom student-run radio station. This fall, Hannah will have her own radio show on WHSN 89.3. Her DJ profile is online at www.whsn-fm.com/dj-profiles.

Hannah also works part-time as a Board Operator for 92.9 The Ticket, a station owned by Timesquare Media in Brewer. (Photo top left: Hannah and her dad, **Jeb Billings '89**, were excited to meet Tommy Heinsohn, a former Boston Celtics player and coach and current TV broadcaster.)

Xiaotong "Marvis" Zou '12, a student at Gettysburg College, is studying abroad in Trinidad this semester through Trinity College's "Trinity-in-Trinidad" program. She shared her exciting Carnival experience in March: "I arrived in Trinidad in January and started practicing with Exodus Steel Orchestra the second day of my arrival. Exodus Steel Orchestra is one of the best and largest steel bands here in Trinidad. There is a national steelpan competition, Panorama, during Carnival time, and all the steel bands practice every night for at least four hours for about six weeks. All the pan players are professional musicians, and it is very competitive to be in the band. It was a great honor for me to be chosen. Besides Panorama, for Carnival I also masqueraded with a 3,000-person Mas Band called Trini Revelers. The band masqueraded throughout the capital city, Port of Spain, all day on Carnival Tuesday." (Photo left middle: Marvis and friend.)

Maddie Heilner '13 updated us on her gap year experience attending the Dynamy Internship Year program in Worcester, MA: "Being at first skeptical about the area, I have come to enjoy the beautiful places Worcester has to offer.

Since late September, I have been interning at the Wetzel Center, a non-profit organization for children with behavioral or emotional issues. The children I work with are ages seven through twelve. I have learned many things from casework to fundraising to processing with the kids. I have gained not only confidence but also knowledge in a potential career interest. I will continue interning at the Wetzel Center until the end of the Dynamy Internship Year. Besides my internship, I have also taken classes through Clark University and done community service at a center for children with cancer. This year has taught me more about myself and has given me the opportunity to explore the real world before starting college."

In other news from Worcester, we heard from **Mary Prescott '13**, who has had a fantastic year so far at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). "I've met so many people from various cultures and backgrounds. WPI has given me the opportunity to start working on real-world problems through a program called the Great Problems Seminar. I am taking a class through this program called Power the World. Currently I am preparing for a final project with three other students on the effects of indoor air pollution in Senegal. The goal of our project is to create a step-by-step plan that would teach the citizens of Senegal about the dangers of air pollution as well as provide them with local, affordable means of equipping their homes with safer cooking environments. I am excited to follow through with this project, which may lead to real-world implementation in the near future! (Photo left bottom: "The WPI mascot is Gompei the Goat.")





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September 26-27-28

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TENTATIVE EVENTS

Four Season Sports and Rec Sale

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Alumni Fine Art Show

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"Golden Eagles" Luncheon

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Campus Tours

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Boys' and Girls' Soccer

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Alumni Reception

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Tradewinds
Great Pumpkinfest 4K Run

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

Interested in volunteering?
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GSA'S FOUR-SEASON SPORTS & REC SALE

Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 until 1:00 in the GSA Gym

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

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
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