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On the cover: Students Abe Ziner '13, Madeline Heilner '13, and Ben Eley '13 study in the Library.

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George Stevens Academy is an independent high school located on the coast of Maine. Grounded in its traditions and commitment to the area's small towns, the Academy is a caring educational community invested in meeting the needs of each student. The Academy offers a challenging, comprehensive program of studies that fosters intellectual inquiry and the pursuit of knowledge, inspires creativity, develops self-reliance, and prepares its graduates for a purposeful life in an ever-changing world.

Mission, approved by the Board of Trustees, July 2007

"George Stevens Academy has accomplished what many schools dream of—authentic community that unites all members sincerely in a single purpose: student success."

New England Association of Schools and Colleges, April 2011

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from the Head of School

Strategies for the Future



Today, as it has for over 200 vears, George Stevens Academy serves this community by educating young learners in such a way that they graduate from here with a strong sense of direction, a determined willingness to do good, and a set of skills that will give them choices upon taking their next steps beyond GSA. That notion of a community school has changed over time, and today, with our vibrant addition of international students, we are a community that looks not only like our peninsula, but like our world.

We're always trying to meet the real needs of students even as we are developing a plan for the future. The plan we develop will guide us in the decisions and choices we will inevitably have to make in the coming years. The planning process will establish a set of priorities that we will appeal to every time we need to decide how to allocate our limited resources.

It is in this sense that strategic planning is a continuous and ongoing process. We designed the process so that many, many members of our school community could participate in a meaningful way. We have shared the work so that no one feels overly burdened. We have stayed focused on the big picture while addressing critical issues and brutal facts. In the end, we will have created a planning document as ambitious and visionary as the generations of educators who came before us.

Even as we work through this planning process that considers the changing needs of a 21st century education, there are several "givens" that will persist and are non-negotiable.

- George Stevens Academy will continue to be a school where teacher-student relations are the foundation of superior instruction, humane engagement, and transformational growth.
- We will continue to live our school mission daily and use that mission as both a mirror and a window: a source of reflection and selfassessment, and a vista on new learning and teaching opportunities.
- GSA faculty and staff will continue to be inspired by the creativity, imagination, joy, goodness, dedication, and commitment our students and their families bring to campus every single day.
- We move forward determined to build lives and communities of meaning and purpose for all our students.

Graduation 2012

Graduation 2012 was held Sunday, June 10th on the front lawn under beautiful skies. Sixty-one graduates and GSA's faculty and staff processed to music performed by the GSA Band.

First Honor Essayist **Tess Lameyer**, Salutatorian **Quinn Mitchell**, and
Valedictorian **Inji Hwang**addressed their classmates.

Student Council President
Maddie Sawyer introduced
the commencement
speaker, Harearl "Buzz"
Moore, who remembered
each graduate with an
affectionate and often
amusing anecdote.

Dean of Students Libby Rosemeier'77 presented awards. A Senior Class Gift of two beautiful granite benches was presented by Mia Bogyo, Amanda Moir, and Kara van Emmerik (page 32).

Head of School Paul B.
Perkinson, Board President
Melissa Mattes, and
Assistant Head of School
Jane O'Connor conferred
diplomas on the graduates.

Second Honor Essayist **Courtney Koos** bid the class farewell, and the newly-minted graduates, diplomas in hand, recessed to the familiar strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*.









Valedictorian -Inji Hwang

daughter of Nam-yeon Hwang and Ji-hyeon Lee of Seoul, South Korea, and host parents Sandra and Jon Woodward '66 of Sedgwick.

Georgetown University

"GSA is a lively place filled with the energy and passion of students and faculty. I am proud to say I lived the life of GSA and Blue Hill and learned their people and values. I am from GSA and my home is Blue Hill."

Salutatorian -Quinn Theodore Mitchell

son of Haydée Foreman of Blue Hill and Lorenzo Mitchell of Blue Hill.

Stanford University

"The freedom of graduating is exhilarating, yet I can't help but already miss all the teachers and administrators who have done so much to help us grow from freshmen to educated adults."

First Honors Essayist -Tess Jamieson Lameyer

daughter of Lisa and Patrick Haugen of Castine and Ted and Tracy Lameyer of Castine.

Bowdoin College

"Today, at the end of our four years at GSA, I think all of us feel "part of"— part of a class, part of a family, part of a school and part of a community."

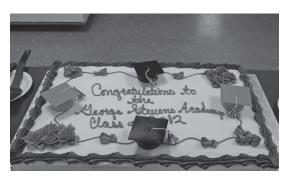
Second Honors Essayist -Courtney Koos

daughter of Karen and Doug Koos of Castine. Bowdoin College

"Our futures will be whatever we make of them. In the words of my great-grandfather, "You're in the land of milk and honey, so eat fast and take big mouthfuls!""

















CLASS OF 2012: WHERE NEXT?

Members of the Class of 2012 were accepted to 166 colleges and universities, and expected to enroll at the following thirty-seven schools (number of students in parentheses):

> Allegheny College (1) Beal College (1) Boston University (1) Bowdoin College (2) Bucknell University (1)

Eastern Maine Community College (9)

Georgetown University (1) Gettysburg College (2) Hampshire College (1)

Johnson & Wales University (1)

Lancaster Bible College (1) Loyola University (1)

Maine Maritime Academy (2)

New England School of

Communications (2) Oregon State University (1)

Pacific University (1)

Parsons The New School of Design (2)

Pratt Institute (1)

Roger Williams University (1)

Simmons College (2) Skidmore College (1)

Stanford University (1)

Suffolk University (1)

Syracuse University (1)

Thomas College (1)

University of California, Davis (1)

University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign (1)

University of Maine (3)

University of Maine at Augusta (2)

University of Maine at Farmington (2)

University of Melbourne (1)

University of New England (1)

University of New Hampshire (1)

University of Southern Maine (3)

University of Vermont (2)

William Smith College (1)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)



The Eagle's Eye



(1)



(2)



(3)

- » Penobscot Valley Conference award winners for Fall 2012: Cross Country: 1st team—Madison Cole'15. Boys Soccer: 1st team Phillip Shaheen'14; 2nd team—Francesco Vasconi'13 and Finn McMahon-Allwine'14. Girls Soccer: 3rd team—Shannon Larkin'13; Honorable mention—Alice Dillon'15. Golf: 1st team— Alex Heilner'14 and Jasper Adam'14. PVC All-Academic Seniors: Cross Country—Sam Stahnke'13; Girls Soccer—Mary Prescott'13; Boys Soccer—Gavin Rogers'13 and William Ludlow'13.
- » The strong tradition of Scholar-Athletes continues at GSA. The average GPA for all GSA athletes during the 2011-2012 academic year was 87.6%
- (1) Holocaust survivor Helen Dunn was a guest speaker at Social Studies teacher Bill Case's Holocaust class in September. Ms. Dunn shared her very personal stories with a rapt audience of students, and answered questions. In the photo, senior Megan Higgins talks to Ms. Dunn after class. Helen Dunn is no stranger to GSA: the past two summers, she has given presentations as part of our Summer Speaker Series program.
- » (2) In September we welcomed our newest class of seventytwo 9th graders and spent a day at the athletic fields playing community-building games, enjoying a delicious lunch, and writing short reflective essays which were sealed and will be returned to students when they graduate.
- » (3) The Hancock County Medical Mission has awarded a scholarship for its upcoming mission in Ibarra, Ecuador to Lillian Cousins '13. Students chosen to go on the mission serve as translators. Airfare, food and lodging costs are covered by HCMM. Lily, daughter of Gail Cousins of Brooksville, is a Spanish IV Honors student with a career interest in anesthesiology.
- (4) In November the Drama Club put on a production of Steven Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods* directed by Moira McMahon. The plot intertwines several of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. Cast members included: Lorna Stephens'13 as Cinderella, Nolan Ellsworth'13 as the Baker, Lucy Jakub'13 as the Baker's Wife, Willem Hilliard'15 as Jack, Mackenzie Tefft'13 as Little Red Riding Hood, Aiden Ford'13 as the Witch, Finn McMahon-Alwine'14 as the Wolf, Peter Howell'13 as Cinderella's Prince, Alex Szwez'13 as Rapunzel's Prince, and Drew Cleveland'13 as the Narrator. The pit band members were Oliver Scott'14, piano, Steve Orlofsky, clarinet, Bill Schubeck, bass, Gavin Rogers'13, percussion, Sonja Hannington, flute and Alice Dillon'15, keyboard.

- » (5) In late October, forty-seven GSA students and teachers headed south for the annual sophomore class World History and Western Civilization trip to Boston. The group toured the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, explored Quincy Market and visited historic Faneuil Hall. The evening included a trip to the theater to see the whodunit murder mystery, Shear Madness.
- » (6) The Maine Research Internships for Teachers and Students (a program with the Maine Space Grant Consortium) coordinated an internship for Meredith Houghton'13 to study with Allied Whale in Bar Harbor. Allied Whale, College of the Atlantic's marine mammal research group, was founded in 1972 to conduct research for the effective conservation of marine mammal populations and their habitats, and to train students to enter careers related to those goals.
- » (7) Four students were chosen in November to participate in the All-State Classical Music Festival (from left): E Yi Zhang'15, mallets, Ezra Woodye'14, chorus, Lorna Stephens'13, chorus, and Baxter Forrest'15, bass clarinet.
- » Four students made All-State Jazz: Peter Howell'13, trombone, Nicholas Steenberg'14, guitar, E Yi Zhang'15, vibes, and Oliver Scott'14, bass guitar.
- » (8) English teacher Marie Epply retired in June after teaching at GSA for twenty-four years. Marie created the Senior Debates curriculum which has become a graduation requirement and a distinctive rite of passage. At the end-of-year faculty and staff party, Marie received numerous accolades from colleagues, and was honored with a beautiful GSA rocking chair with engraved plaque.
- » GSA's 2012 Mock Election, sponsored by Mr. Case's Election Class, was held on November 5th. 209 students cast votes—67% of the student body (far better than the national average). Results: Obama/Biden 138 votes Romney/Ryan 56 votes; Mike Michaud 155 votes Kevin Raye 42 votes; Angus King 96 votes Cynthia Dill 45 votes Charles Summers 36 votes. Question 1 (Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage): YES 164 votes NO 37 votes.





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At Home at GSA







GSA's Residential Life Program reached a new milestone this year. Among the Class of 2013 are two seniors who arrived at GSA in their freshman year: Zheyang "Johnny" Xue from Shanghai, China and So Young Ihm from Seoul, Korea. We talked to Johnny and So Young about their experiences at GSA, in the residential program, and their feelings about Blue Hill, Maine, nearly 7,000 miles from their home countries.

Both Johnny and So Young expressed confidence in the quality of GSA's academic program and highlighted the rich extracurricular opportunities they've explored at GSA. Johnny, who admits that he is "pretty active," is on the basketball, golf, and tennis teams and is GSA's top-ranked tennis player (top left). In his freshman year, he was the first residential student to join the basketball team and says that traveling as a team helped him to make friends. Johnny also finds time for school band, Jazz Combo, Math Team, Model UN, The Procrastinator student newspaper, and Student Council. This year, he was elected president of the Student Ambassador program, as well. Johnny spent his first year in the boys dorm, and has been living with host parents Fred and Prudy Heilner since his sophomore year.

So Young joined the swim team, the school band, and Jazz Combo. She is grateful for Mr. Orlofsky's encouragement to try new instruments, perform solos, and explore competition. She has also been involved in community service, including volunteering at the Simmering Pot, which has helped her meet people outside of GSA.

Johnny and So Young both feel GSA's small community and friendly atmosphere make it a special place. "People here are always nice and ready to help," says So Young. Johnny agrees with So Young that GSA "feels like a big family." To them, GSA's biggest assets are the people and community. Johnny highlights his wonderful experience with his host family, while So Young has enjoyed the dorm experience. So Young adds that

GSA teachers and staff have provided her with not only an academic education but also important communication skills that have helped her to find her own voice and express herself more fully.

Both students have seen the Residential Program grow over the past few years. So Young is especially pleased with the development of a food services program: "This year it's really healthy, and it feels like GSA cares about our health. Some of the kids are involved, too, and it really feels like home food." For Johnny, a highlight has been the creation of the Student Ambassador program as "a hand to pull new people in" to the school community. He hopes that the program will continue to grow and encourage more mingling between local and residential students.

"People here are always so nice and ready to help."

Their advice to freshmen? "Dance in public," says Johnny, "and jump into school life right away instead of waiting to get involved." Similarly, So Young advises freshmen to "try new things," adding half-jokingly that "the first year is the best time to make mistakes." She also encourages residential students to ask more questions and to talk more; otherwise, local students may think they don't want to talk.

Both So Young and Johnny are busy applying to competitive colleges in the U.S. They both expect to make visits back to Maine, and feel like they "have a home" in Blue Hill.

GSA in China

In early November, Head of School Paul Perkinson and Dean of Cultural Relations Polly Monroe (罗燕) spent two weeks in China visiting the families of our GSA Chinese students. With Polly translating, they passed along detailed comments from each student's teachers and coaches, sought feedback about the parents' news from their children about life at GSA, and invited every parent to visit campus. Paul made a point of describing GSA's giving opportunities, especially the Annual Fund.

Paul writes, "Every meeting was unique and connective. For most of the parents, we were the first GSA people they had met face-to-face. Each time we met with a set of parents, I felt as if we were expanding the GSA community just a tad larger. And GSA history was made as we hosted our first three international Parents Association meetings in Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen!"

Paul and Polly also delivered handwritten letters from each child to his or her parents. "Those were the most precious moments in our meetings. Parents always paused before opening the letter, as if they were touching their child and they wanted to savor the moment. Reading the letters was emotional for everyone. We learned to sit quietly with averted eyes as the parents talked intimately about their child. It was an honor to witness that depth of care and love. No translation needed."



Charcy Ye's parents Zuogang Ye and Chen Xia, with Polly Monroe (left) and Paul Perkinson, in Shanghai.



Leo (Tianjian) Yuan's parents Zhoulang Li and Wexin Yuan, in Hong Kong.

"Reading the letters was emotional for everyone. No translation needed."



E (Yi) Zhang's parents Xiang Zhang and Ruiwen Ji read her letter, in Shenzhen.

New Faces at GSA







Harearl "Buzz" Moore - Interim Assistant Head of School

After a semester of substitute teaching at GSA, then serving as study hall monitor, Buzz is now our Interim Assistant Head of School. After graduating from Ellsworth High School, Buzz earned his B.A. in English at Dartmouth and his M.A. from Wesleyan University. He taught English in several schools in New England, and was Assistant Head at Lee Academy for five years.

Kelly Cunnane - ESL Instructor

Kelly joins our staff to support GSA's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. She has taught ESL in Belgium, Prague, China, Kenya, and Colombia. Recently Kelly has been teaching in Jonesport and Machias. Before that she taught composition at the University of Maine in Machias. Kelly's book, *You Are a Kenyan Child*, received the Ezra Jack Keats as well as the Maine Lupine awards. She has a B.A. from Nasson College and an M.A. in English from Cleveland State and is an internationally certified TEFI/TESOL Instructor.

Joelle McFarland - French Teacher

Joelle was born in Brittany and spoke Celtic before learning French. She has been involved in education for over twenty years. Most recently, she taught French and Spanish at The Bay School and, before that, at the Rudolf Steiner School and the Ann Arbor High School in Michigan. She studied in Europe and at the Rudolf Steiner School. Joelle is a trained chef who teaches cooking, and is also self-employed as a landscape designer. Her daughter Lily graduated from GSA in 2011.

Jerome Lawther - History Teacher & Study Hall

Jerome is a part-time history teacher as well as the 10th-through 12th-grade study hall monitor. Jerome attended high school in Germany and earned a B.S. and M.S. in Geography at Eastern Michigan University. Most recently, he taught at KidsPeace in Ellsworth and the Bay School. Before coming to Maine, Jerome taught in two schools in Vermont. He is an accomplished yogi and an avid triathlete. He lives in Blue Hill with his family.









Lee Lehto - English Teacher

Lee joined GSA this fall as our 12th grade English. She taught at Deer Isle-Stonington High School for the past ten years. Lee has a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts, and an M.A. in English from the University of Maine. She has been involved with the Maine Writing Project Summer Institute and with Haystack. Lee's two sons are GSA graduates: Phelan Gallagher in 2002 and Ross Gallagher in 2006.

Jennifer Traub - Director of Annual Giving

Jen joins the Development Office as Director of Annual Giving. Before coming to GSA, she worked as a project manager for Blue Hill Heritage Trust (BHHT) and as Research and Programs Coordinator for Just Alternatives in Brooklin. Currently, she volunteers for BHHT and the Peninsula Skating Association. Jen majored in English and French at Georgetown University and earned an M.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in East Blue Hill with her family.

Frank Bianco - Director of Food Services

Frank taught math at GSA for several years and has returned as our Director of Food Services, planning and executing menus of reasonably-priced, healthy, and delicious meals for all our students. Frank owns Bianco Sausage and is famous for his sausage grill at The Blue Hill Fair. He earned a B.A. in math from Fitchburg State University and an M.S. from the University of Massachusetts, and is certified to teach culinary arts. Frank has two sons at GSA: Anthony '14 and Nick '16.

Hadley Friedman - Assistant Chef

Growing up outside of NYC, Hadley entered a nearby college where she enrolled in a nutrition and food science program. Her passion for cooking, however, brought her to the Institute of Culinary Education in NYC. Hadley has managed a catered foods company in Brooklyn, NY; worked as a dairy farmer in Warwick, NY; picked and baited traps on a lobster boat in Blue Hill Bay; and coordinated a nutrition education program for low-income children in New York City. She has been a cook at the Blue Hill Co-op and is the founder of The Simmering Pot Community Meal.

GSA Currents

From the Board President: Marion Morris

Our most important task this year is the creation of a Strategic Plan. The process began in 2010 with the self-study for purposes of reaccreditation. Committees composed of faculty, administration, trustees, students, parents and community members measured GSA's congruence with its stated mission in fifteen areas or "standards." Our Self-Study, corroborated by NEASC's Final Report, identified recommendations for creating the best and most sustainable learning environment for our students. Some of these recommendations have already been implemented.

It is very important for our strategic plan to reflect a shared vision of GSA's future – one that is widely supported and can be articulated by all stakeholders. It is therefore critical to have a broad cross-section of the GSA community involved in its creation. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee constituted seven planning committees, each co-chaired by one trustee and one member of GSA's faculty. More than seventy people—trustees, faculty and staff, and community members—make up their membership. As a trustee and chair of Strategic Planning, I am grateful to all those who are devoting their time, energy and expertise to this process. (See page 2 for the list of committees and co-chairs.)

At our Strategic Planning retreat in March we will review committee recommendations, establish priorities, address mission review and consider what more, if anything, we might want to include in our plan. Following the retreat, committees will augment and finalize their recommendations by the end of April. The plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval, and will be published in the late spring.

How will we know that our plan is a good one? Our Strategic Planning process, grounded in both NEASC recommendations and ongoing committee work will give us a true understanding where we are and where we want to be, as well as a reliable system of evaluating and assessing the success of the strategies that we implement. This evaluation and assessment of implementation is critical since the most inspiring plan is only as good as its outcomes.



At our Annual Meeting in September we bid farewell to outgoing president Melissa Mattes, Deborah Brewster, and Deb Ludlow '79. For their exceptional and exceptionally long stints on our Board, we thanked each one with a GSA chair. Three other trustees—Eckley Herrick '59, Frank Wanning, and Stefan Brann '83— have retired from the Board with our deep appreciation and affection for all they have done for the school.

We are so pleased to welcome three new trustees: Samantha Politte, Phyllis Taylor, and Jon Woodward '66, all of Blue Hill.

Finally, we note with sorrow the passing of Jim Modisette. Jim died in October after a courageous battle with cancer. We will miss Jim's humor and wisdom beyond measure, and extend our deepest sympathy to Ruth and their son, JM '01.

Yours,

MarioNaMarvis

Welcoming New Trustees

Phyllis Taylor was voted in as a new trustee at our May 2012 meeting. Phyllis and her husband, Will, moved full-time to Blue Hill from Boston in 2009. Their three grown children are spread around the country but arrive lock, stock and barrel every summer. A graduate of Wheaton College, Phyllis worked in higher education administration for fifteen years before leaving Massachusetts. She was last at Lasell College where she worked in the Development Office, focusing on the Annual Report, communications and alumni events. She currently chairs the GSA Development Committee, which she joined in February 2011, and has been enthusiastically involved in our first two Homecoming Weekends.



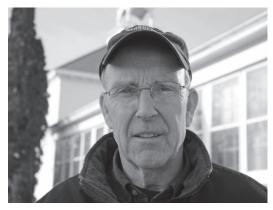
PHYLLIS TAYLOR

Samantha Politte lives in Blue Hill with her husband, Mark, and three children: Madison, a sophomore at GSA; Ben, in 8th grade at Blue Hill Consolidated School; and Chloe, in 5th grade, also at BHCS. Samantha grew up in Weston, Connecticut and graduated from Purdue University. She worked in the field of advertising and marketing prior to settling in Maine eight years ago. Samantha and Mark currently own and operate Stanley Subaru and Stanley Scooters in Ellsworth. She serves on GSA's Development Committee.



Samantha Politte

Ion Woodward '66 is a native of Blue Hill where he grew up in the village and attended Blue Hill schools. His parents, brothers, and a sister, as well as his own four children, all graduated from GSA. Jon attended Gorham State Teachers College and University of Maine, Orono. He is a resident of Sedgwick and is the owner of Jon Woodward and Sons, Contractors. Jon is a former member of the Sedgwick School Board and the Sedgwick Library Board. For the past six years, he and his wife Sandy have been host parents for GSA international students. Currently they are hosting three students: Ivy Jin '14, Olivia Henriques '14, and Theresa Yang '13. Jon serves on GSA's Buildings and Grounds Committee.



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GSA Currents

Gratitude for Years of Service

We Thank Our Departing Trustees for Their Inspiring and Dedicated Service

Melissa Mattes (seated, middle) ends her nine-year term as trustee, having served as President or Vice President of the Board for the last six years: as President in 2011-2012 and in 2006-2007 and as Vice President from 2007 to 2011. Melissa's overall commitment to GSA during her tenure on the Board has been exemplary. As Chair of the Committee on Trustees for a number of years, Melissa and her committee rewrote the Trustee Handbook. We are grateful for all that Melissa has done for GSA during her years of service.

Deborah Brewster (seated, left) served as a member of local school boards for eighteen years and was a member of GSA's Joint Board before becoming a trustee in the 1990's. Deborah has earned great respect and admiration for her commitment to the quality of local education, and has served GSA in many roles, including President of the Board and long-time Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee. In this critical role, Deborah was a leader in developing and implementing strategies for GSA's Campaign for Our Future. She has undoubtedly been GSA's greatest advocate throughout the campaign, and has had countless conversations to advance our cause. Deborah has completed her last three-year term on the Board. Fortunately for us, she will continue to cochair the Strategic Planning Development Committee and assist in our development effort.

Deb Ludlow '79 (seated, right) has served as a trustee since 2001. During her years on the Board, she chaired the Education Committee and most recently the Development Committee, two critical roles for a Board member. As Chair of the Development Committee, Deb was instrumental in establishing GSA's Homecoming Weekend and leading efforts to secure support for the Alumni Challenge. Deb also served on a number of other committees, including the Campaign Steering Committee and Head Evaluation Committee. We appreciate Deb's various perspectives—as a native of Brooksville, a GSA parent and alumna—and we thank her for her service to GSA and her continuing participation on the Strategic Planning Development Committee.





In his eight years on the board, Frank Wanning (above, with wife Chris) served on the Development Committee and the Finance Committee for many years. Frank also served on the Head Evaluation Committee from 2005-2010, as well as the Head Search Committee in 2007-2008 and 2010-2011. As Chair of the Development Committee, Frank was instrumental in building GSA's Annual Fund. A loyal development volunteer, Frank also served on the Campaign Steering Committee from 2007-2011 and was active in developing and implementing strategies for GSA's Campaign for Our Future. Given Frank's many contributions to the GSA community, we are pleased that he is currently serving on GSA's Investment Committee.

Eckley Herrick '59 served on the Education Committee and loyally supported the Development Office in its outreach efforts to alumni. In addition to his role as a trustee, Eckley taught classes at GSA, mentored students on Alternative Course Contracts and participated in the Summer Speaker Series. Given Eckley's long-standing involvement in the life of the school, we are grateful that he is serving on the Strategic Planning Program Committee and that his wife, Caroline, continues to volunteer her time tutoring GSA students.

Steve Brann '83 joined the board in 2008 and served as a key contact between GSA and the town of Orland. During his time as a trustee, Steve worked to ensure that students from Orland and the surrounding communities would be able to take advantage of educational opportunities at GSA. An alumnus and parent of Lexi Brann '11, Steve was active in the life of the school and served as a Rec Center volunteer.



The GSA community was deeply saddened by the death of im Modi-**Sette** on October 18, 2012. Jim was born in Pasadena, California before moving to Penobscot in 1997. He practiced law in California and continued to do so in a private practice in Ellsworth, later partnering with Ellen Best in Blue Hill. Jim and his wife, Ruth, have one son, JM, a 2001 graduate of GSA and a 2007 graduate of MIT. A sailor, Jim was instrumental in starting the GSA sailing program when IM was a freshman. He worked tirelessly to help the program be the success it is today, and he started the DownEast Regatta in which numerous high schools from around New England compete. Jim served on GSA's Finance Committee, Development Committee and Campaign Steering Committee.







Dear GSA Friends,

The students and faculty of GSA benefit every day from the generosity of so many, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge their support in the following pages. Trustees, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends in the community joined together to meet our fundraising goals this past year, and helped us raise \$717,000 in gifts and payments on existing pledges to our Annual Fund, to the endowment, and to capital campaign initiatives.

The Annual Fund, supporting the year's operating budget, is critical in closing the gap between the school's operating costs and tuition revenue from sending towns. At the close of the 2012 fiscal year, the Annual Fund had raised \$254,000-exceeding our goal by 12%. This remarkable stride forward is, in large part, due to the success of The Flood Family Challenge and the generous and committed family who made this challenge possible (see p. 30).

In addition, I'd like to acknowledge the classes of 2012 and 1962, both continuing the important tradition of class gifts to GSA (see p. 32), as well as the eighteen alumni from various decades who signed on to serve as GSA's first Class Agents (see p. 32). Special thanks go to members of the parent volunteer group, whose efforts resulted in a record 30% parent participation in the Annual Fund.

Finally, I extend our deep appreciation to members of the Development Committee and Golf Committee for their work in planning, organizing and executing Homecoming Weekend 2012, with thanks to Phyllis Taylor and Dwayne Carter for their leadership and their tireless efforts to ensure the success of our events.

In acknowledging those who helped make 2011-2012 such a successful year, I'd like to make special mention of Trudy Bell for her many contributions to GSA's Annual Fund. In her two years as Director of Annual Giving, Trudy did much to build increased participation in the life of the school, volunteer service and giving to GSA. As Trudy returns to the familiar role as GSA's Registrar, please join me in welcoming Jennifer Traub, Director of Annual Giving, to the development effort. Jennifer has already begun key outreach efforts with alumni and volunteers, and she is thrilled to be working with our many constituents on behalf of the school.

As always, I encourage you to visit campus to get to know the students and faculty who are the beneficiaries of your support.

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1935

Gaylor Gray * (†)

1937

Paul Townsend*

1940

Julie Ledien St. Clair*

1941

Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh*

1942

Roy "Bud" Henderson*

1943

Maynard Astbury *
Linwood Carter
Janice Gillis Cleveland*
Lorraine Pettengill Dolley*
Lucy Herrick Ledien*
Catherine Herrick Moody
Hattie Nevells Piper
Lawrence Small*

1944

Mary McGraw Astbury* (†)
Frances Long Bogan

1947

Florence Pert Conley* Anne Partridge Kisburg*

1948

Douglas Stover*

The Meadow

Town Auto Sales

TradeWinds Market Place*

1949

Percy Blaisdell* Ronald Candage Sidney Freedman

1950

Madeline Clement*

1951

Jean Cousins Kelley* Carroll Nevells*

1952

Harvard Candage* Walter Kane

1953

Ferol Bisset Candage Donald Gray* Katherine Keefe Smith*

1954

Paul Allen* Patricia Clapp Grav* Phyllis Leighton Pemberton

1955

Lois Allen Allen* Chandler Duffv* Thurston Grav

1956

Beverly Wescott Cecchini Svlvia Keefe Duffv*

1957

Pamela Walker Beverly John Clapp* Horace Wardwell*

1958

Susann Wardwell Campbell Beverly Farnham Henry Elaine Hatch Peebles Dennis Robertson*

1959

Linda Abbott Candage* Charles Ferden* Terrance Grav* G. Eckley Herrick* Shannon Robertson Maresca Stephen Michael Maresca Gail Piper Ogilvie* Elaine Snow Porter (†) Janice Woods Prior-Crofoot Sylvia Conner Wardwell*

1960

Gregory Campbell

Karyl Ricker Hayes Doris Allen Webb Dwight Webber Eileen Leach Webber

1961

Gerald Butler Marjorie McGraw Longwood Carol Moon Masler Robert Noessel Betty Sylvester Gray Pickering Linda Fowler Searles Michael Slaven Cordell Snow*

1962

Brenda Wight Breeding Donald Carter Penelope Peirce Conti George Leach Lawrence Merrill* Ronald Sailor Mr. Harold Sweet John Wardwell Samuel Woodward

1963

James Carter* Peter Clapp Sandra Grindle Clapp Edie McVav King* Robert Phillips* Dolores Ladd Robertson* Donald Wescott*

1964

Bernard Grav Duane Grav (†) Gleason Grav Wavne Hutchins **Ruth Clapp Hutchins**

1965

Darrell Grav Jeanette McVav Grav Dennis Rackliffe Dale Robertson Annette Lutz Fowler Schoof* Nancy Lymburner Stoller* David Stover*

1966

Robert Bakeman Linda Grav Blake James Grindle* Gloria Howard* Margaret Dow Rackliffe* Joanna Stover Raible* Jon Woodward

1967

Marguerite Hutchins Conary Bruce Grindal Linette Bridges Grindal

1969

Patricia Leach Astbury* Gerald Blodgett Bernice Bartlett DeBlois Claire Babson Grav Chervl Webster Knowles Kathleen McClure* Bonnie Astbury Paulas Svlvia Taplev

1970

Michael Astbury* Dorrance Atherton Anne Bridges Donald Condon* Kevin McTighe* Freida Lowell Peasley* Katherine Hooper Sylvia*

1971

Brenda Lowell Condon Roxanna Saunders Grindle* Lionel Howard Ray Merrill*

1972

Joanne Barrett* Alta Gross Edward Turner* Jeffrey Wessel

1973

Geoffrey Anthony Robin Bowen Melissa Brownlow* Patricia Astbury Clapp* Robert Clapp* Homer Lowell* Kim Perkins* Michael Sherman Roxanne Allen Sherman

1974

Marla Atherton Donald Blodgett II* Patricia Lymburner Henry* Amy Bartlett Turner*

1975

David Carter Robert Eaton Bryan McVay

1976

Gale Brownlow Flax*

Paul Lapaire Patricia Wardwell

1977

Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger* Adam Larson Megan Clapp Lowell* Maggie Garfield Overton Elizabeth Austin Rosemeier* Scott Rosemeier* Stormi Grav Wentworth Terrance Wessel Augustus Williamson*

1978

Alden Blodgett* H. Blaine Davis Peter Williamson

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1980

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1981

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1982

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1983

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1984

Cindy Pond Anderson Michael Bryant* Robert Curtis John Gray Jean M. Kane Tina Anderson Stephens

1985

Michelle Veazie Barker Sally Mills Jacqueline Blodgett Curtis Sara Billings Leighton Troy Staples

1986

William Barker Timothy Bryant Nicole Lemoine Gray Stacia Eaton Nevin Toni Grindle Staples

1987

Ronald Austin Darrell Gray Darlene Gray Hatch JoDee Lymburner Amy Saumur-Gallup Daniel Walker

1988

Jeffrey Galipeau Stephen Peasley

1989

Jared Jordan Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino Anna Stookey

1990

Isaac Robbins

1991

Shani McVay Billings Marcie Bowden April Cote Chapman Lydia Gray Garrant*

1992

Niamh O'Leary-Liu Blumentals Jason Butler Loralie Corazalla Robbins

1993

Jeanne Emerson Cloutier William Moorehouse* Zoe Robbins Tenney

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1995

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2001

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2002

Jacob Berkowitz Sarah Clapp* Jacob Grindal Curtis Jaffray Jacob Lowell

2003

Michael Astbury Mark Clapp Nicholas Henry

2004

Nikki Betts Jaffray Ryan Lowell Cade Overton

2005

Jessica Driscoll Astbury Jenny Berkowitz Daniel Gommel Samuel Guilford Tiffany Smith Henry

2006

Ross Bell Jennifer Olivari

2007

Winslow Brokaw Adrienne Bugbee Julian Davis

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Kindle Loomis Hannah Mendlowitz Brittany Olivari Laura Overton Zachary Theoharidis

2009

Grace Bell Hannah Hurvitt Lilian Suber Thorpe

2010

Tynan Byrne Lydia Clapp Vesta Davis Adam Delong John Ludlow Max Reiter Stevie Theoharidis Emily Wheatley Lucas Yoder

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The inaugural

Duane B. Gray '64 Memorial Golf Tournament

will take place during Homecoming Weekend 2013.

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Larry Flood, Tyler Knowles, and Paul Perkinson.



Trudy Bell, Tyler Knowles, and Libby Cluett.



Will Taylor and Paul Perkinson.

At a gathering of donors, faculty, and staff last July, Head of School Paul B. Perkinson announced the successful completion of The Flood Family Challenge, an initiative that raised \$75,000 in unrestricted support for the Annual Fund to enhance teaching and learning at GSA.

The challenge, initiated by the Flood family in July 2011, invited full-time and seasonal members of the community to make new or increased Annual Fund gifts that would be matched up to a total of \$50,000. In total, eighty-five donors responded to the challenge, eighteen of them making a first-time gift to the school.

Paul Perkinson closed his remarks with thanks to Larry Flood and GSA Trustee Tyler Knowles, and to the extended Flood family, for their generosity and their commitment to helping GSA fulfill its mission. "Giving in a way that encourages others to give spreads the love, doubling the impact of the philanthropic impulse. The Flood Challenge has raised new friends for GSA, and for that we are forever grateful."



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A Centenarian Who Never Forgot: Eleanor Mason Bowman, Class of 1922

"One of the most valuable assets a school can possess is school spirit. A school which does not have it, at least in a small degree, can have no real harmony between students and teachers, or among classes... We must all remember that the reputation of the school, and the school itself, is largely what we, as individual students, make it; and we must endeavor to show our love for our school, and our school spirit, by making it the very best we know how."

- E.H.M. '22, The Mountain Echo Yearbook

To honor her fond memories of GSA and to perpetuate her experiences, Eleanor Mason Bowman, Class of 1922, named George Stevens Academy as a beneficiary in her estate. Following her death in February 2012 at the age of 106, GSA was notified of Eleanor's bequest, an unrestricted gift of \$20,000. "A bequest is always a gift we appreciate, but we are particularly moved by the steadfast devotion and affection for GSA that comes from an alumna who graduated ninety years ago," noted Rob Clapp '73, then Board President.

Eleanor Hughin Mason was born May 23, 1905, in Blue Hill, to Frank L. and Florence H. Mason. She graduated from George Stevens Academy in 1922 and was, at the time of her death, our oldest living



alumna. Known as "Nell" while at GSA, Eleanor was actively involved in the life of the school. She was a member of the yearbook editorial board and served as class president for two years. In her senior year, Eleanor played the role of Mrs. Ottaway in the senior play, "Clubbing a Husband," and was assigned the class part of Ode and Essay.



Senior photo 1922 "Nell is naturally mischievous..."

Eleanor's family moved to Auburndale, Florida, in 1924 where her father was a builder. Eleanor was a legal secretary throughout her career and retired at the age of 50. She was a member of the Cleveland Heights Golf Club and the Blue Hill Country Club, and enjoyed playing golf and bridge throughout the years.

Eleanor's generosity also extended to the Peninsula Ambulance Corps and Blue Hill Historical Society. In a feature on Eleanor in the Holt House News, BHHS noted, "Eleanor grew up in the Charles Dodge house on Tenney Hill, now the Blue Hill Bay Gallery. She went to the Blue Hill Academy where the Legion Hall is now. Because she lived so close, she used to start the fire for the school to heat it up in the winter."

A portion of the Bowman bequest was used to help complete the Science Projects Room, an academic initiative of the Campaign for *Our Future.* Bowman funds will also help purchase much-needed business software, fulfilling a strategic planning action item.

Thank you, Nell, for your forethought and your generosity.

Submitted by Sam Woodward:

"The Class of 1962 did something on September 29th it had never done before—it held its first class reunion and automatically became members of the elite Golden Eagles club marking 50 years since graduation. Several said they would trade elitism for the 50 years it represented, but another common refrain was Why didn't we do this before?

"With only sporadic interaction between some class members over the vears, there was a lot of catching up to do in a short time and once familiar faces were searched carefully before identities were guessed. Eleven class members—out of a graduating class of thirty-one, seven having predeceased us—gathered at Barncastle Hotel + Restaurant for hors d'oeuvres at the Homecoming Alumni Reception and stayed for dinner. Coincidentally the hotel had once been the family home of classmate Ron Sailor, who was amused at the connection. We all found the gathering more enjoyable than expected and vowed to do it again next year!"

Class members in attendance were: Brenda Wight Breeding, Janet Leighton Butler, Danny Carter, Audrey Herrick Farnsworth, Diane Hale Kornmeier, Ada Allen Lassen, Larry Merrill, Ron Sailor, Mylon Staples, Johnny Wardwell, and Sam Woodward.

As a 50th reunion gift, class members donated \$915 to GSA's Annual Fund. Thanks go to the Class of 1962, to Class Agent Larry Merrill for coordinating the class gift, and to Sam Woodward for organizing the reunion.



Class Agent Larry Merrill '62 at Commencement

Class of 2012: Set in Stone



The Class of 2012 made a gift of two beautiful granite benches that grace the front lawn.

Thank you!

Thank you, Class Agents, For your leadership and support!

Lucy Herrick Ledien '43
Marilyn York Brossmer '61
Marge McGraw Longwood '61
Lawrence Merrill '62
Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger '77
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Martin Conte '11

RECOVERING HISTORY: FORBIDDEN VALEDICTION

According to Sam Woodward and Larry Merrill, GSA principal J. Mahlon Niles did not approve the speech prepared by Valedictorian Russell (Rusty) Salsbury for the Class of 1962 graduation. The topic of the speech was unilateral disarmament, which the principal reportedly considered "Communist" and "dangerous."

Salsbury refused to change his topic, and Salutatorian Larry Merrill and 3rd Honor Part Penny Peirce (now Conti) abandoned their speeches out of solidarity. Merrill joked at the reunion that "this was just as well, since the one I was working on was no good."

The story was picked up by several newspapers at the time, including The Boston Globe, which covered the news under two separate headlines: "Valedictory Speech Banned in Maine School" and "31 At Academy Graduate, but No Valedictory." The articles reported that the School Board upheld the principal's decision not to allow the speech. Woodward's father was a dissenting member of the Board.

Woodward, whose role as the 4th Honor Part was to give the prayer, revealed that he had secretly planned to read Salsbury's speech instead. Once it was his turn to speak, though, the solemnity of the occasion prevailed, and he decided to give the prayer.

The four students went on to distinguished colleges—Larry Merrill to Amherst, Penny Peirce to Bryn Mawr, Sam Woodward to the University of Oregon, and Rusty Salsbury to Harvard.

The story of the banned valedictory resurfaced in a 1969 Harvard Crimson opinion piece about censorship, noting that "As it turned out, young Salsbury came to Harvard on a fat scholarship and received his degree without subverting anyone in the process."

Salsbury left his mark in the 1962 GSA yearbook with a poem entitled "Dissenter," celebrating

...the movers that by living out Of balance with the rest of man are there To give the force to change the course of time.

Do you have a story to share as part of GSA's "Recovering History" initiative? Email j.traub@georgestevens.info or mail to GSA's Development Office.



Our first annual Golden Eagles Luncheon was held in the Library on Homecoming Friday.

Forty-five people attended: thirty-two 'Golden Eagles'alumni celebrating a 50th reunion or beyond— seven current GSA students, and six staff and former trustees.

Paul B. Perkinson welcomed the group and gave a GSA update, and history teacher David Stearns made a presentation on teaching and learning today, particularly in terms of new technologies.

1 Rebecca Wanbaugh'41 with Mary Prescott '13 and Class of'43 friends Jan Cleveland. Catherine Moody, Lucy Ledien and Hattie Piper.

2 Carley and Charley'59 Ferden, Walter Kane'52, and John'57 and Kathy Clapp.

3 Frank Bianco P'14, '16 serves lunch to Paul Townsend'37.

4 Lucy Ledien'43 and Gordon Carter'49.











Homecoming 2012







1 Alumni reception at Barncastle.

2 Gathering at the Blue Hill Country Club.

3 AM Champions. Grandson-Grandfather pair Brett Ingraham'14 and Ron Allen'58, John Bannister, and Adam Gray'94.



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4 Alex Heilner'14 won a prize for Closest to the Pin.

5 TradeWinds Great Pumpkin 4K.

6 Tom Morris P'07,'09, Prudy Heilner P'13,'14, and trustee Phyllis Taylor.



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7 PM Champions Dwayne Carter'80, Larry Gray'79, Mark Politte P'15, and Bill Gray'83.

8 Frank Wanning, Curt Shaw, Paul B. Perkinson, and Michael Rossney.

9 Alumni Art Show, Lily McFarland'11.



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Alumni Class Notes

1940s

Lucy Herrick Ledien'43 writes: "To those who were not able to attend the 'Golden Eagles' luncheon on September 28th, you missed a very nice time! The luncheon was very nice (they even had hot tea, something often omitted), and the decorations very pretty. Four of the Class of '43 sat together: Janice Gillis Cleveland, Hattie Nevells Piper, Catherine Herrick Moody, and Lucy Herrick Ledien—all in fair condition considering it will be our 70th in June."

1950s

Jan Woods Prior-Crofoot'59 is now a home-based travel agent with AAA/NNE after being an agent in the Ellsworth office of Hewins (and then Hewins/ AAA) since 1978. She can be reached via email at jcrofoot@ myfairpoint.net.

1960s

Mariorie McGraw Longwood'61 sends an update on the Class of 1961: "The 'girls' of the Class of 1961 continue to meet on the first Friday of each month for lunch. At the September gathering there were eight present. Alice Dyer left for South Carolina for the winter.

and in October the group sadly bid farewell to Marilyn York Brossmer, who moved with her husband Marc to Vero Beach, Marilyn and Marc have been gracious hosts for several reunions. This is a class that really became family during our years at GSA, and Blue Hill has been blessed by those members who staved behind or came back here to work and raise their families."

In May, Marge began working as the Library Director of the East Blue Hill Public Library, Marge reports that over 120 tourists stopped in over the summer to see the inside of the distinctive Arts and Crafts-style building that houses the library. With the help of several volunteers, Marge has been working to furnish and decorate the library in the Art Nouveau style of the period.

Sam Woodward'62 organized the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1962 to coincide with the Alumni Reception at Barncastle Hotel + Restaurant during Homecoming Weekend. Ten classmates joined Sam for the group's first-ever reunion. For more details, read the feature article on the Class of 1962 on [p. 32].

Jim Farr'64 looks forward to the 50th reunion of the Class of 1964 in 2014 and has recently reconnected with several alumni on Facebook. He received a B.A. and M.A.T. in French from the University of Maine at Orono and taught for thirty-four years at Marshwood High School (in Eliot and South Berwick) before retiring in 2005. He also served as Assistant Director of Adult and Community Education from 1980-2000 and has worked part-time as a travel agent since 1979, specializing in student and adult group travel to France and cruises to the Caribbean. An avid photographer. Jim creates cards using photos from his extensive travels. He invites classmates to be in touch via Facebook or via email at salutme@aol.com.

1970s

Della Leach Martin'70 shares news from the Class of 1970: "On August 18, the Class of 1970 held a 42nd (odd, but true) reunion at my house in Blue Hill. We had missed the 40th year but felt like seeing each other, and our classmate Kevin McTighe was bicycling across country as a fundraiser for the Blue Hill Public Library in honor of his mother, Fern, who worked there for years.

Pictured: Ed Black, Donna Nevells Edgerly, Stanley Leach, Larry Poole, Kevin McTighe, Tim Horton, June Grindle Atherton, Freida Lowell Peasley, Lucy Bridges Tyler, Kathy Hooper Sylvia, Della Leach Martin, and Mark Gross.

Then we all went to **David Rackliffe**'s (also in the Class of 1970) 60th birthday party to surprise him. Here we are at the party with him."



Melissa Brownlow'73

writes: "I continue to teach kindergarten in rural Prince Edward Island and am working on a master's in education. I'm getting ready to collect data on story telling and oral language development in kindergarten and will be writing the thesis once the data is collected and analyzed. Some of the research was done in Reggio Emilia, Italy (about an hour northeast of Milan), where I visited in 2010. I attended a week-long study session on the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education at the Loris Malaguzzi International Center (see photo). This was an enlightening trip. A short film

made in Reggio Emilia called 'Reggio Narra' inspired the current story telling project I am involved with."



Tina and Jeff Allen'79 were joined by Leslie Clapp'82, Blaise deSibour, and Troy'88 and Brooke Bannister'94 Clapp for a boat trip this fall on Marcus Heilner's boat Hoi An. The boat trip was auctioned off as a Blue Hill Educational Enrichment Monies (BEEM) fundraiser.



Photo credit: Leslie Clapp'82

1980s

Aziza Donna Daigle'82 recently moved back to Blue Hill. She changed her name to Aziza before leaving Maine almost nine years ago, and now goes by either Aziza or Donna. While away, Aziza studied Business at Harvard Extension School and The International Institute of Boston, as well as Massage Therapy at The Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics and Massage Therapy. She currently practices Therapeutic Deep

Tissue Massage and Myofascial Release Therapy at Bridges to Beauty Center for Healing Arts, her studio on Main Street, Blue Hill. She hopes to offer belly dancing this winter, and can be reached at bridgestobeauty. peace@gmail.com. Aziza's youngest son, Daniel Ferden, is a senior at GSA.

1990s

Jaime Carroll Stone'94 is in her third year as principal at Southwest Baltimore Charter School (www.sbcschool.org) in Baltimore City. Jaime has been working with inner-city students and specifically with public charter schools in the mid-Atlantic region over the past eleven years. Her two daughters, Lillia, 8, and Maya, 4, keep her racing. Jaime and her husband, Kevin, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this fall. Many of their loved ones from Maine helped them celebrate the blustery day in October at the Eggemoggin Lodge in Brooklin. Jaime and her family spend two weeks in Sedgwick each summer enjoying the ocean and their friends and family.

Seth Cole'97 writes that he and his wife, Shannon, recently bought a home in York, Maine. "The first time I've lived back in the state since college!" he says. They are expecting their first child in March.

Jamilyn Murphy-Hughes'98 sends the following update: "I've recently been promoted to Director of Children's Services for Catholic Charities Maine. I currently oversee the children's case management program (both clinically and administratively) as well as the functional family therapy

and therapeutic foster care programs across the state for the agency."

2000s

On October 6, Noah Tapley'02 and Sarah Powell were married in Cook Forest, Pennsylvania. Noah writes: "We've been engaged since September 25, 2011 and have been together seven years. We recently bought a house in Ellsworth on the North Bend Rd, just outside of Surry. We've also added an English Setter puppy, Trigger, to the family." In other news, Noah Tapley Golf Indoor Instructional and Practice Facility is now open in Ellsworth and offers instruction, custom fitting, mental game and golf fitness. Details are available at www.NoahTapleyGolf.com. This winter marks Noah's third season as President of the Peninsula Skating Association. He can be found throughout the season grooming the ice or playing hockey at the PSA rink up the road from GSA on Union Street.

Robert Swain'04 started a PhD in Computer Science at the University of Vermont this past fall. He has received an Integrative Graduate Educational and Research Traineeship (IGERT) from the National Science Foundation to pursue research relating to smart power grids.

We asked **Charlie Sichterman'05** to send in an update after seeing his band profiled in the September 23 issue of Maine Sunday Telegram. Charlie responds: "After graduating from GSA, I moved to Portland to study music at the University of Southern Maine. While at USM I got the chance to play with many great musicians from the Portland area and eventually

began drumming regularly with two groups, This Way and Grant Street Orchestra. With one group playing country/rock and the other playing mostly hip-hop I was able to play a variety of music around Portland and New England.



I am currently still living in Portland and received a bachelor's degree in music performance from USM in 2010. I spend most of my weekends playing shows with This Way in support of our most recent album, "The Story of Simon Pure," which was released in late September. Music from both bands can be found online."

Kate Orlofsky'08 graduated summa cum laude with distinction in research from Cornell University with a B.S. in Animal Science and Biological Sciences. Kate was additionally awarded the Cynthia Kargarise Sherman Award for an Outstanding Thesis in Behavior, the Morrison Award for Excellence in Academics. Research, and Leadership Roles, and the American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Award for Academic Excellence.

Grace Bell'09 (pictured below, third from left) played cello in a string quartet that welcomed the Dalai Lama to Middlebury College on October 13, 2012. Her group performed before

the Dalai Lama's talk "Finding Common Ground—Ethics for a Whole World." Grace is a senior at Middlebury and will graduate in May.



We have news from the Theoharidis family that Zack Theoharidis'08 graduated from WPI in 2012 and is working as a biomedical engineer designing knee replacements in Burlington, MA. Stevie Theoharidis'10 is a junior at Ithaca College studying Physical Therapy. She is on the crew team and basketball team. Maddie Theoharidis'12 is a freshman at Simmons College studying Nursing and is on the tennis team.

2010s

"I'm in my third year here at Wheaton College, majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Music. I'm president of the Art House here on campus. We host events that bring artists of all kinds to Wheaton to do demonstrations or perform for us. This semester, for example, an artist is offering a silk-screening workshop with his homemade designs. I'm also the President/Manager of WCCS Wheaton's student-run radio station and recording studio. We have over twenty

student and faculty shows

of the week.

during the semester, and there's

something to listen to every day

Lucas Yoder '10 writes:

Other than that, I've just been very busy with schoolwork. though I have had time to make trips to other schools and reconnect with friends from the



class of 2010 including Michael Senter-Zapata (above) and Pierre Dillon, Grace Jackson, and John Ludlow."

Martin Conte'11 traveled last May to Uganda and Rwanda for three-and-a-half weeks through the Benton Scholars program at Colgate University. As part of the program, he collected data for a hospital, went gorilla tracking, and met with diplomats to discuss Uganda's political and economic future.



Photo by Jessica Li

Martin reports that his sister. Justine Conte '05, worked in China for 9 months on a film being directed and produced by Keanu Reeves. She is now in Hollywood, CA working on post-production. Martin's brother **Peter Conte '04** spent a year in China teaching English in an elementary school. Kara van Emmerik '12 writes:

"I am currently in the Culinary

Arts program at Eastern Maine Community College. I love it very much! I wasn't expecting that I would be as impressed with the program as I am. I have learned a lot from my chefs as well as from my classmates. Recently, I won second place in a barbecue sauce competition with my ginger beer barbecue sauce. Also, this fall I was honored to assist Chef Ryan McCaskey, owner of the restaurant Acadia in Chicago, with a dinner he put on as a fundraiser for the Island Culinary and Ecological Center based in Deer Isle-Stonington. This past summer, I worked as sous chef at El El Frijoles in Sargentville, where I have worked for four years. This is where I learned my love and talent for food."



Maddie Sawyer '12 says, "I am loving my Animal Science major at University of Vermont. I recently got to stick my hand into a cow's rumen." Maddie is in touch with several classmates and reports that Ruby Treyball took a trip to Bhutan sponsored by Wheaton College, and River Plouffe Vogel was named Little East Conference (LEC) Rookie of the Week for his performance at the University of New England Cross Country Invitational in September. Maddie shares that **Courtnev** Koos sailed in the Women's Regis Bowl this fall, where Bowdoin placed fifth out of 16 teams.

Tess Lameyer '12 writes from Bowdoin College: "Courtney and I have been busy sailing every weekend. College racing is very competitive and, because there are no divisions in sailing, our team is competing against D1 universities. We have both sailed all over New England, and a highlight for me this fall was going to Larchmont, NY to compete in the largest offshore intercollegiate regatta in the world. I was bowman on a J-105 that Bowdoin sailed under direction from the boat's owner (and Bowdoin alum) Dr. Carl Olsson, along with an additional big boat pro. We sailed two days in a competitive fleet with schools from across the country. Bowdoin won the J-105 fleet, and our scores led us to a second-place victory overall. We were second to Navy, a school with an active offshore program. Not too bad for a small liberal arts school! Sailing dominates my time outside of schoolwork, but I wouldn't have it any other way!"

In Memoriam 2011-2012

Eleanor Mason Bowman '22 Mildred Howard Horan '33 Gaylor A. Gray '35 Vergelia Gray '38 Lois Cousins Welch '43 Mary McGraw Astbury '44 Gordon Emerson '44 Sheila Babson Varnum '44 Florence Dodge '50 Luther Piper, Jr. '52 Geneva Sylvester '53 Wayne A. Astbury '59 Elaine Snow Porter '59 Duane B. Gray '64 Thomas V. Long '66 Richard P. Leach '74 Janet Butler Torrey '79 Retha J. Thomas '80 Ryan Babson '93 Benjamin Johnson III '00

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Support that Makes a Difference

The Jerold '33 and Diana Hinckley Professional Development Fund was established by the Board of Trustees in 2011 earmarking \$500,000 of Jerold Hinckley's bequest to GSA's unrestricted endowment. The fund generates income annually to provide financial support for faculty and staff professional development initiatives and activities. "The Hinckley bequest to GSA was intended 'for the permanent benefit of George Stevens Academy' — supporting faculty and staff opportunities for professional development and improvement directly impacts student learning," noted then Board President Rob Clapp.

In the first year following the Hinckley Professional Development Fund's establishment, \$19,867 was distributed to support 14 professional activities, including workshops, continuing education, participation in professional conferences, and site visits to schools. Among those who received support:

Science teacher Jackie Vachon (right top) took "Methods in Science" at Husson University. "I learned a great deal about different approaches to lesson planning, including thematic units and inquiry-based learning. These styles of instruction have already been implemented in my Fundamentals of Biology class this year (2012-13) in a thematic unit I designed and called the 'Front Lawn Project.' Over three weeks students took measurements in metric units which they converted to a scale and used to sketch an accurate model of GSA's front lawn. They also used forestry measurements to describe the trees, and a dichotomous key to identify them."

Spanish teacher Nancy Buckingham (right middle) attended the 2012 World Languages in Maine Schools Summer Institute. "This three day conference, held at the University of Maine Farmington, focused on World Language standards in the classroom. Discussions centered around the 'essential question' in a given thematic focus taught with Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational components, and how teachers can incorporate all four language disciplines: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. The emphasis was on quality of understanding and the many ways a teacher can elicit this proficiency from students, whether through hearing them converse on the target topic with a classmate for instance (Listening and Speaking), having them read a selection in Spanish and then summarize it in Spanish (Reading), or writing a 250-word essay in Spanish (Writing)."

Residential Life Director Kathy Pelletier (right bottom) attended The American Boarding Schools (TABS) Residential Life Academy three day summer session with several goals in mind: to create more opportunities for student leadership at GSA; to increase residential student interactions with faculty, staff, and local students in a way that was supportive and beneficial to all; to update and revise dorm staff training; and to create an evaluation process for the dorm staff. Says Kathy, "The experience was tremendous, and I brought back many new ideas that we've already begun to implement."









Seniors **Drew Cleveland**, **Aiden Ford**, **Nolan Ellsworth**, and **Lucy Jakub** in the November production of Sondheim's **Into the Woods**.

Photo by Paul B. Perkinson



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